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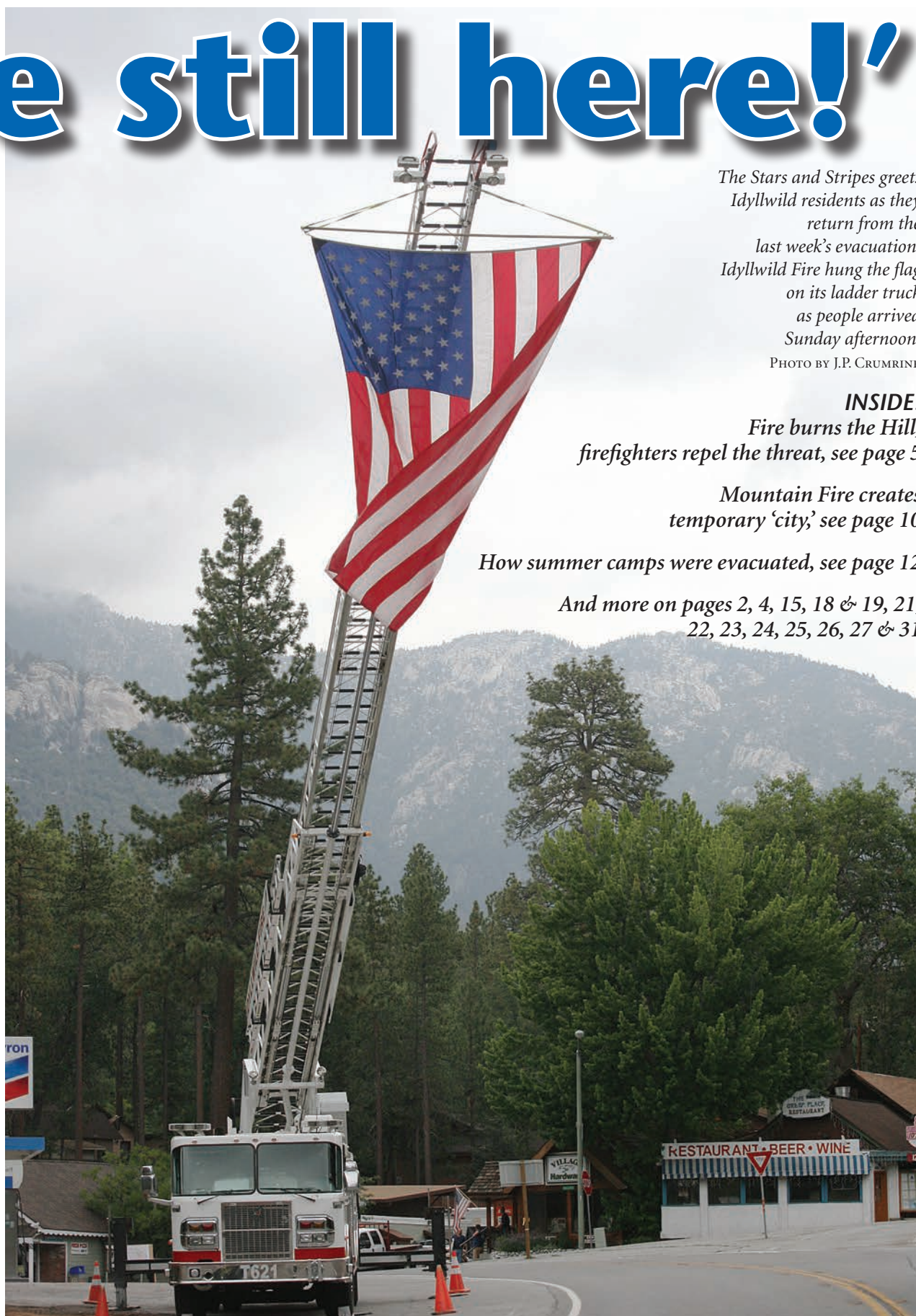
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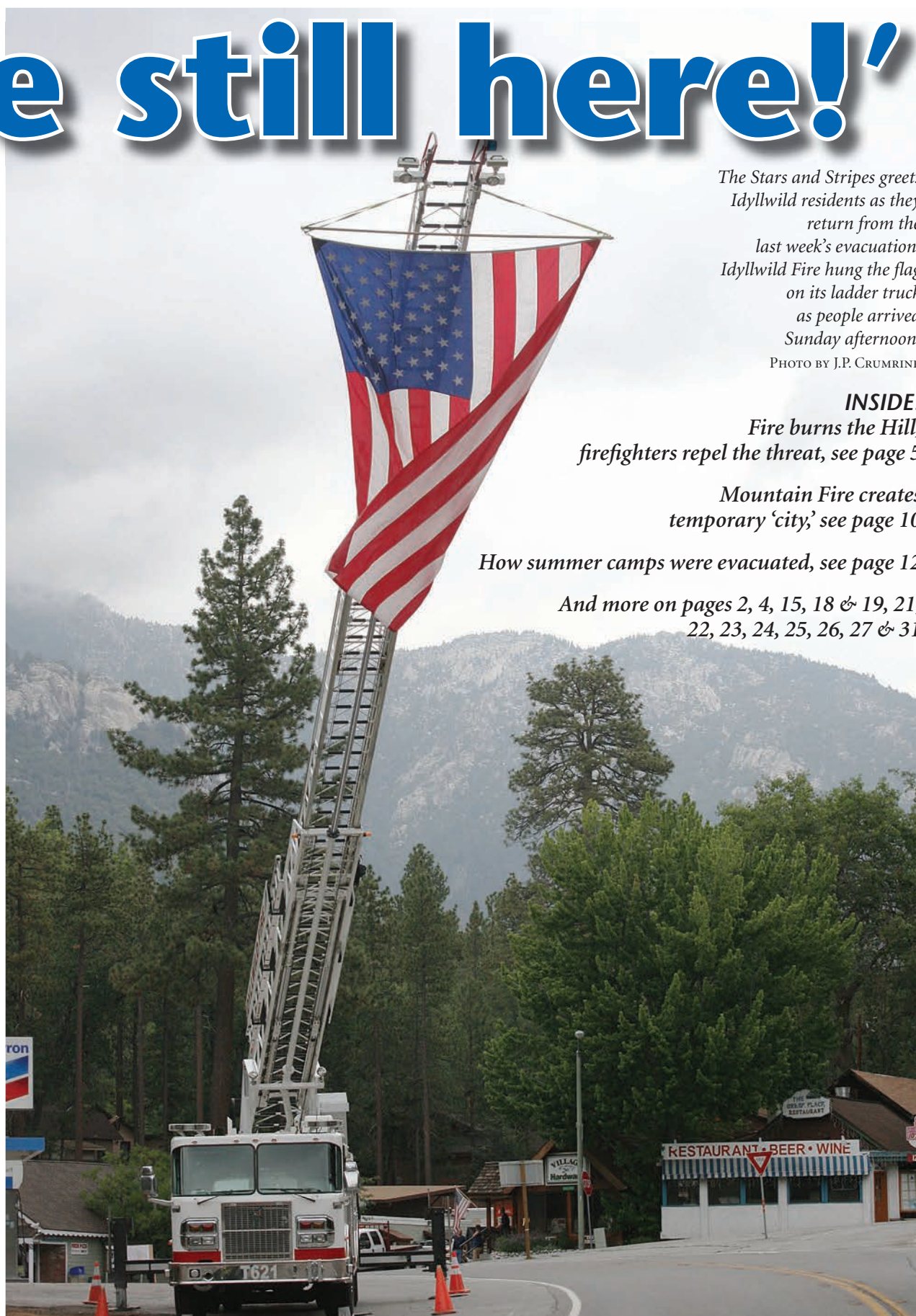
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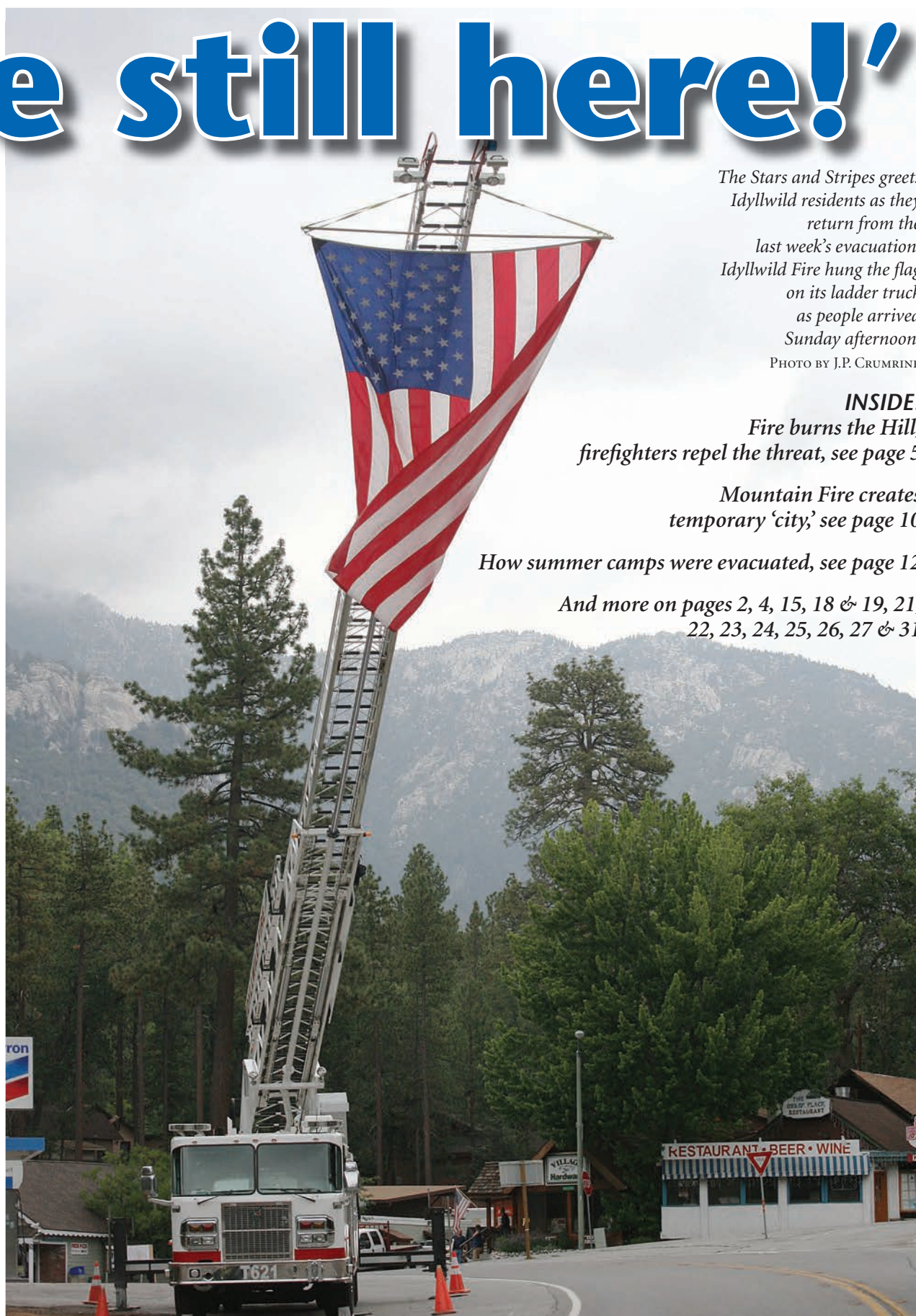
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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday July 15, to Monday, July 22:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

- July 15 — Forest, woods or wildland fire.
- July 15 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 16 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 17 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 18 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 18 — False alarm or false call, Idyllwild.
- July 22 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

- Logs unavailable.
- Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley
- Logs unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

- Logs unavailable.

CHP log

- Logs unavailable.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet

Station responded to the following calls from Sunday, July 14, to Saturday, July 20. This may not be a complete list of responses:

- July 14 — Battery, 56000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Report taken.
- July 14 — Suicide threat, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Alarm call, 26000 block of Estate Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Suspicious person, address undefined, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Grand theft, 49000 block of Dove, Anza. Unfounded.
- July 14 — Animal abuse, 54000 block of Village Center Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Danger to self/others, 39000 block of Terwilliger Rd., Anza. Report taken.
- July 14 — Suspicious circumstance, 53000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Missing person, address undefined, Sage. Unfounded.
- July 14 — Vandalism, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Arrest made.
- July 15 — Assist other department, 39000 block of Homestead Hills Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Check the welfare, 43000 block of N. Golden

- Hills Dr., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Shots fired, 44000 block of Thunder Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Suspicious person, 34000 block of Benton Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Assist other department, 29000 block of Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- July 15 — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Check the welfare, 42000 block of Melton Dr., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Fraud, 44000 block of Norma Ln., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Public disturbance, 59000 block of Reynolds Wy., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Suspicious circumstance, 53000 block of Idyllbrook Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Missing person, 58000 block of Apple Canyon Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — 911 call, 28000 block of Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Assist other department, 56000 block of Hwy. 74, San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Barking dog, 43000 block of E. Benton Rd.,



The Mountain Fire erupted on Wednesday afternoon prompting an evacuation order. The actual fire was several miles from Tahquitz Rock in this photo.

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- Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Public assist, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
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- July 16 — Unattended death, address withheld, Pine Cove. Report taken.
- July 16 — Shots fired, 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Assist other department, 43000 block of Powerline Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Public intoxication, 56000 block of Cahuilla Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

- July 17 — 911 call from business, 35000 block of Sage Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
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- July 17 — 911 call, 31000 block of Red Mountain Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Report taken.
- July 17 — Fraud, 50000 block of Bradford Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

- July 17 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Check the welfare, 43000 block of N. Golden Hills, Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Suicide threat, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Public disturbance, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 7/18	Friday 7/19	Saturday 7/20	Sunday 7/21	Monday 7/22
91/59 Sunny	92/59 Sunny.	91/58 Sunny.	90/56 Sunny.	86/55 Sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
7-16	84	55			79	50		
7-17	87	49			75	48		
7-18	83	55			84	49		
7-19	88	60			84	57		
7-20	na	na			84	59		
7-21	na	na			86	62		
7-22	73	56			87	63		

Moisture in inches					Snow in inches			
To date this season (Idy): 0.01					To date this season (Idy): 0.00			
To date last season (Idy): 0.00					To date last season (Idy): 0.00			
Total last season (Idy): 14.02					Total last season (Idy): 42.8			
To date this season (PC): 0.45					To date this season (PC): 0.00			
Total last season (PC): 19.94					Total last season (PC): 44.75			

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.

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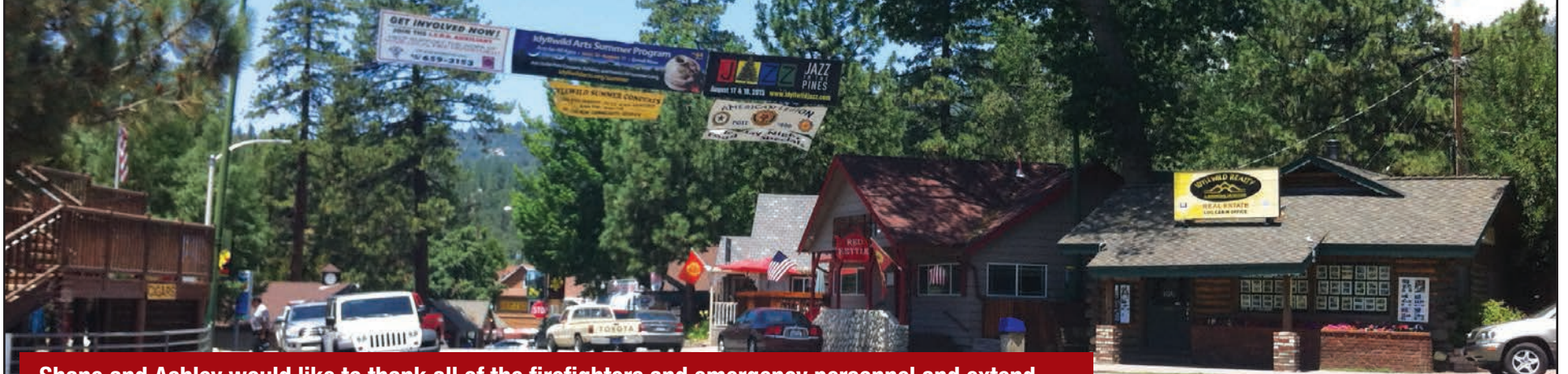
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Below, **John Lane** from the Planning section of the Mountain Fire Incident Command Team, briefs field staff on the evening priorities and mission Thursday night, July 18. At right, national television media stormed the Hill after mandatory evacuations were announced Wednesday. Here they are set up to broadcast the Incident Command Team's Thursday afternoon press conference.

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# Fire burns the Hill; firefighters repel threat

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The Mountain Fire is the second largest fire in California this year, only the Powerhouse Fire in the Angeles National Forest measuring 30,200 acres was bigger, by about 10 percent. The third largest was the Chariot Fire in the Cleveland National Forest at 7,000 acres.

Monday, July 15, began sunny and hot with clear skies. By early afternoon, the Mountain Fire, which began on private property on the west side of Highway 243, quickly jumped to the east side of the highway.

The rest of the week brought hot, smoky skies and fear as the fire meandered its way through Apple Canyon and into Garner Valley and eventually into the San Jacinto Wilderness, approaching San Jacinto Peak.

Before nearly 3,500 firefighters subdued the fire, it has burned more than 27,000 acres, including portions of the Pacific Crest Trail, razed homes in the Bonita Vista and Pine Springs Ranch neighborhoods, caused Idyllwild and Fern Valley residents to evacuate and nearly emptied Pine Cove, too.

While rainfall Sunday morning and afternoon helped with containment, firefighters had muscled the blaze away from Idyllwild and were already making significant efforts before the precipitation fell.

"The morning rain brought about an inch to 1-1/2 inches to the east side of San Jacinto Peak," reported Incident Commander Jeanne Pincha-Tulley. "This storm [in mid-afternoon] is more widespread; rain is falling all over the fire area."

Pincha-Tulley described the rain as "... our version of aerial delivery of water."

"The weather allowed us to attack the fire," said Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins. "It knocked down the flames. The benefit of the rain not only helped put the fire out but allowed us to end the evacuation."

Idyllwild residents began returning home Sunday afternoon.

## Monday and Tuesday

The Mountain Fire began burning near Highway 243. The Fire jumped Highway 243 and began blazing through the U.S. Forest Service's Keenwild Guard Station heading east.

Flames and smoke could be seen just below the agency's helicopter site and along the road at the front of the station.

Local fire officials quickly established a unified Incident Command, led by Forest Service Chief Dan Felix of the San Jacinto Ranger District, and Riverside County Division Chief David Fulcher.

By late Monday afternoon, the fire was entrenched in Apple Canyon. Residents there were evacuated. The fire eventually burned through Apple Canyon and destroyed three homes and three mobile homes in the Bonita Vista neighborhood and a commercial building, a workshop, a garage and a cabin at Pine Springs Ranch.

By evening, a decision was made to request a Type 1 Incident Management Team. Team members began arriving Tuesday evening.

By noon Tuesday, the fire had consumed nearly 8,000 acres and more than 700 firefighters were already on site.

Other than the Apple Canyon area, no other evacuations had been ordered, but that would quickly change Wednesday afternoon.

## Wednesday

The morning of the Mountain Fire's third day began calmly. Planes, including DC10s, were dropping retardant in Garner Valley and helicopters were dipping water out of Lake Hemet. The fire had flanked and moved north into the wilderness above Idyllwild and south into Palm Canyon.

But suddenly around 1 p.m., a plume of smoke began to build in the San Jacinto Wilderness and spread in all directions — imitating a nuclear explosion. This event heightened fire official concerns and rumors of an evacuation began to circulate.

About 4 p.m., the Trails End community at the very top of Morris Ranch Road in Garner Valley was placed under an immediate evacuation notice. Hemet and Hamilton high schools were offered as evacuation centers.

In less than hour, an immediate evacuation of Idyllwild and Fern Valley was ordered. The next day, Riverside County Sheriff's Capt. Scot Collins reported that compliance approached nearly 95 percent.

The initial order targeted Idyllwild east of Highway 243, but that was quickly extended to the entire town.

## Thursday

The Mountain Fire was creeping north along the Pacific Crest Trail and east of there. Fire officials recognized the threat to the town developing and declared, "Today's priority is to keep [the Mountain Fire] out of Idyllwild."

They promised "to paint the Mountain red." Air tankers, nearly a dozen, dropped thousands of gallons of fire retardant from the Wellman Divide and Strawberry Cienega areas over Saddle Junction and down the South Ridge.

"The most active parts of the fire are near Red Tahquitz Peak above the community of Idyllwild and near the community of Trails End to the south. These two areas will be the focus of today's firefighting activities as both air and ground crews work to slow the rate of spread of the fire," said John Miller, Forest Service public information officer.

For weeks, California and Riverside County fire officials had consistently warned residents that fires this early in the fire season were behaving as if it were late September or October. The lack of rainfall, not just this winter and spring, but the sparse moisture last year have created very volatile conditions — stronger and much more unpredictable fires.

"If it were any other year, we probably wouldn't have had to do this," said Norm Walker, Idyllwild resident, retired fire chief of the San Jacinto Ranger District and a member of the Incident Command Team.

Officials were concerned that drifting embers could move the fire too quickly and an evacuation could jam the roads when emergency vehicles needed to be moving into town.

That afternoon, fire team officials held a press conference

## Fire statistics

Day	Size (acres)	Firefighters
Monday 2:30 p.m.	30	Unknown
Monday 3:30 p.m.	50	uk
Monday 4:30 p.m.	150	uk
Monday 5 p.m.	235	323
Monday 8 p.m.	1,000	uk
Tuesday 7 a.m.	4,700	600
Tuesday 11 a.m.	8,000	1,736
Tuesday, 7 p.m.	9,000	2,241
Wednesday, 6:45 a.m.	14,200	2,210
Wednesday, 7 p.m.	19,400	2,985
Thursday, 6:45 a.m.	22,800	2,985
Thursday, 7 p.m.	22,800	3,316
Friday, 7 a.m.	24,818	3,316
Friday, 6 p.m.	27,179	3,478
Saturday 7:30 a.m.	27,278	3,478
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	27,245	2,678
Sunday, 6 p.m.	27,279	1,861
Monday, 11 a.m.	27,265	1,861
Monday, 7 p.m.	27,332	1,146

in Idyllwild. By then the Mountain Fire was the number one priority in the nation, Incident Commander Jeanne Pincha-Tulley told the assembled media corps.

Fire team officials remained concerned about the fire's expansion and the possibility of embers thrown into unburned areas as well as the residential and business neighborhoods.

Exacerbating fire officials' concerns was the forecast of monsoonal weather that weekend. "There's no guarantee of rain, and it could bring winds and lightning," she said.

The existence of fire plans, including evacuation plans that the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce had prepared over the past several years, was credited with the overall success of the previous day's evacuation. Their existence saved much time, according to Pincha-Tulley,

"They paid for themselves over," declared Walker.

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## OUT LOUD

We're still here ...



1:45 p.m. Monday, July 15, a Mountain Center fire report to San Bernardino National Forest dispatch came over the scanner. I remember the description as rapidly moving.

On deadline for the July 18 paper, I walked into J.P.'s office and relayed what I had just heard. Strapped to our computers typing like mad, neither of us thought we should leave. Firefighters would have it out soon. But the inconsiderate and hostile fire disrespected deadlines. Within the hour it became a serious threat and J.P. abandoned his desk to cover it.

From then until even now, mine, Jack and J.P.'s lives are so blurred we forget what day it is.

After the staff evacuated Wednesday night, only J.P. stayed behind to cover the fire. Jack and I live outside the evacuation areas so we were able to get through the road closures each morning like other media. We kept the office open. Jack and I took turns answering phones and calming fears.

The town was near empty so mostly visitors and locals called. Walk-in total sales were \$7.50 Friday and \$.75 Saturday.

From then until even today, J.P. paused writing only to cover early morning and nightly press conferences to post updates online. He hopes he never has to write the two words Mountain Fire again.

Jenny lived in her fire clothes taking awesome photos. I kept pace posting updates as well as editing as much as possible through the ever-changing situation and incorrect information circulating. Most of that came from online sources so we talked a lot to fire and law enforcement personnel.

Facebook became a full-time job as "friends" seemed to grow as rapidly as the fire. I failed to read every comment. We couldn't possibly realize what impact the posts had.

In the midst of it all, we still have a paper to get out and yet, since Sunday when the gates were raised, I have hugged and cried with more people about what our breaking news meant to them. We are still here.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

## READERS WRITE

Hats off to the TC

EDITOR:

Our deepest appreciation goes to the Idyllwild Town Crier — and especially to News Editor J.P. Crumrine — for your coverage of the Idyllwild Fire.

The Town Crier's coverage, in our opinion, was more in-depth and informative to the residents of Idyllwild than any other news source. The photos and maps by J.P. and staff gave us a clear view of the fire's progress and of the devastating damage to our surrounding forest and to many structures in the area.

We checked the Town Crier website morning, noon and night as our primary fire information source in the event we decided to evacuate. It appeared that J.P. got very little rest during his up-to-the-minute coverage of the fire. Our hats go off to him and his supporting staff.

LARRY BAKER  
AND SANDY WEBER  
IDYLLWILD

Advice to evacuees

EDITOR:

For all of the locals who evacuated, I know that it is a hard thing to do, leaving the comfort of home and community, not knowing if your home will be there when you return — the anxiety, the stress of being off the Hill.

Now that you have gone through the experience, you may say I won't go next time we evacuate, but as one who stayed, I have to give you some facts.

1. There were tons of fire equipment on our little streets and no room for our cars to be in their way.

2. Most all businesses were closed after the first day of evacuation.

3. When the plumes of smoke shifted and came over the town, the ash and burnt embers, the size of a quarter at times, dropping on the dry ground everywhere let you know what they mean by spot fires.

### Thought for the Day

"No sacrifice is worth the name unless it is a joy. Sacrifice and a long face go ill together."

— Mahatma Gandhi

4. The third day in the morning, the smoke laid down in the valley of Idyllwild. It was thick and extremely hard to breathe (dangerous to your health).

So I would think twice about staying next time. It is better to be safe and stressed than unsafe and stressed. What will be will be and you can't change it.

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IDYLLWILD

Documenting the Mountain Fire

EDITOR:

The Mountain Fire will go down as one of the most consequential events in Idyllwild's history, and we at the Idyllwild Area Historical Society hope to document as complete a record of it as we can. As part of our effort we invite all local residents to share your experience of the event, whether you evacuated or remained on the Hill.

We can best preserve written accounts and photographs. For example, tell what you saw and did, what you thought and how you felt about it, how you prepared, what you considered most important to take with you off the Hill. Send your contribution to this special Mountain Fire collection to P.O. Box 3320 or info@idyllwildhistory.org.

The Hill community will treasure your account for generations to come.

BOB SMITH  
IDYLLWILD

Grateful for the TC alert

EDITOR:

I was just lying around today and thinking about going up the hill (from Palm Springs to Pine Cove) when a message came across my laptop regarding the fire.

I was so appreciative and will wait a day or two to make the journey so I am not in anyone's way.

I am grateful to the Town Crier.

TIM WICKWIRE  
PALM SPRINGS

## Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



## Cancellations because of the fire

The July 25 meeting of the Idyllwild Historical Preservation District Local Review Board meeting is cancelled and the next meeting is Aug. 22 at the Idyllwild Library.

The ISIS production of "Red," scheduled for the week-ends of July 26 and Aug. 2, has been cancelled.

### Town Crier project progresses

The Idyllwild Area Historical Society's effort to make old issues of the Idyllwild Town Crier available online in a searchable format for personal historical research is moving along. All issues from 1949 through 1953 have now been beautifully scanned by NewsBank Inc., thanks to a grant from the Idyllwild Community Fund and gifts from the Town Crier and Rotary Anns.

IAHS has been testing the search engine and piloting a few small research projects to assess the value of this unique resource. The first impression is extremely positive.

IAHS needs help in two ways:

1. If you have a question for which these early papers might hold an answer, contact Bob Smith as soon as possible at info@idyllwildhistory.org or 951-659-2717.

2. Anyone who has old copies of the Town Crier from 1946 to 1948, from 1957 to 1959, or from 1964 and beyond, let Smith know. IAHS needs to borrow them in order to continue the project.

### 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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## LOLA'S KITCHEN

BY DOLORES SIZER

### Where to start ...

I decided to write this column before the Mountain Fire mandatory evacuation was lifted.

Needless to mention, starting Monday, July 15, the residents of Idyllwild have been through hell.

The fact is, my mind and heart were filled with turmoil, but I was not alone. All residents of Idyllwild scattered throughout Southern California and those who stayed were feeling the same way.

I stayed with friends Julie and Jim Kehl in La Quinta. Fortunately, they have a well-stocked bar and plenty of good wine. Thank you, my good, good friends.

Keeping in touch with the Town Crier staff was crucial for me, every two hours or so logging on to idyllwild-towncrier.com and watching for fire updates.

Back to the fire. This was not my first experience with a mountain fire. In 1996, the Bee Canyon Fire took its toll on Idyllwild minds. Evacuation was mandatory. All of the Town Crier staff managed to get back in time to put out a publication for the upcoming week.

Fires of this size have a way of getting into your soul, leaving residents lamenting about their suddenly uncertain future. "What next?" keeps going through my head.

With all said, I have my pets and I am healthy. All the belongings I left behind are just things and things can be replaced.

Idyllwild residents are resilient. We did it before and we can do it again. When we got back home, we hugged each other hello then got to work rebuilding our resort town's reputation.

Is Idyllwild a great little town or what?

Thank you, all firefighters and everyone involved, directly or indirectly, with putting out this fire monster. My heart is with each and every one of you.

No recipe in this column, just my heartfelt thanks.

Next column, how about Oven-Fried Chicken by the Bucket? Will try it out on Town Crier Staff first.

Love, from Lola's Kitchen.

Contact Lola at [dolores.sizer@gmail.com](mailto:dolores.sizer@gmail.com). She also handles the front desk at the Town Crier.



## SPEAKING FOR THE ANIMALS

SHELA BOYNTON, IDYLLWILD

*Editor's note: This column was submitted after the Mountain Fire began but before evacuation orders were implemented.*



### Ready, Set, Go! ...

If we weren't paying attention before, we are now.

You're ready to evacuate your family in case of a disaster on our mountain; you've got supplies to get through a week or two if we are isolated here. The animals that count on you for their survival are part of your family, too, and need to be considered in whatever plans you make.

Idyllwild resident Janice Fast, who has experienced emergency situations on the Hill, says it very concisely: "Don't have more animals than you can evacuate."

Make a plan that includes your pets. Make arrangements with someone who can get to your pets if you can't. Notify that person every time you leave the Hill.

Another positive action you can take right now to protect your animals is to get them microchipped. Gates and doors get left open in the confusion of a disaster. Traumatized dogs and cats tend to flee, even those who normally wouldn't leave their territories.

Help rescuers return lost animals to you quickly by chipping and registering your contact information. Don't wait for the next emergency.

Should you lose your pet, ARF's Search and Rescue Team, headed by Robert Hewitt, will be doing its best to find lost animals as conditions permit. Call 951-663-6642. Please keep this number with your emergency contacts.

Put together a first-aid kit for animals. A complete list can be found on ARF's website — [www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com](http://www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com) under "Disaster Preparedness for You and Your Pets."

This website also has a description of items that should be included in your pet's Grab and Go Box. Although these lists are fairly inclusive, please use them as guidelines to help you prepare. Check with your vet for emergency supplies to include in a kit, such as antibiotics, anti-anxiety medication, and any other prescription medication your pet needs.

If you evacuate, a number of motels in the Hemet and Banning areas accept animals. These, as well as boarding facilities, are listed on ARF's website. If you don't have access to a computer, email me for a copy of whatever information you need.

If you truly must leave pets behind as a last resort, tape a sign to your front door describing any animals you have left in the house so that Riverside Emergency Animal Rescue Services (REARS) or others can try to save or care for them. Call the REARS hotline at 951-358-7387.

Please don't think firefighters, sheriff's deputies or ARF volunteers will have the time or resources to rescue our animals. It's our responsibility as pet guardians to be prepared to safeguard their well-being.

Questions for the animals can be sent to Shela Boynton at [shelab@greencafe.com](mailto:shelab@greencafe.com).

## SCIENCE & REALITY TODAY

HECTOR TRUJILLO, SAN DIEGO

### The language of nature: We are all connected ...

As I remained glued to the Internet following every update posted regarding this immense wildfire that has altered not just the landscape but also the lives of so many, it is easy for me to become depressed.

Everyone deals with tragedy and hardship differently, but have you ever wondered where this sense of angst or sadness comes from in the first place?

If you had a chance to read my last column where I interviewed theoretical physicist Sean Carroll, one of the questions you did not see (probably because I went over my word count) was about the nature of reality. As he explained it, a big secret has been kept from most of us: The universe is made of fields, not particles.

Wait, what? Yes, all those physics textbooks that highlighted the separateness of everything from everything else, whether it be something small like an atom or a molecule to something the size of humans, planets and galaxies, are incomplete because separateness is a mere trick of the senses.

Our evolutionary biology, and the survival instinct that comes with it, demands that we feel separate from everything else. I mean, just imagine if our caveman ancestor had thought he was united as one with that saber-toothed tiger across the prairie and instead of running he went to give him a hug. Ouch.

The anxiety moments of uncertainty, such as the one currently being endured by so many, is, therefore, very powerful, but one must never forget it was temporary — although several days must feel like an eternity if you are one of the many brave firefighters fighting the blaze or one of their family members.

Even our very sense of self that we cling to as unique and separate, along with our consciousness, is one of the countless ways these fields manifest themselves in our everyday lives. From the acts of bravery by those exposing their lives to extinguish these flames, the acts of compassion and empathy of those opening their homes to complete strangers, to the tress and animals that have already met their physical death, they are all part of something science is beginning to unravel, but that ancient Buddhist and Taoist traditions have always believed yet could never prove.

A deep connection exists within the fabric of nature that we will never be able to measure, because the mere act of measuring alters it — that we will never be able to touch, taste, smell, hear or see because this would require our very senses to be disconnected from the true essence we are trying to give a number or label to.

Time and space itself are the inevitable consequence of this fundamental layer of reality that you and I are tied to for better or worse. As Einstein put it, "Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one."

Therefore, in moments like these, we need not feel alone or isolated, but rather involved in an adventure that we are lucky not to know where it may lead, but know for certain we always have company.



### Art Fair coming to Idyllwild

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild is starting the Second Saturday Art Fair beginning Aug. 10 at the Idyllwild Community Center site. Coordinator Scott Finnell said if it's successful, the event will run from May to October of each year.

Finnell, a glass artist, said AAI artists are organizing the event. He said the goals is not to take anything away from the galleries but to "give artists a venue to sell their wares and encourage visitors and tourists to come to Idyllwild. Hopefully, this can turn into a big thing."

Only original artwork is allowed at the outdoor event. At some point it will become a juried show. Cost is \$10 for AAI members and \$20 for non-members for a 10-foot-by-10-foot space. For more information, email Finnell at [scott@finnellglassworks.com](mailto:scott@finnellglassworks.com).

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### Idyllwild Water Department's meeting has been rescheduled to this Wednesday, July 24th, at 6 p.m.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 14.

- WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**
- 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.
  - Pain Without Meds Group, 10 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
  - 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.
  - Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Highway 243.
  - Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- THURSDAY, JULY 25**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Drive.
  - Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.
  - Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Avenue. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.
  - Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
  - Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
- FRIDAY, JULY 26**
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at 760-445-6325 or email jennyl-eeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Drive.
  - County Supervisor Jeff Stone, noon-3 p.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Drive. Call 866-383-2203 for appointment.
  - Feeding America, 3 p.m. Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center. Distribution at the former Morning Sky School on Highway 243.
  - Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. Barbecue 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Highway 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 951-659-0097 for information.
- SATURDAY, JULY 27**
- Building Positive Relationships, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Amore Retreats. Call 951-659-5458 for location.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; 7:30 p.m., Spiritual Living Cen-

- ter, 26120 Ridgeview Drive.
- SUNDAY, JULY 28**
- 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.-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 Highway 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 Drive (the Courtyard Building).
  - Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
- MONDAY, JULY 29**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Drive.
  - Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Drive.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.
  - Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.
  - Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation, 7-8:30 p.m., the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.
  - Achieving Prosperity and Abundance, 7 p.m. Amore Re-

- treats. Call 951-659-5458 for location.
- TUESDAY, JULY 30**
- Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting and Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
  - Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Highway 243, Mountain Center. Call 951-659-0097 for information.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**
- 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. Newspaper office, 54425 N. Circle Dr.
  - Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
  - Pain Without Meds Group, 10 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
  - Lemon Lily Festival planning session, 10 a.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, Hwy 243.
  - 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.
- ICRC Book Club, 7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Avenue.
  - Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
  - Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tues-

- day-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
  - Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday; noon-8 p.m. Tuesday; noon-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 2000.
  - Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.
  - Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### Churches and Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

**Chapel in the Pines Christian Fellowship**  
Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer.  
Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School, 10am plus Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097, 659-2038.  
International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild First 3 Tuesdays., 5-7pm  
659-5255 • On Hwy 243 in Mountain Center.

**Christian Science Church**  
25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11a.m.-Noon.

**Community Presbyterian Church**  
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 • Rev. Richard Olson  
Sunday Worship – 9:30 a.m.  
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship – Child care available  
• Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

**Idyllwild Bible Church**  
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott.  
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship.  
**Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.**  
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups.  
Hymn Singing 6:30 p.m. 2nd Sunday  
Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

**Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church**  
54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA  
Father Charles E. Miller  
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.; Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

**Shiloh Christian Ministries**  
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54960 Upper Pine Crest  
Pastor Kristeen Bandelin 659-2416  
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Bible Study 7 pm

**Spiritual Living Center**  
Idyllwild Religious Science  
26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building) 659-3464.  
Dr. Betty Jandl. Classes available - contact Church;  
Sunday service, 10:00 a.m. Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.; Meditation, 9:00 a.m. Sundays.

**Yokoji Zen Mountain Center**  
58900 Apple Canyon Rd., Mtn. Center, CA 92561  
Zen Buddhist Retreat and Practice Center  
Sunday Program 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
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**July 17** — 911 hang up from cell phone, 24000 block of Rocky Point Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Check the welfare, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Check the welfare, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public disturbance, address undefined, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public assist, 24000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Area check, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public assist, 54000 block of Live Oak St., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Follow up, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Check the welfare, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public assist, 23000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine

Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Danger to self/other, address undefined, Anza. Report taken.

**July 18** — Unknown trouble, 56000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Assist other department, 53000 block of Marian View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Public assist, 25000 block of Fern Valley Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 44000 block of Oak Glen Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 25000 block of Scenic Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Civil dispute, 16000 block of Valley Hi Dr., Twin Pines. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Suspicious person, 44000 block of Taffle

Ranch Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Noise complaint, address undefined, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 54000 block of Rockdale Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Area check, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Fraud, 42000 block of Melton Dr., Sage. Report taken.

**July 19** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Check the welfare, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Lost property, 65000 block of Hwy. 74, Santa Rosa Indian Reservation. Report taken.

**July 19** — Public assist, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Danger to self/other, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Vehicle theft, address undefined, Anza. Unfounded.

**July 19** — Assist other department, address undefined, San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Shots fired, address undefined, Sage. Report taken.

**July 19** — Check the welfare, address undefined, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Suicide threat, address withheld, Anza. Unfounded.

**July 19** — Vehicle theft, 50000 block of Bradford Rd., Anza. Report taken.

**July 19** — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Alarm call, 53000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Runaway child, 49000 block of Twin Pines Road, San Bernardino National Forest. Arrest made.

**July 20** — Area check, 52000 block of Temecula Dr., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Alarm call, 30000 block of Red Mountain Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Narcotics, 25000 block of Cedar St., Idyllwild. Arrest made.

**July 20** — Suspicious circumstance, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Suspicious person, 25000 block of Skyline Wy., Pine Cove. Handled by

deputy.

**July 20** — Public assist, 53000 block of Marian View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Follow up, address withheld, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — 911 call, 41000 block of Gassner Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Suspicious person, 29000 block of Wrightwood Dr., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Suspicious circumstance, 25000 block of Scenic Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Shots fired, 40000 block of Pocket Canyon Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

## Help with new health options

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$21,931,657 in grant awards to 129 California health centers operating 1,221 sites to enroll the uninsured in new health coverage options the Affordable Care Act made available.

In California, health centers served 3,261,720 patients last year, 42 percent of whom were uninsured. With these funds, the awardees expect to hire 411 more workers to assist 575,863 Californians with enrollment into affordable health insurance coverage.

Across the nation, 1,159 health centers will receive \$150 million in grant awards.

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# Living Free

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To the brave and steadfast Firefighters who battled the fire to protect Living Free as the flames approached our sanctuary.

Our friends in Garner Valley who immediately came to help and our dedicated staff who evacuated, cared for, and helped return our animals safe and sound.

ARF, Idyllwild businesses, and residents for their quick response and efforts to assist in our time of need.

Our fellow rescue organizations, volunteers, and supporters for their willingness to help when we needed them the most.



# Mountain Fire created a temporary 'city'

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Although the town of Idyllwild, several thousand people, had been evacuated, a mobile city of about 3,500 people was quickly constructed in Garner Valley.

Mountain Fire city is a company town — nearly 3,300 firefighting professionals. With that many people, where do they work, eat and sleep?

The company business is to contain and eventually control a 25,000-acre wildland fire. The Mountain Fire is not burning in timberland criss-crossed with access roads. This fire chose to birth itself in steep terrain — wilderness that rises from 5,000 to 9,000 feet in an extremely dry summer.

While crews were building fire lines, back at camp a kitchen crew of several trucks was preparing to feed 3,000 residents. As Tom Efrd, Incident team PIO, said, "There's only one restaurant in town."

Hundreds of sinks, showers and laundry facilities — with 24-hour service — had to be brought to the site as well. During morning and evening briefings, the safety message included a warning to be sure to wash in order to avoid "camp crud."

Water had to be plentiful, not just for cleanliness. Once on the job site, firefighters can take a coffee break and drive back to town. Before each shift they have to load the vehicles with cases of water to ensure against dehydration on the job.

Mountain Fire city is comparable to a small town. It

has its own medical staff, who speak during the briefings, and human resources and local communication (radios) staff as well. The city also has a post office, courtesy of Lake Hemet Market.

In addition, the team has biological, botanical and archeological resource experts. These people try to assure protection of those assets during the fire protection activities. For example, Friday's forester advised that fire crews not land helicopters in Hidden Lake up in the Mt. San Jacinto Wilderness.

During the briefings, George Broyles, team information officer, provides sports reports such as announcing the

commencement of the national curling championships.

And photocopying services are an important component of the town. At each briefing (two daily), team leaders have a report of the day or night's activity and other special messages. Each report can be 10 to 15 double-sided pages.

Many of the support services, such as cooking, laundry and supplying fuel are provided through contracts with the U.S. Forest Service or CalFire.

Consequently, the population figure of 3,316 underestimated the number of people who came to the Hill's protection.

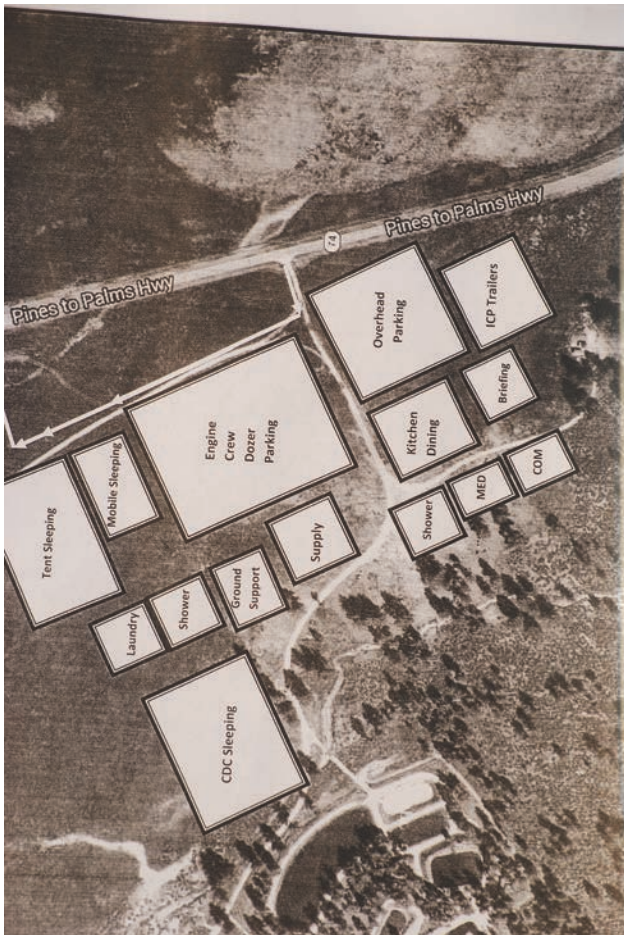
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*At right, firefighters patiently standing in line waiting for breakfast Friday morning.*

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*At lower left, A map of the Incident Command Post and locations of many of the services for team members.*

PHOTO COURTESY OF INCIDENT COMMAND TEAM



## Strange but true

According to a recent survey of married people in the United States, fully one-quarter of respondents admitted to receiving a traffic ticket and hiding it from their spouse. Nearly that many (24 percent) said they had kept a car accident secret from their husband or wife.

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# Nancy Layton running for IFPD Commission

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

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## TC: Do you believe IFPD has a financial problem?

NL: "There is a financial problem and I would classify it as problem which needs continuous monitoring," Layton said. "Then we can refine and improve the financial picture."

"In a perfect world, there would be access to sufficient resources to meet all the department's needs," Layton said. "That situation does not exist today because the taxpayer base is eroding."

## TC: The commission initiated discussions about the possibility of increasing its special parcel tax. Your opinion.

NL: Layton, who is one of several of the candidates to attend commission meetings, has spoken in support of increasing the parcel fee during these discussions.

"It needs to be raised," she said directly during the interview. "The \$65 per unit should be increased to support the quality of service available to the public through the [Idyllwild] Fire Department."

Layton added that this has been her belief for a number of years.

## TC: What's the higher priority — new equipment (ambulance) or salaries?

NL: "That's a tough question because both have a



Nancy Layton, candidate for the Idyllwild Fire Commission.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

significant need of improvement," Layton stated. Returning firefighter salaries to their level before the 2012 reductions will be one of Layton's goals.

"Chief Reitz is significantly underpaid for the quality of work we're getting," she added.

She is equally concerned about the state of the existing equipment that she said needs repair and maintenance. But she was prepared to identify new equipment until she has had time to review the current situation.

## TC: What's IFPD's mission? Is a long-range plan needed?

NL: Layton was very positive about undertaking a long-range plan for the department. She expects Fire Chief Patrick Reitz to engage

the community in preparing a long-range plan.

"The department's mission is first and foremost readiness to respond to emergencies that fall within its jurisdiction," she said, "readiness to respond to critical issues within the context of adequate staffing and finances."

She wants to ensure that firefighters are available anytime — day or night. "Right now we're running very low in terms of staffing," she opined.

Before concluding, Layton stressed that she intends to see a significant improvement in financial management at the district and has been trying to improve it while serving as financial consultant for the past two years.

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## Strange but true

It's been reported that Napoleon Bonaparte was afraid of cats.

## Composting needs volunteers

The Riverside County Waste Management Department is seeking volunteers to work with the Riverside County Backyard Composting Program. Volunteer master composters attend a training course for four Saturdays, and then donate back a minimum of 40 hours to the program.

Volunteers are needed for staffing Saturday morning workshops, classroom presentations and community group presentations. Learn more about recycling organic resources and get to know others with similar interests.

The training class is from 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Saturdays from Aug. 3 to 24 in Moreno Valley. The department provides books and study materials. Limited seats are available.

For more information and to register for classes, contact Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200 or email [WasteCompRecyc@co.riverside.ca.us](mailto:WasteCompRecyc@co.riverside.ca.us).

# Former fire chief running for IFPD Commission

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## TC: Do you believe IFPD has a financial problem?

SK: "Yes, obviously," Steve Kunkle replied. "Even in my time [as fire chief from 2005 to February 2010], there was enough discretionary income." However, if an emergency had occurred, Kunkle stressed that the department would have been "pressed to pay the bill."

## TC: The commission initiated discussions about the possibility of increasing its special parcel tax. Your opinion.

SK: Kunkle, as a private citizen now, was not fully committed to raising the parcel fee. But he agrees that the parcel fee alone is a bargain since it is less than the property assessment for the Idyllwild Transfer Station.

"It's easier to get approval [of an increase] when times were good, but it will be a tough road now," he opined.

## TC: What's the higher priority, new equipment (ambulance) or salaries?

SK: While Kunkle has been away from the Idyllwild Fire Department's activities for several years, he recalled that salary and benefit costs consumed a large portion of the budget making it difficult to keep emergency equipment current.

He stressed that salaries were often 80 to 90 percent of the available budget and that was the typical range for most fire departments. It was not disproportionate.

"It wasn't out of line to



Steve Kunkle

Photo courtesy of Steve Kunkle

protect the community," he said. "But you need good working equipment."

## TC: What's IFPD's mission? Is a long-range plan needed?

SK: Kunkle is an advocate for public safety planning. During his tenure as chief, he had a long-range plan drafted. "It used to be called a Master Plan," he noted. "Going out 10 years is good, especially if your financial situation is in flux. Five years is the general guideline."

He related that 85 percent of most fire department work is for emergency medical services. "We need first-response units," he emphasized. Fire and medical emergencies are 24-hour jobs for which the IFPD staff is prepared and cross-trained to handle both missions.

As he finished, Kunkle stressed his support for maintaining local control of the fire mission.

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## Town Crier Photo Contest!

Deadline for entries: 5 p.m., July 31, 2013

Here's your chance for fame, glory, and a free licence plate frame! Enter your best color photographs of the Idyllwild area in the Idyllwild Town Crier's 2014 Wall Calendar Photo Contest. Winning photographs will be published in full color in the new calendar, and winning photographers will get a byline and an Idyllwild license plate frame.



## The Rules

Contest is open to everyone. Submit up to ten 8" x 10" glossy color images. If images are digital, they must be submitted on a CD or DVD, be at least 300 dpi when scaled to 8" x 10" and must be accompanied by high-quality glossy color prints for judging. Include your name, address, phone number, e-mail and location on the back of each print (make sure you use a pen that doesn't smear or bleed onto other prints). Also, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for safe return of your work. **New this year: Limit 3 submissions per person.**

You can drop off your entries at the Town Crier at 54425 North Circle Drive, or mail to Town Crier Photo Contest, P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Sorry, no email submissions.

While the Town Crier will reserve the right to publish the photos and use them in promotional material, photographers will still own the rights to their work. Questions? E-mail: [halie@towncrier.com](mailto:halie@towncrier.com)



# How summer camps were evacuated during fire

By MICHAEL FOGERTY  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION  
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

At about 5 p.m. Monday, July 15, Hemet Unified School District Director/Safety Officer Lucy Rebeck contacted me regarding the possible need to evacuate 250 children from the Ronald McDonald Camp in the Lake Hemet area.

Six buses were immediately dispatched to the location. The drivers arrived on the scene within an hour-and-a-half and were on standby at the Lake Hemet Market in case they were needed. By 1:30 a.m. no evacuation was needed and the buses returned to the Transportation Facility.

At about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Rebeck again contacted me regarding the need to evacuate the Ronald McDonald camp.

Six buses were again dispatched to the location and arrived in less than an hour. The camp personnel did not immediately want to evacuate and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department was called in to "negotiate" with camp directors.

Eventually, the buses were let in and 250 children were loaded onto the buses and transported to the large parking lot at Hemet High, where Rebeck and I coordinated the transfer of the children from Hemet buses to charter buses to be distributed to different parts of Southern California. Children of varying ages attending this camp have either cancer or some other serious type of illness. Rebeck and I completed the transfer at about 11:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, I began to receive reports that parts of Idyllwild were going to be evacuated. I promptly contacted Buckhorn Camp, Idyllwild Arts, Camp Emerson and AstroCamp to ascertain the number of children at each site. I learned that we were dealing with about 1,000 children and that many were from out of state and from different countries. My staff then began assembling about 50 transportation personnel for possible evacuations.

Rebeck then coordinated a meeting with Maintenance Director Anthony Pipkins and me to plan the logistics to support all of the children. Drivers then began heading to the area, in advance of the evacuation order, to be in position. All the camps, except Emerson, then contacted me stating they were, indeed, under a mandatory evacuation. We were able to get all of our resources where they were needed and placed another six buses at Idyllwild School for any other contingency in the area.

Rebeck and I then coordinated the delivery of more than 875 children on buses to Hemet High School throughout the evening. At the completion of the evacuation, I contacted the camp directors and exchanged information. I offered our services at any time throughout the night and the next few days.

A short time later, AstroCamp contacted me requesting that we transport a group of children to the Ontario air-



During the Idyllwild evacuation many Idyllwild Arts students and counselors, mostly from out-of-state, could not get home. Fortunately on Saturday, Idyllwild Arts Foundation board members **Jeff Dvorak** and **Michael Slocum** hosted them at a barbecue pool party at their Palm Springs home.

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port. The bus departed Hemet High at about 12:45 a.m.

On the morning of July 18, Buckhorn Camp contacted me to transport their entire 350 children to a location in Palm Desert. Energy Education Manager Andy McGuire and I coordinated that transportation. They were all delivered to that location by 1 p.m. that day.

Idyllwild Arts had secured hotel rooms in the Palm Desert area were expected to depart later that day. I had offered transportation to the Executive Director. I am waiting to hear whether he will need our services at this time.

I am pleased to report that my staff was dedicated, professional and eager to help. I received numerous accolades from the camp directors of how "wonderful" the drivers were and how grateful they were of our promptness in their time of need.

This was an amazing team effort that also involved

Rebeck's tireless efforts over the last 72 hours. Her ability to coordinate our efforts with the Emergency Operation Center was critical in this endeavor. Pipkins' ability to quickly adapt to the ever-changing situation was incredible.

## Jeep tours now in Idyllwild

Desert Adventures is providing Jeep tours in Idyllwild. Two Jeeps are stationed in Idyllwild for tours on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The two-hour tours depart from Idyllwild Vacation Cabins at 54380 North Circle Drive mornings and afternoons. Tour guides tell about Idyllwild's transition from a small camping area in Strawberry Valley to a renowned culture and arts center, and destination for rock climbing and hiking.

The tour is an off-road experience through the forest in the Pine Cove area to the North Fork of the San Jacinto River, with views of Tahquitz Peak and Suicide Rock. Reservations are required. Call 760-324-5337 for more information.

## Strange but true

Those who study such things say that explorer Christopher Columbus had blond hair.

## No need to boil water

Residents who are customers of Idyllwild and Fern Valley water districts do not need to boil their water following the Mountain Fire.

Both districts treat the water before it enters the distribution system. Further, IWD's water comes from wells, not streams, therefore is free of ash and other debris.

Fern Valley does divert some water, but the stream flows have diminished and is using a higher proportion of well water; but its water supply is treated first.

The only restrictions on water applied to the Apple Canyon, Bonita Vista and Zen Mountain Center areas.

## Strange but true

Pet food is the third most profitable item for supermarkets, following meat and fresh produce.

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# Desert Chamber Orchestra far from high brow

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

"If you're expecting 'long hair' music, nothing could be further from truth," said Christian Chalifour, Desert Chamber Orchestra director.

The orchestra with two soloists, Vanessa Sheldon, harpist, and Lawrence Spector, guitar, will be the next guests at the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series on Thursday, Aug. 1, at the Idyllwild Community Center site.

Demonstrating Chalifour's musical tastes, the performance starts with Kimberly Roberts singing



Conductor  
**Christian Chalifour**



Vocalist  
**Kimberly Roberts**

Katy Perry's "Firework." Chalifour emphasized that the program was selected weeks ago before the Moun-

tain Fire.

Having lived here nearly 10 years ago, he was concerned about the fire's

impact on the series. "I was concerned for Ken [Dahleen, the series producer] because the concerts help fund the series."

Chalifour is the former director of the Coachella Valley Symphony, which has appear several times at the ISCS, including last year with Wayne Abrahams as the maestro and two previous appearances with Chalifour.

The program will include some traditional classical music such as the "Handel Harp Concerto" with Dr. Vanessa Sheldon, and a Vivaldi guitar concerto with Lawrence Spector. Also, Chalifour has planned to perform more

recent compositions such as Henry Mancini's "Baby Elephant Walk," Alan Silva's "The Code" and Chalifour's rendition of the "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Chalifour stressed the performance will have something for everyone's musical tastes.

The Desert Chamber Orchestra with Spector and Sheldon will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

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P.O. Box 1542, Idyllwild, CA 92549-1542

## Free hot dogs this Thursday

Idyllwild Rotary Club members and members of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Auxiliary invite everyone to join them in a casual "Welcome Home" celebration and a free hot dog and beverage at 5 p.m. in the Idyllwild Community Center site just prior to Thursday night's concert.

The hot dog stand will remain open as long as hot dogs are available. Come greet friends and neighbors and experience a joyful evening of community spirit.

Wal-Mart donated the hot dogs to the Idyllwild Fire Department.

This week's concert with Sherry Williams will still begin at 7 p.m. and Marshall Hawkins and Friends will appear at 6:15 p.m.

Unfortunately, the evacuation of Idyllwild as a result of the Mountain Fire's threat caused the cancellation of last week's concert with Idyllwild favorite Yve Evans.

## Grammy winner Schuur to appear at jazz fest

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Next month's Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines will feature many artists who are returning and familiar to the faithful audience. But one voice will make her inaugural visit to the mountain amphitheatre.

Diane Schuur will step onto the Holmes Amphitheatre stage Saturday, Aug. 17, for the first time. Schuur, now living in Palm Desert, is a world-renowned jazz vocalist and pianist. Her mentor was Dinah Washington and Schuur sings jazz tunes from the 1940s and 1950s.

"It's a mixture of standards and some of the tunes I'm know for," Schuur said, describing plans for the jazz fest. This will include "Deedle's Blues." Her nickname is Deedles. But Schuur is known for her beautiful

voice and a wide genre of songs, not just from the Washington era.

Although born blind, she made up for it with perfect pitch and a love for music. She's been singing since she was 9, almost 50 years ago. "I haven't let it stop me from forging ahead in life," she said proudly.

She also sings pop music from the 1960s. Her first song was a country song and she made an album several years ago. Her range is broad. Frank Sinatra and Stan Getz, personal friends, are also important sources for her music. Attention is necessary and enjoyable as she can surprise listeners during a performance.

Schuur just loves singing and sang a verse on the phone during the interview. She has garnered five Grammy nominations and won two Grammy Awards for best female jazz vocal

performance.

Schuur has just returned from another European tour, from England to Latvia, with stops in France, Italy and Switzerland. She has performed in Japan, a bastion of jazz enthusiasts, for decades. She enjoys the traveling and has no favorite venue.

As a long-time Southern California resident currently living in Palm Desert, she was paying close attention to the Mountain Fire last week. "I'm hoping and praying Idyllwild is spared from this horrible fire," she said last Saturday.

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Diane Schuur

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## 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, July 24**  
**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m.; **Cribbage**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Jac Jacaruso**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Thursday, July 25**  
**Modern Dance With Wendy**, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, Free hot dogs and beverages**, 5 p.m.; **Marshall Hawkins and Seahawk**, 6:15 p.m.; **Sherry Williams**, 7-9 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Friday, July 26**  
**Karaoke**, 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Lumbermill Bar & Grill.  
**Barbecue**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Forest Lumber.  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon; **Crafty Kids Art**

**Class, Wendy Watts**, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Willy B.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Food.  
**Dan Papaila**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

**Saturday, July 27**  
**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.  
**Michael Britton**, 1-4 p.m. Lumbermill Bar & Grill.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Live music.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Food.  
**Hojo Reynolds**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

**Sunday, July 28**  
**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.  
**Michael Britton**, 1-4 p.m. Lumbermill Bar & Grill.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.



Firefighters and other support personnel dance at Jo'An's on Monday night during open mic night. There were at about 40 crews in the restaurant for dinner.

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**Monday, July 29**  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.  
**Family Movie Mondays, "Corrina, Corrina"** 3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library Community Room.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic

Theatre.  
**Tuesday, July 30**  
**Free Senior Wii**, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre

**Wednesday, July 31**  
**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m.; **Cribbage**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Town Hall.

**Thursday, Aug. 1**  
**Modern Dance With Wendy**,

4-5 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, Marshall Hawkins and Friends**, 6:15 p.m.; **Desert Chamber Orchestra with Lawrence Spector and Dr. Vanessa Sheldon and Lawrence Spector**, 7-9 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center.

**Friday, Aug. 2**  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon; **Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts**, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.

**Saturday, Aug. 3**  
**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.

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

**Monday, Aug. 5**  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.

**Tuesday, Aug. 6**  
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**Chris Tota** of Idyllwild said he couldn't just sit around and do nothing while he was evacuated. He made \$76 for fire victims before the drizzle shut him down at Dana Point Harbor Saturday morning, trying to hit up the fishing and boating crowd without drawing attention from the police. He wasn't sure if what he was doing was legal. When he returned to the Hill he stopped at Mountain Center Cafe and asked co-owner **Martha Pearson** to donate the money to a fire victim. Within two minutes, he said, she saw a victim at the Mountain Center Post Office, ran out to hand him the money and the man broke out in tears.

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## Fire

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### Friday

While the Mountain Fire's growth was limited Thursday, Friday morning brought grave concern about its possible turns as a result of the winds predicted to accompany a monsoonal weather pattern.

And while the possibility of increased moisture might have dampened the fire, the northern edge was still growing slowly and headed toward San Jacinto Peak, according to team fire behavior expert Dennis Burns.

On Thursday, Riverside County had proclaimed a local emergency because of the Mountain Fire. The next day, Friday, Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a state proclamation of emergency.

The fire continued to have bursts on the northern boundary within the San Jacinto Wilderness and in the direction of San Jacinto Peak. Spotting — where embers ignite fuels on landing — rather than walls of flames spurred the fire's movement.

Consequently, fire officials issued an evacuation warning for Pine Cove. Residents were asked to be ready to evacuate if the Fire continued moving north or the easterly winds became stronger.

### Saturday

The day began similarly to Friday with cloud cover and higher humidity.

Fire officials reported that Friday night was relatively quiet. Fire lines were established along South Ridge. Many crews were being

staged in Idyllwild in case of a sudden change.

For the first time, fire officials decided to insert hotshot crews into the wilderness. They would use the Palm Springs Tramway to enter the back country and begin work on the northern tip of the Mountain Fire. They might, if it was safe, establish a "spike camp," according to Norm Rooker, a team information officer.

Saturday afternoon, Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz (D-36) visited the Incident Command Post and also the homes that burned earlier in the week. That afternoon, the team also lifted Trails End and Camp Joe Scherman evacuations.

Pincha-Tulley briefed the congressman on the fire's status, its start and progression during the week as well as the decision to impose an evacuation. She stressed that the fire had been moving 5,000 acres each day at the beginning and a weather change was predicted. Evacuation was prudent and a safety need.

Hawkins recommended that Ruiz try to help secure funding to maintain the fuelbreaks that have been constructed around town. "We want to assure funding for public safety," Hawkins implored Ruiz.

The congressman promised to amplify the voices of the incident team and the local officials who have spent years and endless hours to ensure the Hill's protection. "Except for your preparation, more homes and people could have been injured and devastated," he said. "I will inform all levels of government, including the White House, of the

extraordinary teamwork and collaboration."

### Sunday

Rain fell on the Mountain Fire Sunday morning. Total rain was between 1 inch and 1-1/2 inches depending on the location.

A sense that the tide had turned began when the Incident Management Team announced plans to begin releasing resources, including seven of 11 Type 1 helicopters.

Then in mid-morning came the announcement that the Idyllwild and Fern Valley evacuations were to be lifted. Residents would need to secure a permit to re-enter before 11 p.m. After that, no restrictions would be applied.

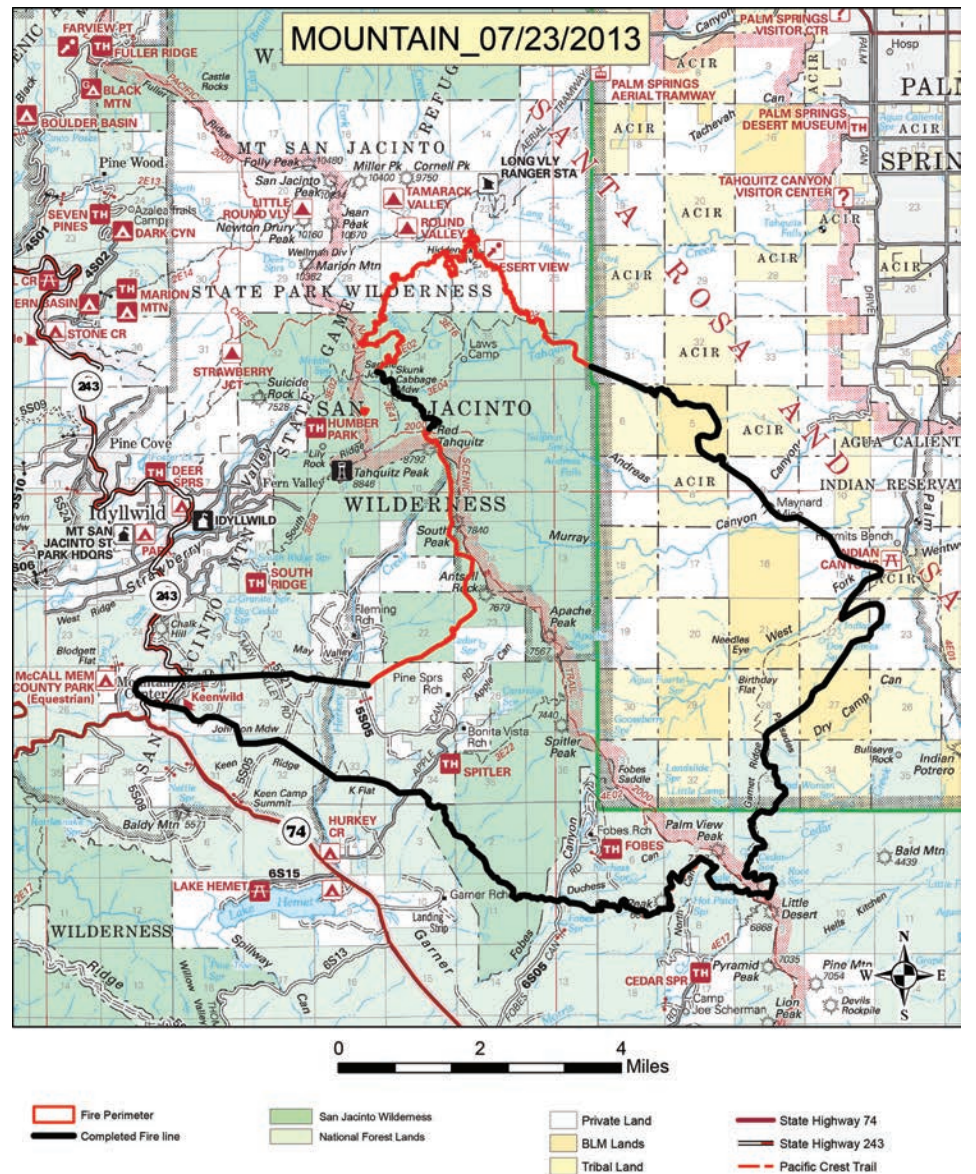
In the afternoon, the Riverside County Sheriff's Office held a press conference at the Lake Hemet station to formally announce the lifting of the evacuation order and the evacuation warning for Pine Cove.

"This area will open to the public by 11 p.m. tonight," Capt. Scot Collins affirmed. "There will continue to be patrols of heavy sheriff presence."

Sunday's extensive rain accelerated the fire's containment two to three days, according to Pincha-Tulley. Without the rain, the evacuation orders may not have been lifted until Sunday night or Monday.

### Monday

Monday morning began with sunny skies over Idyllwild and the noise of traffic moving through town. As people began to return to homes and businesses, thoughts of grati-



A map of the Mountain Fire as of Tuesday morning, July 23, a week after it started on the afternoon of July 15.

MAP COURTESY OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE

tude dominated the need to recover from the forced four-day leave of absence.

Idyllwild Fire Station welcomed residents back with American flags at both ends of town. Thank you signs began appearing Sunday evening.

Rain fell again Monday afternoon. And the population of the fire team was nearly half its peak of 3,500.

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At left, the remnants of a home at Pine Springs Ranch. Below left, the Mountain Fire destroyed several homes and property in the Bonita Vista neighborhood on Monday and Tuesday.

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At right, one of two DC10s assigned to the Mountain Fire flew over the Hill dropping thousands of gallons of retardant on the fire to slow and to direct its progress.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



A U.S. Forest Service public information officer helps residents returning to the Hill Sunday afternoon.

PHOTO BY DORIS LOMBARD

### Thought for the Day

"There are two ways of constructing a software design; one way is to make it so simple that there are obviously no deficiencies, and the other way is to make it so complicated that there are no obvious deficiencies. The first method is far more difficult."

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# Some businesses remained open during fire

By JACK CLARK  
CONTRIBUTOR

Five center-of-town businesses were open Thursday following the previous evening's evacuation and remained so throughout the evacuation.

Fifteen customers graced the Red Kettle restaurant at 9:15 Thursday morning. Most appeared to be residents, but a few were fire-related personnel, including freelance fire photographer Jenny Kirchner.

Fire photographer Jenny Kirchner had placed herself in the thick of the action and had provided some amazing photographs to the Town Crier, which have been picked up by national media. She couldn't pay for her meal that morning because a local resident beat her to it.

Several firefighters took meals to go. Ashley Stewart said the Kettle had opened an hour early that morning at 6 and that it would stay open "as long as they need us."

Larry Donahoo at Village Hardware said much the same thing. He said he had sold some batteries among other supplies and was planning to stay open on Friday, with the weekend to be played by ear.

At Village Market, Dan Aronson also said they would remain open as needed. Firefighters were among his few customers that morning and they were getting special rates.

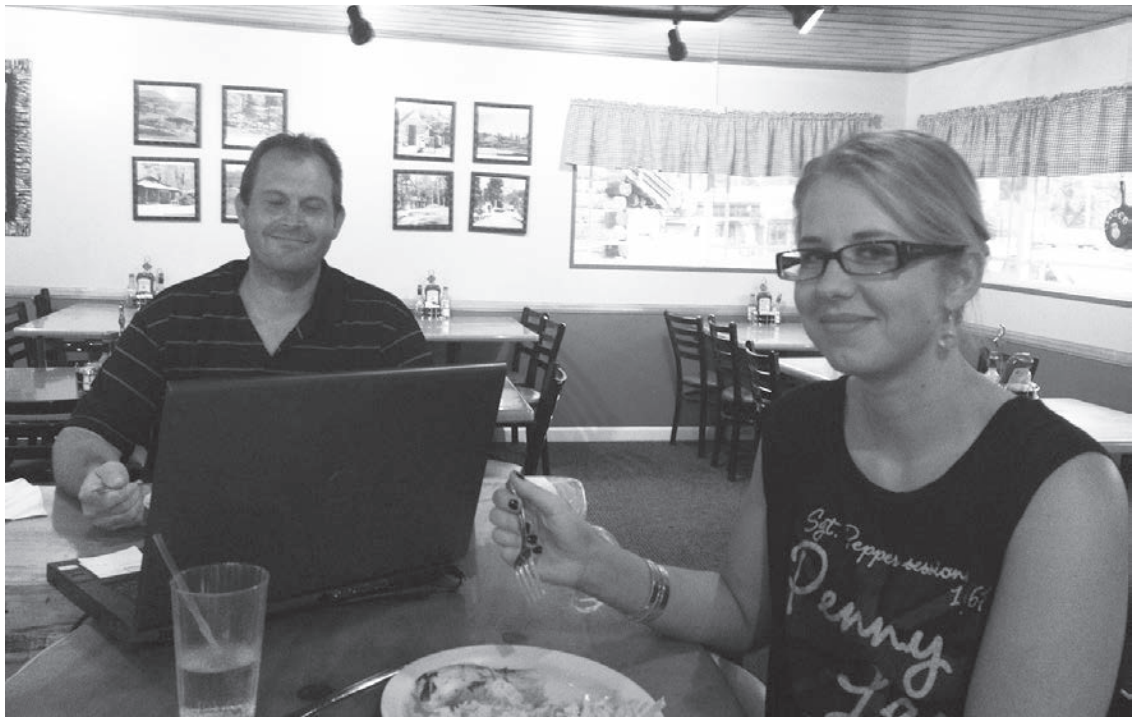
At Idyllwild Garage and Chevron station, Tamara Friemoth remained open to sell gasoline and "whatever we can do to help."

John Friemoth said the garage was staying open for Auto Club calls and other services. He said they had done a few jump starts for evacuating residents, and that he intended to stay open "until the flames show at the ridge."

Gary's Deli also opened to firefighters, law enforcement, media and the small number of residents who didn't leave town.

Gary Budnik had been working in his deli throughout the fire, offering specials for the firefighters. He also stayed overnight in the deli with his German shepherd-mix, Chip, an ARF rescue dog who also is an Idyllwild councilman and won the Mr. Idyllwild award in the prior weekend's ARF Pet Expo.

The weekend of the expo, the Lemon Lily Festival and the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's show and tour were a world away.



**Shane and Ashley Stewart**, owners of Pine Cove Market and Red Kettle, having a late meal after feeding hundreds of firefighters Saturday night.

PHOTO BY  
BECKY  
CLARK

The Idyllwild Town Crier and Visitors Center also was open with a limited staff of three to answer callers' questions and update fire information at [www.idyllwildtowncrier.com](http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com).

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*Above left, the Bonita Vista in Garner Valley area suffered the initial destruction from the Mountain Fire.*

*Above, tomato plants growing in a Bonita Vista garden were not invulnerable to the heat of the Mountain Fire.*

*Bottom left, the heat of the Mountain Fire melted this slide.*

PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE

## Gilman Springs Road project

A road project to make Gilman Springs Road safer for motorists began July 22, the first phase of a five-phase job costing \$17.5 to \$21.5 million and completed in 2016.

The project brings improvements to a heavily used main artery for commuters, students and others traveling into and out of the San Jacinto Valley. The first phase includes curbs and safety improvements, such as centerline rumble strips between Soboba Road and Highway 79, resurfacing, additional shoulders and new pavement markings. The first phase will cost \$2.4 million and is scheduled to be completed in early August.

Because of the work, Gilman Springs Road is closed completely between Highway 79 and Soboba Road from July 22 to Aug. 9. The schedule for the first phase was set, in part, to complete phase-one

construction before the fall session at Mt. San Jacinto College.

The Riverside County Transportation Department expects to improve road safety by correcting curve alignments, adding passing lanes, widening shoulders and adding rumble strips and signals.

The next phase begins in October. Phase two includes repaving, shoulder-widening and curve realignment south of Highway 60 to about 1.7 miles south of Alessandro Boulevard.

Construction will add a left-turn pocket at Gilman Springs Road and Alessandro Boulevard, and a southbound passing lane starting south of Alessandro Boulevard. A portion of the project is being done in cooperation with the City of Moreno Valley.

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# Historic Garner Ranch serves contemporary need

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Mountain Fire city had its own airport located at the historic Garner Ranch in Garner Valley. The helibase supported nearly 20 different helicopters, including 11 Type 1 birds.

The main topic during Sunday's briefing at the airport was the weather report because of the early morning rain and the prospect for more later that day.

The helibase even has a control tower. What appears to be a large mobile home, is a two-story control center with windows in the front and both sides.



Helibase leader **Lindsay Alarcon** preparing for Sunday morning's helitack briefing.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

and it's done what we wanted because of the air support."

Alarcon arrived Tuesday and directed the application of thousands of gallons of water and retardant along the

As she shared that Sunday, seven Type 1 crews were being released. She told the whole contingent, "You guys have done the majority of the work. You've gone where we've asked and stirred [the fire]

Lindsay Alarcon of the Angeles National Forest helitack unit was the base commander during the brunt of the Mountain Fire.

As she shared that Sunday, seven Type 1 crews were being released. She told the whole contingent, "You guys have done the majority of the work. You've gone where we've asked and stirred [the fire]



On Sunday, a Cal Fire helicopter loads with water from the "pumpkin," mobile water reservoir, at the Pine Cove Water District site at Dutch Flats.

PHOTO BY JERRY HOLLDBER

At right, the helibase control tower overlooking Gilman Ranch that housed support for 20 helicopters throughout the Mountain Fire assault on the Hill.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

fire's perimeter. "It was a complex aerial show with many tankers and copters in constant contact," she said.

Much of the water was taken from Lake Hemet. The retardant was available at two temporary locations. One was on the east side of the Hill near Palm Springs and the other in Garner Valley adjacent to the helibase.

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## Tuesday's Mountain Fire update

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Incident Management Team is containing its nemesis, the Mountain Fire. As of Monday evening, July 22, the fire had burned 27,332 acres, but was 85 percent contained.

Full containment was expected Wednesday, July 24.

Fire officials stressed the larger size was not due to the fire spreading, rather more accurate infrared mapping established the new area.

Tuesday, firefighters continued to patrol and monitor the fire's perimeter. When conditions permit, crews will continue to construct direct line, mop up, patrol and perform fire suppression repair.

Significant demobilization has started and a plan for turning the incident back to the San Bernardino

National Forest was being developed. The number of personnel was 1,146, less than a third at the fire's peak on Friday. Thus far, the fire has cost \$22.8 million.

Mt. San Jacinto State Park Wilderness is closed. However, the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway reopened Tuesday, July 23.

The San Jacinto Wilderness on the federal side and Humber Park remain closed. The San Bernardino National Forest Closure Orders 13-8 and 13-9 are still in effect. (See <http://idyllwild-towncrier.com/2013/07/23/breaking-mountain-fire-updates/> for details and maps. For instance, the Pacific Crest Trail, as well as connecting trails, remain closed.

Monday, residents of the Apple Canyon and Bonita Vista roads areas received precautionary warnings

about potential flash floods and mud slides from possible heavy monsoon rains. Idyllwild School was the temporary evacuation center. According to Ray Smith,

Riverside County public information officer, no one had used the center as of 6 p.m. Monday.

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).



Congressman **Dr. Raul Ruiz** (D-36), right, talks with San Jacinto Ranger District Fire Chief **Dan Felix** about the Mountain Fire Saturday.

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# The Mountain Fire: What you might not know

BY PATRICK REITZ, FIRE CHIEF  
IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Idyllwild Fire Protection District provided one brush engine and two water tenders (trucks) for initial attack. The brush engine returned to the district that first night to help protect Idyllwild, while the two water tenders remained on the fire 24 hours a day until released Sunday. IFPD also had two members serving as trainees during the fire to increase their certification levels, benefiting the District with their additional training and experience.

When the fire was first dispatched, IFPD recalled all available personnel, including volunteers, reserves and paid personnel. Most stayed at the station through the week, sleeping on cots, air mattresses and recliners.

IFPD had all its vehicles staffed and ready to respond. IFPD responded to several calls, including public service, medical and fire calls throughout the week of the fire.

IFPD also patrolled throughout the district.

It is estimated that 85 to 95 percent of Idyllwild evacuated Wednesday afternoon and evening. Thank you.

Support members of Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Company 621 remained to answer the phones and questions. Thousands of phone calls were received at the station from concerned citizens, the media, and people from all over the world wanting information. At times the fire station was getting two phone calls a minute, making it impossible for the district to call its own personnel or for personnel to call into the fire station.

At the time of the evacuation, five American Medical Response ambulances and a supervisor, along with a disaster support unit, were sent to Idyllwild to assist with the evacuation. All but three of the ambulances remained until Monday morning to respond with IFPD and for the many firefighters assigned to work in the area. AMR was staged at the fire station with IFPD, eating, sleeping,

cleaning, working and responding together — seamlessly.

A strong law enforcement presence was on the Hill during the fire, some of which is still present. No fewer than 24 sheriff deputies and other law enforcement personnel patrolled and responded.

Countless donations of food and goods from both on and off the Hill were a huge help in getting through the week. A big thank you to all that donated. The list is too large to print here.

Two unusual donations came from off the Hill — Walmart donated a load of much-needed stock and supplies, and Panda Express donated enough food to feed more than 100 responders. The donation from Panda Express resulted in tables being set up in the apparatus bays, and many of the firefighters and law enforcement personnel protecting the Hill cycling through the station to share a meal.

IFPD readily opened its doors and made the fire station available for any Hill responder to use its restrooms, and to share its food, water, phones, copier, etc.

Rumors on Facebook and Twitter contributed to frustration by evacuated residents and additional phone calls into the fire station. These rumors included the lifting of the evacuation order no fewer than three times during the week and that two firefighters were shot when they discovered a marijuana grow operation.

During the initial days of the fire, one resident of another area of the fire refused to evacuate, only to have to be rescued when the fire surrounded the property. This forced firefighters to be pulled off the fire and put themselves in additional danger to rescue an individual who refused to evacuate. Please evacuate when asked to do so for your safety and the safety of those who might have to rescue you.

During the peak threat to Idyllwild, more than 30 individual engines made up six Strike Teams of engines. Two bulldozers and several hand crews all were assigned to the Idyllwild area to protect and defend homes and property should the fire move into Idyllwild.

While the Strike Teams were familiarizing themselves and patrolling the area, they conducted structure triage. You may have come home to find your firewood, lawn furniture and barbecue moved. You may also have found your garden hose and ladders not where you left them. This was done to prepare your house should the fire enter the area.

Some residents have called after finding structure triage forms posted at the end of their driveways. If you found one of these forms, please make note of the items on the form. It will help you prepare your house should we have another fire threaten the area. If you found one with a red "X," that means your house was considered too dangerous for firefighters to defend from the fire. Please call the fire station for an appointment to discuss your property if you have questions.

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District and all of its personnel would like to thank everyone, the community, and all of the responders who helped fight the fire and protect the community — firefighters, law enforcement, county road department, Caltrans and all of the others. Thank you for keeping Idyllwild and the Hill the great place it is.

## Services reduced for traffic cases

Due to several consecutive years of state budget reductions, the Riverside Superior Court is reducing services to the public. Effective immediately, the court will offer limited in-person, and no live operator telephone service for litigants with traffic cases.

In place of in-person service, the court is automating many routine tasks through available computers, kiosks and telephones.

To pay a fine or see a record, the public may visit the court's website ([www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/)) and click on the "Online Services" tab.

For those who have more complex traffic matters and need to speak with a court employee, Traffic and Collections Clerk appointments may be scheduled online by visiting the court's website and choosing "Traffic" under "Info by Division." The next page has an option to schedule an appointment with a clerk: [www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/scheduleappt.shtml](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/scheduleappt.shtml).

Appointments may also be scheduled using the computers in courthouse lobbies. Appointments are available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Banning Court, Hemet Court, Indio Larson Justice Center, Moreno Valley Court and Murrieta Southwest Justice Center.

Appointments are only available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at Blythe Court.

Night court appoint-

ments are available at the Indio Larson Justice Center on the first Tuesday of the month until 5:30 p.m. and the Moreno Valley Court on the third Wednesday of the month until 6:30 p.m.

A limited number of pre-populated appointment types are available, such as a request for a third extension or a request to change a citation to owner's responsibility, and evaluation for hardship payments or community service. When requesting an appointment, provide a phone number and an email to receive a confirmation and other messages.

Since a clerk appointment does not constitute a court appearance, an appointment may be scheduled in any of the appointment locations listed above, regardless of the citation's jurisdiction. Setting an appointment does not extend the date to appear or alter or extend any statutory or court-ordered deadlines.

An appointment may be scheduled up to two weeks in advance and each appointment will be scheduled for 15 minutes.

Same-day court appearances are no longer offered in any traffic court location. Customers may reserve a court date 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the court's public website. Once calendared, the customer will be able to bypass the traffic counter and report directly to the courtroom without standing in line in the

clerk's office.

To appear in front of a judicial officer for a traffic citation, a court date must be reserved. An appearance in court is optional unless "Mandatory Appearance" is reflected on the courtesy notice. If "Mandatory Appearance" is indicated in the amount due section on the courtesy notice, the customer is required to appear.

Night court appearances within the citation's jurisdiction are at 5 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Indio Larson Justice Center and at 5:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Moreno Valley Court.

To schedule a court appearance, customers may use the computers in the courthouse lobby, or go online from any location and visit the court's website. Choose "Traffic" under "Info by Division." The next page has an option to schedule a "request court appearance" ([www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/reqcourtappearance.shtml](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/reqcourtappearance.shtml)).

Cases must be eligible for a court appearance, and scheduling a court appearance does not extend a date to appear or alter or extend any statutory or court-ordered deadline.

The citing law enforcement officer will not be present at this hearing.

To contest a citation — plead not guilty and proceed with a court trial to testify and present evidence and/or witnesses — the person must post the full bail amount (fine) of the citation and reserve a court date online at <https://www.epay-it.com/>.

Or, to post bail and schedule a court trial by mail, send payments to the Payment Processing Center, 505 S. Buena Vista, Room 201, Corona, CA 92882.

To post bail and schedule a court trial online, customers may use the computers in the courthouse lobby, too.

The court will set a trial date and with notification sent within seven to 10 days. The court will subpoena the officer(s) for trial. Eventually, cities will be able to select a court trial date at the time of scheduling.

For more information regarding contesting a traffic ticket, visit <http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/contesting.shtml>.

Payment kiosks are in the test stage and will be launched in traffic court locations. Details will be announced soon.

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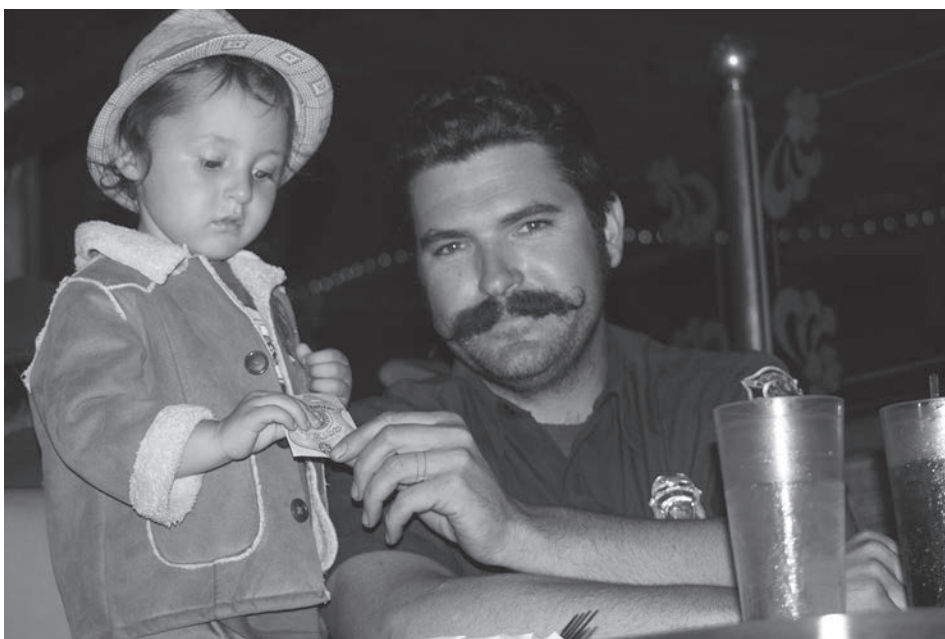
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Above left, the marquee at the Rustic Theatre this week.

PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

Below left, the Strawberry Creek Bunkhouse and Strawberry Creek Inn display "Thank you" signs for all of the personnel involved in the Mountain Fire fighting efforts.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Firefighter **Joel Hanson** of the Ventura County Fire and Rescue hands **Isaiah Markus** of Idyllwild a decal at Jo'An's Restaurant Monday night. It was a night of celebration when firefighters filled the restaurant, even dancing wildly later and receiving many accolades for saving Idyllwild.

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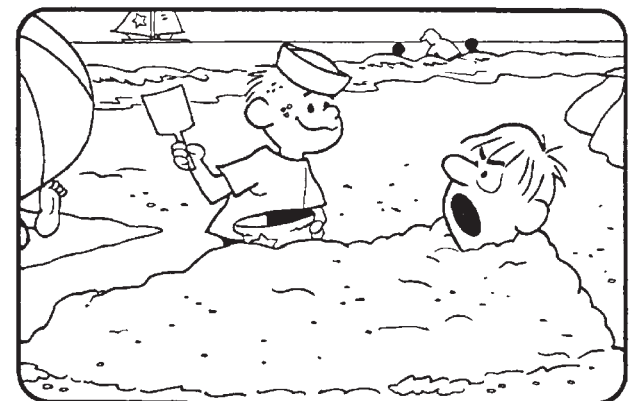
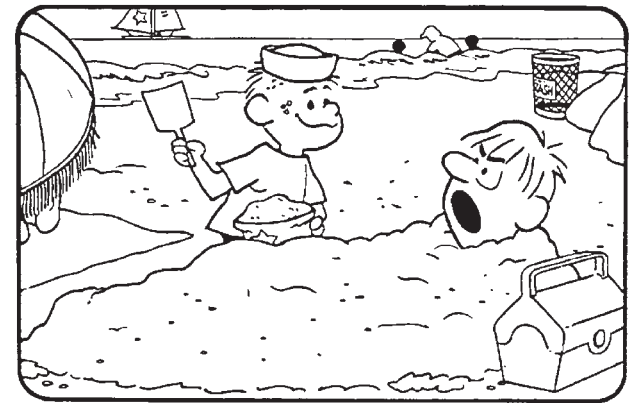
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Answers to Sudoku  
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword  
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Signed: REBECCA LOU CLARK President/CEO  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 24, 2013.

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk  
By: A. Chavez, Deputy  
Pub. TC: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as THE CANDY CUPBOARD, 24250 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 794, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JENNIFER LYNN MCKEE, GARY WILLIAM MCKEE and PATRICIA SUE MCKEE, 25685 Oakwood, Idyllwild, CA 92549. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 1, 2012.

Signed: JENNIFER LYNN MCKEE  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 7, 2013.

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Pub. TC: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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Signed: RICHARD EMILE CADIEUX  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 2, 2013.

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HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A longtime situation starts to move into a new phase. The question for the uncertain Lamb right now is whether to move with it. Facts emerge by midmonth to help you decide.
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A talent for organizing your priorities allows the Divine Bovine to enjoy a busy social life and not miss a beat in meeting all workplace and/or family commitments.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) What began as a dubious undertaking has now become one of your favorite projects. Your enthusiasm for it rallies support from other doubters-turned-believers.
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Accept the help of friends to get you through an unexpectedly difficult situation. There'll be time enough later to investigate how all this could have happened so fast.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Change is a major factor for the Big Cat through midmonth. Be prepared to deal with it on a number of levels, including travel plans and workplace situations.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You might not like all the changes that have begun to take place around you. But try to find something positive in at least some of them that you can put to good use.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A family member's

unsettling experience could create more problems if it's not handled with care and love. And who's the best one to offer all that? You, of course.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It might not be the right time for you to start a new venture. But it's a good time to start gathering facts and figures so you'll be set when the GO! sign lights up.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The sagacious Sagittarius should have no trouble deciding between those who can and those who cannot be trusted to carry out a workplace commitment.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Surprise, surprise. It looks as if that one person you once thought you could never hope to win over to your side suddenly just might choose to join you.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might have to set aside your pride for now and accept a change that isn't to your advantage. Cheer up. There'll be time later to turn this around in your favor.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your creative self emerges as dominant through midmonth. This should help you restart that writing or arts project you've left on the shelf for far too long.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of encouraging others by example to come out from the shadows and enjoy life to the fullest.

CROSSWORD

(Answers on previous page)

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**ACROSS**  
1 Humpty's perch  
5 Applaud  
12 Others (Lat.)  
13 Mrs. McKinley  
14 Helper  
15 Dracula's ilk  
17 Nasty  
18 Before  
19 Fellows  
20 Reject disdainfully  
21 Quid pro —  
22 3, on the phone  
23 Counterfeit  
26 Spoke highly of  
30 Met melody  
31 Bliss  
32 Italy's capital  
33 "Oh, what a — web we

weave ..."  
35 Underneath  
36 Wrestling surface  
37 Storefront sign abbr.  
38 DJ's creation  
41 Twosome  
42 Ostrich's cousin  
45 Tresses  
46 Shortcircuits the ignition  
48 Slave to crosswords?  
49 Joan of —  
50 Workbench attachment  
51 Nays' opponents  
52 — jongg  
53 12 months  
**DOWN**  
1 Greet silently

2 Winged  
3 Key — pie  
4 Once around the track  
5 Migratory songbird  
6 Biblical garden  
7 Petrol  
8 S'mores are often cooked over them  
9 Stead  
10 Jewish month  
11 Teller's partner  
16 Don of radio fame  
20 Vast expanse  
21 Marshes  
22 Parched  
23 Cudgel  
24 Man-mouse link  
25 Martini ingredient

26 Spacecraft compartment  
27 Scale member  
28 Comedian  
Philips  
29 Morning moisture  
31 Lustrous black  
34 Remiss  
35 Forehead  
37 Starsky's pal  
38 Perlman of "Cheers"  
39 Simple  
40 Gold digger's place?  
41 Nickelodeon's explorer  
42 Great Lake  
43 Arizona city  
44 Addict  
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47 Wall climber







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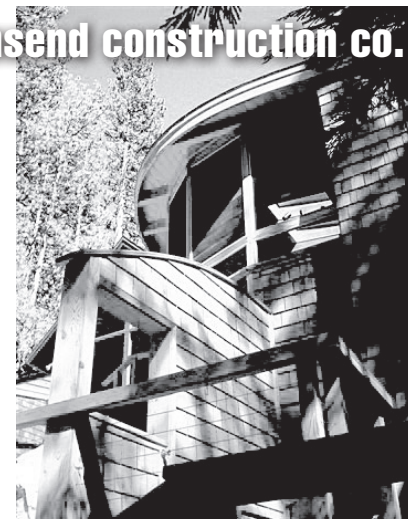
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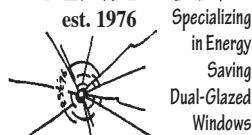
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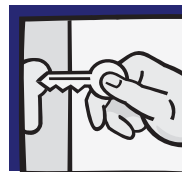
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With the Town Crier on Tuesday, July 16, the new Idyllwild mayor was in Cincinnati visiting his owner's aunt, **Shirley Duff** (left). His owners, **Phyllis Mueller** (center) and **Glenn Warren** (right) left Friday, July 12, to pick up one puppy in Aguanga, and the other two in Ohio. Puppies, from left, are **Mitzi Marie Mueller**, **Mikey Mighty-Dog Mueller** and the new mayor, **Maximus Mighty-Dog Mueller II**.  
 PHOTO COURTESY OF GLENN WARREN



The Lady of the Rockies overlooking Butte, Mont., along with **Dave, Janet and Jack Kunkle**, are looking for the Town Crier to bring them back to Idyllwild on Monday, July 15. Jack and Janet, who live in Pine Cove, are visiting their son Dave who lives in Helena, Mont.



A large crowd gathered at Cafe Aroma Monday night to hear **Bill Saitta, Paul Carman and Don Reed** perform and celebrate returning home.  
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By MIMI AND HOOTCH

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Found: a small female husky-mix. Call ARF to identify at 951-659-1122.

Reunited this week to their very worried owners were **Roxie**, the corgi-mix, and **Max**, the Chihuahua.

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### 25 years ago - 1988

Hot and dry weather conditions led Forest Service officials to close about 55,000 acres of public federal lands south and west

of Idyllwild.

### 20 years ago - 1993

Idyllwild Fire Protection District's proposed \$897,184 budget was unanimously approved after a public hearing.

### 15 years ago - 1998

Idyllwild Arts Academy was evacuated while firefighters from three agencies fought a vegetation fire on campus. The fire was located beside a hiking trail up from Pierson Dorm.

### 10 years ago - 2003

The Fern Valley Water District Board of Directors made plans to adopt a four-stage water conservation plan and to raise water rates for the first time in 12 years.

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Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday July 15, to Monday, July 22:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

- July 15 — Forest, woods or wildland fire.
- July 15 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 16 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 17 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 18 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 18 — False alarm or false call, Idyllwild.
- July 22 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Logs unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Logs unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Logs unavailable.

CHP log

Logs unavailable.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet

Station responded to the following calls from Sunday, July 14, to Saturday, July 20. This may not be a complete list of responses:

- July 14 — Battery, 56000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Report taken.
- July 14 — Suicide threat, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Alarm call, 26000 block of Estate Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Suspicious person, address undefined, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Grand theft, 49000 block of Dove, Anza. Unfounded.
- July 14 — Animal abuse, 54000 block of Village Center Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Danger to self/others, 39000 block of Terwilliger Rd., Anza. Report taken.
- July 14 — Suspicious circumstance, 53000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Missing person, address undefined, Sage. Unfounded.
- July 14 — Vandalism, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Arrest made.
- July 15 — Assist other department, 39000 block of Homestead Hills Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Check the welfare, 43000 block of N. Golden

- Hills Dr., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Shots fired, 44000 block of Thunder Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Suspicious person, 34000 block of Benton Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Assist other department, 29000 block of Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- July 15 — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Check the welfare, 42000 block of Melton Dr., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Fraud, 44000 block of Norma Ln., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Public disturbance, 59000 block of Reynolds Wy., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Suspicious circumstance, 53000 block of Idyllbrook Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Missing person, 58000 block of Apple Canyon Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — 911 call, 28000 block of Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Assist other department, 56000 block of Hwy. 74, San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Barking dog, 43000 block of E. Benton Rd.,



The Mountain Fire erupted on Wednesday afternoon prompting an evacuation order. The actual fire was several miles from Tahquitz Rock in this photo.

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- Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Public assist, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Public assist, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Unattended death, address withheld, Pine Cove. Report taken.
- July 16 — Shots fired, 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Assist other department, 43000 block of Powerline Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Public intoxication, 56000 block of Cahuilla Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

- July 17 — 911 call from business, 35000 block of Sage Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — 911 call from business, 35000 block of Sage Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — 911 call, 31000 block of Red Mountain Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Report taken.
- July 17 — Fraud, 50000 block of Bradford Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

- July 17 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Check the welfare, 43000 block of N. Golden Hills, Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Suicide threat, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Public disturbance, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 7/18	Friday 7/19	Saturday 7/20	Sunday 7/21	Monday 7/22
91/59 Sunny	92/59 Sunny.	91/58 Sunny.	90/56 Sunny.	86/55 Sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
7-16	84	55			79	50		
7-17	87	49			75	48		
7-18	83	55			84	49		
7-19	88	60			84	57		
7-20	na	na			84	59		
7-21	na	na			86	62		
7-22	73	56			87	63		

Moisture in inches					Snow in inches			
To date this season (Idy): 0.01					To date this season (Idy): 0.00			
To date last season (Idy): 0.00					To date last season (Idy): 0.00			
Total last season (Idy): 14.02					Total last season (Idy): 42.8			
To date this season (PC): 0.45					To date this season (PC): 0.00			
Total last season (PC): 19.94					Total last season (PC): 44.75			

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.

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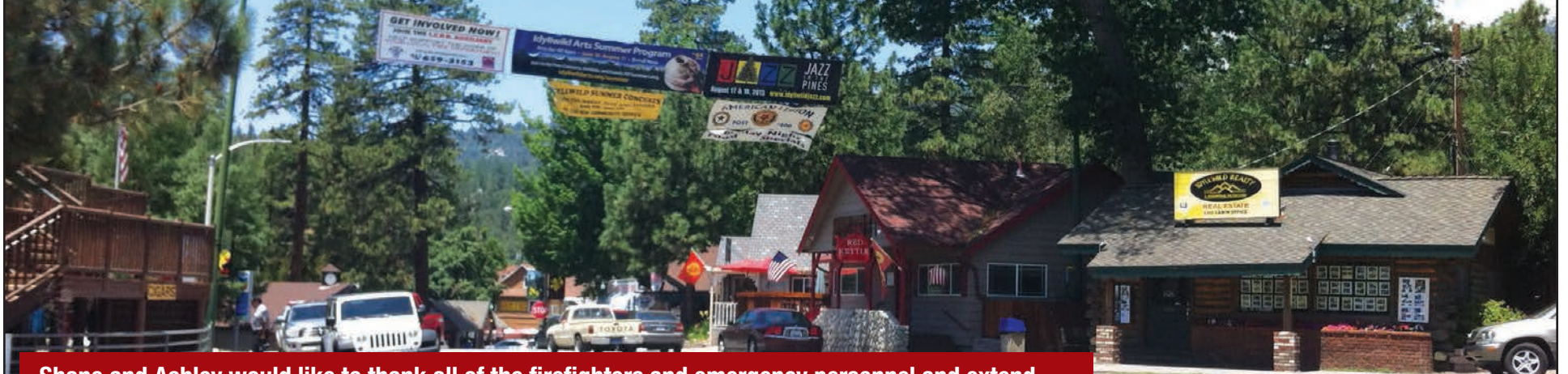
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Below, **John Lane** from the Planning section of the Mountain Fire Incident Command Team, briefs field staff on the evening priorities and mission Thursday night, July 18. At right, national television media stormed the Hill after mandatory evacuations were announced Wednesday. Here they are set up to broadcast the Incident Command Team's Thursday afternoon press conference.

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# Fire burns the Hill; firefighters repel threat

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The Mountain Fire is the second largest fire in California this year, only the Powerhouse Fire in the Angeles National Forest measuring 30,200 acres was bigger, by about 10 percent. The third largest was the Chariot Fire in the Cleveland National Forest at 7,000 acres.

Monday, July 15, began sunny and hot with clear skies. By early afternoon, the Mountain Fire, which began on private property on the west side of Highway 243, quickly jumped to the east side of the highway.

The rest of the week brought hot, smoky skies and fear as the fire meandered its way through Apple Canyon and into Garner Valley and eventually into the San Jacinto Wilderness, approaching San Jacinto Peak.

Before nearly 3,500 firefighters subdued the fire, it has burned more than 27,000 acres, including portions of the Pacific Crest Trail, razed homes in the Bonita Vista and Pine Springs Ranch neighborhoods, caused Idyllwild and Fern Valley residents to evacuate and nearly emptied Pine Cove, too.

While rainfall Sunday morning and afternoon helped with containment, firefighters had muscled the blaze away from Idyllwild and were already making significant efforts before the precipitation fell.

"The morning rain brought about an inch to 1-1/2 inches to the east side of San Jacinto Peak," reported Incident Commander Jeanne Pincha-Tulley. "This storm [in mid-afternoon] is more widespread; rain is falling all over the fire area."

Pincha-Tulley described the rain as "... our version of aerial delivery of water."

"The weather allowed us to attack the fire," said Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins. "It knocked down the flames. The benefit of the rain not only helped put the fire out but allowed us to end the evacuation."

Idyllwild residents began returning home Sunday afternoon.

## Monday and Tuesday

The Mountain Fire began burning near Highway 243. The Fire jumped Highway 243 and began blazing through the U.S. Forest Service's Keenwild Guard Station heading east.

Flames and smoke could be seen just below the agency's helicopter site and along the road at the front of the station.

Local fire officials quickly established a unified Incident Command, led by Forest Service Chief Dan Felix of the San Jacinto Ranger District, and Riverside County Division Chief David Fulcher.

By late Monday afternoon, the fire was entrenched in Apple Canyon. Residents there were evacuated. The fire eventually burned through Apple Canyon and destroyed three homes and three mobile homes in the Bonita Vista neighborhood and a commercial building, a workshop, a garage and a cabin at Pine Springs Ranch.

By evening, a decision was made to request a Type 1 Incident Management Team. Team members began arriving Tuesday evening.

By noon Tuesday, the fire had consumed nearly 8,000 acres and more than 700 firefighters were already on site.

Other than the Apple Canyon area, no other evacuations had been ordered, but that would quickly change Wednesday afternoon.

## Wednesday

The morning of the Mountain Fire's third day began calmly. Planes, including DC10s, were dropping retardant in Garner Valley and helicopters were dipping water out of Lake Hemet. The fire had flanked and moved north into the wilderness above Idyllwild and south into Palm Canyon.

But suddenly around 1 p.m., a plume of smoke began to build in the San Jacinto Wilderness and spread in all directions — imitating a nuclear explosion. This event heightened fire official concerns and rumors of an evacuation began to circulate.

About 4 p.m., the Trails End community at the very top of Morris Ranch Road in Garner Valley was placed under an immediate evacuation notice. Hemet and Hamilton high schools were offered as evacuation centers.

In less than hour, an immediate evacuation of Idyllwild and Fern Valley was ordered. The next day, Riverside County Sheriff's Capt. Scot Collins reported that compliance approached nearly 95 percent.

The initial order targeted Idyllwild east of Highway 243, but that was quickly extended to the entire town.

## Thursday

The Mountain Fire was creeping north along the Pacific Crest Trail and east of there. Fire officials recognized the threat to the town developing and declared, "Today's priority is to keep [the Mountain Fire] out of Idyllwild."

They promised "to paint the Mountain red." Air tankers, nearly a dozen, dropped thousands of gallons of fire retardant from the Wellman Divide and Strawberry Cienega areas over Saddle Junction and down the South Ridge.

"The most active parts of the fire are near Red Tahquitz Peak above the community of Idyllwild and near the community of Trails End to the south. These two areas will be the focus of today's firefighting activities as both air and ground crews work to slow the rate of spread of the fire," said John Miller, Forest Service public information officer.

For weeks, California and Riverside County fire officials had consistently warned residents that fires this early in the fire season were behaving as if it were late September or October. The lack of rainfall, not just this winter and spring, but the sparse moisture last year have created very volatile conditions — stronger and much more unpredictable fires.

"If it were any other year, we probably wouldn't have had to do this," said Norm Walker, Idyllwild resident, retired fire chief of the San Jacinto Ranger District and a member of the Incident Command Team.

Officials were concerned that drifting embers could move the fire too quickly and an evacuation could jam the roads when emergency vehicles needed to be moving into town.

That afternoon, fire team officials held a press conference

## Fire statistics

Day	Size (acres)	Firefighters
Monday 2:30 p.m.	30	Unknown
Monday 3:30 p.m.	50	uk
Monday 4:30 p.m.	150	uk
Monday 5 p.m.	235	323
Monday 8 p.m.	1,000	uk
Tuesday 7 a.m.	4,700	600
Tuesday 11 a.m.	8,000	1,736
Tuesday, 7 p.m.	9,000	2,241
Wednesday, 6:45 a.m.	14,200	2,210
Wednesday, 7 p.m.	19,400	2,985
Thursday, 6:45 a.m.	22,800	2,985
Thursday, 7 p.m.	22,800	3,316
Friday, 7 a.m.	24,818	3,316
Friday, 6 p.m.	27,179	3,478
Saturday 7:30 a.m.	27,278	3,478
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	27,245	2,678
Sunday, 6 p.m.	27,279	1,861
Monday, 11 a.m.	27,265	1,861
Monday, 7 p.m.	27,332	1,146

in Idyllwild. By then the Mountain Fire was the number one priority in the nation, Incident Commander Jeanne Pincha-Tulley told the assembled media corps.

Fire team officials remained concerned about the fire's expansion and the possibility of embers thrown into unburned areas as well as the residential and business neighborhoods.

Exacerbating fire officials' concerns was the forecast of monsoonal weather that weekend. "There's no guarantee of rain, and it could bring winds and lightning," she said.

The existence of fire plans, including evacuation plans that the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce had prepared over the past several years, was credited with the overall success of the previous day's evacuation. Their existence saved much time, according to Pincha-Tulley,

"They paid for themselves over," declared Walker.

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We're still here ...



1:45 p.m. Monday, July 15, a Mountain Center fire report to San Bernardino National Forest dispatch came over the scanner. I remember the description as rapidly moving.

On deadline for the July 18 paper, I walked into J.P.'s office and relayed what I had just heard. Strapped to our computers typing like mad, neither of us thought we should leave. Firefighters would have it out soon. But the inconsiderate and hostile fire disrespected deadlines. Within the hour it became a serious threat and J.P. abandoned his desk to cover it.

From then until even now, mine, Jack and J.P.'s lives are so blurred we forget what day it is.

After the staff evacuated Wednesday night, only J.P. stayed behind to cover the fire. Jack and I live outside the evacuation areas so we were able to get through the road closures each morning like other media. We kept the office open. Jack and I took turns answering phones and calming fears.

The town was near empty so mostly visitors and locals called. Walk-in total sales were \$7.50 Friday and \$.75 Saturday.

From then until even today, J.P. paused writing only to cover early morning and nightly press conferences to post updates online. He hopes he never has to write the two words Mountain Fire again.

Jenny lived in her fire clothes taking awesome photos. I kept pace posting updates as well as editing as much as possible through the ever-changing situation and incorrect information circulating. Most of that came from online sources so we talked a lot to fire and law enforcement personnel.

Facebook became a full-time job as "friends" seemed to grow as rapidly as the fire. I failed to read every comment. We couldn't possibly realize what impact the posts had.

In the midst of it all, we still have a paper to get out and yet, since Sunday when the gates were raised, I have hugged and cried with more people about what our breaking news meant to them. We are still here.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

## READERS WRITE

Hats off to the TC

EDITOR:

Our deepest appreciation goes to the Idyllwild Town Crier — and especially to News Editor J.P. Crumrine — for your coverage of the Idyllwild Fire.

The Town Crier's coverage, in our opinion, was more in-depth and informative to the residents of Idyllwild than any other news source. The photos and maps by J.P. and staff gave us a clear view of the fire's progress and of the devastating damage to our surrounding forest and to many structures in the area.

We checked the Town Crier website morning, noon and night as our primary fire information source in the event we decided to evacuate. It appeared that J.P. got very little rest during his up-to-the-minute coverage of the fire. Our hats go off to him and his supporting staff.

LARRY BAKER  
 AND SANDY WEBER  
 IDYLLWILD

Advice to evacuees

EDITOR:

For all of the locals who evacuated, I know that it is a hard thing to do, leaving the comfort of home and community, not knowing if your home will be there when you return — the anxiety, the stress of being off the Hill.

Now that you have gone through the experience, you may say I won't go next time we evacuate, but as one who stayed, I have to give you some facts.

1. There were tons of fire equipment on our little streets and no room for our cars to be in their way.

2. Most all businesses were closed after the first day of evacuation.

3. When the plumes of smoke shifted and came over the town, the ash and burnt embers, the size of a quarter at times, dropping on the dry ground everywhere let you know what they mean by spot fires.

4. The third day in the morning, the smoke laid down in the valley of Idyllwild. It was thick and extremely hard to breathe (dangerous to your health).

So I would think twice about staying next time. It is better to be safe and stressed than unsafe and stressed. What will be will be and you can't change it.

ED REED  
 IDYLLWILD

Documenting the Mountain Fire

EDITOR:

The Mountain Fire will go down as one of the most consequential events in Idyllwild's history, and we at the Idyllwild Area Historical Society hope to document as complete a record of it as we can. As part of our effort we invite all local residents to share your experience of the event, whether you evacuated or remained on the Hill.

We can best preserve written accounts and photographs. For example, tell what you saw and did, what you thought and how you felt about it, how you prepared, what you considered most important to take with you off the Hill. Send your contribution to this special Mountain Fire collection to P.O. Box 3320 or info@idyllwildhistory.org.

The Hill community will treasure your account for generations to come.

BOB SMITH  
 IDYLLWILD

Grateful for the TC alert

EDITOR:

I was just lying around today and thinking about going up the hill (from Palm Springs to Pine Cove) when a message came across my laptop regarding the fire.

I was so appreciative and will wait a day or two to make the journey so I am not in anyone's way.

I am grateful to the Town Crier.

TIM WICKWIRE  
 PALM SPRINGS

### Thought for the Day

"No sacrifice is worth the name unless it is a joy. Sacrifice and a long face go ill together."

— Mahatma Gandhi

## Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



## Cancellations because of the fire

The July 25 meeting of the Idyllwild Historical Preservation District Local Review Board meeting is cancelled and the next meeting is Aug. 22 at the Idyllwild Library.

The ISIS production of "Red," scheduled for the week-ends of July 26 and Aug. 2, has been cancelled.

### Town Crier project progresses

The Idyllwild Area Historical Society's effort to make old issues of the Idyllwild Town Crier available online in a searchable format for personal historical research is moving along. All issues from 1949 through 1953 have now been beautifully scanned by NewsBank Inc., thanks to a grant from the Idyllwild Community Fund and gifts from the Town Crier and Rotary Anns.

IAHS has been testing the search engine and piloting a few small research projects to assess the value of this unique resource. The first impression is extremely positive.

IAHS needs help in two ways:

1. If you have a question for which these early papers might hold an answer, contact Bob Smith as soon as possible at info@idyllwildhistory.org or 951-659-2717.

2. Anyone who has old copies of the Town Crier from 1946 to 1948, from 1957 to 1959, or from 1964 and beyond, let Smith know. IAHS needs to borrow them in order to continue the project.

### 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.

Exceptions: Anonymous letters will not be accepted. Letters of thanks are not accepted. A special advertising rate is available for thank-you letters. Political letters cost 10 cents per word.

We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission. Only one letter per author within a 28-day period. Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff. Letters may be submitted in person, by mail, by fax (659-2071) or by e-mail (Becky@towncrier.com).



## LOLA'S KITCHEN

BY DOLORES SIZER

### Where to start ...

I decided to write this column before the Mountain Fire mandatory evacuation was lifted.

Needless to mention, starting Monday, July 15, the residents of Idyllwild have been through hell.

The fact is, my mind and heart were filled with turmoil, but I was not alone. All residents of Idyllwild scattered throughout Southern California and those who stayed were feeling the same way.

I stayed with friends Julie and Jim Kehl in La Quinta. Fortunately, they have a well-stocked bar and plenty of good wine. Thank you, my good, good friends.

Keeping in touch with the Town Crier staff was crucial for me, every two hours or so logging on to idyllwild-towncrier.com and watching for fire updates.

Back to the fire. This was not my first experience with a mountain fire. In 1996, the Bee Canyon Fire took its toll on Idyllwild minds. Evacuation was mandatory. All of the Town Crier staff managed to get back in time to put out a publication for the upcoming week.

Fires of this size have a way of getting into your soul, leaving residents lamenting about their suddenly uncertain future. "What next?" keeps going through my head.

With all said, I have my pets and I am healthy. All the belongings I left behind are just things and things can be replaced.

Idyllwild residents are resilient. We did it before and we can do it again. When we got back home, we hugged each other hello then got to work rebuilding our resort town's reputation.

Is Idyllwild a great little town or what?

Thank you, all firefighters and everyone involved, directly or indirectly, with putting out this fire monster. My heart is with each and every one of you.

No recipe in this column, just my heartfelt thanks.

Next column, how about Oven-Fried Chicken by the Bucket? Will try it out on Town Crier Staff first.

Love, from Lola's Kitchen.

Contact Lola at [dolores.sizer@gmail.com](mailto:dolores.sizer@gmail.com). She also handles the front desk at the Town Crier.



## SPEAKING FOR THE ANIMALS

SHELA BOYNTON, IDYLLWILD

*Editor's note: This column was submitted after the Mountain Fire began but before evacuation orders were implemented.*



### Ready, Set, Go! ...

If we weren't paying attention before, we are now.

You're ready to evacuate your family in case of a disaster on our mountain; you've got supplies to get through a week or two if we are isolated here. The animals that count on you for their survival are part of your family, too, and need to be considered in whatever plans you make.

Idyllwild resident Janice Fast, who has experienced emergency situations on the Hill, says it very concisely: "Don't have more animals than you can evacuate."

Make a plan that includes your pets. Make arrangements with someone who can get to your pets if you can't. Notify that person every time you leave the Hill.

Another positive action you can take right now to protect your animals is to get them microchipped. Gates and doors get left open in the confusion of a disaster. Traumatized dogs and cats tend to flee, even those who normally wouldn't leave their territories.

Help rescuers return lost animals to you quickly by chipping and registering your contact information. Don't wait for the next emergency.

Should you lose your pet, ARF's Search and Rescue Team, headed by Robert Hewitt, will be doing its best to find lost animals as conditions permit. Call 951-663-6642. Please keep this number with your emergency contacts.

Put together a first-aid kit for animals. A complete list can be found on ARF's website — [www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com](http://www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com) under "Disaster Preparedness for You and Your Pets."

This website also has a description of items that should be included in your pet's Grab and Go Box. Although these lists are fairly inclusive, please use them as guidelines to help you prepare. Check with your vet for emergency supplies to include in a kit, such as antibiotics, anti-anxiety medication, and any other prescription medication your pet needs.

If you evacuate, a number of motels in the Hemet and Banning areas accept animals. These, as well as boarding facilities, are listed on ARF's website. If you don't have access to a computer, email me for a copy of whatever information you need.

If you truly must leave pets behind as a last resort, tape a sign to your front door describing any animals you have left in the house so that Riverside Emergency Animal Rescue Services (REARS) or others can try to save or care for them. Call the REARS hotline at 951-358-7387.

Please don't think firefighters, sheriff's deputies or ARF volunteers will have the time or resources to rescue our animals. It's our responsibility as pet guardians to be prepared to safeguard their well-being.

Questions for the animals can be sent to Shela Boynton at [shelab@greencafe.com](mailto:shelab@greencafe.com).

## SCIENCE & REALITY TODAY

HECTOR TRUJILLO, SAN DIEGO

### The language of nature: We are all connected ...

As I remained glued to the Internet following every update posted regarding this immense wildfire that has altered not just the landscape but also the lives of so many, it is easy for me to become depressed.

Everyone deals with tragedy and hardship differently, but have you ever wondered where this sense of angst or sadness comes from in the first place?

If you had a chance to read my last column where I interviewed theoretical physicist Sean Carroll, one of the questions you did not see (probably because I went over my word count) was about the nature of reality. As he explained it, a big secret has been kept from most of us: The universe is made of fields, not particles.

Wait, what? Yes, all those physics textbooks that highlighted the separateness of everything from everything else, whether it be something small like an atom or a molecule to something the size of humans, planets and galaxies, are incomplete because separateness is a mere trick of the senses.

Our evolutionary biology, and the survival instinct that comes with it, demands that we feel separate from everything else. I mean, just imagine if our caveman ancestor had thought he was united as one with that saber-toothed tiger across the prairie and instead of running he went to give him a hug. Ouch.

The anxiety moments of uncertainty, such as the one currently being endured by so many, is, therefore, very powerful, but one must never forget it was temporary — although several days must feel like an eternity if you are one of the many brave firefighters fighting the blaze or one of their family members.

Even our very sense of self that we cling to as unique and separate, along with our consciousness, is one of the countless ways these fields manifest themselves in our everyday lives. From the acts of bravery by those exposing their lives to extinguish these flames, the acts of compassion and empathy of those opening their homes to complete strangers, to the tress and animals that have already met their physical death, they are all part of something science is beginning to unravel, but that ancient Buddhist and Taoist traditions have always believed yet could never prove.

A deep connection exists within the fabric of nature that we will never be able to measure, because the mere act of measuring alters it — that we will never be able to touch, taste, smell, hear or see because this would require our very senses to be disconnected from the true essence we are trying to give a number or label to.

Time and space itself are the inevitable consequence of this fundamental layer of reality that you and I are tied to for better or worse. As Einstein put it, "Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one."

Therefore, in moments like these, we need not feel alone or isolated, but rather involved in an adventure that we are lucky not to know where it may lead, but know for certain we always have company.



### Art Fair coming to Idyllwild

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild is starting the Second Saturday Art Fair beginning Aug. 10 at the Idyllwild Community Center site. Coordinator Scott Finnell said if it's successful, the event will run from May to October of each year.

Finnell, a glass artist, said AAI artists are organizing the event. He said the goals is not to take anything away from the galleries but to "give artists a venue to sell their wares and encourage visitors and tourists to come to Idyllwild. Hopefully, this can turn into a big thing."

Only original artwork is allowed at the outdoor event. At some point it will become a juried show. Cost is \$10 for AAI members and \$20 for non-members for a 10-foot-by-10-foot space. For more information, email Finnell at [scott@finnellglassworks.com](mailto:scott@finnellglassworks.com).

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### Idyllwild Water Department's meeting has been rescheduled to this Wednesday, July 24th, at 6 p.m.

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Office: (951) 659-2143  
Fax: (951) 659-9990  
[terry@idyllwildwater.com](mailto:terry@idyllwildwater.com)



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 14.

- WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**
- 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.
  - Pain Without Meds Group, 10 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
  - 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.
  - Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Highway 243.
  - Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- THURSDAY, JULY 25**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Drive.
  - Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.
  - Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Avenue. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.
  - Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
  - Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
- FRIDAY, JULY 26**
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at 760-445-6325 or email jennyl-eeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Drive.
  - County Supervisor Jeff Stone, noon-3 p.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Drive. Call 866-383-2203 for appointment.
  - Feeding America, 3 p.m. Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center. Distribution at the former Morning Sky School on Highway 243.
  - Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. Barbecue 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Highway 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 951-659-0097 for information.
- SATURDAY, JULY 27**
- Building Positive Relationships, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Amore Retreats. Call 951-659-5458 for location.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; 7:30 p.m., Spiritual Living Cen-

- ter, 26120 Ridgeview Drive.
- SUNDAY, JULY 28**
- 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.-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 Highway 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 Drive (the Courtyard Building).
  - Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
- MONDAY, JULY 29**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Drive.
  - Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Drive.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.
  - Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.
  - Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation, 7-8:30 p.m., the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.
  - Achieving Prosperity and Abundance, 7 p.m. Amore Re-

- treats. Call 951-659-5458 for location.
- TUESDAY, JULY 30**
- Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting and Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
  - Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Highway 243, Mountain Center. Call 951-659-0097 for information.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**
- 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. Newspaper office, 54425 N. Circle Dr.
  - Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
  - Pain Without Meds Group, 10 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
  - Lemon Lily Festival planning session, 10 a.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, Hwy 243.
  - 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.
- ICRC Book Club, 7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Avenue.
  - Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
  - Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tues-

- day-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
  - Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday; noon-8 p.m. Tuesday; noon-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 2000.
  - Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.
  - Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### Churches and Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

**Chapel in the Pines Christian Fellowship**  
Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer.  
Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School, 10am plus Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097, 659-2038.  
International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild First 3 Tuesdays., 5-7pm  
659-5255 • On Hwy 243 in Mountain Center.

**Christian Science Church**  
25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11a.m.-Noon.

**Community Presbyterian Church**  
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 • Rev. Richard Olson  
Sunday Worship – 9:30 a.m.  
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship – Child care available  
• Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

**Idyllwild Bible Church**  
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott.  
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship.  
**Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.**  
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups.  
Hymn Singing 6:30 p.m. 2nd Sunday  
Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

**Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church**  
54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA  
Father Charles E. Miller  
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.;  
Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.;  
Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

**Shiloh Christian Ministries**  
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54960 Upper Pine Crest  
Pastor Kristeen Bandelin 659-2416  
Sunday Worship 10 am - Thurs.  
Bible Study 7 pm

**Spiritual Living Center**  
Idyllwild Religious Science  
26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building) 659-3464.  
Dr. Betty Jandl. Classes available - contact Church;  
Sunday service, 10:00 a.m. Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.;  
Meditation, 9:00 a.m. Sundays.

**Yokoji Zen Mountain Center**  
58900 Apple Canyon Rd., Mtn. Center, CA 92561  
Zen Buddhist Retreat and Practice Center  
Sunday Program 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Morning and evening Zen Meditation: Wed.-Sun.  
Practice here is open to all, regardless of prior experience.  
Please call 951-659-5272 or visit <http://zmc.org> for more info.

### Lodging Directory of Idyllwild

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<p><b>Alhatti Private Christian Resort</b> <i>A private Christian setting • Lodging, Weddings, Conferences</i> 23551 Hwy. 243 • (951) 659-2066 • <a href="http://www.alhatti.com">www.alhatti.com</a></p>	<p><b>The Bluebird Cottage Inn</b> <i>on 3 ac. • <a href="http://www.thebluebirdcottageinn.com">www.thebluebirdcottageinn.com</a> • Dogs welcome</i> 26905 Hwy. 243 • (951) 659-2696</p>

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**July 17** — Public assist, 24000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — 911 hang up from cell phone, 24000 block of Rocky Point Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Check the welfare, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Check the welfare, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public disturbance, address undefined, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public assist, 24000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Area check, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public assist, 54000 block of Live Oak St., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Follow up, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Check the welfare, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public assist, 23000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine

Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Danger to self/other, address undefined, Anza. Report taken.

**July 18** — Unknown trouble, 56000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Assist other department, 53000 block of Marian View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Public assist, 25000 block of Fern Valley Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 44000 block of Oak Glen Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 25000 block of Scenic Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Civil dispute, 16000 block of Valley Hi Dr., Twin Pines. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Suspicious person, 44000 block of Taffle

Ranch Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Noise complaint, address undefined, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 54000 block of Rockdale Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Area check, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Fraud, 42000 block of Melton Dr., Sage. Report taken.

**July 19** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Check the welfare, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Lost property, 65000 block of Hwy. 74, Santa Rosa Indian Reservation. Report taken.

**July 19** — Public assist, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Danger to self/other, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Vehicle theft, address undefined, Anza. Unfounded.

**July 19** — Assist other department, address undefined, San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Shots fired, address undefined, Sage. Report taken.

**July 19** — Check the welfare, address undefined, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Suicide threat, address withheld, Anza. Unfounded.

**July 19** — Vehicle theft, 50000 block of Bradford Rd., Anza. Report taken.

**July 19** — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Alarm call, 53000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Runaway child, 49000 block of Twin Pines Road, San Bernardino National Forest. Arrest made.

**July 20** — Area check, 52000 block of Temecula Dr., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Alarm call, 30000 block of Red Mountain Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Narcotics, 25000 block of Cedar St., Idyllwild. Arrest made.

**July 20** — Suspicious circumstance, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Suspicious person, 25000 block of Skyline Wy., Pine Cove. Handled by

deputy.

**July 20** — Public assist, 53000 block of Marian View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Follow up, address withheld, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — 911 call, 41000 block of Gassner Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Suspicious person, 29000 block of Wrightwood Dr., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Suspicious circumstance, 25000 block of Scenic Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Shots fired, 40000 block of Pocket Canyon Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

## Help with new health options

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$21,931,657 in grant awards to 129 California health centers operating 1,221 sites to enroll the uninsured in new health coverage options the Affordable Care Act made available.

In California, health centers served 3,261,720 patients last year, 42 percent of whom were uninsured. With these funds, the awardees expect to hire 411 more workers to assist 575,863 Californians with enrollment into affordable health insurance coverage.

Across the nation, 1,159 health centers will receive \$150 million in grant awards.

"This investment will give California neighborhoods and towns one more resource to help people understand their insurance options and enroll in affordable coverage," HHS Secretary Sebelius said.

The new, consumer-focused coveredca.com and HealthCare.gov websites, and the 24-hour-a-day consumer call center are available to help Californians prepare for open enrollment and ultimately sign up for health coverage. These new tools will help Californians understand their coverage options and select the plan that best suits their needs when open enrollment in Covered California begins Oct. 1, 2013.

To learn more about the Affordable Care Act, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov). To learn more about HRSA's Health Center Program, visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/index.html>.

# Living Free

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To the brave and steadfast Firefighters who battled the fire to protect Living Free as the flames approached our sanctuary.

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ARF, Idyllwild businesses, and residents for their quick response and efforts to assist in our time of need.

Our fellow rescue organizations, volunteers, and supporters for their willingness to help when we needed them the most.



# Mountain Fire created a temporary 'city'

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Although the town of Idyllwild, several thousand people, had been evacuated, a mobile city of about 3,500 people was quickly constructed in Garner Valley.

Mountain Fire city is a company town — nearly 3,300 firefighting professionals. With that many people, where do they work, eat and sleep?

The company business is to contain and eventually control a 25,000-acre wildland fire. The Mountain Fire is not burning in timberland criss-crossed with access roads. This fire chose to birth itself in steep terrain — wilderness that rises from 5,000 to 9,000 feet in an extremely dry summer.

While crews were building fire lines, back at camp a kitchen crew of several trucks was preparing to feed 3,000 residents. As Tom Efrd, Incident team PIO, said, "There's only one restaurant in town."

Hundreds of sinks, showers and laundry facilities — with 24-hour service — had to be brought to the site as well. During morning and evening briefings, the safety message included a warning to be sure to wash in order to avoid "camp crud."

Water had to be plentiful, not just for cleanliness. Once on the job site, firefighters can take a coffee break and drive back to town. Before each shift they have to load the vehicles with cases of water to ensure against dehydration on the job.

Mountain Fire city is comparable to a small town. It

has its own medical staff, who speak during the briefings, and human resources and local communication (radios) staff as well. The city also has a post office, courtesy of Lake Hemet Market.

In addition, the team has biological, botanical and archeological resource experts. These people try to assure protection of those assets during the fire protection activities. For example, Friday's forester advised that fire crews not land helicopters in Hidden Lake up in the Mt. San Jacinto Wilderness.

During the briefings, George Broyles, team information officer, provides sports reports such as announcing the

commencement of the national curling championships.

And photocopying services are an important component of the town. At each briefing (two daily), team leaders have a report of the day or night's activity and other special messages. Each report can be 10 to 15 double-sided pages.

Many of the support services, such as cooking, laundry and supplying fuel are provided through contracts with the U.S. Forest Service or CalFire.

Consequently, the population figure of 3,316 underestimated the number of people who came to the Hill's protection.

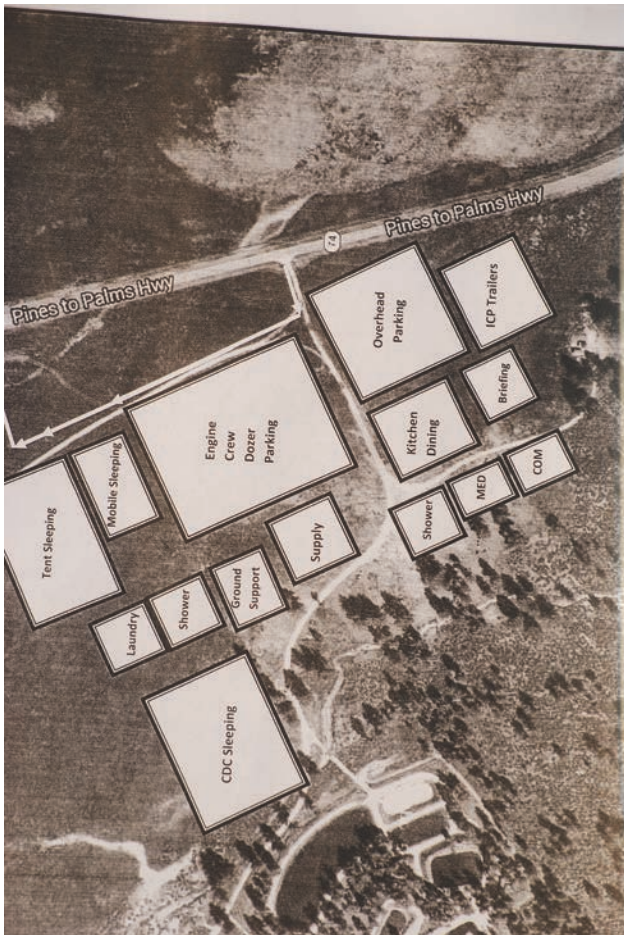
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*At right, firefighters patiently standing in line waiting for breakfast Friday morning.*

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*At lower left, A map of the Incident Command Post and locations of many of the services for team members.*

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COMMAND TEAM



## Strange but true

According to a recent survey of married people in the United States, fully one-quarter of respondents admitted to receiving a traffic ticket and hiding it from their spouse. Nearly that many (24 percent) said they had kept a car accident secret from their husband or wife.

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# Nancy Layton running for IFPD Commission

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

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## TC: Do you believe IFPD has a financial problem?

NL: "There is a financial problem and I would classify it as problem which needs continuous monitoring," Layton said. "Then we can refine and improve the financial picture."

"In a perfect world, there would be access to sufficient resources to meet all the department's needs," Layton said. "That situation does not exist today because the taxpayer base is eroding."

## TC: The commission initiated discussions about the possibility of increasing its special parcel tax. Your opinion.

NL: Layton, who is one of several of the candidates to attend commission meetings, has spoken in support of increasing the parcel fee during these discussions.

"It needs to be raised," she said directly during the interview. "The \$65 per unit should be increased to support the quality of service available to the public through the [Idyllwild] Fire Department."

Layton added that this has been her belief for a number of years.

## TC: What's the higher priority — new equipment (ambulance) or salaries?

NL: "That's a tough question because both have a



Nancy Layton, candidate for the Idyllwild Fire Commission.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

significant need of improvement," Layton stated. Returning firefighter salaries to their level before the 2012 reductions will be one of Layton's goals.

"Chief Reitz is significantly underpaid for the quality of work we're getting," she added.

She is equally concerned about the state of the existing equipment that she said needs repair and maintenance. But she was prepared to identify new equipment until she has had time to review the current situation.

## TC: What's IFPD's mission? Is a long-range plan needed?

NL: Layton was very positive about undertaking a long-range plan for the department. She expects Fire Chief Patrick Reitz to engage

the community in preparing a long-range plan.

"The department's mission is first and foremost readiness to respond to emergencies that fall within its jurisdiction," she said, "readiness to respond to critical issues within the context of adequate staffing and finances."

She wants to ensure that firefighters are available anytime — day or night. "Right now we're running very low in terms of staffing," she opined.

Before concluding, Layton stressed that she intends to see a significant improvement in financial management at the district and has been trying to improve it while serving as financial consultant for the past two years.

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## Strange but true

It's been reported that Napoleon Bonaparte was afraid of cats.

## Composting needs volunteers

The Riverside County Waste Management Department is seeking volunteers to work with the Riverside County Backyard Composting Program. Volunteer master composters attend a training course for four Saturdays, and then donate back a minimum of 40 hours to the program.

Volunteers are needed for staffing Saturday morning workshops, classroom presentations and community group presentations. Learn more about recycling organic resources and get to know others with similar interests.

The training class is from 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Saturdays from Aug. 3 to 24 in Moreno Valley. The department provides books and study materials. Limited seats are available.

For more information and to register for classes, contact Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200 or email [WasteCompRecyc@co.riverside.ca.us](mailto:WasteCompRecyc@co.riverside.ca.us).

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## TC: Do you believe IFPD has a financial problem?

SK: "Yes, obviously," Steve Kunkle replied. "Even in my time [as fire chief from 2005 to February 2010], there was enough discretionary income." However, if an emergency had occurred, Kunkle stressed that the department would have been "pressed to pay the bill."

## TC: The commission initiated discussions about the possibility of increasing its special parcel tax. Your opinion.

SK: Kunkle, as a private citizen now, was not fully committed to raising the parcel fee. But he agrees that the parcel fee alone is a bargain since it is less than the property assessment for the Idyllwild Transfer Station.

"It's easier to get approval [of an increase] when times were good, but it will be a tough road now," he opined.

## TC: What's the higher priority, new equipment (ambulance) or salaries?

SK: While Kunkle has been away from the Idyllwild Fire Department's activities for several years, he recalled that salary and benefit costs consumed a large portion of the budget making it difficult to keep emergency equipment current.

He stressed that salaries were often 80 to 90 percent of the available budget and that was the typical range for most fire departments. It was not disproportionate.

"It wasn't out of line to



Steve Kunkle

Photo courtesy of Steve Kunkle

protect the community," he said. "But you need good working equipment."

## TC: What's IFPD's mission? Is a long-range plan needed?

SK: Kunkle is an advocate for public safety planning. During his tenure as chief, he had a long-range plan drafted. "It used to be called a Master Plan," he noted. "Going out 10 years is good, especially if your financial situation is in flux. Five years is the general guideline."

He related that 85 percent of most fire department work is for emergency medical services. "We need first-response units," he emphasized. Fire and medical emergencies are 24-hour jobs for which the IFPD staff is prepared and cross-trained to handle both missions.

As he finished, Kunkle stressed his support for maintaining local control of the fire mission.

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## Town Crier Photo Contest!

Deadline for entries: 5 p.m., July 31, 2013

Here's your chance for fame, glory, and a free licence plate frame! Enter your best color photographs of the Idyllwild area in the Idyllwild Town Crier's 2014 Wall Calendar Photo Contest. Winning photographs will be published in full color in the new calendar, and winning photographers will get a byline and an Idyllwild license plate frame.



## The Rules

Contest is open to everyone. Submit up to ten 8" x 10" glossy color images. If images are digital, they must be submitted on a CD or DVD, be at least 300 dpi when scaled to 8" x 10" and must be accompanied by high-quality glossy color prints for judging. Include your name, address, phone number, e-mail and location on the back of each print (make sure you use a pen that doesn't smear or bleed onto other prints). Also, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for safe return of your work. **New this year: Limit 3 submissions per person.**

You can drop off your entries at the Town Crier at 54425 North Circle Drive, or mail to Town Crier Photo Contest, P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Sorry, no email submissions.

While the Town Crier will reserve the right to publish the photos and use them in promotional material, photographers will still own the rights to their work. Questions? E-mail: [halie@towncrier.com](mailto:halie@towncrier.com)



# How summer camps were evacuated during fire

BY MICHAEL FOGERTY  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION  
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

At about 5 p.m. Monday, July 15, Hemet Unified School District Director/Safety Officer Lucy Rebuck contacted me regarding the possible need to evacuate 250 children from the Ronald McDonald Camp in the Lake Hemet area.

Six buses were immediately dispatched to the location. The drivers arrived on the scene within an hour-and-a-half and were on standby at the Lake Hemet Market in case they were needed. By 1:30 a.m. no evacuation was needed and the buses returned to the Transportation Facility.

At about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Rebuck again contacted me regarding the need to evacuate the Ronald McDonald camp.

Six buses were again dispatched to the location and arrived in less than an hour. The camp personnel did not immediately want to evacuate and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department was called in to "negotiate" with camp directors.

Eventually, the buses were let in and 250 children were loaded onto the buses and transported to the large parking lot at Hemet High, where Rebuck and I coordinated the transfer of the children from Hemet buses to charter buses to be distributed to different parts of Southern California. Children of varying ages attending this camp have either cancer or some other serious type of illness. Rebuck and I completed the transfer at about 11:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, I began to receive reports that parts of Idyllwild were going to be evacuated. I promptly contacted Buckhorn Camp, Idyllwild Arts, Camp Emerson and AstroCamp to ascertain the number of children at each site. I learned that we were dealing with about 1,000 children and that many were from out of state and from different countries. My staff then began assembling about 50 transportation personnel for possible evacuations.

Rebuck then coordinated a meeting with Maintenance Director Anthony Pipkins and me to plan the logistics to support all of the children. Drivers then began heading to the area, in advance of the evacuation order, to be in position. All the camps, except Emerson, then contacted me stating they were, indeed, under a mandatory evacuation. We were able to get all of our resources where they were needed and placed another six buses at Idyllwild School for any other contingency in the area.

Rebuck and I then coordinated the delivery of more than 875 children on buses to Hemet High School throughout the evening. At the completion of the evacuation, I contacted the camp directors and exchanged information. I offered our services at any time throughout the night and the next few days.

A short time later, AstroCamp contacted me requesting that we transport a group of children to the Ontario air-



*During the Idyllwild evacuation many Idyllwild Arts students and counselors, mostly from out-of-state, could not get home. Fortunately on Saturday, Idyllwild Arts Foundation board members **Jeff Dvorak** and **Michael Slocum** hosted them at a barbecue pool party at their Palm Springs home.*

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port. The bus departed Hemet High at about 12:45 a.m.

On the morning of July 18, Buckhorn Camp contacted me to transport their entire 350 children to a location in Palm Desert. Energy Education Manager Andy McGuire and I coordinated that transportation. They were all delivered to that location by 1 p.m. that day.

Idyllwild Arts had secured hotel rooms in the Palm Desert area were expected to depart later that day. I had offered transportation to the Executive Director. I am waiting to hear whether he will need our services at this time.

I am pleased to report that my staff was dedicated, professional and eager to help. I received numerous accolades from the camp directors of how "wonderful" the drivers were and how grateful they were of our promptness in their time of need.

This was an amazing team effort that also involved

Rebuck's tireless efforts over the last 72 hours. Her ability to coordinate our efforts with the Emergency Operation Center was critical in this endeavor. Pipkins' ability to quickly adapt to the ever-changing situation was incredible.

## Jeep tours now in Idyllwild

Desert Adventures is providing Jeep tours in Idyllwild. Two Jeeps are stationed in Idyllwild for tours on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The two-hour tours depart from Idyllwild Vacation Cabins at 54380 North Circle Drive mornings and afternoons. Tour guides tell about Idyllwild's transition from a small camping area in Strawberry Valley to a renowned culture and arts center, and destination for rock climbing and hiking.

The tour is an off-road experience through the forest in the Pine Cove area to the North Fork of the San Jacinto River, with views of Tahquitz Peak and Suicide Rock. Reservations are required. Call 760-324-5337 for more information.

## Strange but true

Those who study such things say that explorer Christopher Columbus had blond hair.

## No need to boil water

Residents who are customers of Idyllwild and Fern Valley water districts do not need to boil their water following the Mountain Fire.

Both districts treat the water before it enters the distribution system. Further, IWD's water comes from wells, not streams, therefore is free of ash and other debris.

Fern Valley does divert some water, but the stream flows have diminished and is using a higher proportion of well water; but its water supply is treated first.

The only restrictions on water applied to the Apple Canyon, Bonita Vista and Zen Mountain Center areas.

## Strange but true

Pet food is the third most profitable item for supermarkets, following meat and fresh produce.

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# Desert Chamber Orchestra far from high brow

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

"If you're expecting 'long hair' music, nothing could be further from truth," said Christian Chalifour, Desert Chamber Orchestra director.

The orchestra with two soloists, Vanessa Sheldon, harpist, and Lawrence Spector, guitar, will be the next guests at the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series on Thursday, Aug. 1, at the Idyllwild Community Center site.

Demonstrating Chalifour's musical tastes, the performance starts with Kimberly Roberts singing



Conductor  
**Christian Chalifour**



Vocalist  
**Kimberly Roberts**

Katy Perry's "Firework." Chalifour emphasized that the program was selected weeks ago before the Moun-

tain Fire.

Having lived here nearly 10 years ago, he was concerned about the fire's

impact on the series. "I was concerned for Ken [Dahleen, the series producer] because the concerts help fund the series."

Chalifour is the former director of the Coachella Valley Symphony, which has appear several times at the ISCS, including last year with Wayne Abrahams as the maestro and two previous appearances with Chalifour.

The program will include some traditional classical music such as the "Handel Harp Concerto" with Dr. Vanessa Sheldon, and a Vivaldi guitar concerto with Lawrence Spector. Also, Chalifour has planned to perform more

recent compositions such as Henry Mancini's "Baby Elephant Walk," Alan Silva's "The Code" and Chalifour's rendition of the "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Chalifour stressed the performance will have something for everyone's musical tastes.

The Desert Chamber Orchestra with Spector and Sheldon will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

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P.O. Box 1542, Idyllwild, CA 92549-1542

## Free hot dogs this Thursday

Idyllwild Rotary Club members and members of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Auxiliary invite everyone to join them in a casual "Welcome Home" celebration and a free hot dog and beverage at 5 p.m. in the Idyllwild Community Center site just prior to Thursday night's concert.

The hot dog stand will remain open as long as hot dogs are available. Come greet friends and neighbors and experience a joyful evening of community spirit.

Wal-Mart donated the hot dogs to the Idyllwild Fire Department.

This week's concert with Sherry Williams will still begin at 7 p.m. and Marshall Hawkins and Friends will appear at 6:15 p.m.

Unfortunately, the evacuation of Idyllwild as a result of the Mountain Fire's threat caused the cancellation of last week's concert with Idyllwild favorite Yve Evans.

## Grammy winner Schuur to appear at jazz fest

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Next month's Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines will feature many artists who are returning and familiar to the faithful audience. But one voice will make her inaugural visit to the mountain amphitheatre.

Diane Schuur will step onto the Holmes Amphitheatre stage Saturday, Aug. 17, for the first time. Schuur, now living in Palm Desert, is a world-renowned jazz vocalist and pianist. Her mentor was Dinah Washington and Schuur sings jazz tunes from the 1940s and 1950s.

"It's a mixture of standards and some of the tunes I'm know for," Schuur said, describing plans for the jazz fest. This will include "Deedle's Blues." Her nickname is Deedles. But Schuur is known for her beautiful

voice and a wide genre of songs, not just from the Washington era.

Although born blind, she made up for it with perfect pitch and a love for music. She's been singing since she was 9, almost 50 years ago. "I haven't let it stop me from forging ahead in life," she said proudly.

She also sings pop music from the 1960s. Her first song was a country song and she made an album several years ago. Her range is broad. Frank Sinatra and Stan Getz, personal friends, are also important sources for her music. Attention is necessary and enjoyable as she can surprise listeners during a performance.

Schuur just loves singing and sang a verse on the phone during the interview. She has garnered five Grammy nominations and won two Grammy Awards for best female jazz vocal

performance.

Schuur has just returned from another European tour, from England to Latvia, with stops in France, Italy and Switzerland. She has performed in Japan, a bastion of jazz enthusiasts, for decades. She enjoys the traveling and has no favorite venue.

As a long-time Southern California resident currently living in Palm Desert, she was paying close attention to the Mountain Fire last week. "I'm hoping and praying Idyllwild is spared from this horrible fire," she said last Saturday.

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Diane Schuur

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## 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, July 24**  
**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m.; **Cribbage**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Jac Jacaruso**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Thursday, July 25**  
**Modern Dance With Wendy**, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, Free hot dogs and beverages**, 5 p.m.; **Marshall Hawkins and Seahawk**, 6:15 p.m.; **Sherry Williams**, 7-9 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Friday, July 26**  
**Karaoke**, 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Lumbermill Bar & Grill.  
**Barbecue**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Forest Lumber.  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon; **Crafty Kids Art**

**Class, Wendy Watts**, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Willy B.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Food.  
**Dan Papaila**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

**Saturday, July 27**  
**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock,"** Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.  
**Michael Britton**, 1-4 p.m. Lumbermill Bar & Grill.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Live music.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Food.  
**Hojo Reynolds**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

**Sunday, July 28**  
**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock,"** Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.  
**Michael Britton**, 1-4 p.m. Lumbermill Bar & Grill.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.



Firefighters and other support personnel dance at Jo'An's on Monday night during open mic night. There were at about 40 crews in the restaurant for dinner. PHOTO BY DOLORES SIZER

**Monday, July 29**  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.  
**Family Movie Mondays, "Corrina, Corrina"** 3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library Community Room.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic

Theatre.  
**Tuesday, July 30**  
**Free Senior Wii**, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre

**Wednesday, July 31**  
**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m.; **Cribbage**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Town Hall.

**Thursday, Aug. 1**  
**Modern Dance With Wendy**,

4-5 p.m. Town Hall.  
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**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock,"** Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.

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**Chris Tota** of Idyllwild said he couldn't just sit around and do nothing while he was evacuated. He made \$76 for fire victims before the drizzle shut him down at Dana Point Harbor Saturday morning, trying to hit up the fishing and boating crowd without drawing attention from the police. He wasn't sure if what he was doing was legal. When he returned to the Hill he stopped at Mountain Center Cafe and asked co-owner **Martha Pearson** to donate the money to a fire victim. Within two minutes, he said, she saw a victim at the Mountain Center Post Office, ran out to hand him the money and the man broke out in tears.

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## Fire

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### Friday

While the Mountain Fire's growth was limited Thursday, Friday morning brought grave concern about its possible turns as a result of the winds predicted to accompany a monsoonal weather pattern.

And while the possibility of increased moisture might have dampened the fire, the northern edge was still growing slowly and headed toward San Jacinto Peak, according to team fire behavior expert Dennis Burns.

On Thursday, Riverside County had proclaimed a local emergency because of the Mountain Fire. The next day, Friday, Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a state proclamation of emergency.

The fire continued to have bursts on the northern boundary within the San Jacinto Wilderness and in the direction of San Jacinto Peak. Spotting — where embers ignite fuels on landing — rather than walls of flames spurred the fire's movement.

Consequently, fire officials issued an evacuation warning for Pine Cove. Residents were asked to be ready to evacuate if the Fire continued moving north or the easterly winds became stronger.

### Saturday

The day began similarly to Friday with cloud cover and higher humidity.

Fire officials reported that Friday night was relatively quiet. Fire lines were established along South Ridge. Many crews were being

staged in Idyllwild in case of a sudden change.

For the first time, fire officials decided to insert hotshot crews into the wilderness. They would use the Palm Springs Tramway to enter the back country and begin work on the northern tip of the Mountain Fire. They might, if it was safe, establish a "spike camp," according to Norm Rooker, a team information officer.

Saturday afternoon, Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz (D-36) visited the Incident Command Post and also the homes that burned earlier in the week. That afternoon, the team also lifted Trails End and Camp Joe Scherman evacuations.

Pincha-Tulley briefed the congressman on the fire's status, its start and progression during the week as well as the decision to impose an evacuation. She stressed that the fire had been moving 5,000 acres each day at the beginning and a weather change was predicted. Evacuation was prudent and a safety need.

Hawkins recommended that Ruiz try to help secure funding to maintain the fuelbreaks that have been constructed around town. "We want to assure funding for public safety," Hawkins implored Ruiz.

The congressman promised to amplify the voices of the incident team and the local officials who have spent years and endless hours to ensure the Hill's protection. "Except for your preparation, more homes and people could have been injured and devastated," he said. "I will inform all levels of government, including the White House, of the

extraordinary teamwork and collaboration."

### Sunday

Rain fell on the Mountain Fire Sunday morning. Total rain was between 1 inch and 1-1/2 inches depending on the location.

A sense that the tide had turned began when the Incident Management Team announced plans to begin releasing resources, including seven of 11 Type 1 helicopters.

Then in mid-morning came the announcement that the Idyllwild and Fern Valley evacuations were to be lifted. Residents would need to secure a permit to re-enter before 11 p.m. After that, no restrictions would be applied.

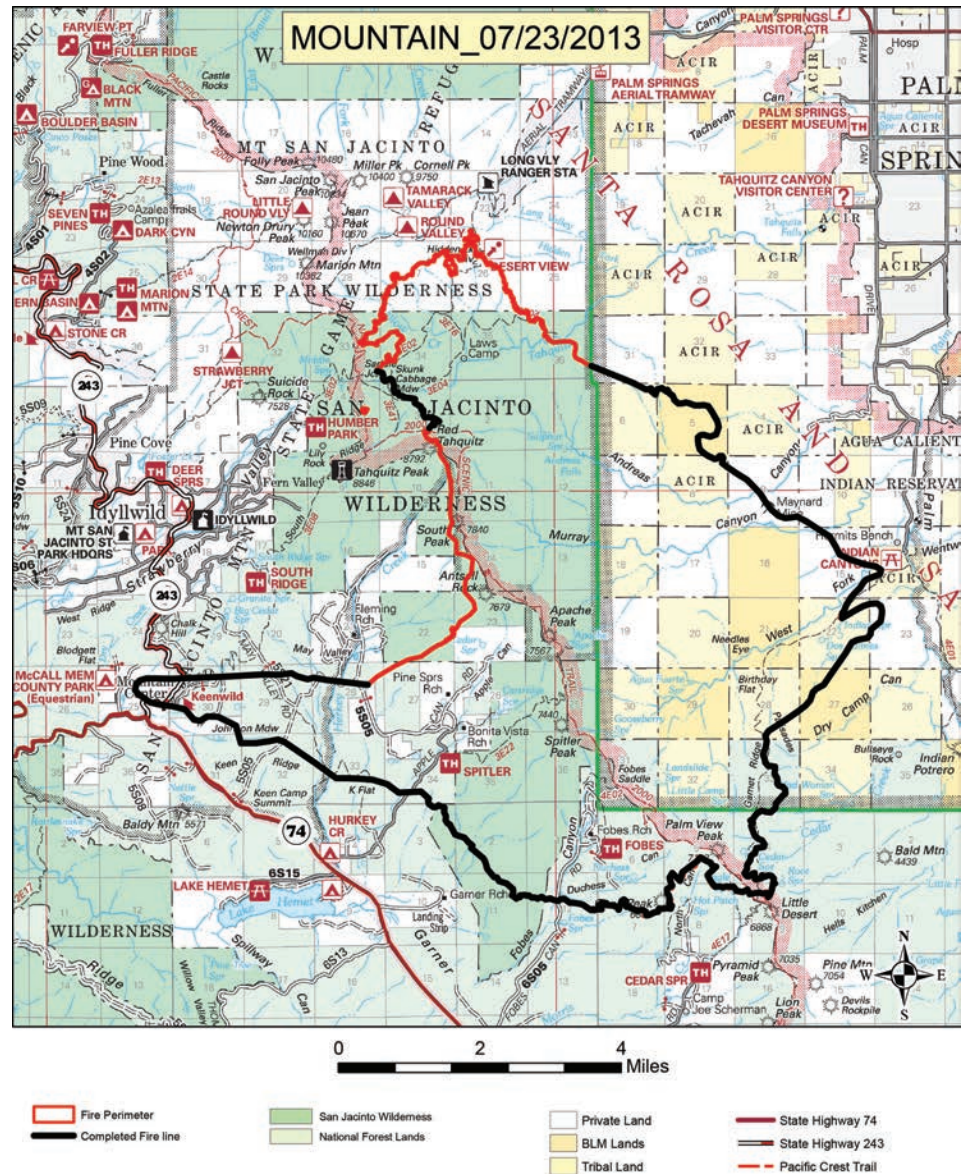
In the afternoon, the Riverside County Sheriff's Office held a press conference at the Lake Hemet station to formally announce the lifting of the evacuation order and the evacuation warning for Pine Cove.

"This area will open to the public by 11 p.m. tonight," Capt. Scot Collins affirmed. "There will continue to be patrols of heavy sheriff presence."

Sunday's extensive rain accelerated the fire's containment two to three days, according to Pincha-Tulley. Without the rain, the evacuation orders may not have been lifted until Sunday night or Monday.

### Monday

Monday morning began with sunny skies over Idyllwild and the noise of traffic moving through town. As people began to return to homes and businesses, thoughts of grati-



tude dominated the need to recover from the forced four-day leave of absence.

Idyllwild Fire Station welcomed residents back with American flags at both ends of town. Thank you signs began appearing Sunday evening.

Rain fell again Monday afternoon. And the population of the fire team was nearly half its peak of 3,500.

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A map of the Mountain Fire as of Tuesday morning, July 23, a week after it started on the afternoon of July 15.

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At left, the remnants of a home at Pine Springs Ranch. Below left, the Mountain Fire destroyed several homes and property in the Bonita Vista neighborhood on Monday and Tuesday.

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At right, one of two DC10s assigned to the Mountain Fire flew over the Hill dropping thousands of gallons of retardant on the fire to slow and to direct its progress.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



A U.S. Forest Service public information officer helps residents returning to the Hill Sunday afternoon.

PHOTO BY DORIS LOMBARD

### Thought for the Day

"There are two ways of constructing a software design; one way is to make it so simple that there are obviously no deficiencies, and the other way is to make it so complicated that there are no obvious deficiencies. The first method is far more difficult."

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# Some businesses remained open during fire

By JACK CLARK  
CONTRIBUTOR

Five center-of-town businesses were open Thursday following the previous evening's evacuation and remained so throughout the evacuation.

Fifteen customers graced the Red Kettle restaurant at 9:15 Thursday morning. Most appeared to be residents, but a few were fire-related personnel, including freelance fire photographer Jenny Kirchner.

Fire photographer Jenny Kirchner had placed herself in the thick of the action and had provided some amazing photographs to the Town Crier, which have been picked up by national media. She couldn't pay for her meal that morning because a local resident beat her to it.

Several firefighters took meals to go. Ashley Stewart said the Kettle had opened an hour early that morning at 6 and that it would stay open "as long as they need us."

Larry Donahoo at Village Hardware said much the same thing. He said he had sold some batteries among other supplies and was planning to stay open on Friday, with the weekend to be played by ear.

At Village Market, Dan Aronson also said they would remain open as needed. Firefighters were among his few customers that morning and they were getting special rates.

At Idyllwild Garage and Chevron station, Tamara Friemoth remained open to sell gasoline and "whatever we can do to help."

John Friemoth said the garage was staying open for Auto Club calls and other services. He said they had done a few jump starts for evacuating residents, and that he intended to stay open "until the flames show at the ridge."

Gary's Deli also opened to firefighters, law enforcement, media and the small number of residents who didn't leave town.

Gary Budnik had been working in his deli throughout the fire, offering specials for the firefighters. He also stayed overnight in the deli with his German shepherd-mix, Chip, an ARF rescue dog who also is an Idyllwild councilman and won the Mr. Idyllwild award in the prior weekend's ARF Pet Expo.

The weekend of the expo, the Lemon Lily Festival and the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's show and tour were a world away.



**Shane and Ashley Stewart**, owners of Pine Cove Market and Red Kettle, having a late meal after feeding hundreds of firefighters Saturday night.

PHOTO BY  
BECKY  
CLARK

The Idyllwild Town Crier and Visitors Center also was open with a limited staff of three to answer callers' questions and update fire information at [www.idyllwildtowncrier.com](http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com).

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*Above left, the Bonita Vista in Garner Valley area suffered the initial destruction from the Mountain Fire.*

*Above, tomato plants growing in a Bonita Vista garden were not invulnerable to the heat of the Mountain Fire.*



*Bottom left, the heat of the Mountain Fire melted this slide.*

PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE

## Gilman Springs Road project

A road project to make Gilman Springs Road safer for motorists began July 22, the first phase of a five-phase job costing \$17.5 to \$21.5 million and completed in 2016.

The project brings improvements to a heavily used main artery for commuters, students and others traveling into and out of the San Jacinto Valley. The first phase includes curbs and safety improvements, such as centerline rumble strips between Soboba Road and Highway 79, resurfacing, additional shoulders and new pavement markings. The first phase will cost \$2.4 million and is scheduled to be completed in early August.

Because of the work, Gilman Springs Road is closed completely between Highway 79 and Soboba Road from July 22 to Aug. 9. The schedule for the first phase was set, in part, to complete phase-one

construction before the fall session at Mt. San Jacinto College.

The Riverside County Transportation Department expects to improve road safety by correcting curve alignments, adding passing lanes, widening shoulders and adding rumble strips and signals.

The next phase begins in October. Phase two includes repaving, shoulder-widening and curve realignment south of Highway 60 to about 1.7 miles south of Alessandro Boulevard.

Construction will add a left-turn pocket at Gilman Springs Road and Alessandro Boulevard, and a southbound passing lane starting south of Alessandro Boulevard. A portion of the project is being done in cooperation with the City of Moreno Valley.

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# Historic Garner Ranch serves contemporary need

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Mountain Fire city had its own airport located at the historic Garner Ranch in Garner Valley. The helibase supported nearly 20 different helicopters, including 11 Type 1 birds.

The main topic during Sunday's briefing at the airport was the weather report because of the early morning rain and the prospect for more later that day.

The helibase even has a control tower. What appears to be a large mobile home, is a two-story control center with windows in the front and both sides.



Helibase leader **Lindsay Alarcon** preparing for Sunday morning's helitack briefing.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

As she shared that Sunday, seven Type 1 crews were being released. She told the whole contingent, "You guys have done the majority of the work. You've gone where we've asked and stirred [the fire]

and it's done what we wanted because of the air support." Alarcon arrived Tuesday and directed the application of thousands of gallons of water and retardant along the

fire's perimeter. "It was a complex aerial show with many tankers and copters in constant contact," she said.

Much of the water was taken from Lake Hemet. The retardant was available at two temporary locations. One was on the east side of the Hill near Palm Springs and the other in Garner Valley adjacent to the helibase.

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On Sunday, a Cal Fire helicopter loads with water from the "pumpkin," mobile water reservoir, at the Pine Cove Water District site at Dutch Flats.

PHOTO BY JERRY HOLLDBER

At right, the helibase control tower overlooking Gilman Ranch that housed support for 20 helicopters throughout the Mountain Fire assault on the Hill.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



## Tuesday's Mountain Fire update

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Incident Management Team is containing its nemesis, the Mountain Fire. As of Monday evening, July 22, the fire had burned 27,332 acres, but was 85 percent contained.

Full containment was expected Wednesday, July 24.

Fire officials stressed the larger size was not due to the fire spreading, rather more accurate infrared mapping established the new area.

Tuesday, firefighters continued to patrol and monitor the fire's perimeter. When conditions permit, crews will continue to construct direct line, mop up, patrol and perform fire suppression repair.

Significant demobilization has started and a plan for turning the incident back to the San Bernardino

National Forest was being developed. The number of personnel was 1,146, less than a third at the fire's peak on Friday. Thus far, the fire has cost \$22.8 million.

Mt. San Jacinto State Park Wilderness is closed. However, the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway reopened Tuesday, July 23.

The San Jacinto Wilderness on the federal side and Humber Park remain closed. The San Bernardino National Forest Closure Orders 13-8 and 13-9 are still in effect. (See <http://idyllwild-towncrier.com/2013/07/23/breaking-mountain-fire-updates/> for details and maps. For instance, the Pacific Crest Trail, as well as connecting trails, remain closed.

Monday, residents of the Apple Canyon and Bonita Vista roads areas received precautionary warnings

about potential flash floods and mud slides from possible heavy monsoon rains. Idyllwild School was the temporary evacuation center. According to Ray Smith,

Riverside County public information officer, no one had used the center as of 6 p.m. Monday.

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Congressman **Dr. Raul Ruiz** (D-36), right, talks with San Jacinto Ranger District Fire Chief **Dan Felix** about the Mountain Fire Saturday.

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# The Mountain Fire: What you might not know

BY PATRICK REITZ, FIRE CHIEF  
IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Idyllwild Fire Protection District provided one brush engine and two water tenders (trucks) for initial attack. The brush engine returned to the district that first night to help protect Idyllwild, while the two water tenders remained on the fire 24 hours a day until released Sunday. IFPD also had two members serving as trainees during the fire to increase their certification levels, benefiting the District with their additional training and experience.

When the fire was first dispatched, IFPD recalled all available personnel, including volunteers, reserves and paid personnel. Most stayed at the station through the week, sleeping on cots, air mattresses and recliners.

IFPD had all its vehicles staffed and ready to respond. IFPD responded to several calls, including public service, medical and fire calls throughout the week of the fire.

IFPD also patrolled throughout the district.

It is estimated that 85 to 95 percent of Idyllwild evacuated Wednesday afternoon and evening. Thank you.

Support members of Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Company 621 remained to answer the phones and questions. Thousands of phone calls were received at the station from concerned citizens, the media, and people from all over the world wanting information. At times the fire station was getting two phone calls a minute, making it impossible for the district to call its own personnel or for personnel to call into the fire station.

At the time of the evacuation, five American Medical Response ambulances and a supervisor, along with a disaster support unit, were sent to Idyllwild to assist with the evacuation. All but three of the ambulances remained until Monday morning to respond with IFPD and for the many firefighters assigned to work in the area. AMR was staged at the fire station with IFPD, eating, sleeping,

cleaning, working and responding together — seamlessly.

A strong law enforcement presence was on the Hill during the fire, some of which is still present. No fewer than 24 sheriff deputies and other law enforcement personnel patrolled and responded.

Countless donations of food and goods from both on and off the Hill were a huge help in getting through the week. A big thank you to all that donated. The list is too large to print here.

Two unusual donations came from off the Hill — Walmart donated a load of much-needed stock and supplies, and Panda Express donated enough food to feed more than 100 responders. The donation from Panda Express resulted in tables being set up in the apparatus bays, and many of the firefighters and law enforcement personnel protecting the Hill cycling through the station to share a meal.

IFPD readily opened its doors and made the fire station available for any Hill responder to use its restrooms, and to share its food, water, phones, copier, etc.

Rumors on Facebook and Twitter contributed to frustration by evacuated residents and additional phone calls into the fire station. These rumors included the lifting of the evacuation order no fewer than three times during the week and that two firefighters were shot when they discovered a marijuana grow operation.

During the initial days of the fire, one resident of another area of the fire refused to evacuate, only to have to be rescued when the fire surrounded the property. This forced firefighters to be pulled off the fire and put themselves in additional danger to rescue an individual who refused to evacuate. Please evacuate when asked to do so for your safety and the safety of those who might have to rescue you.

During the peak threat to Idyllwild, more than 30 individual engines made up six Strike Teams of engines. Two bulldozers and several hand crews all were assigned to the Idyllwild area to protect and defend homes and property should the fire move into Idyllwild.

While the Strike Teams were familiarizing themselves and patrolling the area, they conducted structure triage. You may have come home to find your firewood, lawn furniture and barbecue moved. You may also have found your garden hose and ladders not where you left them. This was done to prepare your house should the fire enter the area.

Some residents have called after finding structure triage forms posted at the end of their driveways. If you found one of these forms, please make note of the items on the form. It will help you prepare your house should we have another fire threaten the area. If you found one with a red "X," that means your house was considered too dangerous for firefighters to defend from the fire. Please call the fire station for an appointment to discuss your property if you have questions.

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District and all of its personnel would like to thank everyone, the community, and all of the responders who helped fight the fire and protect the community — firefighters, law enforcement, county road department, Caltrans and all of the others. Thank you for keeping Idyllwild and the Hill the great place it is.

## Services reduced for traffic cases

Due to several consecutive years of state budget reductions, the Riverside Superior Court is reducing services to the public. Effective immediately, the court will offer limited in-person, and no live operator telephone service for litigants with traffic cases.

In place of in-person service, the court is automating many routine tasks through available computers, kiosks and telephones.

To pay a fine or see a record, the public may visit the court's website ([www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/)) and click on the "Online Services" tab.

For those who have more complex traffic matters and need to speak with a court employee, Traffic and Collections Clerk appointments may be scheduled online by visiting the court's website and choosing "Traffic" under "Info by Division." The next page has an option to schedule an appointment with a clerk: [www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/scheduleappt.shtml](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/scheduleappt.shtml).

Appointments may also be scheduled using the computers in courthouse lobbies. Appointments are available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Banning Court, Hemet Court, Indio Larson Justice Center, Moreno Valley Court and Murrieta Southwest Justice Center.

Appointments are only available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at Blythe Court.

Night court appoint-

ments are available at the Indio Larson Justice Center on the first Tuesday of the month until 5:30 p.m. and the Moreno Valley Court on the third Wednesday of the month until 6:30 p.m.

A limited number of pre-populated appointment types are available, such as a request for a third extension or a request to change a citation to owner's responsibility, and evaluation for hardship payments or community service. When requesting an appointment, provide a phone number and an email to receive a confirmation and other messages.

Since a clerk appointment does not constitute a court appearance, an appointment may be scheduled in any of the appointment locations listed above, regardless of the citation's jurisdiction. Setting an appointment does not extend the date to appear or alter or extend any statutory or court-ordered deadlines.

An appointment may be scheduled up to two weeks in advance and each appointment will be scheduled for 15 minutes.

Same-day court appearances are no longer offered in any traffic court location. Customers may reserve a court date 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the court's public website. Once calendared, the customer will be able to bypass the traffic counter and report directly to the courtroom without standing in line in the

clerk's office.

To appear in front of a judicial officer for a traffic citation, a court date must be reserved. An appearance in court is optional unless "Mandatory Appearance" is reflected on the courtesy notice. If "Mandatory Appearance" is indicated in the amount due section on the courtesy notice, the customer is required to appear.

Night court appearances within the citation's jurisdiction are at 5 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Indio Larson Justice Center and at 5:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Moreno Valley Court.

To schedule a court appearance, customers may use the computers in the courthouse lobby, or go online from any location and visit the court's website. Choose "Traffic" under "Info by Division." The next page has an option to schedule a "request court appearance" ([www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/reqcourtappearance.shtml](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/reqcourtappearance.shtml)).

Cases must be eligible for a court appearance, and scheduling a court appearance does not extend a date to appear or alter or extend any statutory or court-ordered deadline.

The citing law enforcement officer will not be present at this hearing.

To contest a citation — plead not guilty and proceed with a court trial to testify and present evidence and/or witnesses — the person must post the full bail amount (fine) of the citation and reserve a court date online at <https://www.epay-it.com/>.

Or, to post bail and schedule a court trial by mail, send payments to the Payment Processing Center, 505 S. Buena Vista, Room 201, Corona, CA 92882.

To post bail and schedule a court trial online, customers may use the computers in the courthouse lobby, too.

The court will set a trial date and with notification sent within seven to 10 days. The court will subpoena the officer(s) for trial. Eventually, cities will be able to select a court trial date at the time of scheduling.

For more information regarding contesting a traffic ticket, visit <http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/contesting.shtml>.

Payment kiosks are in the test stage and will be launched in traffic court locations. Details will be announced soon.

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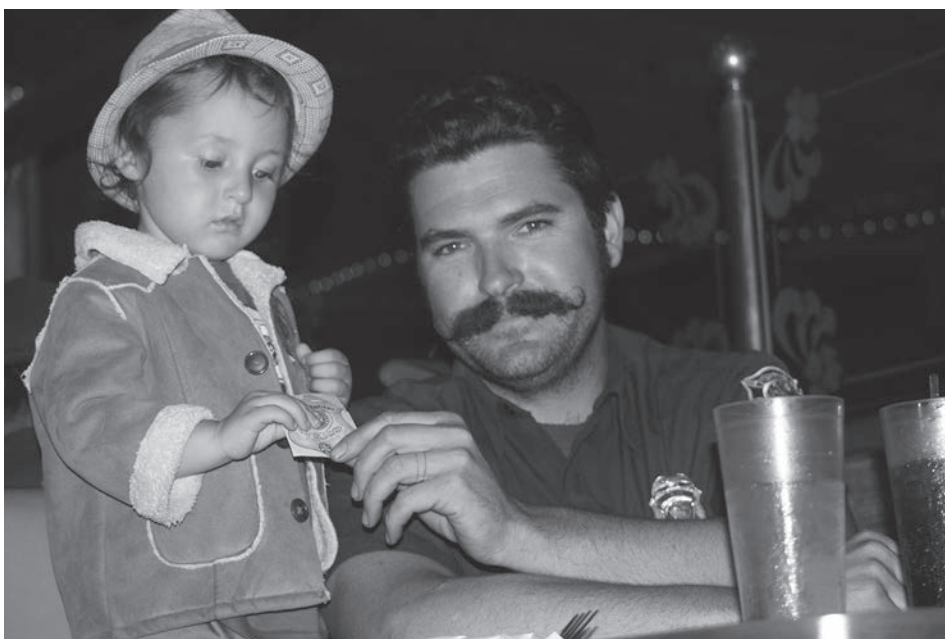
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Firefighter **Joel Hanson** of the Ventura County Fire and Rescue hands **Isaiah Markus** of Idyllwild a decal at Jo'An's Restaurant Monday night. It was a night of celebration when firefighters filled the restaurant, even dancing wildly later and receiving many accolades for saving Idyllwild.

PHOTO BY DOLORES SIZER

## A million thanks

Business owners expressed their gratitude in a number of ways. Above, Higher Grounds patrons prepared a group "Thank you" to Mountain Fire firefighters.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Above left, the marquee at the Rustic Theatre this week.

PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

Below left, the Strawberry Creek Bunkhouse and Strawberry Creek Inn display "Thank you" signs for all of the personnel involved in the Mountain Fire fighting efforts.

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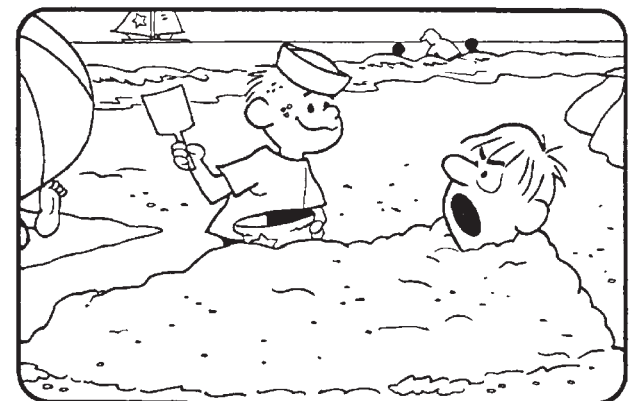
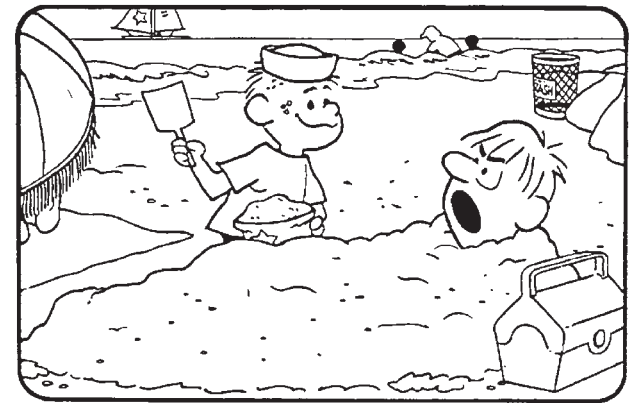
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Answers to Sudoku  
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword  
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Signed: REBECCA LOU CLARK President/CEO  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 24, 2013.

FILE NO: R-2013-06719  
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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk  
By: BL. Montes, Deputy  
Pub. TC: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

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Signed: J. NEIL LEVECKE President  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 26, 2013.

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By: A. Chavez, Deputy  
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person is doing business as THE CANDY CUPBOARD, 24250 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 794, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JENNIFER LYNN MCKEE, GARY WILLIAM MCKEE and PATRICIA SUE MCKEE, 25685 Oakwood, Idyllwild, CA 92549. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 1, 2012.

Signed: JENNIFER LYNN MCKEE  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 7, 2013.

FILE NO: R-2013-04925  
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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk  
By: J. Gonzalez, Deputy  
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Thereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk  
By: J. Wray, Deputy  
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The following person is doing business as JOYFUL WEDDINGS & MARRIAGES, 78351 Hollister Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211, Riverside County. RICHARD EMILE CADIEUX, 78351 Hollister Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 2, 2008.

Signed: RICHARD EMILE CADIEUX  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 2, 2013.

FILE NO: R-2013-07035  
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**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your creative self emerges as dominant through midmonth. This should help you restart that writing or arts project you've left on the shelf for far too long.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of encouraging others by example to come out from the shadows and enjoy life to the fullest.

CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**  
1 Humpty's perch  
5 — out (relax)  
8 Applaud  
12 Others (Lat.)  
13 Mrs. McKinley  
14 Helper  
15 Dracula's ilk  
17 Nasty  
18 Before  
19 Fellows  
20 Reject disdainfully  
21 Quid pro —  
22 3, on the phone  
23 Counterfeit  
26 Spoke highly of  
30 Met melody  
31 Bliss  
32 Italy's capital  
33 "Oh, what a — web we

weave ..."  
35 Underneath  
36 Wrestling surface  
37 Storefront sign abbr.  
38 DJ's creation  
41 Twosome  
42 Ostrich's cousin  
45 Tresses  
46 Shortcircuits the ignition  
48 Slave to crosswords?  
49 Joan of —  
50 Workbench attachment  
51 Nays' opponents  
52 — jongg  
53 12 months  
**DOWN**  
1 Greet silently

2 Winged  
3 Key — pie  
4 Once around the track  
5 Migratory songbird  
6 Biblical garden  
7 Petrol  
8 S'mores are often cooked over them  
9 Stead  
10 Jewish month  
11 Teller's partner  
16 Don of radio fame  
20 Vast expanse  
21 Marshes  
22 Parched  
23 Cudgel  
24 Man-mouse link  
25 Martini ingredient

26 Spacecraft compartment  
27 Scale member  
28 Comedian  
Philips  
29 Morning moisture  
31 Lustrous black  
34 Remiss  
35 Forehead  
37 Starsky's pal  
38 Perlman of "Cheers"  
39 Simple  
40 Gold digger's place?  
41 Nickelodeon's explorer  
42 Great Lake  
43 Arizona city  
44 Addict  
46 Easter entree, often  
47 Wall climber







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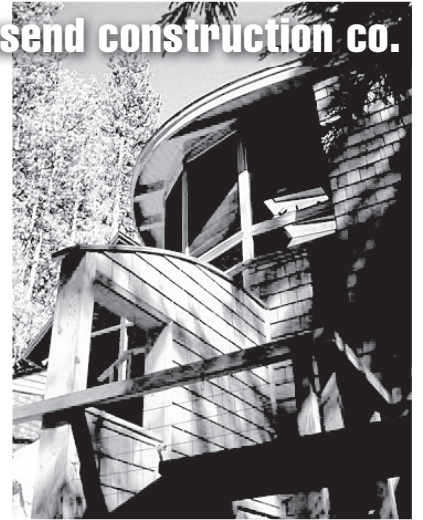
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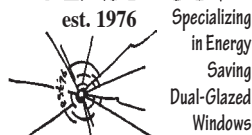
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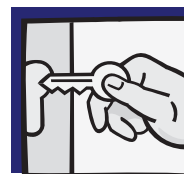
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With the Town Crier on Tuesday, July 16, the new Idyllwild mayor was in Cincinnati visiting his owner's aunt, **Shirley Duff** (left). His owners, **Phyllis Mueller** (center) and **Glenn Warren** (right) left Friday, July 12, to pick up one puppy in Aguanga, and the other two in Ohio. Puppies, from left, are **Mitzi Marie Mueller**, **Mikey Mighty-Dog Mueller** and the new mayor, **Maximus Mighty-Dog Mueller II**.

PHOTO COURTESY OF GLENN WARREN



The Lady of the Rockies overlooking Butte, Mont., along with **Dave, Janet and Jack Kunkle**, are looking for the Town Crier to bring them back to Idyllwild on Monday, July 15. Jack and Janet, who live in Pine Cove, are visiting their son Dave who lives in Helena, Mont.



A large crowd gathered at Cafe Aroma Monday night to hear **Bill Saitta, Paul Carman and Don Reed** perform and celebrate returning home.

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By MIMI AND HOOTCH

Adopted and ready for their new adventure this week were **Teddy Bear** and **Tyler II**, two males from the litter of gray kittens. They went to their new home together, so the brothers will always have each other to play with.

Found: a small female husky-mix. Call ARF to identify at 951-659-1122.

Reunited this week to their very worried owners were **Roxie**, the corgi-mix, and **Max**, the Chihuahua.

Only three kittens are left. **Tippycanoe** and **Tutti Frutti** are the females and **T. Rex** is the male. Come in to ARF and get your kitty love. They will be ready for their new adventure into your home at the end of the week. Hurry, these bundles of fur won't last long. They are all 12 weeks old and properly trained by a very good mama who has been adopted.

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### 65 years ago - 1948

With a net profit of almost \$4,000 from the Gold Strike, the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce paid off a \$1,500 note to the bank, borrowed to help build Town Hall.

### 60 years ago - 1953

Forty members of the Camp Pendleton Marine Band performed at the Community Campfire.

### 55 years ago - 1958

A freak fire started in the home of Lester Jones, Idyllwild Barber Shop owner, when fumes from a pail of cement sitting in a doorway blew into the pilot light of a refrigerator some 20 feet away.

### 50 years ago - 1963

Sportland Park offered bowling, swimming, skating and miniature golf.

### 45 years ago - 1968

A group of hiking Girl Scouts stopped to eat lunch at Little Round Valley. They discovered a fire underway and spent two hours extinguishing it, carrying water in tin cans.

### 40 years ago - 1973

Prospective renters had a choice between a new knotty pine two-bedroom



Idyllwild Master Chorale sponsored "Nunsense" at the Rustic Theatre in 2008. From left, Sister Mary Amnesia, played by Kristin Rebecca Bischof, and Mother Superior Sister Mary Regina, played by Marty Neider, performed to a well-attended house along with the other six sisters.

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### 35 years ago - 1978

Staffing and program cutbacks were made at Hurkey Creek and Idyllwild County Park as a result of the passage of Proposition 13.

### 30 years ago - 1983

Due to a personnel shortage, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District decided to use qualified local residents to fill in as paramedics.

### 25 years ago - 1988

Hot and dry weather conditions led Forest Service officials to close about 55,000 acres of public federal lands south and west

of Idyllwild.

### 20 years ago - 1993

Idyllwild Fire Protection District's proposed \$897,184 budget was unanimously approved after a public hearing.

### 15 years ago - 1998

Idyllwild Arts Academy was evacuated while firefighters from three agencies fought a vegetation fire on campus. The fire was located beside a hiking trail up from Pierson Dorm.

### 10 years ago - 2003

The Fern Valley Water District Board of Directors made plans to adopt a four-stage water conservation plan and to raise water rates for the first time in 12 years.

### 5 years ago - 2003

New legislation authorized County Service Areas to provide broadband service to their residents. Any CSA could construct, own, improve, maintain and operate broadband facilities, and provide broadband services if no private person or entity was willing.

### 1 year ago - 2012

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## 'We're still here!'

By JACK CLARK  
CONTRIBUTOR

"We're still here!" Thus read the headline of the Town Crier on July 4, 1996, right after the Bee Canyon Fire had burned more than 9,000 acres and knocked at Pine Cove's back door.

"We're still here" means every bit as much to Hill residents now as it did then. It means that our residents' lives were saved despite the disaster of last week's 27,000-acre Mountain Fire.

It means that almost all Hill residents' homes were spared — and for those who did lose their homes, it means that we're here for them, too.

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It means that once again we owe our rescue to incredibly courageous and tireless men and wom-

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And we're still here.

The Stars and Stripes greets Idyllwild residents as they return from the last week's evacuation. Idyllwild Fire hung the flag on its ladder truck as people arrived Sunday afternoon.

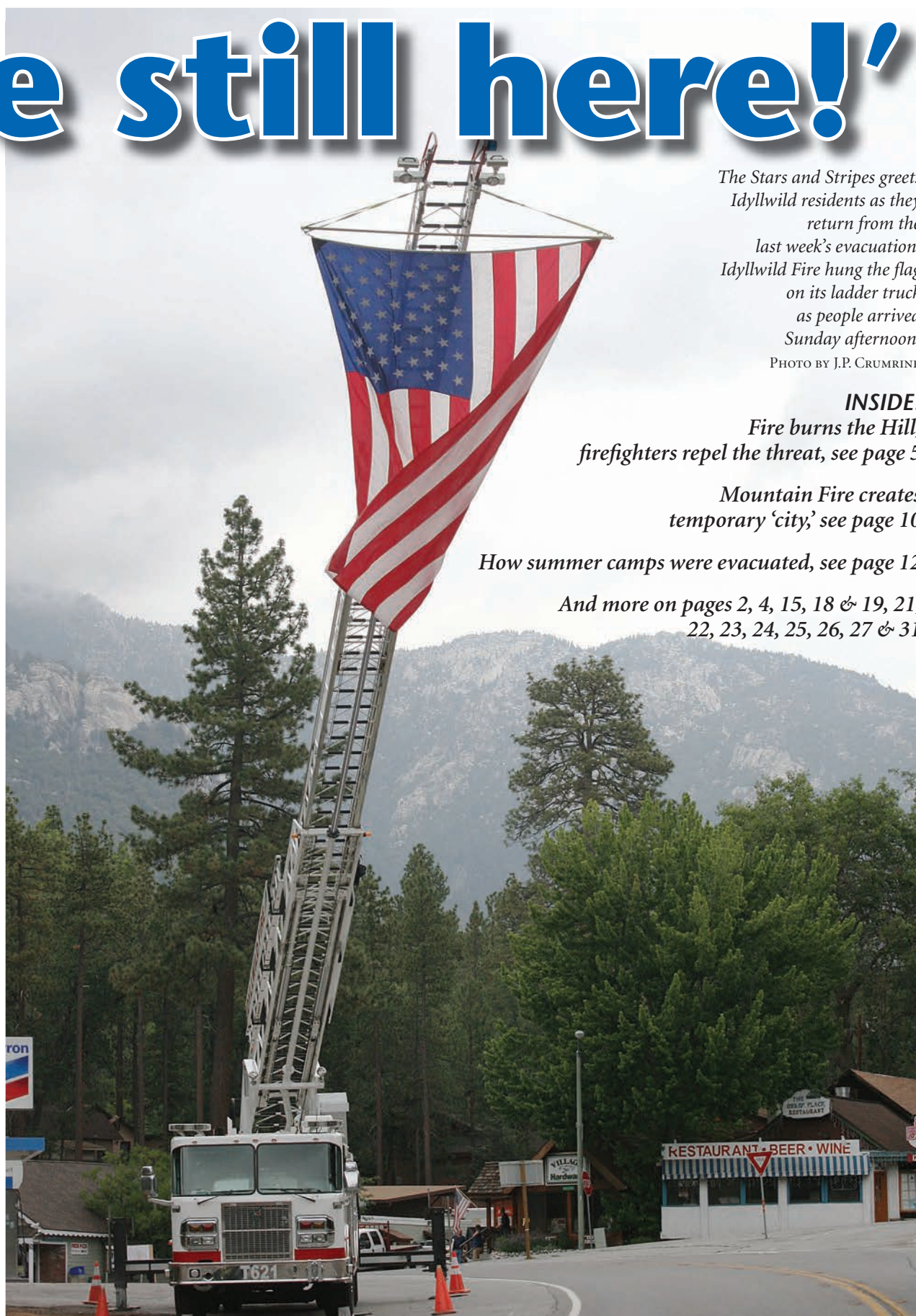
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Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday July 15, to Monday, July 22:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

- July 15 — Forest, woods or wildland fire.
- July 15 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 16 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 17 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 18 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 18 — False alarm or false call, Idyllwild.
- July 22 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Logs unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

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Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

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CHP log

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Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet

Station responded to the following calls from Sunday, July 14, to Saturday, July 20. This may not be a complete list of responses:

- July 14 — Battery, 56000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Report taken.
- July 14 — Suicide threat, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Alarm call, 26000 block of Estate Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Suspicious person, address undefined, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Grand theft, 49000 block of Dove, Anza. Unfounded.
- July 14 — Animal abuse, 54000 block of Village Center Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Danger to self/others, 39000 block of Terwilliger Rd., Anza. Report taken.
- July 14 — Suspicious circumstance, 53000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Missing person, address undefined, Sage. Unfounded.
- July 14 — Vandalism, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Arrest made.
- July 15 — Assist other department, 39000 block of Homestead Hills Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Check the welfare, 43000 block of N. Golden

- Hills Dr., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Shots fired, 44000 block of Thunder Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Suspicious person, 34000 block of Benton Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Assist other department, 29000 block of Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- July 15 — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Check the welfare, 42000 block of Melton Dr., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Fraud, 44000 block of Norma Ln., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Public disturbance, 59000 block of Reynolds Wy., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Suspicious circumstance, 53000 block of Idyllbrook Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Missing person, 58000 block of Apple Canyon Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — 911 call, 28000 block of Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Assist other department, 56000 block of Hwy. 74, San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Barking dog, 43000 block of E. Benton Rd.,



The Mountain Fire erupted on Wednesday afternoon prompting an evacuation order. The actual fire was several miles from Tahquitz Rock in this photo.

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- Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Public assist, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Public assist, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Unattended death, address withheld, Pine Cove. Report taken.
- July 16 — Shots fired, 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Assist other department, 43000 block of Powerline Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Public intoxication, 56000 block of Cahuilla Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

- July 17 — 911 call from business, 35000 block of Sage Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — 911 call from business, 35000 block of Sage Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — 911 call, 31000 block of Red Mountain Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Report taken.
- July 17 — Fraud, 50000 block of Bradford Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

- July 17 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Check the welfare, 43000 block of N. Golden Hills, Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Suicide threat, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Public disturbance, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

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Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
7-16	84	55			79	50		
7-17	87	49			75	48		
7-18	83	55			84	49		
7-19	88	60			84	57		
7-20	na	na			84	59		
7-21	na	na			86	62		
7-22	73	56			87	63		

Moisture in inches					Snow in inches			
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To date last season (Idy): 0.00					To date last season (Idy): 0.00			
Total last season (Idy): 14.02					Total last season (Idy): 42.8			
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Total last season (PC): 19.94					Total last season (PC): 44.75			

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.

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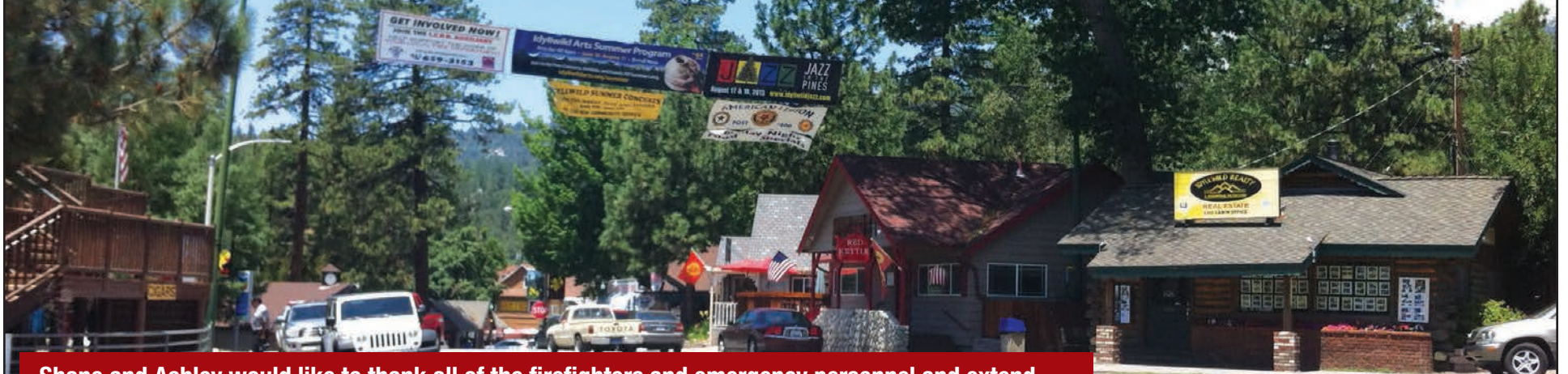
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Below, **John Lane** from the Planning section of the Mountain Fire Incident Command Team, briefs field staff on the evening priorities and mission Thursday night, July 18. At right, national television media stormed the Hill after mandatory evacuations were announced Wednesday. Here they are set up to broadcast the Incident Command Team's Thursday afternoon press conference.

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# Fire burns the Hill; firefighters repel threat

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The Mountain Fire is the second largest fire in California this year, only the Powerhouse Fire in the Angeles National Forest measuring 30,200 acres was bigger, by about 10 percent. The third largest was the Chariot Fire in the Cleveland National Forest at 7,000 acres.

Monday, July 15, began sunny and hot with clear skies. By early afternoon, the Mountain Fire, which began on private property on the west side of Highway 243, quickly jumped to the east side of the highway.

The rest of the week brought hot, smoky skies and fear as the fire meandered its way through Apple Canyon and into Garner Valley and eventually into the San Jacinto Wilderness, approaching San Jacinto Peak.

Before nearly 3,500 firefighters subdued the fire, it has burned more than 27,000 acres, including portions of the Pacific Crest Trail, razed homes in the Bonita Vista and Pine Springs Ranch neighborhoods, caused Idyllwild and Fern Valley residents to evacuate and nearly emptied Pine Cove, too.

While rainfall Sunday morning and afternoon helped with containment, firefighters had muscled the blaze away from Idyllwild and were already making significant efforts before the precipitation fell.

"The morning rain brought about an inch to 1-1/2 inches to the east side of San Jacinto Peak," reported Incident Commander Jeanne Pincha-Tulley. "This storm [in mid-afternoon] is more widespread; rain is falling all over the fire area."

Pincha-Tulley described the rain as "... our version of aerial delivery of water."

"The weather allowed us to attack the fire," said Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins. "It knocked down the flames. The benefit of the rain not only helped put the fire out but allowed us to end the evacuation."

Idyllwild residents began returning home Sunday afternoon.

## Monday and Tuesday

The Mountain Fire began burning near Highway 243. The Fire jumped Highway 243 and began blazing through the U.S. Forest Service's Keenwild Guard Station heading east.

Flames and smoke could be seen just below the agency's helicopter site and along the road at the front of the station.

Local fire officials quickly established a unified Incident Command, led by Forest Service Chief Dan Felix of the San Jacinto Ranger District, and Riverside County Division Chief David Fulcher.

By late Monday afternoon, the fire was entrenched in Apple Canyon. Residents there were evacuated. The fire eventually burned through Apple Canyon and destroyed three homes and three mobile homes in the Bonita Vista neighborhood and a commercial building, a workshop, a garage and a cabin at Pine Springs Ranch.

By evening, a decision was made to request a Type 1 Incident Management Team. Team members began arriving Tuesday evening.

By noon Tuesday, the fire had consumed nearly 8,000 acres and more than 700 firefighters were already on site.

Other than the Apple Canyon area, no other evacuations had been ordered, but that would quickly change Wednesday afternoon.

## Wednesday

The morning of the Mountain Fire's third day began calmly. Planes, including DC10s, were dropping retardant in Garner Valley and helicopters were dipping water out of Lake Hemet. The fire had flanked and moved north into the wilderness above Idyllwild and south into Palm Canyon.

But suddenly around 1 p.m., a plume of smoke began to build in the San Jacinto Wilderness and spread in all directions — imitating a nuclear explosion. This event heightened fire official concerns and rumors of an evacuation began to circulate.

About 4 p.m., the Trails End community at the very top of Morris Ranch Road in Garner Valley was placed under an immediate evacuation notice. Hemet and Hamilton high schools were offered as evacuation centers.

In less than hour, an immediate evacuation of Idyllwild and Fern Valley was ordered. The next day, Riverside County Sheriff's Capt. Scot Collins reported that compliance approached nearly 95 percent.

The initial order targeted Idyllwild east of Highway 243, but that was quickly extended to the entire town.

## Thursday

The Mountain Fire was creeping north along the Pacific Crest Trail and east of there. Fire officials recognized the threat to the town developing and declared, "Today's priority is to keep [the Mountain Fire] out of Idyllwild."

They promised "to paint the Mountain red." Air tankers, nearly a dozen, dropped thousands of gallons of fire retardant from the Wellman Divide and Strawberry Cienega areas over Saddle Junction and down the South Ridge.

"The most active parts of the fire are near Red Tahquitz Peak above the community of Idyllwild and near the community of Trails End to the south. These two areas will be the focus of today's firefighting activities as both air and ground crews work to slow the rate of spread of the fire," said John Miller, Forest Service public information officer.

For weeks, California and Riverside County fire officials had consistently warned residents that fires this early in the fire season were behaving as if it were late September or October. The lack of rainfall, not just this winter and spring, but the sparse moisture last year have created very volatile conditions — stronger and much more unpredictable fires.

"If it were any other year, we probably wouldn't have had to do this," said Norm Walker, Idyllwild resident, retired fire chief of the San Jacinto Ranger District and a member of the Incident Command Team.

Officials were concerned that drifting embers could move the fire too quickly and an evacuation could jam the roads when emergency vehicles needed to be moving into town.

That afternoon, fire team officials held a press conference

## Fire statistics

Day	Size (acres)	Firefighters
Monday 2:30 p.m.	30	Unknown
Monday 3:30 p.m.	50	uk
Monday 4:30 p.m.	150	uk
Monday 5 p.m.	235	323
Monday 8 p.m.	1,000	uk
Tuesday 7 a.m.	4,700	600
Tuesday 11 a.m.	8,000	1,736
Tuesday, 7 p.m.	9,000	2,241
Wednesday, 6:45 a.m.	14,200	2,210
Wednesday, 7 p.m.	19,400	2,985
Thursday, 6:45 a.m.	22,800	2,985
Thursday, 7 p.m.	22,800	3,316
Friday, 7 a.m.	24,818	3,316
Friday, 6 p.m.	27,179	3,478
Saturday 7:30 a.m.	27,278	3,478
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	27,245	2,678
Sunday, 6 p.m.	27,279	1,861
Monday, 11 a.m.	27,265	1,861
Monday, 7 p.m.	27,332	1,146

in Idyllwild. By then the Mountain Fire was the number one priority in the nation, Incident Commander Jeanne Pincha-Tulley told the assembled media corps.

Fire team officials remained concerned about the fire's expansion and the possibility of embers thrown into unburned areas as well as the residential and business neighborhoods.

Exacerbating fire officials' concerns was the forecast of monsoonal weather that weekend. "There's no guarantee of rain, and it could bring winds and lightning," she said.

The existence of fire plans, including evacuation plans that the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce had prepared over the past several years, was credited with the overall success of the previous day's evacuation. Their existence saved much time, according to Pincha-Tulley,

"They paid for themselves over," declared Walker.

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## OUT LOUD

We're still here ...



1:45 p.m. Monday, July 15, a Mountain Center fire report to San Bernardino National Forest dispatch came over the scanner. I remember the description as rapidly moving.

On deadline for the July 18 paper, I walked into J.P.'s office and relayed what I had just heard. Strapped to our computers typing like mad, neither of us thought we should leave. Firefighters would have it out soon. But the inconsiderate and hostile fire disrespected deadlines. Within the hour it became a serious threat and J.P. abandoned his desk to cover it.

From then until even now, mine, Jack and J.P.'s lives are so blurred we forget what day it is.

After the staff evacuated Wednesday night, only J.P. stayed behind to cover the fire. Jack and I live outside the evacuation areas so we were able to get through the road closures each morning like other media. We kept the office open. Jack and I took turns answering phones and calming fears.

The town was near empty so mostly visitors and locals called. Walk-in total sales were \$7.50 Friday and \$.75 Saturday. From then until even today, J.P. paused writing only to cover early morning and nightly press conferences to post updates online. He hopes he never has to write the two words Mountain Fire again.

Jenny lived in her fire clothes taking awesome photos. I kept pace posting updates as well as editing as much as possible through the ever-changing situation and incorrect information circulating. Most of that came from online sources so we talked a lot to fire and law enforcement personnel.

Facebook became a full-time job as "friends" seemed to grow as rapidly as the fire. I failed to read every comment. We couldn't possibly realize what impact the posts had.

In the midst of it all, we still have a paper to get out and yet, since Sunday when the gates were raised, I have hugged and cried with more people about what our breaking news meant to them. We are still here.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

## READERS WRITE

Hats off to the TC

EDITOR:

Our deepest appreciation goes to the Idyllwild Town Crier — and especially to News Editor J.P. Crumrine — for your coverage of the Idyllwild Fire.

The Town Crier's coverage, in our opinion, was more in-depth and informative to the residents of Idyllwild than any other news source. The photos and maps by J.P. and staff gave us a clear view of the fire's progress and of the devastating damage to our surrounding forest and to many structures in the area.

We checked the Town Crier website morning, noon and night as our primary fire information source in the event we decided to evacuate. It appeared that J.P. got very little rest during his up-to-the-minute coverage of the fire. Our hats go off to him and his supporting staff.

LARRY BAKER  
AND SANDY WEBER  
IDYLLWILD

Advice to evacuees

EDITOR:

For all of the locals who evacuated, I know that it is a hard thing to do, leaving the comfort of home and community, not knowing if your home will be there when you return — the anxiety, the stress of being off the Hill.

Now that you have gone through the experience, you may say I won't go next time we evacuate, but as one who stayed, I have to give you some facts.

1. There were tons of fire equipment on our little streets and no room for our cars to be in their way.

2. Most all businesses were closed after the first day of evacuation.

3. When the plumes of smoke shifted and came over the town, the ash and burnt embers, the size of a quarter at times, dropping on the dry ground everywhere let you know what they mean by spot fires.

4. The third day in the morning, the smoke laid down in the valley of Idyllwild. It was thick and extremely hard to breathe (dangerous to your health).

So I would think twice about staying next time. It is better to be safe and stressed than unsafe and stressed. What will be will be and you can't change it.

ED REED  
IDYLLWILD

Documenting the Mountain Fire

EDITOR:

The Mountain Fire will go down as one of the most consequential events in Idyllwild's history, and we at the Idyllwild Area Historical Society hope to document as complete a record of it as we can. As part of our effort we invite all local residents to share your experience of the event, whether you evacuated or remained on the Hill.

We can best preserve written accounts and photographs. For example, tell what you saw and did, what you thought and how you felt about it, how you prepared, what you considered most important to take with you off the Hill. Send your contribution to this special Mountain Fire collection to P.O. Box 3320 or info@idyllwildhistory.org.

The Hill community will treasure your account for generations to come.

BOB SMITH  
IDYLLWILD

Grateful for the TC alert

EDITOR:

I was just lying around today and thinking about going up the hill (from Palm Springs to Pine Cove) when a message came across my laptop regarding the fire.

I was so appreciative and will wait a day or two to make the journey so I am not in anyone's way.

I am grateful to the Town Crier.

TIM WICKWIRE  
PALM SPRINGS

### Thought for the Day

"No sacrifice is worth the name unless it is a joy. Sacrifice and a long face go ill together."

— Mahatma Gandhi

## Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



## Cancellations because of the fire

The July 25 meeting of the Idyllwild Historical Preservation District Local Review Board meeting is cancelled and the next meeting is Aug. 22 at the Idyllwild Library.

The ISIS production of "Red," scheduled for the week-ends of July 26 and Aug. 2, has been cancelled.

### Town Crier project progresses

The Idyllwild Area Historical Society's effort to make old issues of the Idyllwild Town Crier available online in a searchable format for personal historical research is moving along. All issues from 1949 through 1953 have now been beautifully scanned by NewsBank Inc., thanks to a grant from the Idyllwild Community Fund and gifts from the Town Crier and Rotary Anns.

IAHS has been testing the search engine and piloting a few small research projects to assess the value of this unique resource. The first impression is extremely positive.

IAHS needs help in two ways:

1. If you have a question for which these early papers might hold an answer, contact Bob Smith as soon as possible at info@idyllwildhistory.org or 951-659-2717.

2. Anyone who has old copies of the Town Crier from 1946 to 1948, from 1957 to 1959, or from 1964 and beyond, let Smith know. IAHS needs to borrow them in order to continue the project.

### 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.

Exceptions: Anonymous letters will not be accepted. Letters of thanks are not accepted. A special advertising rate is available for thank-you letters. Political letters cost 10 cents per word.

We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission. Only one letter per author within a 28-day period. Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff. Letters may be submitted in person, by mail, by fax (659-2071) or by e-mail (Becky@towncrier.com).



## LOLA'S KITCHEN

BY DOLORES SIZER

### Where to start ...

I decided to write this column before the Mountain Fire mandatory evacuation was lifted.

Needless to mention, starting Monday, July 15, the residents of Idyllwild have been through hell.

The fact is, my mind and heart were filled with turmoil, but I was not alone. All residents of Idyllwild scattered throughout Southern California and those who stayed were feeling the same way.

I stayed with friends Julie and Jim Kehl in La Quinta. Fortunately, they have a well-stocked bar and plenty of good wine. Thank you, my good, good friends.

Keeping in touch with the Town Crier staff was crucial for me, every two hours or so logging on to idyllwild-towncrier.com and watching for fire updates.

Back to the fire. This was not my first experience with a mountain fire. In 1996, the Bee Canyon Fire took its toll on Idyllwild minds. Evacuation was mandatory. All of the Town Crier staff managed to get back in time to put out a publication for the upcoming week.

Fires of this size have a way of getting into your soul, leaving residents lamenting about their suddenly uncertain future. "What next?" keeps going through my head.

With all said, I have my pets and I am healthy. All the belongings I left behind are just things and things can be replaced.

Idyllwild residents are resilient. We did it before and we can do it again. When we got back home, we hugged each other hello then got to work rebuilding our resort town's reputation.

Is Idyllwild a great little town or what?

Thank you, all firefighters and everyone involved, directly or indirectly, with putting out this fire monster. My heart is with each and every one of you.

No recipe in this column, just my heartfelt thanks.

Next column, how about Oven-Fried Chicken by the Bucket? Will try it out on Town Crier Staff first.

Love, from Lola's Kitchen.

Contact Lola at [dolores.sizer@gmail.com](mailto:dolores.sizer@gmail.com). She also handles the front desk at the Town Crier.



## SPEAKING FOR THE ANIMALS

SHELA BOYNTON, IDYLLWILD

*Editor's note: This column was submitted after the Mountain Fire began but before evacuation orders were implemented.*



### Ready, Set, Go! ...

If we weren't paying attention before, we are now.

You're ready to evacuate your family in case of a disaster on our mountain; you've got supplies to get through a week or two if we are isolated here. The animals that count on you for their survival are part of your family, too, and need to be considered in whatever plans you make.

Idyllwild resident Janice Fast, who has experienced emergency situations on the Hill, says it very concisely: "Don't have more animals than you can evacuate."

Make a plan that includes your pets. Make arrangements with someone who can get to your pets if you can't. Notify that person every time you leave the Hill.

Another positive action you can take right now to protect your animals is to get them microchipped. Gates and doors get left open in the confusion of a disaster. Traumatized dogs and cats tend to flee, even those who normally wouldn't leave their territories.

Help rescuers return lost animals to you quickly by chipping and registering your contact information. Don't wait for the next emergency.

Should you lose your pet, ARF's Search and Rescue Team, headed by Robert Hewitt, will be doing its best to find lost animals as conditions permit. Call 951-663-6642. Please keep this number with your emergency contacts.

Put together a first-aid kit for animals. A complete list can be found on ARF's website — [www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com](http://www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com) under "Disaster Preparedness for You and Your Pets."

This website also has a description of items that should be included in your pet's Grab and Go Box. Although these lists are fairly inclusive, please use them as guidelines to help you prepare. Check with your vet for emergency supplies to include in a kit, such as antibiotics, anti-anxiety medication, and any other prescription medication your pet needs.

If you evacuate, a number of motels in the Hemet and Banning areas accept animals. These, as well as boarding facilities, are listed on ARF's website. If you don't have access to a computer, email me for a copy of whatever information you need.

If you truly must leave pets behind as a last resort, tape a sign to your front door describing any animals you have left in the house so that Riverside Emergency Animal Rescue Services (REARS) or others can try to save or care for them. Call the REARS hotline at 951-358-7387.

Please don't think firefighters, sheriff's deputies or ARF volunteers will have the time or resources to rescue our animals. It's our responsibility as pet guardians to be prepared to safeguard their well-being.

Questions for the animals can be sent to Shela Boynton at [shelab@greencafe.com](mailto:shelab@greencafe.com).

## SCIENCE & REALITY TODAY

HECTOR TRUJILLO, SAN DIEGO

### The language of nature: We are all connected ...

As I remained glued to the Internet following every update posted regarding this immense wildfire that has altered not just the landscape but also the lives of so many, it is easy for me to become depressed.

Everyone deals with tragedy and hardship differently, but have you ever wondered where this sense of angst or sadness comes from in the first place?

If you had a chance to read my last column where I interviewed theoretical physicist Sean Carroll, one of the questions you did not see (probably because I went over my word count) was about the nature of reality. As he explained it, a big secret has been kept from most of us: The universe is made of fields, not particles.

Wait, what? Yes, all those physics textbooks that highlighted the separateness of everything from everything else, whether it be something small like an atom or a molecule to something the size of humans, planets and galaxies, are incomplete because separateness is a mere trick of the senses.

Our evolutionary biology, and the survival instinct that comes with it, demands that we feel separate from everything else. I mean, just imagine if our caveman ancestor had thought he was united as one with that saber-toothed tiger across the prairie and instead of running he went to give him a hug. Ouch.

The anxiety moments of uncertainty, such as the one currently being endured by so many, is, therefore, very powerful, but one must never forget it was temporary — although several days must feel like an eternity if you are one of the many brave firefighters fighting the blaze or one of their family members.

Even our very sense of self that we cling to as unique and separate, along with our consciousness, is one of the countless ways these fields manifest themselves in our everyday lives. From the acts of bravery by those exposing their lives to extinguish these flames, the acts of compassion and empathy of those opening their homes to complete strangers, to the tress and animals that have already met their physical death, they are all part of something science is beginning to unravel, but that ancient Buddhist and Taoist traditions have always believed yet could never prove.

A deep connection exists within the fabric of nature that we will never be able to measure, because the mere act of measuring alters it — that we will never be able to touch, taste, smell, hear or see because this would require our very senses to be disconnected from the true essence we are trying to give a number or label to.

Time and space itself are the inevitable consequence of this fundamental layer of reality that you and I are tied to for better or worse. As Einstein put it, "Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one."

Therefore, in moments like these, we need not feel alone or isolated, but rather involved in an adventure that we are lucky not to know where it may lead, but know for certain we always have company.



### Art Fair coming to Idyllwild

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild is starting the Second Saturday Art Fair beginning Aug. 10 at the Idyllwild Community Center site. Coordinator Scott Finnell said if it's successful, the event will run from May to October of each year.

Finnell, a glass artist, said AAI artists are organizing the event. He said the goals is not to take anything away from the galleries but to "give artists a venue to sell their wares and encourage visitors and tourists to come to Idyllwild. Hopefully, this can turn into a big thing."

Only original artwork is allowed at the outdoor event. At some point it will become a juried show. Cost is \$10 for AAI members and \$20 for non-members for a 10-foot-by-10-foot space. For more information, email Finnell at [scott@finnellglassworks.com](mailto:scott@finnellglassworks.com).

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### Idyllwild Water Department's meeting has been rescheduled to this Wednesday, July 24th, at 6 p.m.

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[terry@idyllwildwater.com](mailto:terry@idyllwildwater.com)



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 14.

- WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**
- 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.
  - Pain Without Meds Group, 10 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
  - 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.
  - Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Highway 243.
  - Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- THURSDAY, JULY 25**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Drive.
  - Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.
  - Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Avenue. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.
  - Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
  - Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
- FRIDAY, JULY 26**
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at 760-445-6325 or email jennyl-eeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Drive.
  - County Supervisor Jeff Stone, noon-3 p.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Drive. Call 866-383-2203 for appointment.
  - Feeding America, 3 p.m. Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center. Distribution at the former Morning Sky School on Highway 243.
  - Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. Barbecue 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Highway 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 951-659-0097 for information.
- SATURDAY, JULY 27**
- Building Positive Relationships, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Amore Retreats. Call 951-659-5458 for location.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; 7:30 p.m., Spiritual Living Cen-

- ter, 26120 Ridgeview Drive.
- SUNDAY, JULY 28**
- 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.-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 Highway 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 Drive (the Courtyard Building).
  - Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
- MONDAY, JULY 29**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Drive.
  - Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Drive.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.
  - Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.
  - Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation, 7-8:30 p.m., the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.
  - Achieving Prosperity and Abundance, 7 p.m. Amore Re-

- treats. Call 951-659-5458 for location.
- TUESDAY, JULY 30**
- Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting and Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
  - Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Highway 243, Mountain Center. Call 951-659-0097 for information.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**
- 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. Newspaper office, 54425 N. Circle Dr.
  - Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
  - Pain Without Meds Group, 10 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
  - Lemon Lily Festival planning session, 10 a.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, Hwy 243.
  - 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.
- ICRC Book Club, 7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Avenue.
  - Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
  - Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tues-

- day-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
  - Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday; noon-8 p.m. Tuesday; noon-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 2000.
  - Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.
  - Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### Churches and Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

**Chapel in the Pines Christian Fellowship**  
Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer.  
Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School, 10am plus Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097, 659-2038.  
International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild First 3 Tuesdays., 5-7pm  
659-5255 • On Hwy 243 in Mountain Center.

**Christian Science Church**  
25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11a.m.-Noon.

**Community Presbyterian Church**  
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 • Rev. Richard Olson  
Sunday Worship – 9:30 a.m.  
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship – Child care available  
• Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

**Idyllwild Bible Church**  
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott.  
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship.  
**Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.**  
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups.  
Hymn Singing 6:30 p.m. 2nd Sunday  
Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

**Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church**  
54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA  
Father Charles E. Miller  
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.;  
Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.;  
Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

**Shiloh Christian Ministries**  
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54960 Upper Pine Crest  
Pastor Kristeen Bandelin 659-2416  
Sunday Worship 10 am - Thurs.  
Bible Study 7 pm

**Spiritual Living Center**  
Idyllwild Religious Science  
26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building) 659-3464.  
Dr. Betty Jandl. Classes available - contact Church;  
Sunday service, 10:00 a.m. Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.;  
Meditation, 9:00 a.m. Sundays.

**Yokoji Zen Mountain Center**  
58900 Apple Canyon Rd., Mtn. Center, CA 92561  
Zen Buddhist Retreat and Practice Center  
Sunday Program 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Morning and evening Zen Meditation: Wed.-Sun.  
Practice here is open to all, regardless of prior experience.  
Please call 951-659-5272 or visit <http://zmc.org> for more info.

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**July 17** — 911 hang up from cell phone, 24000 block of Rocky Point Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Check the welfare, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Check the welfare, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public disturbance, address undefined, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public assist, 24000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Area check, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public assist, 54000 block of Live Oak St., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Follow up, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Check the welfare, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public assist, 23000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine

Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Danger to self/other, address undefined, Anza. Report taken.

**July 18** — Unknown trouble, 56000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Assist other department, 53000 block of Marian View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Public assist, 25000 block of Fern Valley Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 44000 block of Oak Glen Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 25000 block of Scenic Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Civil dispute, 16000 block of Valley Hi Dr., Twin Pines. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Suspicious person, 44000 block of Taffle

Ranch Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Noise complaint, address undefined, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 54000 block of Rockdale Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Area check, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Fraud, 42000 block of Melton Dr., Sage. Report taken.

**July 19** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Check the welfare, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Lost property, 65000 block of Hwy. 74, Santa Rosa Indian Reservation. Report taken.

**July 19** — Public assist, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Danger to self/other, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Vehicle theft, address undefined, Anza. Unfounded.

**July 19** — Assist other department, address undefined, San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Shots fired, address undefined, Sage. Report taken.

**July 19** — Check the welfare, address undefined, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Suicide threat, address withheld, Anza. Unfounded.

**July 19** — Vehicle theft, 50000 block of Bradford Rd., Anza. Report taken.

**July 19** — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Alarm call, 53000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Runaway child, 49000 block of Twin Pines Road, San Bernardino National Forest. Arrest made.

**July 20** — Area check, 52000 block of Temecula Dr., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Alarm call, 30000 block of Red Mountain Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Narcotics, 25000 block of Cedar St., Idyllwild. Arrest made.

**July 20** — Suspicious circumstance, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Suspicious person, 25000 block of Skyline Wy., Pine Cove. Handled by

deputy.

**July 20** — Public assist, 53000 block of Marian View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Follow up, address withheld, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — 911 call, 41000 block of Gassner Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Suspicious person, 29000 block of Wrightwood Dr., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Suspicious circumstance, 25000 block of Scenic Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Shots fired, 40000 block of Pocket Canyon Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

## Help with new health options

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$21,931,657 in grant awards to 129 California health centers operating 1,221 sites to enroll the uninsured in new health coverage options the Affordable Care Act made available.

In California, health centers served 3,261,720 patients last year, 42 percent of whom were uninsured. With these funds, the awardees expect to hire 411 more workers to assist 575,863 Californians with enrollment into affordable health insurance coverage.

Across the nation, 1,159 health centers will receive \$150 million in grant awards.

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To learn more about the Affordable Care Act, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov). To learn more about HRSA's Health Center Program, visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/index.html>.

# Living Free

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To the brave and steadfast Firefighters who battled the fire to protect Living Free as the flames approached our sanctuary.

Our friends in Garner Valley who immediately came to help and our dedicated staff who evacuated, cared for, and helped return our animals safe and sound.

ARF, Idyllwild businesses, and residents for their quick response and efforts to assist in our time of need.

Our fellow rescue organizations, volunteers, and supporters for their willingness to help when we needed them the most.



# Mountain Fire created a temporary 'city'

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Although the town of Idyllwild, several thousand people, had been evacuated, a mobile city of about 3,500 people was quickly constructed in Garner Valley.

Mountain Fire city is a company town — nearly 3,300 firefighting professionals. With that many people, where do they work, eat and sleep?

The company business is to contain and eventually control a 25,000-acre wildland fire. The Mountain Fire is not burning in timberland criss-crossed with access roads. This fire chose to birth itself in steep terrain — wilderness that rises from 5,000 to 9,000 feet in an extremely dry summer.

While crews were building fire lines, back at camp a kitchen crew of several trucks was preparing to feed 3,000 residents. As Tom Efrd, Incident team PIO, said, "There's only one restaurant in town."

Hundreds of sinks, showers and laundry facilities — with 24-hour service — had to be brought to the site as well. During morning and evening briefings, the safety message included a warning to be sure to wash in order to avoid "camp crud."

Water had to be plentiful, not just for cleanliness. Once on the job site, firefighters can take a coffee break and drive back to town. Before each shift they have to load the vehicles with cases of water to ensure against dehydration on the job.

Mountain Fire city is comparable to a small town. It

has its own medical staff, who speak during the briefings, and human resources and local communication (radios) staff as well. The city also has a post office, courtesy of Lake Hemet Market.

In addition, the team has biological, botanical and archeological resource experts. These people try to assure protection of those assets during the fire protection activities. For example, Friday's forester advised that fire crews not land helicopters in Hidden Lake up in the Mt. San Jacinto Wilderness.

During the briefings, George Broyles, team information officer, provides sports reports such as announcing the

commencement of the national curling championships.

And photocopying services are an important component of the town. At each briefing (two daily), team leaders have a report of the day or night's activity and other special messages. Each report can be 10 to 15 double-sided pages.

Many of the support services, such as cooking, laundry and supplying fuel are provided through contracts with the U.S. Forest Service or CalFire.

Consequently, the population figure of 3,316 underestimated the number of people who came to the Hill's protection.

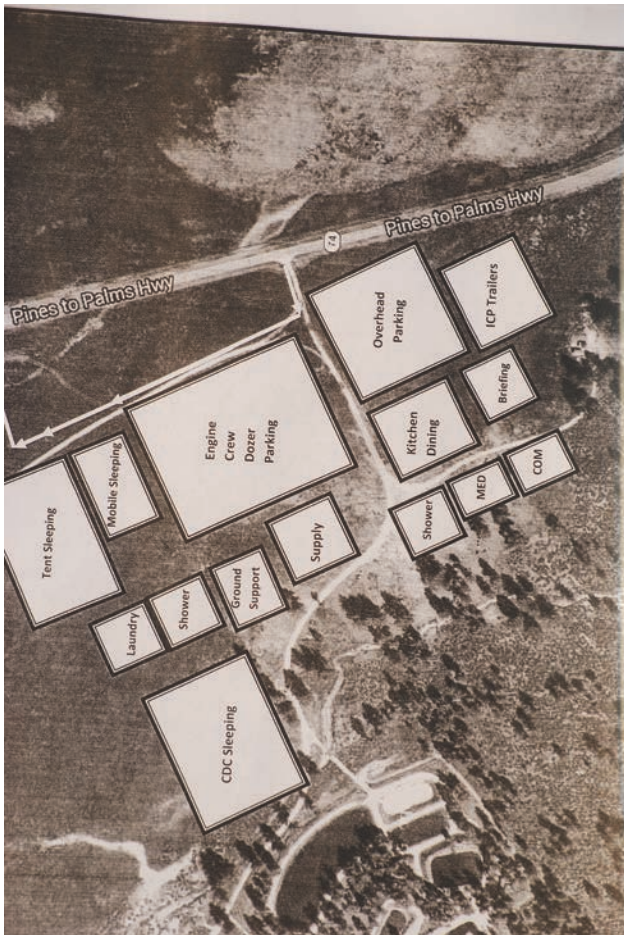
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*At right, firefighters patiently standing in line waiting for breakfast Friday morning.*

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*At lower left, A map of the Incident Command Post and locations of many of the services for team members.*

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COMMAND TEAM



## Strange but true

According to a recent survey of married people in the United States, fully one-quarter of respondents admitted to receiving a traffic ticket and hiding it from their spouse. Nearly that many (24 percent) said they had kept a car accident secret from their husband or wife.

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# Nancy Layton running for IFPD Commission

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

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## TC: Do you believe IFPD has a financial problem?

NL: "There is a financial problem and I would classify it as problem which needs continuous monitoring," Layton said. "Then we can refine and improve the financial picture."

"In a perfect world, there would be access to sufficient resources to meet all the department's needs," Layton said. "That situation does not exist today because the taxpayer base is eroding."

## TC: The commission initiated discussions about the possibility of increasing its special parcel tax. Your opinion.

NL: Layton, who is one of several of the candidates to attend commission meetings, has spoken in support of increasing the parcel fee during these discussions.

"It needs to be raised," she said directly during the interview. "The \$65 per unit should be increased to support the quality of service available to the public through the [Idyllwild] Fire Department."

Layton added that this has been her belief for a number of years.

## TC: What's the higher priority — new equipment (ambulance) or salaries?

NL: "That's a tough question because both have a



Nancy Layton, candidate for the Idyllwild Fire Commission.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

significant need of improvement," Layton stated. Returning firefighter salaries to their level before the 2012 reductions will be one of Layton's goals.

"Chief Reitz is significantly underpaid for the quality of work we're getting," she added.

She is equally concerned about the state of the existing equipment that she said needs repair and maintenance. But she was prepared to identify new equipment until she has had time to review the current situation.

## TC: What's IFPD's mission? Is a long-range plan needed?

NL: Layton was very positive about undertaking a long-range plan for the department. She expects Fire Chief Patrick Reitz to engage

the community in preparing a long-range plan.

"The department's mission is first and foremost readiness to respond to emergencies that fall within its jurisdiction," she said, "readiness to respond to critical issues within the context of adequate staffing and finances."

She wants to ensure that firefighters are available anytime — day or night. "Right now we're running very low in terms of staffing," she opined.

Before concluding, Layton stressed that she intends to see a significant improvement in financial management at the district and has been trying to improve it while serving as financial consultant for the past two years.

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## Strange but true

It's been reported that Napoleon Bonaparte was afraid of cats.

## Composting needs volunteers

The Riverside County Waste Management Department is seeking volunteers to work with the Riverside County Backyard Composting Program. Volunteer master composters attend a training course for four Saturdays, and then donate back a minimum of 40 hours to the program.

Volunteers are needed for staffing Saturday morning workshops, classroom presentations and community group presentations. Learn more about recycling organic resources and get to know others with similar interests.

The training class is from 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Saturdays from Aug. 3 to 24 in Moreno Valley. The department provides books and study materials. Limited seats are available.

For more information and to register for classes, contact Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200 or email [WasteCompRecyc@co.riverside.ca.us](mailto:WasteCompRecyc@co.riverside.ca.us).

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## TC: Do you believe IFPD has a financial problem?

SK: "Yes, obviously," Steve Kunkle replied. "Even in my time [as fire chief from 2005 to February 2010], there was enough discretionary income." However, if an emergency had occurred, Kunkle stressed that the department would have been "pressed to pay the bill."

## TC: The commission initiated discussions about the possibility of increasing its special parcel tax. Your opinion.

SK: Kunkle, as a private citizen now, was not fully committed to raising the parcel fee. But he agrees that the parcel fee alone is a bargain since it is less than the property assessment for the Idyllwild Transfer Station.

"It's easier to get approval [of an increase] when times were good, but it will be a tough road now," he opined.

## TC: What's the higher priority, new equipment (ambulance) or salaries?

SK: While Kunkle has been away from the Idyllwild Fire Department's activities for several years, he recalled that salary and benefit costs consumed a large portion of the budget making it difficult to keep emergency equipment current.

He stressed that salaries were often 80 to 90 percent of the available budget and that was the typical range for most fire departments. It was not disproportionate.

"It wasn't out of line to



Steve Kunkle

Photo courtesy of Steve Kunkle

protect the community," he said. "But you need good working equipment."

## TC: What's IFPD's mission? Is a long-range plan needed?

SK: Kunkle is an advocate for public safety planning. During his tenure as chief, he had a long-range plan drafted. "It used to be called a Master Plan," he noted. "Going out 10 years is good, especially if your financial situation is in flux. Five years is the general guideline."

He related that 85 percent of most fire department work is for emergency medical services. "We need first-response units," he emphasized. Fire and medical emergencies are 24-hour jobs for which the IFPD staff is prepared and cross-trained to handle both missions.

As he finished, Kunkle stressed his support for maintaining local control of the fire mission.

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## Town Crier Photo Contest!

Deadline for entries: 5 p.m., July 31, 2013

Here's your chance for fame, glory, and a free licence plate frame! Enter your best color photographs of the Idyllwild area in the Idyllwild Town Crier's 2014 Wall Calendar Photo Contest. Winning photographs will be published in full color in the new calendar, and winning photographers will get a byline and an Idyllwild license plate frame.



## The Rules

Contest is open to everyone. Submit up to ten 8" x 10" glossy color images. If images are digital, they must be submitted on a CD or DVD, be at least 300 dpi when scaled to 8" x 10" and must be accompanied by high-quality glossy color prints for judging. Include your name, address, phone number, e-mail and location on the back of each print (make sure you use a pen that doesn't smear or bleed onto other prints). Also, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for safe return of your work. **New this year: Limit 3 submissions per person.**

You can drop off your entries at the Town Crier at 54425 North Circle Drive, or mail to Town Crier Photo Contest, P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Sorry, no email submissions.

While the Town Crier will reserve the right to publish the photos and use them in promotional material, photographers will still own the rights to their work. Questions? E-mail: [halie@towncrier.com](mailto:halie@towncrier.com)



# How summer camps were evacuated during fire

BY MICHAEL FOGERTY  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION  
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

At about 5 p.m. Monday, July 15, Hemet Unified School District Director/Safety Officer Lucy Rebeck contacted me regarding the possible need to evacuate 250 children from the Ronald McDonald Camp in the Lake Hemet area.

Six buses were immediately dispatched to the location. The drivers arrived on the scene within an hour-and-a-half and were on standby at the Lake Hemet Market in case they were needed. By 1:30 a.m. no evacuation was needed and the buses returned to the Transportation Facility.

At about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Rebeck again contacted me regarding the need to evacuate the Ronald McDonald camp.

Six buses were again dispatched to the location and arrived in less than an hour. The camp personnel did not immediately want to evacuate and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department was called in to "negotiate" with camp directors.

Eventually, the buses were let in and 250 children were loaded onto the buses and transported to the large parking lot at Hemet High, where Rebeck and I coordinated the transfer of the children from Hemet buses to charter buses to be distributed to different parts of Southern California. Children of varying ages attending this camp have either cancer or some other serious type of illness. Rebeck and I completed the transfer at about 11:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, I began to receive reports that parts of Idyllwild were going to be evacuated. I promptly contacted Buckhorn Camp, Idyllwild Arts, Camp Emerson and AstroCamp to ascertain the number of children at each site. I learned that we were dealing with about 1,000 children and that many were from out of state and from different countries. My staff then began assembling about 50 transportation personnel for possible evacuations.

Rebeck then coordinated a meeting with Maintenance Director Anthony Pipkins and me to plan the logistics to support all of the children. Drivers then began heading to the area, in advance of the evacuation order, to be in position. All the camps, except Emerson, then contacted me stating they were, indeed, under a mandatory evacuation. We were able to get all of our resources where they were needed and placed another six buses at Idyllwild School for any other contingency in the area.

Rebeck and I then coordinated the delivery of more than 875 children on buses to Hemet High School throughout the evening. At the completion of the evacuation, I contacted the camp directors and exchanged information. I offered our services at any time throughout the night and the next few days.

A short time later, AstroCamp contacted me requesting that we transport a group of children to the Ontario air-



*During the Idyllwild evacuation many Idyllwild Arts students and counselors, mostly from out-of-state, could not get home. Fortunately on Saturday, Idyllwild Arts Foundation board members **Jeff Dvorak** and **Michael Slocum** hosted them at a barbecue pool party at their Palm Springs home.*

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port. The bus departed Hemet High at about 12:45 a.m.

On the morning of July 18, Buckhorn Camp contacted me to transport their entire 350 children to a location in Palm Desert. Energy Education Manager Andy McGuire and I coordinated that transportation. They were all delivered to that location by 1 p.m. that day.

Idyllwild Arts had secured hotel rooms in the Palm Desert area were expected to depart later that day. I had offered transportation to the Executive Director. I am waiting to hear whether he will need our services at this time.

I am pleased to report that my staff was dedicated, professional and eager to help. I received numerous accolades from the camp directors of how "wonderful" the drivers were and how grateful they were of our promptness in their time of need.

This was an amazing team effort that also involved

Rebeck's tireless efforts over the last 72 hours. Her ability to coordinate our efforts with the Emergency Operation Center was critical in this endeavor. Pipkins' ability to quickly adapt to the ever-changing situation was incredible.

## Jeep tours now in Idyllwild

Desert Adventures is providing Jeep tours in Idyllwild. Two Jeeps are stationed in Idyllwild for tours on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The two-hour tours depart from Idyllwild Vacation Cabins at 54380 North Circle Drive mornings and afternoons. Tour guides tell about Idyllwild's transition from a small camping area in Strawberry Valley to a renowned culture and arts center, and destination for rock climbing and hiking.

The tour is an off-road experience through the forest in the Pine Cove area to the North Fork of the San Jacinto River, with views of Tahquitz Peak and Suicide Rock. Reservations are required. Call 760-324-5337 for more information.

## Strange but true

Those who study such things say that explorer Christopher Columbus had blond hair.

## No need to boil water

Residents who are customers of Idyllwild and Fern Valley water districts do not need to boil their water following the Mountain Fire.

Both districts treat the water before it enters the distribution system. Further, IWD's water comes from wells, not streams, therefore is free of ash and other debris.

Fern Valley does divert some water, but the stream flows have diminished and is using a higher proportion of well water; but its water supply is treated first.

The only restrictions on water applied to the Apple Canyon, Bonita Vista and Zen Mountain Center areas.

## Strange but true

Pet food is the third most profitable item for supermarkets, following meat and fresh produce.

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# Desert Chamber Orchestra far from high brow

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

"If you're expecting 'long hair' music, nothing could be further from truth," said Christian Chalifour, Desert Chamber Orchestra director.

The orchestra with two soloists, Vanessa Sheldon, harpist, and Lawrence Spector, guitar, will be the next guests at the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series on Thursday, Aug. 1, at the Idyllwild Community Center site.

Demonstrating Chalifour's musical tastes, the performance starts with Kimberly Roberts singing



Conductor  
**Christian Chalifour**



Vocalist  
**Kimberly Roberts**

Katy Perry's "Firework." Chalifour emphasized that the program was selected weeks ago before the Moun-

tain Fire.

Having lived here nearly 10 years ago, he was concerned about the fire's

impact on the series. "I was concerned for Ken [Dahleen, the series producer] because the concerts help fund the series."

Chalifour is the former director of the Coachella Valley Symphony, which has appear several times at the ISCS, including last year with Wayne Abrahams as the maestro and two previous appearances with Chalifour.

The program will include some traditional classical music such as the "Handel Harp Concerto" with Dr. Vanessa Sheldon, and a Vivaldi guitar concerto with Lawrence Spector. Also, Chalifour has planned to perform more

recent compositions such as Henry Mancini's "Baby Elephant Walk," Alan Silva's "The Code" and Chalifour's rendition of the "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Chalifour stressed the performance will have something for everyone's musical tastes.

The Desert Chamber Orchestra with Spector and Sheldon will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

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P.O. Box 1542, Idyllwild, CA 92549-1542

## Free hot dogs this Thursday

Idyllwild Rotary Club members and members of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Auxiliary invite everyone to join them in a casual "Welcome Home" celebration and a free hot dog and beverage at 5 p.m. in the Idyllwild Community Center site just prior to Thursday night's concert.

The hot dog stand will remain open as long as hot dogs are available. Come greet friends and neighbors and experience a joyful evening of community spirit.

Wal-Mart donated the hot dogs to the Idyllwild Fire Department.

This week's concert with Sherry Williams will still begin at 7 p.m. and Marshall Hawkins and Friends will appear at 6:15 p.m.

Unfortunately, the evacuation of Idyllwild as a result of the Mountain Fire's threat caused the cancellation of last week's concert with Idyllwild favorite Yve Evans.

## Grammy winner Schuur to appear at jazz fest

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Next month's Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines will feature many artists who are returning and familiar to the faithful audience. But one voice will make her inaugural visit to the mountain amphitheatre.

Diane Schuur will step onto the Holmes Amphitheatre stage Saturday, Aug. 17, for the first time. Schuur, now living in Palm Desert, is a world-renowned jazz vocalist and pianist. Her mentor was Dinah Washington and Schuur sings jazz tunes from the 1940s and 1950s.

"It's a mixture of standards and some of the tunes I'm know for," Schuur said, describing plans for the jazz fest. This will include "Deedle's Blues." Her nickname is Deedles. But Schuur is known for her beautiful

voice and a wide genre of songs, not just from the Washington era.

Although born blind, she made up for it with perfect pitch and a love for music. She's been singing since she was 9, almost 50 years ago. "I haven't let it stop me from forging ahead in life," she said proudly.

She also sings pop music from the 1960s. Her first song was a country song and she made an album several years ago. Her range is broad. Frank Sinatra and Stan Getz, personal friends, are also important sources for her music. Attention is necessary and enjoyable as she can surprise listeners during a performance.

Schuur just loves singing and sang a verse on the phone during the interview. She has garnered five Grammy nominations and won two Grammy Awards for best female jazz vocal

performance.

Schuur has just returned from another European tour, from England to Latvia, with stops in France, Italy and Switzerland. She has performed in Japan, a bastion of jazz enthusiasts, for decades. She enjoys the traveling and has no favorite venue.

As a long-time Southern California resident currently living in Palm Desert, she was paying close attention to the Mountain Fire last week. "I'm hoping and praying Idyllwild is spared from this horrible fire," she said last Saturday.

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Diane Schuur

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## 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, July 24**  
**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m.; **Cribbage**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Jac Jacaruso**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Thursday, July 25**  
**Modern Dance With Wendy**, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, Free hot dogs and beverages**, 5 p.m.; **Marshall Hawkins and Seahawk**, 6:15 p.m.; **Sherry Williams**, 7-9 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Friday, July 26**  
**Karaoke**, 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Lumbermill Bar & Grill.  
**Barbecue**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Forest Lumber.  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon; **Crafty Kids Art**

**Class, Wendy Watts**, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Willy B.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Food.  
**Dan Papaila**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

**Saturday, July 27**  
**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.  
**Michael Britton**, 1-4 p.m. Lumbermill Bar & Grill.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Live music.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Food.  
**Hojo Reynolds**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

**Sunday, July 28**  
**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.  
**Michael Britton**, 1-4 p.m. Lumbermill Bar & Grill.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.



Firefighters and other support personnel dance at Jo'An's on Monday night during open mic night. There were at about 40 crews in the restaurant for dinner. PHOTO BY DOLORES SIZER

**Monday, July 29**  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.  
**Family Movie Mondays, "Corrina, Corrina"** 3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library Community Room.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic

Theatre.  
**Tuesday, July 30**  
**Free Senior Wii**, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre

**Wednesday, July 31**  
**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m.; **Cribbage**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Town Hall.

**Thursday, Aug. 1**  
**Modern Dance With Wendy**,

4-5 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, Marshall Hawkins and Friends**, 6:15 p.m.; **Desert Chamber Orchestra with Lawrence Spector and Dr. Vanessa Sheldon and Lawrence Spector**, 7-9 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center.

**Friday, Aug. 2**  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon; **Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts**, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.

**Saturday, Aug. 3**  
**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit**, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.

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

**Monday, Aug. 5**  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.

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**Chris Tota** of Idyllwild said he couldn't just sit around and do nothing while he was evacuated. He made \$76 for fire victims before the drizzle shut him down at Dana Point Harbor Saturday morning, trying to hit up the fishing and boating crowd without drawing attention from the police. He wasn't sure if what he was doing was legal. When he returned to the Hill he stopped at Mountain Center Cafe and asked co-owner **Martha Pearson** to donate the money to a fire victim. Within two minutes, he said, she saw a victim at the Mountain Center Post Office, ran out to hand him the money and the man broke out in tears.

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## Fire

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### Friday

While the Mountain Fire's growth was limited Thursday, Friday morning brought grave concern about its possible turns as a result of the winds predicted to accompany a monsoonal weather pattern.

And while the possibility of increased moisture might have dampened the fire, the northern edge was still growing slowly and headed toward San Jacinto Peak, according to team fire behavior expert Dennis Burns.

On Thursday, Riverside County had proclaimed a local emergency because of the Mountain Fire. The next day, Friday, Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a state proclamation of emergency.

The fire continued to have bursts on the northern boundary within the San Jacinto Wilderness and in the direction of San Jacinto Peak. Spotting — where embers ignite fuels on landing — rather than walls of flames spurred the fire's movement.

Consequently, fire officials issued an evacuation warning for Pine Cove. Residents were asked to be ready to evacuate if the Fire continued moving north or the easterly winds became stronger.

### Saturday

The day began similarly to Friday with cloud cover and higher humidity.

Fire officials reported that Friday night was relatively quiet. Fire lines were established along South Ridge. Many crews were being

staged in Idyllwild in case of a sudden change.

For the first time, fire officials decided to insert hotshot crews into the wilderness. They would use the Palm Springs Tramway to enter the back country and begin work on the northern tip of the Mountain Fire. They might, if it was safe, establish a "spike camp," according to Norm Rooker, a team information officer.

Saturday afternoon, Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz (D-36) visited the Incident Command Post and also the homes that burned earlier in the week. That afternoon, the team also lifted Trails End and Camp Joe Scherman evacuations.

Pincha-Tulley briefed the congressman on the fire's status, its start and progression during the week as well as the decision to impose an evacuation. She stressed that the fire had been moving 5,000 acres each day at the beginning and a weather change was predicted. Evacuation was prudent and a safety need.

Hawkins recommended that Ruiz try to help secure funding to maintain the fuelbreaks that have been constructed around town. "We want to assure funding for public safety," Hawkins implored Ruiz.

The congressman promised to amplify the voices of the incident team and the local officials who have spent years and endless hours to ensure the Hill's protection. "Except for your preparation, more homes and people could have been injured and devastated," he said. "I will inform all levels of government, including the White House, of the

extraordinary teamwork and collaboration."

### Sunday

Rain fell on the Mountain Fire Sunday morning. Total rain was between 1 inch and 1-1/2 inches depending on the location.

A sense that the tide had turned began when the Incident Management Team announced plans to begin releasing resources, including seven of 11 Type 1 helicopters.

Then in mid-morning came the announcement that the Idyllwild and Fern Valley evacuations were to be lifted. Residents would need to secure a permit to re-enter before 11 p.m. After that, no restrictions would be applied.

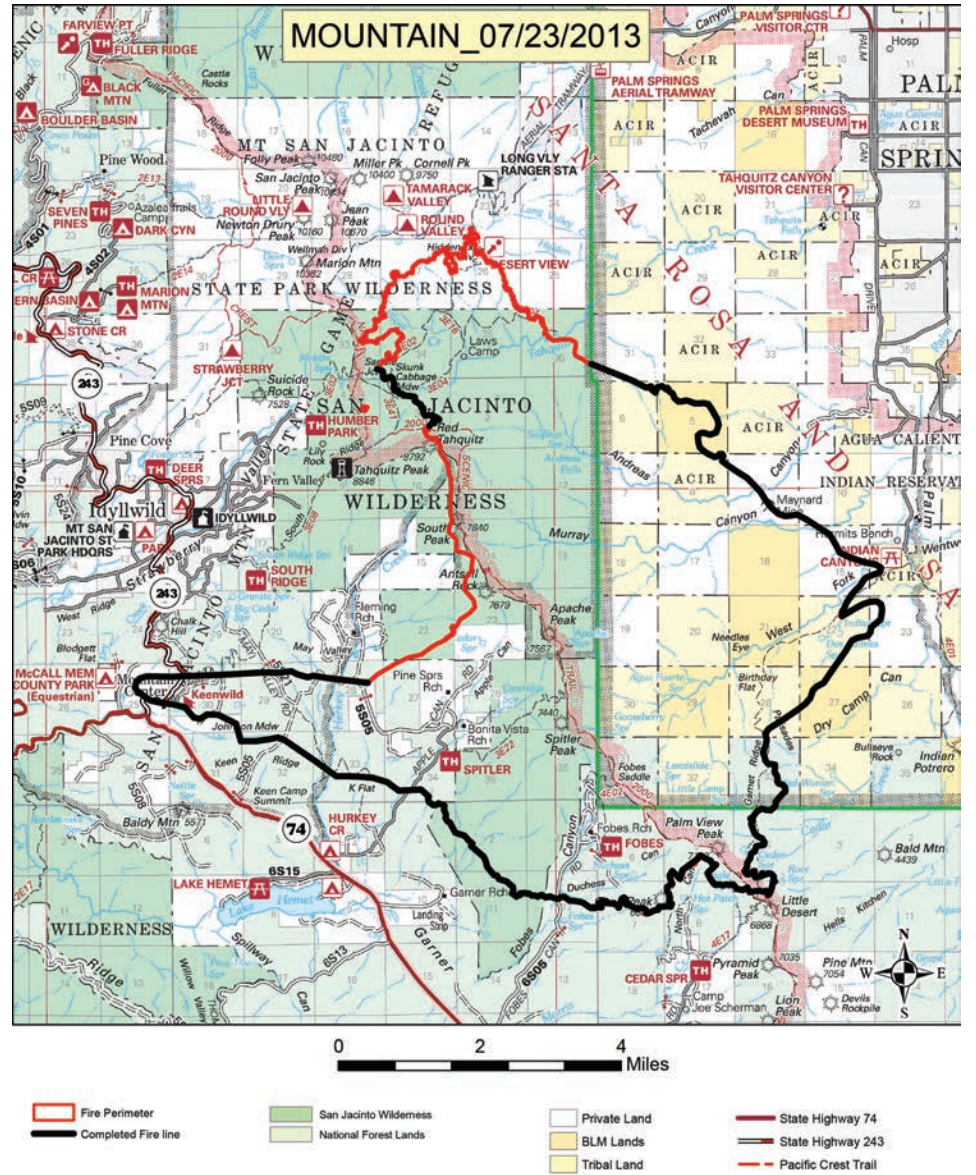
In the afternoon, the Riverside County Sheriff's Office held a press conference at the Lake Hemet station to formally announce the lifting of the evacuation order and the evacuation warning for Pine Cove.

"This area will open to the public by 11 p.m. tonight," Capt. Scot Collins affirmed. "There will continue to be patrols of heavy sheriff presence."

Sunday's extensive rain accelerated the fire's containment two to three days, according to Pincha-Tulley. Without the rain, the evacuation orders may not have been lifted until Sunday night or Monday.

### Monday

Monday morning began with sunny skies over Idyllwild and the noise of traffic moving through town. As people began to return to homes and businesses, thoughts of grati-



A map of the Mountain Fire as of Tuesday morning, July 23, a week after it started on the afternoon of July 15.

MAP COURTESY OF U.S. FOREST SERVICE

tude dominated the need to recover from the forced four-day leave of absence.

Idyllwild Fire Station welcomed residents back with American flags at both ends of town. Thank you signs began appearing Sunday evening.

Rain fell again Monday afternoon. And the population of the fire team was nearly half its peak of 3,500.

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At left, the remnants of a home at Pine Springs Ranch. Below left, the Mountain Fire destroyed several homes and property in the Bonita Vista neighborhood on Monday and Tuesday.

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At right, one of two DC10s assigned to the Mountain Fire flew over the Hill dropping thousands of gallons of retardant on the fire to slow and to direct its progress.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



A U.S. Forest Service public information officer helps residents returning to the Hill Sunday afternoon.

PHOTO BY DORIS LOMBARD

### Thought for the Day

"There are two ways of constructing a software design; one way is to make it so simple that there are obviously no deficiencies, and the other way is to make it so complicated that there are no obvious deficiencies. The first method is far more difficult."

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# Some businesses remained open during fire

By JACK CLARK  
CONTRIBUTOR

Five center-of-town businesses were open Thursday following the previous evening's evacuation and remained so throughout the evacuation.

Fifteen customers graced the Red Kettle restaurant at 9:15 Thursday morning. Most appeared to be residents, but a few were fire-related personnel, including freelance fire photographer Jenny Kirchner.

Fire photographer Jenny Kirchner had placed herself in the thick of the action and had provided some amazing photographs to the Town Crier, which have been picked up by national media. She couldn't pay for her meal that morning because a local resident beat her to it.

Several firefighters took meals to go. Ashley Stewart said the Kettle had opened an hour early that morning at 6 and that it would stay open "as long as they need us."

Larry Donahoo at Village Hardware said much the same thing. He said he had sold some batteries among other supplies and was planning to stay open on Friday, with the weekend to be played by ear.

At Village Market, Dan Aronson also said they would remain open as needed. Firefighters were among his few customers that morning and they were getting special rates.

At Idyllwild Garage and Chevron station, Tamara Friemoth remained open to sell gasoline and "whatever we can do to help."

John Friemoth said the garage was staying open for Auto Club calls and other services. He said they had done a few jump starts for evacuating residents, and that he intended to stay open "until the flames show at the ridge."

Gary's Deli also opened to firefighters, law enforcement, media and the small number of residents who didn't leave town.

Gary Budnik had been working in his deli throughout the fire, offering specials for the firefighters. He also stayed overnight in the deli with his German shepherd-mix, Chip, an ARF rescue dog who also is an Idyllwild councilman and won the Mr. Idyllwild award in the prior weekend's ARF Pet Expo.

The weekend of the expo, the Lemon Lily Festival and the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's show and tour were a world away.



**Shane and Ashley Stewart**, owners of Pine Cove Market and Red Kettle, having a late meal after feeding hundreds of firefighters Saturday night.

PHOTO BY  
BECKY  
CLARK

The Idyllwild Town Crier and Visitors Center also was open with a limited staff of three to answer callers' questions and update fire information at [www.idyllwildtowncrier.com](http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com).

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*Above left, the Bonita Vista in Garner Valley area suffered the initial destruction from the Mountain Fire.*

*Above, tomato plants growing in a Bonita Vista garden were not invulnerable to the heat of the Mountain Fire.*



*Bottom left, the heat of the Mountain Fire melted this slide.*

PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE

## Gilman Springs Road project

A road project to make Gilman Springs Road safer for motorists began July 22, the first phase of a five-phase job costing \$17.5 to \$21.5 million and completed in 2016.

The project brings improvements to a heavily used main artery for commuters, students and others traveling into and out of the San Jacinto Valley. The first phase includes curbs and safety improvements, such as centerline rumble strips between Soboba Road and Highway 79, resurfacing, additional shoulders and new pavement markings. The first phase will cost \$2.4 million and is scheduled to be completed in early August.

Because of the work, Gilman Springs Road is closed completely between Highway 79 and Soboba Road from July 22 to Aug. 9. The schedule for the first phase was set, in part, to complete phase-one

construction before the fall session at Mt. San Jacinto College.

The Riverside County Transportation Department expects to improve road safety by correcting curve alignments, adding passing lanes, widening shoulders and adding rumble strips and signals.

The next phase begins in October. Phase two includes repaving, shoulder-widening and curve realignment south of Highway 60 to about 1.7 miles south of Alessandro Boulevard.

Construction will add a left-turn pocket at Gilman Springs Road and Alessandro Boulevard, and a southbound passing lane starting south of Alessandro Boulevard. A portion of the project is being done in cooperation with the City of Moreno Valley.

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# Historic Garner Ranch serves contemporary need

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Mountain Fire city had its own airport located at the historic Garner Ranch in Garner Valley. The helibase supported nearly 20 different helicopters, including 11 Type 1 birds.

The main topic during Sunday's briefing at the airport was the weather report because of the early morning rain and the prospect for more later that day.

The helibase even has a control tower. What appears to be a large mobile home, is a two-story control center with windows in the front and both sides.



Helibase leader **Lindsay Alarcon** preparing for Sunday morning's helitack briefing.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

As she shared that Sunday, seven Type 1 crews were being released. She told the whole contingent, "You guys have done the majority of the work. You've gone where we've asked and stirred [the fire]

and it's done what we wanted because of the air support." Alarcon arrived Tuesday and directed the application of thousands of gallons of water and retardant along the

fire's perimeter. "It was a complex aerial show with many tankers and copters in constant contact," she said.

Much of the water was taken from Lake Hemet. The retardant was available at two temporary locations. One was on the east side of the Hill near Palm Springs and the other in Garner Valley adjacent to the helibase.

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On Sunday, a Cal Fire helicopter loads with water from the "pumpkin," mobile water reservoir, at the Pine Cove Water District site at Dutch Flats.

PHOTO BY JERRY HOLLDBER

At right, the helibase control tower overlooking Gilman Ranch that housed support for 20 helicopters throughout the Mountain Fire assault on the Hill.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



## Tuesday's Mountain Fire update

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Incident Management Team is containing its nemesis, the Mountain Fire. As of Monday evening, July 22, the fire had burned 27,332 acres, but was 85 percent contained.

Full containment was expected Wednesday, July 24.

Fire officials stressed the larger size was not due to the fire spreading, rather more accurate infrared mapping established the new area.

Tuesday, firefighters continued to patrol and monitor the fire's perimeter. When conditions permit, crews will continue to construct direct line, mop up, patrol and perform fire suppression repair.

Significant demobilization has started and a plan for turning the incident back to the San Bernardino

National Forest was being developed. The number of personnel was 1,146, less than a third at the fire's peak on Friday. Thus far, the fire has cost \$22.8 million.

Mt. San Jacinto State Park Wilderness is closed. However, the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway reopened Tuesday, July 23.

The San Jacinto Wilderness on the federal side and Humber Park remain closed. The San Bernardino National Forest Closure Orders 13-8 and 13-9 are still in effect. (See <http://idyllwild-towncrier.com/2013/07/23/breaking-mountain-fire-updates/> for details and maps. For instance, the Pacific Crest Trail, as well as connecting trails, remain closed.

Monday, residents of the Apple Canyon and Bonita Vista roads areas received precautionary warnings

about potential flash floods and mud slides from possible heavy monsoon rains. Idyllwild School was the temporary evacuation center. According to Ray Smith,

Riverside County public information officer, no one had used the center as of 6 p.m. Monday.

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).



Congressman **Dr. Raul Ruiz** (D-36), right, talks with San Jacinto Ranger District Fire Chief **Dan Felix** about the Mountain Fire Saturday.

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# The Mountain Fire: What you might not know

BY PATRICK REITZ, FIRE CHIEF  
IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Idyllwild Fire Protection District provided one brush engine and two water tenders (trucks) for initial attack. The brush engine returned to the district that first night to help protect Idyllwild, while the two water tenders remained on the fire 24 hours a day until released Sunday. IFPD also had two members serving as trainees during the fire to increase their certification levels, benefiting the District with their additional training and experience.

When the fire was first dispatched, IFPD recalled all available personnel, including volunteers, reserves and paid personnel. Most stayed at the station through the week, sleeping on cots, air mattresses and recliners.

IFPD had all its vehicles staffed and ready to respond. IFPD responded to several calls, including public service, medical and fire calls throughout the week of the fire.

IFPD also patrolled throughout the district.

It is estimated that 85 to 95 percent of Idyllwild evacuated Wednesday afternoon and evening. Thank you.

Support members of Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Company 621 remained to answer the phones and questions. Thousands of phone calls were received at the station from concerned citizens, the media, and people from all over the world wanting information. At times the fire station was getting two phone calls a minute, making it impossible for the district to call its own personnel or for personnel to call into the fire station.

At the time of the evacuation, five American Medical Response ambulances and a supervisor, along with a disaster support unit, were sent to Idyllwild to assist with the evacuation. All but three of the ambulances remained until Monday morning to respond with IFPD and for the many firefighters assigned to work in the area. AMR was staged at the fire station with IFPD, eating, sleeping,

cleaning, working and responding together — seamlessly.

A strong law enforcement presence was on the Hill during the fire, some of which is still present. No fewer than 24 sheriff deputies and other law enforcement personnel patrolled and responded.

Countless donations of food and goods from both on and off the Hill were a huge help in getting through the week. A big thank you to all that donated. The list is too large to print here.

Two unusual donations came from off the Hill — Walmart donated a load of much-needed stock and supplies, and Panda Express donated enough food to feed more than 100 responders. The donation from Panda Express resulted in tables being set up in the apparatus bays, and many of the firefighters and law enforcement personnel protecting the Hill cycling through the station to share a meal.

IFPD readily opened its doors and made the fire station available for any Hill responder to use its restrooms, and to share its food, water, phones, copier, etc.

Rumors on Facebook and Twitter contributed to frustration by evacuated residents and additional phone calls into the fire station. These rumors included the lifting of the evacuation order no fewer than three times during the week and that two firefighters were shot when they discovered a marijuana grow operation.

During the initial days of the fire, one resident of another area of the fire refused to evacuate, only to have to be rescued when the fire surrounded the property. This forced firefighters to be pulled off the fire and put themselves in additional danger to rescue an individual who refused to evacuate. Please evacuate when asked to do so for your safety and the safety of those who might have to rescue you.

During the peak threat to Idyllwild, more than 30 individual engines made up six Strike Teams of engines. Two bulldozers and several hand crews all were assigned to the Idyllwild area to protect and defend homes and property should the fire move into Idyllwild.

While the Strike Teams were familiarizing themselves and patrolling the area, they conducted structure triage. You may have come home to find your firewood, lawn furniture and barbecue moved. You may also have found your garden hose and ladders not where you left them. This was done to prepare your house should the fire enter the area.

Some residents have called after finding structure triage forms posted at the end of their driveways. If you found one of these forms, please make note of the items on the form. It will help you prepare your house should we have another fire threaten the area. If you found one with a red "X," that means your house was considered too dangerous for firefighters to defend from the fire. Please call the fire station for an appointment to discuss your property if you have questions.

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District and all of its personnel would like to thank everyone, the community, and all of the responders who helped fight the fire and protect the community — firefighters, law enforcement, county road department, Caltrans and all of the others. Thank you for keeping Idyllwild and the Hill the great place it is.

## Services reduced for traffic cases

Due to several consecutive years of state budget reductions, the Riverside Superior Court is reducing services to the public. Effective immediately, the court will offer limited in-person, and no live operator telephone service for litigants with traffic cases.

In place of in-person service, the court is automating many routine tasks through available computers, kiosks and telephones.

To pay a fine or see a record, the public may visit the court's website ([www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/)) and click on the "Online Services" tab.

For those who have more complex traffic matters and need to speak with a court employee, Traffic and Collections Clerk appointments may be scheduled online by visiting the court's website and choosing "Traffic" under "Info by Division." The next page has an option to schedule an appointment with a clerk: [www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/scheduleappt.shtml](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/scheduleappt.shtml).

Appointments may also be scheduled using the computers in courthouse lobbies. Appointments are available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Banning Court, Hemet Court, Indio Larson Justice Center, Moreno Valley Court and Murrieta Southwest Justice Center.

Appointments are only available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at Blythe Court.

Night court appoint-

ments are available at the Indio Larson Justice Center on the first Tuesday of the month until 5:30 p.m. and the Moreno Valley Court on the third Wednesday of the month until 6:30 p.m.

A limited number of pre-populated appointment types are available, such as a request for a third extension or a request to change a citation to owner's responsibility, and evaluation for hardship payments or community service. When requesting an appointment, provide a phone number and an email to receive a confirmation and other messages.

Since a clerk appointment does not constitute a court appearance, an appointment may be scheduled in any of the appointment locations listed above, regardless of the citation's jurisdiction. Setting an appointment does not extend the date to appear or alter or extend any statutory or court-ordered deadlines.

An appointment may be scheduled up to two weeks in advance and each appointment will be scheduled for 15 minutes.

Same-day court appearances are no longer offered in any traffic court location. Customers may reserve a court date 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the court's public website. Once calendared, the customer will be able to bypass the traffic counter and report directly to the courtroom without standing in line in the

clerk's office.

To appear in front of a judicial officer for a traffic citation, a court date must be reserved. An appearance in court is optional unless "Mandatory Appearance" is reflected on the courtesy notice. If "Mandatory Appearance" is indicated in the amount due section on the courtesy notice, the customer is required to appear.

Night court appearances within the citation's jurisdiction are at 5 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Indio Larson Justice Center and at 5:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Moreno Valley Court.

To schedule a court appearance, customers may use the computers in the courthouse lobby, or go online from any location and visit the court's website. Choose "Traffic" under "Info by Division." The next page has an option to schedule a "request court appearance" ([www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/reqcourtappearance.shtml](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/reqcourtappearance.shtml)).

Cases must be eligible for a court appearance, and scheduling a court appearance does not extend a date to appear or alter or extend any statutory or court-ordered deadline.

The citing law enforcement officer will not be present at this hearing.

To contest a citation — plead not guilty and proceed with a court trial to testify and present evidence and/or witnesses — the person must post the full bail amount (fine) of the citation and reserve a court date online at <https://www.epay-it.com/>.

Or, to post bail and schedule a court trial by mail, send payments to the Payment Processing Center, 505 S. Buena Vista, Room 201, Corona, CA 92882.

To post bail and schedule a court trial online, customers may use the computers in the courthouse lobby, too.

The court will set a trial date and with notification sent within seven to 10 days. The court will subpoena the officer(s) for trial. Eventually, cities will be able to select a court trial date at the time of scheduling.

For more information regarding contesting a traffic ticket, visit <http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/contesting.shtml>.

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### A million thanks

Business owners expressed their gratitude in a number of ways. Above, Higher Grounds patrons prepared a group "Thank you" to Mountain Fire firefighters.

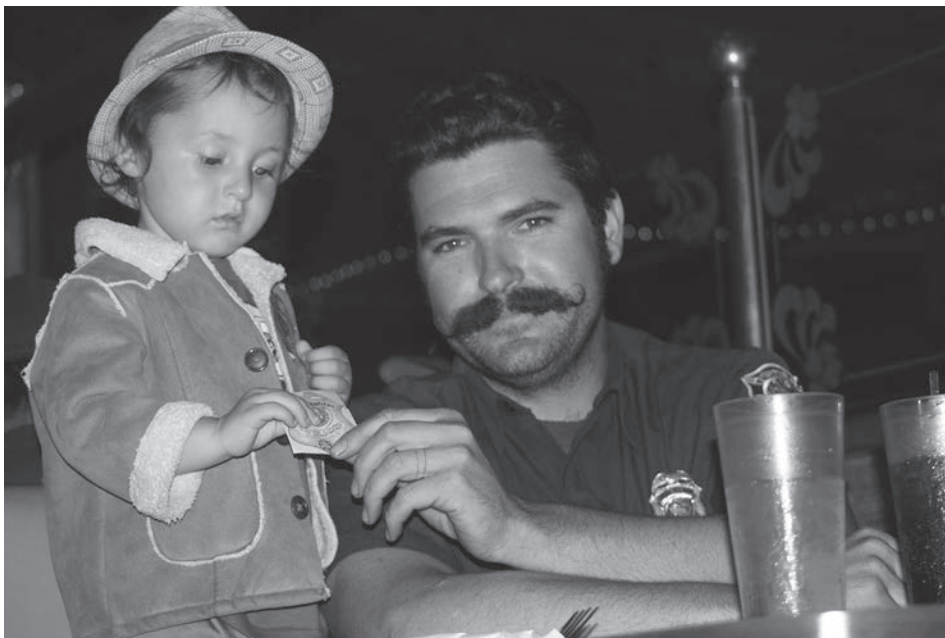
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Above left, the marquee at the Rustic Theatre this week.

PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

Below left, the Strawberry Creek Bunkhouse and Strawberry Creek Inn display "Thank you" signs for all of the personnel involved in the Mountain Fire fighting efforts.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Firefighter **Joel Hanson** of the Ventura County Fire and Rescue hands **Isaiah Markus** of Idyllwild a decal at Jo'An's Restaurant Monday night. It was a night of celebration when firefighters filled the restaurant, even dancing wildly later and receiving many accolades for saving Idyllwild.

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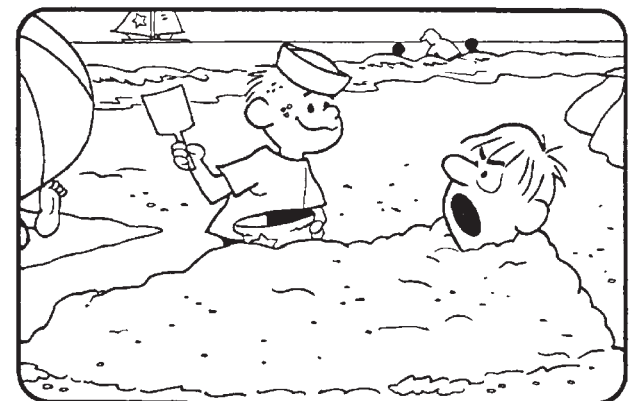
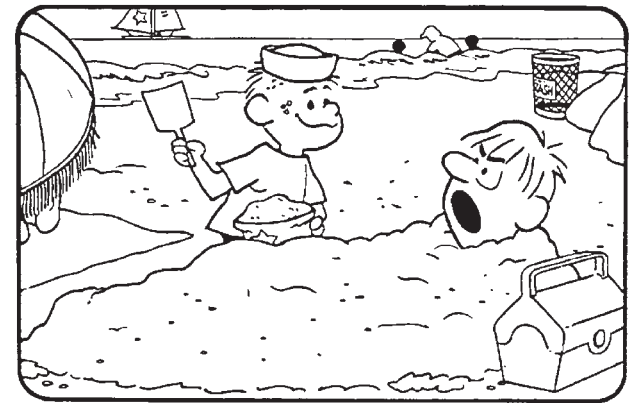
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Answers to Sudoku  
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword  
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Signed: REBECCA LOU CLARK President/CEO  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 24, 2013.

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Pub. TC: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person is doing business as THE CANDY CUPBOARD, 24250 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 794, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JENNIFER LYNN MCKEE, GARY WILLIAM MCKEE and PATRICIA SUE MCKEE, 25685 Oakwood, Idyllwild, CA 92549. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 1, 2012.

Signed: JENNIFER LYNN MCKEE  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 7, 2013.

FILE NO: R-2013-04925  
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CERTIFICATION  
Thereby 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: July, 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2013.

CERTIFICATION  
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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk  
By: J. Wray, Deputy  
Pub. TC: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person is doing business as JOYFUL WEDDINGS & MARRIAGES, 78351 Hollister Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211, Riverside County. RICHARD EMILE CADIEUX, 78351 Hollister Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 2, 2008.

Signed: RICHARD EMILE CADIEUX  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 2, 2013.

FILE NO: R-2013-07035  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JULY 2, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JULY 2, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk  
By: J. Gonzalez, Deputy  
Pub. TC: July, 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2013.

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HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A longtime situation starts to move into a new phase. The question for the uncertain Lamb right now is whether to move with it. Facts emerge by midmonth to help you decide.
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A talent for organizing your priorities allows the Divine Bovine to enjoy a busy social life and not miss a beat in meeting all workplace and/or family commitments.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) What began as a dubious undertaking has now become one of your favorite projects. Your enthusiasm for it rallies support from other doubters-turned-believers.
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Accept the help of friends to get you through an unexpectedly difficult situation. There'll be time enough later to investigate how all this could have happened so fast.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Change is a major factor for the Big Cat through midmonth. Be prepared to deal with it on a number of levels, including travel plans and workplace situations.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You might not like all the changes that have begun to take place around you. But try to find something positive in at least some of them that you can put to good use.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A family member's

unsettling experience could create more problems if it's not handled with care and love. And who's the best one to offer all that? You, of course.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It might not be the right time for you to start a new venture. But it's a good time to start gathering facts and figures so you'll be set when the GO! sign lights up.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The sagacious Sagittarius should have no trouble deciding between those who can and those who cannot be trusted to carry out a workplace commitment.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Surprise, surprise. It looks as if that one person you once thought you could never hope to win over to your side suddenly just might choose to join you.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might have to set aside your pride for now and accept a change that isn't to your advantage. Cheer up. There'll be time later to turn this around in your favor.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your creative self emerges as dominant through midmonth. This should help you restart that writing or arts project you've left on the shelf for far too long.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of encouraging others by example to come out from the shadows and enjoy life to the fullest.

CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**  
1 Humpty's perch  
5 — out (relax)  
8 Applaud  
12 Others (Lat.)  
13 Mrs. McKinley  
14 Helper  
15 Dracula's ilk  
17 Nasty  
18 Before  
19 Fellows  
20 Reject disdainfully  
21 Quid pro —  
22 3, on the phone  
23 Counterfeit  
26 Spoke highly of  
30 Met melody  
31 Bliss  
32 Italy's capital  
33 "Oh, what a — web we

weave ..."  
35 Underneath  
36 Wrestling surface  
37 Storefront sign abbr.  
38 DJ's creation  
41 Twosome  
42 Ostrich's cousin  
45 Tresses  
46 Shortcircuits the ignition  
48 Slave to crosswords?  
49 Joan of —  
50 Workbench attachment  
51 Nays' opponents  
52 — jongg  
53 12 months  
**DOWN**  
1 Greet silently

2 Winged  
3 Key — pie  
4 Once around the track  
5 Migratory songbird  
6 Biblical garden  
7 Petrol  
8 S'mores are often cooked over them  
9 Stead  
10 Jewish month  
11 Teller's partner  
16 Don of radio fame  
20 Vast expanse  
21 Marshes  
22 Parched  
23 Cudgel  
24 Man-mouse link  
25 Martini ingredient

26 Spacecraft compartment  
27 Scale member  
28 Comedian  
Philips  
29 Morning moisture  
31 Lustrous black  
34 Remiss  
35 Forehead  
37 Starsky's pal  
38 Perlman of "Cheers"  
39 Simple  
40 Gold digger's place?  
41 Nickelodeon's explorer  
42 Great Lake  
43 Arizona city  
44 Addict  
46 Easter entree, often  
47 Wall climber





The remanants of a home’s bathroom at the site of a destroyed house in Bonita Vista.

PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE



Three mobile homes, including this one in Bonita Vista ,were destroyed by the Mountain Fire.

## Wildfire control campaign

The U.S. Forest Service and other land management agencies have a new fire safety campaign in California. The One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire campaign provides constant reminders during this fire season to reduce the numbers of human-caused vehicle and equipment wildfires throughout the state.

“All the stories we hear about sparks starting wildland fires are true, especially during this hot, dry summer,” said Joe Aragon, U.S. Forest Service Region 5 Interagency Fire Prevention Action Team coordinator. “With the low precipitation winter brought, conditions are ideal for

fire starts. We’re here to coordinate with communities, agencies, organizations and schools to heighten awareness and ultimately protect the public from damaging fires in order to create more fire-adapted communities.”

The campaign features posters, bumper stickers, informational cards and public service announcements giving safety messages about equipment such as lawn mowers igniting fires, tow chains sparking fires along roadways, and safe campfires.

Partner agencies include the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, Caltrans, Cal-

ifornia Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation and many others.

Fire season in California has technically just begun, and already campfires have been blamed for 45 fires on national forest land. String trimmers, chain saws and mowers have sparked 13 fires. An abandoned campfire started the 1,708 acre Carstens Fire on the Sierra National Forest near Yosemite, costing millions of dollars.

Human-caused fires are avoidable. For more information about fire prevention, visit [www.fire.ca.gov](http://www.fire.ca.gov).

## Public Notices

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MOUNTAINMECHANICALSERVICES,25262 Deer Path Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. TIMOTHY JAY OLIVER, 25262 Deer Path Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 1, 2008.

Signed: TIMOTHY JAY OLIVER  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 2, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-07019  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENTEXPIRESONJULY2,2018.ANEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JULY 2, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: J. Gonzalez, Deputy  
Pub. TC: July, 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2013.

RIC1307410  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92502-0431.  
PETITION OF SUMMER RAEANN SNELL FOR CHANGE OF NAME.  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: SUMMER RAEANN SNELL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:  
a. Present name: SUMMER RAEANN SNELL changed to Proposed name: SKYLER AIDEN FREITAS HOIT.  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons

interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING  
a. Date: 8-22-13 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 10  
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Idyllwild Town Crier.  
Date: June 26, 2013  
SHARON J. WATERS  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Pub. TC: July 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2013.

### NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOLL GATE ZONE WATER STORAGE PROJECT

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT  
The Idyllwild Water District will be the Lead Agency and has prepared an Initial Study in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Based on findings of the Initial Study, the District intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing ta 6:00 pm on August 21, 2013, at the District headquarters.

**Project Description:** To provide water storage capacity and fire protection for the Toll Gate Zone of the water system, the District proposes to construct a steel water tank and pipeline on land owned by the County of Riverside Regional Park and Open Space District. The welded steel tank will be 60 feet in diameter and 27 feet high with a capacity of 300,000 gallons. Approximately 2,000 feet of 8-inch C-900 PVC pipeline will be installed in an existing dirt road which connects the proposed tank site, at elevation 5,360' to Delano Drive.  
The Initial Study includes a more detailed project description and an analysis of environmental effects associated with the proposed project. No impacts were found to be significant after implementation of mitigation measures. Copies of the Initial Study are available for public review from **July 25, 2013 to August**

15, 2013 at the following locations:  
• Idyllwild Water District headquarters, 25945 Idyllwild Road, Idyllwild  
• Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Drive, Idyllwild.

Written comments should be sent no later than August 15, 2013 to: Idyllwild Water District Attention: Mr. Terry Lyons, General Manager, Idyllwild Water District, 24945 Idyllwild Road, Idyllwild CA 92549-0397. Please include your name and address with your comments. Oral testimony will be accepted at the public hearing.  
Pub. TC: July 18, 25, 2013.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at the hour of 12:30p.m. July 30, 2013 at San Jacinto Self Storage, 1137 S San Jacinto Ave. in the city of San Jacinto, County of Riverside State of California. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 ET. Seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

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All units listed contain miscellaneous household items and furniture. Unit numbers and identity of Occupants renting each space are as follows.  
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123 - Peterson, Earl  
216 - Setina, Stephanie  
229 - Chapdelaine, Melissa  
409 - Hernandez, Erika  
510 - Rosema, Lewis  
619E - Hogen, Roger  
Pub. TC: July, 18, 25, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CLEARLY THE BEST POOLS SERVICE, 67390 Peineta Rd., Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside County. BEAU JAMES PELTZ, 67390 Peineta Rd., Cathedral City, CA 92234.  
This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in 2004.

Signed: BEAU JAMES PELTZ  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 10, 2013.

FILE NO.: I-2013-01868  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JULY 10, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JULY 10, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).  
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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: V. Boyzo-Saucedo, Deputy  
Pub. TC: July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 2013.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as BRILLIANT A/C, 44850 San Pablo Ave, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County. SEAN MICHAEL HAROLD NORMAN, 418 Paseo Vista Circle, Palm Desert, CA 92260.  
This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on July 1, 2013.

Signed: SEAN MICHAEL HAROLD NORMAN  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 10, 2013.

FILE NO.: I-2013-01861  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JULY 10, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JULY 10, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).  
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By: J. Mendoza, Deputy  
Pub. TC: July 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 2013.

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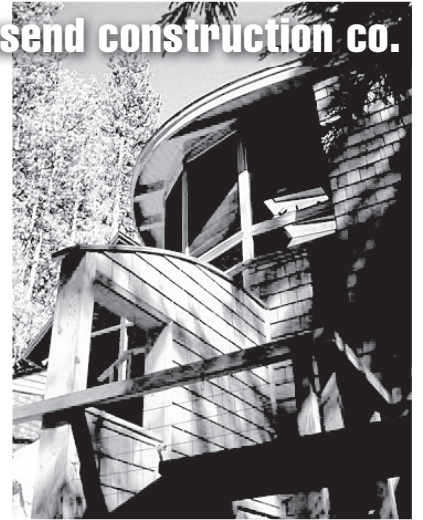
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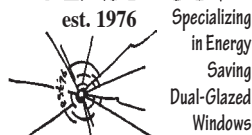
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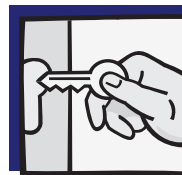
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With the Town Crier on Tuesday, July 16, the new Idyllwild mayor was in Cincinnati visiting his owner's aunt, **Shirley Duff** (left). His owners, **Phyllis Mueller** (center) and **Glenn Warren** (right) left Friday, July 12, to pick up one puppy in Aguanga, and the other two in Ohio. Puppies, from left, are **Mitzi Marie Mueller**, **Mikey Mighty-Dog Mueller** and the new mayor, **Maximus Mighty-Dog Mueller II**.  
 PHOTO COURTESY OF GLENN WARREN



The Lady of the Rockies overlooking Butte, Mont., along with **Dave, Janet and Jack Kunkle**, are looking for the Town Crier to bring them back to Idyllwild on Monday, July 15. Jack and Janet, who live in Pine Cove, are visiting their son Dave who lives in Helena, Mont.



A large crowd gathered at Cafe Aroma Monday night to hear **Bill Saitta, Paul Carman and Don Reed** perform and celebrate returning home.  
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By MIMI AND HOOTCH

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Found: a small female husky-mix. Call ARF to identify at 951-659-1122.

Reunited this week to their very worried owners were **Roxie**, the corgi-mix, and **Max**, the Chihuahua.

Only three kittens are left. **Tippycanoe** and **Tutti Frutti** are the females and **T. Rex** is the male. Come in to ARF and get your kitty love. They will be ready for their new adventure into your home at the end of the week. Hurry, these bundles of fur won't last long. They are all 12 weeks old and properly trained by a very good mama who has been adopted.

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### 60 years ago - 1953

Forty members of the Camp Pendleton Marine Band performed at the Community Campfire.

### 55 years ago - 1958

A freak fire started in the home of Lester Jones, Idyllwild Barber Shop owner, when fumes from a pail of cement sitting in a doorway blew into the pilot light of a refrigerator some 20 feet away.

### 50 years ago - 1963

Sportland Park offered bowling, swimming, skating and miniature golf.

### 45 years ago - 1968

A group of hiking Girl Scouts stopped to eat lunch at Little Round Valley. They discovered a fire underway and spent two hours extinguishing it, carrying water in tin cans.

### 40 years ago - 1973

Prospective renters had a choice between a new knotty pine two-bedroom



Idyllwild Master Chorale sponsored "Nunsense" at the Rustic Theatre in 2008. From left, Sister Mary Amnesia, played by **Kristin Rebecca Bischof**, and Mother Superior Sister Mary Regina, played by **Marty Neider**, performed to a well-attended house along with the other six sisters.

FILE PHOTO

plus large den renting for \$180 a month; a three-bedroom with "dream kitchen" for \$250 a month; or a two-bedroom furnished home for \$300 a month.

### 35 years ago - 1978

Staffing and program cutbacks were made at Hurkey Creek and Idyllwild County Park as a result of the passage of Proposition 13.

### 30 years ago - 1983

Due to a personnel shortage, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District decided to use qualified local residents to fill in as paramedics.

### 25 years ago - 1988

Hot and dry weather conditions led Forest Service officials to close about 55,000 acres of public federal lands south and west

of Idyllwild.

### 20 years ago - 1993

Idyllwild Fire Protection District's proposed \$897,184 budget was unanimously approved after a public hearing.

### 15 years ago - 1998

Idyllwild Arts Academy was evacuated while firefighters from three agencies fought a vegetation fire on campus. The fire was located beside a hiking trail up from Pierson Dorm.

### 10 years ago - 2003

The Fern Valley Water District Board of Directors made plans to adopt a four-stage water conservation plan and to raise water rates for the first time in 12 years.

### 5 years ago - 2003

New legislation authorized County Service Areas to provide broadband service to their residents. Any CSA could construct, own, improve, maintain and operate broadband facilities, and provide broadband services if no private person or entity was willing.

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Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday July 15, to Monday, July 22:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

- July 15 — Forest, woods or wildland fire.
- July 15 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 16 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 17 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 18 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- July 18 — False alarm or false call, Idyllwild.
- July 22 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Logs unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

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Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Logs unavailable.

CHP log

Logs unavailable.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet

Station responded to the following calls from Sunday, July 14, to Saturday, July 20. This may not be a complete list of responses:

- July 14 — Battery, 56000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Report taken.
- July 14 — Suicide threat, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Alarm call, 26000 block of Estate Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Suspicious person, address undefined, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Grand theft, 49000 block of Dove, Anza. Unfounded.
- July 14 — Animal abuse, 54000 block of Village Center Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Danger to self/others, 39000 block of Terwilliger Rd., Anza. Report taken.
- July 14 — Suspicious circumstance, 53000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 14 — Missing person, address undefined, Sage. Unfounded.
- July 14 — Vandalism, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Arrest made.
- July 15 — Assist other department, 39000 block of Homestead Hills Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Check the welfare, 43000 block of N. Golden

- Hills Dr., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Shots fired, 44000 block of Thunder Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Suspicious person, 34000 block of Benton Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Assist other department, 29000 block of Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- July 15 — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Check the welfare, 42000 block of Melton Dr., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Fraud, 44000 block of Norma Ln., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Public disturbance, 59000 block of Reynolds Wy., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Suspicious circumstance, 53000 block of Idyllbrook Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Missing person, 58000 block of Apple Canyon Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — 911 call, 28000 block of Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Handled by deputy.
- July 15 — Assist other department, 56000 block of Hwy. 74, San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Barking dog, 43000 block of E. Benton Rd.,



The Mountain Fire erupted on Wednesday afternoon prompting an evacuation order. The actual fire was several miles from Tahquitz Rock in this photo.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

- Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Public assist, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Public assist, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Unattended death, address withheld, Pine Cove. Report taken.
- July 16 — Shots fired, 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 16 — Assist other department, 43000 block of Powerline Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Public intoxication, 56000 block of Cahuilla Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

- July 17 — 911 call from business, 35000 block of Sage Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — 911 call from business, 35000 block of Sage Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — 911 call, 31000 block of Red Mountain Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Report taken.
- July 17 — Fraud, 50000 block of Bradford Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

- July 17 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Check the welfare, 43000 block of N. Golden Hills, Sage. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Suicide threat, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- July 17 — Public disturbance, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

See NOR, page 9

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 7/18	Friday 7/19	Saturday 7/20	Sunday 7/21	Monday 7/22
91/59 Sunny	92/59 Sunny.	91/58 Sunny.	90/56 Sunny.	86/55 Sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
7-16	84	55			79	50		
7-17	87	49			75	48		
7-18	83	55			84	49		
7-19	88	60			84	57		
7-20	na	na			84	59		
7-21	na	na			86	62		
7-22	73	56			87	63		

Moisture in inches					Snow in inches			
To date this season (Idy): 0.01					To date this season (Idy): 0.00			
To date last season (Idy): 0.00					To date last season (Idy): 0.00			
Total last season (Idy): 14.02					Total last season (Idy): 42.8			
To date this season (PC): 0.45					To date this season (PC): 0.00			
Total last season (PC): 19.94					Total last season (PC): 44.75			

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.

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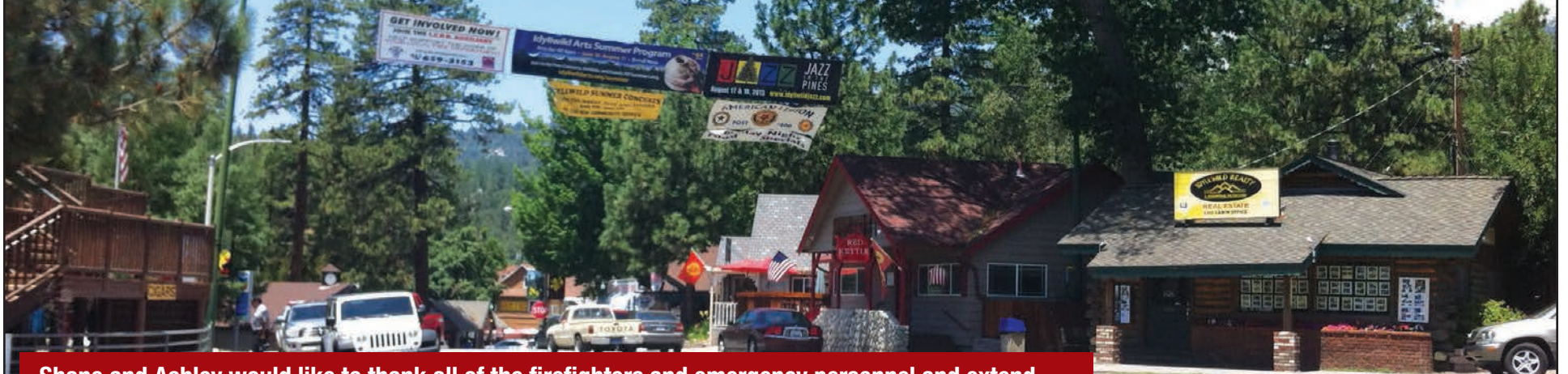
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Below, **John Lane** from the Planning section of the Mountain Fire Incident Command Team, briefs field staff on the evening priorities and mission Thursday night, July 18. At right, national television media stormed the Hill after mandatory evacuations were announced Wednesday. Here they are set up to broadcast the Incident Command Team's Thursday afternoon press conference.

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# Fire burns the Hill; firefighters repel threat

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The Mountain Fire is the second largest fire in California this year, only the Powerhouse Fire in the Angeles National Forest measuring 30,200 acres was bigger, by about 10 percent. The third largest was the Chariot Fire in the Cleveland National Forest at 7,000 acres.

Monday, July 15, began sunny and hot with clear skies. By early afternoon, the Mountain Fire, which began on private property on the west side of Highway 243, quickly jumped to the east side of the highway.

The rest of the week brought hot, smoky skies and fear as the fire meandered its way through Apple Canyon and into Garner Valley and eventually into the San Jacinto Wilderness, approaching San Jacinto Peak.

Before nearly 3,500 firefighters subdued the fire, it has burned more than 27,000 acres, including portions of the Pacific Crest Trail, razed homes in the Bonita Vista and Pine Springs Ranch neighborhoods, caused Idyllwild and Fern Valley residents to evacuate and nearly emptied Pine Cove, too.

While rainfall Sunday morning and afternoon helped with containment, firefighters had muscled the blaze away from Idyllwild and were already making significant efforts before the precipitation fell.

"The morning rain brought about an inch to 1-1/2 inches to the east side of San Jacinto Peak," reported Incident Commander Jeanne Pincha-Tulley. "This storm [in mid-afternoon] is more widespread; rain is falling all over the fire area."

Pincha-Tulley described the rain as "... our version of aerial delivery of water."

"The weather allowed us to attack the fire," said Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins. "It knocked down the flames. The benefit of the rain not only helped put the fire out but allowed us to end the evacuation."

Idyllwild residents began returning home Sunday afternoon.

## Monday and Tuesday

The Mountain Fire began burning near Highway 243. The Fire jumped Highway 243 and began blazing through the U.S. Forest Service's Keenwild Guard Station heading east.

Flames and smoke could be seen just below the agency's helicopter site and along the road at the front of the station.

Local fire officials quickly established a unified Incident Command, led by Forest Service Chief Dan Felix of the San Jacinto Ranger District, and Riverside County Division Chief David Fulcher.

By late Monday afternoon, the fire was entrenched in Apple Canyon. Residents there were evacuated. The fire eventually burned through Apple Canyon and destroyed three homes and three mobile homes in the Bonita Vista neighborhood and a commercial building, a workshop, a garage and a cabin at Pine Springs Ranch.

By evening, a decision was made to request a Type 1 Incident Management Team. Team members began arriving Tuesday evening.

By noon Tuesday, the fire had consumed nearly 8,000 acres and more than 700 firefighters were already on site.

Other than the Apple Canyon area, no other evacuations had been ordered, but that would quickly change Wednesday afternoon.

## Wednesday

The morning of the Mountain Fire's third day began calmly. Planes, including DC10s, were dropping retardant in Garner Valley and helicopters were dipping water out of Lake Hemet. The fire had flanked and moved north into the wilderness above Idyllwild and south into Palm Canyon.

But suddenly around 1 p.m., a plume of smoke began to build in the San Jacinto Wilderness and spread in all directions — imitating a nuclear explosion. This event heightened fire official concerns and rumors of an evacuation began to circulate.

About 4 p.m., the Trails End community at the very top of Morris Ranch Road in Garner Valley was placed under an immediate evacuation notice. Hemet and Hamilton high schools were offered as evacuation centers.

In less than hour, an immediate evacuation of Idyllwild and Fern Valley was ordered. The next day, Riverside County Sheriff's Capt. Scot Collins reported that compliance approached nearly 95 percent.

The initial order targeted Idyllwild east of Highway 243, but that was quickly extended to the entire town.

## Thursday

The Mountain Fire was creeping north along the Pacific Crest Trail and east of there. Fire officials recognized the threat to the town developing and declared, "Today's priority is to keep [the Mountain Fire] out of Idyllwild."

They promised "to paint the Mountain red." Air tankers, nearly a dozen, dropped thousands of gallons of fire retardant from the Wellman Divide and Strawberry Cienega areas over Saddle Junction and down the South Ridge.

"The most active parts of the fire are near Red Tahquitz Peak above the community of Idyllwild and near the community of Trails End to the south. These two areas will be the focus of today's firefighting activities as both air and ground crews work to slow the rate of spread of the fire," said John Miller, Forest Service public information officer.

For weeks, California and Riverside County fire officials had consistently warned residents that fires this early in the fire season were behaving as if it were late September or October. The lack of rainfall, not just this winter and spring, but the sparse moisture last year have created very volatile conditions — stronger and much more unpredictable fires.

"If it were any other year, we probably wouldn't have had to do this," said Norm Walker, Idyllwild resident, retired fire chief of the San Jacinto Ranger District and a member of the Incident Command Team.

Officials were concerned that drifting embers could move the fire too quickly and an evacuation could jam the roads when emergency vehicles needed to be moving into town.

That afternoon, fire team officials held a press conference

## Fire statistics

Day	Size (acres)	Firefighters
Monday 2:30 p.m.	30	Unknown
Monday 3:30 p.m.	50	uk
Monday 4:30 p.m.	150	uk
Monday 5 p.m.	235	323
Monday 8 p.m.	1,000	uk
Tuesday 7 a.m.	4,700	600
Tuesday 11 a.m.	8,000	1,736
Tuesday, 7 p.m.	9,000	2,241
Wednesday, 6:45 a.m.	14,200	2,210
Wednesday, 7 p.m.	19,400	2,985
Thursday, 6:45 a.m.	22,800	2,985
Thursday, 7 p.m.	22,800	3,316
Friday, 7 a.m.	24,818	3,316
Friday, 6 p.m.	27,179	3,478
Saturday 7:30 a.m.	27,278	3,478
Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	27,245	2,678
Sunday, 6 p.m.	27,279	1,861
Monday, 11 a.m.	27,265	1,861
Monday, 7 p.m.	27,332	1,146

in Idyllwild. By then the Mountain Fire was the number one priority in the nation, Incident Commander Jeanne Pincha-Tulley told the assembled media corps.

Fire team officials remained concerned about the fire's expansion and the possibility of embers thrown into unburned areas as well as the residential and business neighborhoods.

Exacerbating fire officials' concerns was the forecast of monsoonal weather that weekend. "There's no guarantee of rain, and it could bring winds and lightning," she said.

The existence of fire plans, including evacuation plans that the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce had prepared over the past several years, was credited with the overall success of the previous day's evacuation. Their existence saved much time, according to Pincha-Tulley,

"They paid for themselves over," declared Walker.

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## OUT LOUD

We're still here ...



1:45 p.m. Monday, July 15, a Mountain Center fire report to San Bernardino National Forest dispatch came over the scanner. I remember the description as rapidly moving.

On deadline for the July 18 paper, I walked into J.P.'s office and relayed what I had just heard. Strapped to our computers typing like mad, neither of us thought we should leave. Firefighters would have it out soon. But the inconsiderate and hostile fire disrespected deadlines. Within the hour it became a serious threat and J.P. abandoned his desk to cover it.

From then until even now, mine, Jack and J.P.'s lives are so blurred we forget what day it is.

After the staff evacuated Wednesday night, only J.P. stayed behind to cover the fire. Jack and I live outside the evacuation areas so we were able to get through the road closures each morning like other media. We kept the office open. Jack and I took turns answering phones and calming fears.

The town was near empty so mostly visitors and locals called. Walk-in total sales were \$7.50 Friday and \$.75 Saturday. From then until even today, J.P. paused writing only to cover early morning and nightly press conferences to post updates online. He hopes he never has to write the two words Mountain Fire again.

Jenny lived in her fire clothes taking awesome photos. I kept pace posting updates as well as editing as much as possible through the ever-changing situation and incorrect information circulating. Most of that came from online sources so we talked a lot to fire and law enforcement personnel.

Facebook became a full-time job as "friends" seemed to grow as rapidly as the fire. I failed to read every comment. We couldn't possibly realize what impact the posts had.

In the midst of it all, we still have a paper to get out and yet, since Sunday when the gates were raised, I have hugged and cried with more people about what our breaking news meant to them. We are still here.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

## READERS WRITE

Hats off to the TC

EDITOR:

Our deepest appreciation goes to the Idyllwild Town Crier — and especially to News Editor J.P. Crumrine — for your coverage of the Idyllwild Fire.

The Town Crier's coverage, in our opinion, was more in-depth and informative to the residents of Idyllwild than any other news source. The photos and maps by J.P. and staff gave us a clear view of the fire's progress and of the devastating damage to our surrounding forest and to many structures in the area.

We checked the Town Crier website morning, noon and night as our primary fire information source in the event we decided to evacuate. It appeared that J.P. got very little rest during his up-to-the-minute coverage of the fire. Our hats go off to him and his supporting staff.

LARRY BAKER  
AND SANDY WEBER  
IDYLLWILD

Advice to evacuees

EDITOR:

For all of the locals who evacuated, I know that it is a hard thing to do, leaving the comfort of home and community, not knowing if your home will be there when you return — the anxiety, the stress of being off the Hill.

Now that you have gone through the experience, you may say I won't go next time we evacuate, but as one who stayed, I have to give you some facts.

1. There were tons of fire equipment on our little streets and no room for our cars to be in their way.

2. Most all businesses were closed after the first day of evacuation.

3. When the plumes of smoke shifted and came over the town, the ash and burnt embers, the size of a quarter at times, dropping on the dry ground everywhere let you know what they mean by spot fires.

4. The third day in the morning, the smoke laid down in the valley of Idyllwild. It was thick and extremely hard to breathe (dangerous to your health).

So I would think twice about staying next time. It is better to be safe and stressed than unsafe and stressed. What will be will be and you can't change it.

ED REED  
IDYLLWILD

Documenting the Mountain Fire

EDITOR:

The Mountain Fire will go down as one of the most consequential events in Idyllwild's history, and we at the Idyllwild Area Historical Society hope to document as complete a record of it as we can. As part of our effort we invite all local residents to share your experience of the event, whether you evacuated or remained on the Hill.

We can best preserve written accounts and photographs. For example, tell what you saw and did, what you thought and how you felt about it, how you prepared, what you considered most important to take with you off the Hill. Send your contribution to this special Mountain Fire collection to P.O. Box 3320 or info@idyllwildhistory.org.

The Hill community will treasure your account for generations to come.

BOB SMITH  
IDYLLWILD

Grateful for the TC alert

EDITOR:

I was just lying around today and thinking about going up the hill (from Palm Springs to Pine Cove) when a message came across my laptop regarding the fire.

I was so appreciative and will wait a day or two to make the journey so I am not in anyone's way.

I am grateful to the Town Crier.

TIM WICKWIRE  
PALM SPRINGS

### Thought for the Day

"No sacrifice is worth the name unless it is a joy. Sacrifice and a long face go ill together."

— Mahatma Gandhi

## Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



## Cancellations because of the fire

The July 25 meeting of the Idyllwild Historical Preservation District Local Review Board meeting is cancelled and the next meeting is Aug. 22 at the Idyllwild Library.

The ISIS production of "Red," scheduled for the week-ends of July 26 and Aug. 2, has been cancelled.

### Town Crier project progresses

The Idyllwild Area Historical Society's effort to make old issues of the Idyllwild Town Crier available online in a searchable format for personal historical research is moving along. All issues from 1949 through 1953 have now been beautifully scanned by NewsBank Inc., thanks to a grant from the Idyllwild Community Fund and gifts from the Town Crier and Rotary Anns.

IAHS has been testing the search engine and piloting a few small research projects to assess the value of this unique resource. The first impression is extremely positive.

IAHS needs help in two ways:

1. If you have a question for which these early papers might hold an answer, contact Bob Smith as soon as possible at info@idyllwildhistory.org or 951-659-2717.

2. Anyone who has old copies of the Town Crier from 1946 to 1948, from 1957 to 1959, or from 1964 and beyond, let Smith know. IAHS needs to borrow them in order to continue the project.

### How to get a letter published

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## LOLA'S KITCHEN

BY DOLORES SIZER

### Where to start ...

I decided to write this column before the Mountain Fire mandatory evacuation was lifted.

Needless to mention, starting Monday, July 15, the residents of Idyllwild have been through hell.

The fact is, my mind and heart were filled with turmoil, but I was not alone. All residents of Idyllwild scattered throughout Southern California and those who stayed were feeling the same way.

I stayed with friends Julie and Jim Kehl in La Quinta. Fortunately, they have a well-stocked bar and plenty of good wine. Thank you, my good, good friends.

Keeping in touch with the Town Crier staff was crucial for me, every two hours or so logging on to idyllwild-towncrier.com and watching for fire updates.

Back to the fire. This was not my first experience with a mountain fire. In 1996, the Bee Canyon Fire took its toll on Idyllwild minds. Evacuation was mandatory. All of the Town Crier staff managed to get back in time to put out a publication for the upcoming week.

Fires of this size have a way of getting into your soul, leaving residents lamenting about their suddenly uncertain future. "What next?" keeps going through my head.

With all said, I have my pets and I am healthy. All the belongings I left behind are just things and things can be replaced.

Idyllwild residents are resilient. We did it before and we can do it again. When we got back home, we hugged each other hello then got to work rebuilding our resort town's reputation.

Is Idyllwild a great little town or what?

Thank you, all firefighters and everyone involved, directly or indirectly, with putting out this fire monster. My heart is with each and every one of you.

No recipe in this column, just my heartfelt thanks.

Next column, how about Oven-Fried Chicken by the Bucket? Will try it out on Town Crier Staff first.

Love, from Lola's Kitchen.

Contact Lola at [dolores.sizer@gmail.com](mailto:dolores.sizer@gmail.com). She also handles the front desk at the Town Crier.



## SPEAKING FOR THE ANIMALS

SHELA BOYNTON, IDYLLWILD

*Editor's note: This column was submitted after the Mountain Fire began but before evacuation orders were implemented.*



### Ready, Set, Go! ...

If we weren't paying attention before, we are now.

You're ready to evacuate your family in case of a disaster on our mountain; you've got supplies to get through a week or two if we are isolated here. The animals that count on you for their survival are part of your family, too, and need to be considered in whatever plans you make.

Idyllwild resident Janice Fast, who has experienced emergency situations on the Hill, says it very concisely: "Don't have more animals than you can evacuate."

Make a plan that includes your pets. Make arrangements with someone who can get to your pets if you can't. Notify that person every time you leave the Hill.

Another positive action you can take right now to protect your animals is to get them microchipped. Gates and doors get left open in the confusion of a disaster. Traumatized dogs and cats tend to flee, even those who normally wouldn't leave their territories.

Help rescuers return lost animals to you quickly by chipping and registering your contact information. Don't wait for the next emergency.

Should you lose your pet, ARF's Search and Rescue Team, headed by Robert Hewitt, will be doing its best to find lost animals as conditions permit. Call 951-663-6642. Please keep this number with your emergency contacts.

Put together a first-aid kit for animals. A complete list can be found on ARF's website — [www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com](http://www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com) under "Disaster Preparedness for You and Your Pets."

This website also has a description of items that should be included in your pet's Grab and Go Box. Although these lists are fairly inclusive, please use them as guidelines to help you prepare. Check with your vet for emergency supplies to include in a kit, such as antibiotics, anti-anxiety medication, and any other prescription medication your pet needs.

If you evacuate, a number of motels in the Hemet and Banning areas accept animals. These, as well as boarding facilities, are listed on ARF's website. If you don't have access to a computer, email me for a copy of whatever information you need.

If you truly must leave pets behind as a last resort, tape a sign to your front door describing any animals you have left in the house so that Riverside Emergency Animal Rescue Services (REARS) or others can try to save or care for them. Call the REARS hotline at 951-358-7387.

Please don't think firefighters, sheriff's deputies or ARF volunteers will have the time or resources to rescue our animals. It's our responsibility as pet guardians to be prepared to safeguard their well-being.

Questions for the animals can be sent to Shela Boynton at [shelab@greencafe.com](mailto:shelab@greencafe.com).

## SCIENCE & REALITY TODAY

HECTOR TRUJILLO, SAN DIEGO

### The language of nature: We are all connected ...

As I remained glued to the Internet following every update posted regarding this immense wildfire that has altered not just the landscape but also the lives of so many, it is easy for me to become depressed.

Everyone deals with tragedy and hardship differently, but have you ever wondered where this sense of angst or sadness comes from in the first place?

If you had a chance to read my last column where I interviewed theoretical physicist Sean Carroll, one of the questions you did not see (probably because I went over my word count) was about the nature of reality. As he explained it, a big secret has been kept from most of us: The universe is made of fields, not particles.

Wait, what? Yes, all those physics textbooks that highlighted the separateness of everything from everything else, whether it be something small like an atom or a molecule to something the size of humans, planets and galaxies, are incomplete because separateness is a mere trick of the senses.

Our evolutionary biology, and the survival instinct that comes with it, demands that we feel separate from everything else. I mean, just imagine if our caveman ancestor had thought he was united as one with that saber-toothed tiger across the prairie and instead of running he went to give him a hug. Ouch.

The anxiety moments of uncertainty, such as the one currently being endured by so many, is, therefore, very powerful, but one must never forget it was temporary — although several days must feel like an eternity if you are one of the many brave firefighters fighting the blaze or one of their family members.

Even our very sense of self that we cling to as unique and separate, along with our consciousness, is one of the countless ways these fields manifest themselves in our everyday lives. From the acts of bravery by those exposing their lives to extinguish these flames, the acts of compassion and empathy of those opening their homes to complete strangers, to the tress and animals that have already met their physical death, they are all part of something science is beginning to unravel, but that ancient Buddhist and Taoist traditions have always believed yet could never prove.

A deep connection exists within the fabric of nature that we will never be able to measure, because the mere act of measuring alters it — that we will never be able to touch, taste, smell, hear or see because this would require our very senses to be disconnected from the true essence we are trying to give a number or label to.

Time and space itself are the inevitable consequence of this fundamental layer of reality that you and I are tied to for better or worse. As Einstein put it, "Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one."

Therefore, in moments like these, we need not feel alone or isolated, but rather involved in an adventure that we are lucky not to know where it may lead, but know for certain we always have company.



### Art Fair coming to Idyllwild

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild is starting the Second Saturday Art Fair beginning Aug. 10 at the Idyllwild Community Center site. Coordinator Scott Finnell said if it's successful, the event will run from May to October of each year.

Finnell, a glass artist, said AAI artists are organizing the event. He said the goals is not to take anything away from the galleries but to "give artists a venue to sell their wares and encourage visitors and tourists to come to Idyllwild. Hopefully, this can turn into a big thing."

Only original artwork is allowed at the outdoor event. At some point it will become a juried show. Cost is \$10 for AAI members and \$20 for non-members for a 10-foot-by-10-foot space. For more information, email Finnell at [scott@finnellglassworks.com](mailto:scott@finnellglassworks.com).

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 14.

- WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**
- 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.
  - Pain Without Meds Group, 10 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
  - 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.
  - Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Highway 243.
  - Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- THURSDAY, JULY 25**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Drive.
  - Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Highway 243, Mountain Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.
  - Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Avenue. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.
  - Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
  - Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
- FRIDAY, JULY 26**
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at 760-445-6325 or email jennyl-eeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Drive.
  - County Supervisor Jeff Stone, noon-3 p.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Drive. Call 866-383-2203 for appointment.
  - Feeding America, 3 p.m. Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center. Distribution at the former Morning Sky School on Highway 243.
  - Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. Barbecue 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Highway 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 951-659-0097 for information.
- SATURDAY, JULY 27**
- Building Positive Relationships, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Amore Retreats. Call 951-659-5458 for location.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; 7:30 p.m., Spiritual Living Cen-

- ter, 26120 Ridgeview Drive.
- SUNDAY, JULY 28**
- 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.-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 Highway 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 Drive (the Courtyard Building).
  - Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
- MONDAY, JULY 29**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Drive.
  - Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Drive.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.
  - Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive.
  - Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation, 7-8:30 p.m., the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.
  - Achieving Prosperity and Abundance, 7 p.m. Amore Re-

- treats. Call 951-659-5458 for location.
- TUESDAY, JULY 30**
- Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.
  - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting and Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
  - Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Highway 243, Mountain Center. Call 951-659-0097 for information.
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  - 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.
- ICRC Book Club, 7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Avenue.
  - Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
  - Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tues-

- day-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
  - Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday; noon-8 p.m. Tuesday; noon-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.
  - Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.
  - Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

### Churches and Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

**Chapel in the Pines Christian Fellowship**  
Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer.  
Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School, 10am plus Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097, 659-2038.  
International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild First 3 Tuesdays., 5-7pm  
659-5255 • On Hwy 243 in Mountain Center.

**Christian Science Church**  
25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11a.m.-Noon.

**Community Presbyterian Church**  
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 • Rev. Richard Olson  
Sunday Worship – 9:30 a.m.  
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship – Child care available  
• Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. – Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

**Idyllwild Bible Church**  
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott.  
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship.  
**Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.**  
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups.  
Hymn Singing 6:30 p.m. 2nd Sunday  
Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

**Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church**  
54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA  
Father Charles E. Miller  
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.;  
Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.;  
Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

**Shiloh Christian Ministries**  
~ FULL GOSPEL ~  
54960 Upper Pine Crest  
Pastor Kristeen Bandelin 659-2416  
Sunday Worship 10 am - Thurs.  
Bible Study 7 pm

**Spiritual Living Center**  
Idyllwild Religious Science  
26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building) 659-3464.  
Dr. Betty Jandl. Classes available - contact Church;  
Sunday service, 10:00 a.m. Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.;  
Meditation, 9:00 a.m. Sundays.

**Yokoji Zen Mountain Center**  
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**July 17** — Public assist, 24000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — 911 hang up from cell phone, 24000 block of Rocky Point Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Check the welfare, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Check the welfare, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public disturbance, address undefined, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public assist, 24000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Area check, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public assist, 54000 block of Live Oak St., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Follow up, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Check the welfare, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 17** — Public assist, 23000 block of Hwy. 243, Pine

Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Danger to self/other, address undefined, Anza. Report taken.

**July 18** — Unknown trouble, 56000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Assist other department, 53000 block of Marian View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Public assist, 25000 block of Fern Valley Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 44000 block of Oak Glen Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 25000 block of Scenic Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Civil dispute, 16000 block of Valley Hi Dr., Twin Pines. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Suspicious person, 44000 block of Taffle

Ranch Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Noise complaint, address undefined, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 18** — Check the welfare, 54000 block of Rockdale Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Area check, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Fraud, 42000 block of Melton Dr., Sage. Report taken.

**July 19** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Check the welfare, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Lost property, 65000 block of Hwy. 74, Santa Rosa Indian Reservation. Report taken.

**July 19** — Public assist, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Alarm call, 24000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Danger to self/other, 25000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Vehicle theft, address undefined, Anza. Unfounded.

**July 19** — Assist other department, address undefined, San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Shots fired, address undefined, Sage. Report taken.

**July 19** — Check the welfare, address undefined, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Suicide threat, address withheld, Anza. Unfounded.

**July 19** — Vehicle theft, 50000 block of Bradford Rd., Anza. Report taken.

**July 19** — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Follow up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 19** — Alarm call, 53000 block of Hwy. 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Runaway child, 49000 block of Twin Pines Road, San Bernardino National Forest. Arrest made.

**July 20** — Area check, 52000 block of Temecula Dr., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Alarm call, 30000 block of Red Mountain Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Narcotics, 25000 block of Cedar St., Idyllwild. Arrest made.

**July 20** — Suspicious circumstance, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Suspicious person, 25000 block of Skyline Wy., Pine Cove. Handled by

deputy.

**July 20** — Public assist, 53000 block of Marian View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Follow up, address withheld, Sage. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — 911 call, 41000 block of Gassner Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Suspicious person, 29000 block of Wrightwood Dr., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Suspicious circumstance, 25000 block of Scenic Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

**July 20** — Shots fired, 40000 block of Pocket Canyon Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

## Help with new health options

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced \$21,931,657 in grant awards to 129 California health centers operating 1,221 sites to enroll the uninsured in new health coverage options the Affordable Care Act made available.

In California, health centers served 3,261,720 patients last year, 42 percent of whom were uninsured. With these funds, the awardees expect to hire 411 more workers to assist 575,863 Californians with enrollment into affordable health insurance coverage.

Across the nation, 1,159 health centers will receive \$150 million in grant awards.

"This investment will give California neighborhoods and towns one more resource to help people understand their insurance options and enroll in affordable coverage," HHS Secretary Sebelius said.

The new, consumer-focused coveredca.com and HealthCare.gov websites, and the 24-hour-a-day consumer call center are available to help Californians prepare for open enrollment and ultimately sign up for health coverage. These new tools will help Californians understand their coverage options and select the plan that best suits their needs when open enrollment in Covered California begins Oct. 1, 2013.

To learn more about the Affordable Care Act, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov). To learn more about HRSA's Health Center Program, visit <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/index.html>.

# Living Free

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To the brave and steadfast Firefighters who battled the fire to protect Living Free as the flames approached our sanctuary.

Our friends in Garner Valley who immediately came to help and our dedicated staff who evacuated, cared for, and helped return our animals safe and sound.

ARF, Idyllwild businesses, and residents for their quick response and efforts to assist in our time of need.

Our fellow rescue organizations, volunteers, and supporters for their willingness to help when we needed them the most.



# Mountain Fire created a temporary 'city'

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Although the town of Idyllwild, several thousand people, had been evacuated, a mobile city of about 3,500 people was quickly constructed in Garner Valley.

Mountain Fire city is a company town — nearly 3,300 firefighting professionals. With that many people, where do they work, eat and sleep?

The company business is to contain and eventually control a 25,000-acre wildland fire. The Mountain Fire is not burning in timberland criss-crossed with access roads. This fire chose to birth itself in steep terrain — wilderness that rises from 5,000 to 9,000 feet in an extremely dry summer.

While crews were building fire lines, back at camp a kitchen crew of several trucks was preparing to feed 3,000 residents. As Tom Efrd, Incident team PIO, said, "There's only one restaurant in town."

Hundreds of sinks, showers and laundry facilities — with 24-hour service — had to be brought to the site as well. During morning and evening briefings, the safety message included a warning to be sure to wash in order to avoid "camp crud."

Water had to be plentiful, not just for cleanliness. Once on the job site, firefighters can take a coffee break and drive back to town. Before each shift they have to load the vehicles with cases of water to ensure against dehydration on the job.

Mountain Fire city is comparable to a small town. It

has its own medical staff, who speak during the briefings, and human resources and local communication (radios) staff as well. The city also has a post office, courtesy of Lake Hemet Market.

In addition, the team has biological, botanical and archeological resource experts. These people try to assure protection of those assets during the fire protection activities. For example, Friday's forester advised that fire crews not land helicopters in Hidden Lake up in the Mt. San Jacinto Wilderness.

During the briefings, George Broyles, team information officer, provides sports reports such as announcing the

commencement of the national curling championships.

And photocopying services are an important component of the town. At each briefing (two daily), team leaders have a report of the day or night's activity and other special messages. Each report can be 10 to 15 double-sided pages.

Many of the support services, such as cooking, laundry and supplying fuel are provided through contracts with the U.S. Forest Service or CalFire.

Consequently, the population figure of 3,316 underestimated the number of people who came to the Hill's protection.

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*At right, firefighters patiently standing in line waiting for breakfast Friday morning.*

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

*At lower left, A map of the Incident Command Post and locations of many of the services for team members.*

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COMMAND TEAM



## Strange but true

According to a recent survey of married people in the United States, fully one-quarter of respondents admitted to receiving a traffic ticket and hiding it from their spouse. Nearly that many (24 percent) said they had kept a car accident secret from their husband or wife.

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# Nancy Layton running for IFPD Commission

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

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## TC: Do you believe IFPD has a financial problem?

NL: "There is a financial problem and I would classify it as problem which needs continuous monitoring," Layton said. "Then we can refine and improve the financial picture."

"In a perfect world, there would be access to sufficient resources to meet all the department's needs," Layton said. "That situation does not exist today because the taxpayer base is eroding."

## TC: The commission initiated discussions about the possibility of increasing its special parcel tax. Your opinion.

NL: Layton, who is one of several of the candidates to attend commission meetings, has spoken in support of increasing the parcel fee during these discussions.

"It needs to be raised," she said directly during the interview. "The \$65 per unit should be increased to support the quality of service available to the public through the [Idyllwild] Fire Department."

Layton added that this has been her belief for a number of years.

## TC: What's the higher priority — new equipment (ambulance) or salaries?

NL: "That's a tough question because both have a



Nancy Layton, candidate for the Idyllwild Fire Commission.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

significant need of improvement," Layton stated. Returning firefighter salaries to their level before the 2012 reductions will be one of Layton's goals.

"Chief Reitz is significantly underpaid for the quality of work we're getting," she added.

She is equally concerned about the state of the existing equipment that she said needs repair and maintenance. But she was prepared to identify new equipment until she has had time to review the current situation.

## TC: What's IFPD's mission? Is a long-range plan needed?

NL: Layton was very positive about undertaking a long-range plan for the department. She expects Fire Chief Patrick Reitz to engage

the community in preparing a long-range plan.

"The department's mission is first and foremost readiness to respond to emergencies that fall within its jurisdiction," she said, "readiness to respond to critical issues within the context of adequate staffing and finances."

She wants to ensure that firefighters are available anytime — day or night. "Right now we're running very low in terms of staffing," she opined.

Before concluding, Layton stressed that she intends to see a significant improvement in financial management at the district and has been trying to improve it while serving as financial consultant for the past two years.

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## Strange but true

It's been reported that Napoleon Bonaparte was afraid of cats.

## Composting needs volunteers

The Riverside County Waste Management Department is seeking volunteers to work with the Riverside County Backyard Composting Program. Volunteer master composters attend a training course for four Saturdays, and then donate back a minimum of 40 hours to the program.

Volunteers are needed for staffing Saturday morning workshops, classroom presentations and community group presentations. Learn more about recycling organic resources and get to know others with similar interests.

The training class is from 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Saturdays from Aug. 3 to 24 in Moreno Valley. The department provides books and study materials. Limited seats are available.

For more information and to register for classes, contact Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200 or email [WasteCompRecyc@co.riverside.ca.us](mailto:WasteCompRecyc@co.riverside.ca.us).

# Former fire chief running for IFPD Commission

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## TC: Do you believe IFPD has a financial problem?

SK: "Yes, obviously," Steve Kunkle replied. "Even in my time [as fire chief from 2005 to February 2010], there was enough discretionary income." However, if an emergency had occurred, Kunkle stressed that the department would have been "pressed to pay the bill."

## TC: The commission initiated discussions about the possibility of increasing its special parcel tax. Your opinion.

SK: Kunkle, as a private citizen now, was not fully committed to raising the parcel fee. But he agrees that the parcel fee alone is a bargain since it is less than the property assessment for the Idyllwild Transfer Station.

"It's easier to get approval [of an increase] when times were good, but it will be a tough road now," he opined.

## TC: What's the higher priority, new equipment (ambulance) or salaries?

SK: While Kunkle has been away from the Idyllwild Fire Department's activities for several years, he recalled that salary and benefit costs consumed a large portion of the budget making it difficult to keep emergency equipment current.

He stressed that salaries were often 80 to 90 percent of the available budget and that was the typical range for most fire departments. It was not disproportionate.

"It wasn't out of line to



Steve Kunkle

Photo courtesy of Steve Kunkle

protect the community," he said. "But you need good working equipment."

## TC: What's IFPD's mission? Is a long-range plan needed?

SK: Kunkle is an advocate for public safety planning. During his tenure as chief, he had a long-range plan drafted. "It used to be called a Master Plan," he noted. "Going out 10 years is good, especially if your financial situation is in flux. Five years is the general guideline."

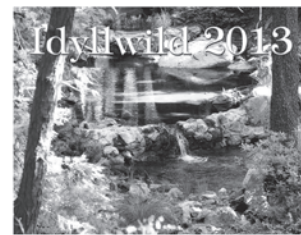
He related that 85 percent of most fire department work is for emergency medical services. "We need first-response units," he emphasized. Fire and medical emergencies are 24-hour jobs for which the IFPD staff is prepared and cross-trained to handle both missions.

As he finished, Kunkle stressed his support for maintaining local control of the fire mission.

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## Town Crier Photo Contest! Deadline for entries: 5 p.m., July 31, 2013

Here's your chance for fame, glory, and a free licence plate frame! Enter your best color photographs of the Idyllwild area in the Idyllwild Town Crier's 2014 Wall Calendar Photo Contest. Winning photographs will be published in full color in the new calendar, and winning photographers will get a byline and an Idyllwild license plate frame.



## The Rules

Contest is open to everyone. Submit up to ten 8" x 10" glossy color images. If images are digital, they must be submitted on a CD or DVD, be at least 300 dpi when scaled to 8" x 10" and must be accompanied by high-quality glossy color prints for judging. Include your name, address, phone number, e-mail and location on the back of each print (make sure you use a pen that doesn't smear or bleed onto other prints). Also, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for safe return of your work. **New this year: Limit 3 submissions per person.**

You can drop off your entries at the Town Crier at 54425 North Circle Drive, or mail to Town Crier Photo Contest, P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Sorry, no email submissions.

While the Town Crier will reserve the right to publish the photos and use them in promotional material, photographers will still own the rights to their work. Questions? E-mail: [halie@towncrier.com](mailto:halie@towncrier.com)



# How summer camps were evacuated during fire

By MICHAEL FOGERTY  
DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION  
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

At about 5 p.m. Monday, July 15, Hemet Unified School District Director/Safety Officer Lucy Rebeck contacted me regarding the possible need to evacuate 250 children from the Ronald McDonald Camp in the Lake Hemet area.

Six buses were immediately dispatched to the location. The drivers arrived on the scene within an hour-and-a-half and were on standby at the Lake Hemet Market in case they were needed. By 1:30 a.m. no evacuation was needed and the buses returned to the Transportation Facility.

At about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Rebeck again contacted me regarding the need to evacuate the Ronald McDonald camp.

Six buses were again dispatched to the location and arrived in less than an hour. The camp personnel did not immediately want to evacuate and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department was called in to "negotiate" with camp directors.

Eventually, the buses were let in and 250 children were loaded onto the buses and transported to the large parking lot at Hemet High, where Rebeck and I coordinated the transfer of the children from Hemet buses to charter buses to be distributed to different parts of Southern California. Children of varying ages attending this camp have either cancer or some other serious type of illness. Rebeck and I completed the transfer at about 11:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, I began to receive reports that parts of Idyllwild were going to be evacuated. I promptly contacted Buckhorn Camp, Idyllwild Arts, Camp Emerson and AstroCamp to ascertain the number of children at each site. I learned that we were dealing with about 1,000 children and that many were from out of state and from different countries. My staff then began assembling about 50 transportation personnel for possible evacuations.

Rebeck then coordinated a meeting with Maintenance Director Anthony Pipkins and me to plan the logistics to support all of the children. Drivers then began heading to the area, in advance of the evacuation order, to be in position. All the camps, except Emerson, then contacted me stating they were, indeed, under a mandatory evacuation. We were able to get all of our resources where they were needed and placed another six buses at Idyllwild School for any other contingency in the area.

Rebeck and I then coordinated the delivery of more than 875 children on buses to Hemet High School throughout the evening. At the completion of the evacuation, I contacted the camp directors and exchanged information. I offered our services at any time throughout the night and the next few days.

A short time later, AstroCamp contacted me requesting that we transport a group of children to the Ontario air-



During the Idyllwild evacuation many Idyllwild Arts students and counselors, mostly from out-of-state, could not get home. Fortunately on Saturday, Idyllwild Arts Foundation board members **Jeff Dvorak** and **Michael Slocum** hosted them at a barbecue pool party at their Palm Springs home.

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port. The bus departed Hemet High at about 12:45 a.m.

On the morning of July 18, Buckhorn Camp contacted me to transport their entire 350 children to a location in Palm Desert. Energy Education Manager Andy McGuire and I coordinated that transportation. They were all delivered to that location by 1 p.m. that day.

Idyllwild Arts had secured hotel rooms in the Palm Desert area were expected to depart later that day. I had offered transportation to the Executive Director. I am waiting to hear whether he will need our services at this time.

I am pleased to report that my staff was dedicated, professional and eager to help. I received numerous accolades from the camp directors of how "wonderful" the drivers were and how grateful they were of our promptness in their time of need.

This was an amazing team effort that also involved

Rebeck's tireless efforts over the last 72 hours. Her ability to coordinate our efforts with the Emergency Operation Center was critical in this endeavor. Pipkins' ability to quickly adapt to the ever-changing situation was incredible.

## Jeep tours now in Idyllwild

Desert Adventures is providing Jeep tours in Idyllwild. Two Jeeps are stationed in Idyllwild for tours on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The two-hour tours depart from Idyllwild Vacation Cabins at 54380 North Circle Drive mornings and afternoons. Tour guides tell about Idyllwild's transition from a small camping area in Strawberry Valley to a renowned culture and arts center, and destination for rock climbing and hiking.

The tour is an off-road experience through the forest in the Pine Cove area to the North Fork of the San Jacinto River, with views of Tahquitz Peak and Suicide Rock. Reservations are required. Call 760-324-5337 for more information.

## Strange but true

Those who study such things say that explorer Christopher Columbus had blond hair.

## No need to boil water

Residents who are customers of Idyllwild and Fern Valley water districts do not need to boil their water following the Mountain Fire.

Both districts treat the water before it enters the distribution system. Further, IWD's water comes from wells, not streams, therefore is free of ash and other debris.

Fern Valley does divert some water, but the stream flows have diminished and is using a higher proportion of well water; but its water supply is treated first.

The only restrictions on water applied to the Apple Canyon, Bonita Vista and Zen Mountain Center areas.

## Strange but true

Pet food is the third most profitable item for supermarkets, following meat and fresh produce.

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# Desert Chamber Orchestra far from high brow

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

"If you're expecting 'long hair' music, nothing could be further from truth," said Christian Chalifour, Desert Chamber Orchestra director.

The orchestra with two soloists, Vanessa Sheldon, harpist, and Lawrence Spector, guitar, will be the next guests at the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series on Thursday, Aug. 1, at the Idyllwild Community Center site.

Demonstrating Chalifour's musical tastes, the performance starts with Kimberly Roberts singing



Conductor  
**Christian Chalifour**



Vocalist  
**Kimberly Roberts**

Katy Perry's "Firework." Chalifour emphasized that the program was selected weeks ago before the Moun-

tain Fire.

Having lived here nearly 10 years ago, he was concerned about the fire's

impact on the series. "I was concerned for Ken [Dahleen, the series producer] because the concerts help fund the series."

Chalifour is the former director of the Coachella Valley Symphony, which has appear several times at the ISCS, including last year with Wayne Abrahams as the maestro and two previous appearances with Chalifour.

The program will include some traditional classical music such as the "Handel Harp Concerto" with Dr. Vanessa Sheldon, and a Vivaldi guitar concerto with Lawrence Spector. Also, Chalifour has planned to perform more

recent compositions such as Henry Mancini's "Baby Elephant Walk," Alan Silva's "The Code" and Chalifour's rendition of the "Stars and Stripes Forever."

Chalifour stressed the performance will have something for everyone's musical tastes.

The Desert Chamber Orchestra with Spector and Sheldon will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).



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## Free hot dogs this Thursday

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The hot dog stand will remain open as long as hot dogs are available. Come greet friends and neighbors and experience a joyful evening of community spirit.

Wal-Mart donated the hot dogs to the Idyllwild Fire Department.

This week's concert with Sherry Williams will still begin at 7 p.m. and Marshall Hawkins and Friends will appear at 6:15 p.m.

Unfortunately, the evacuation of Idyllwild as a result of the Mountain Fire's threat caused the cancellation of last week's concert with Idyllwild favorite Yve Evans.

## Grammy winner Schuur to appear at jazz fest

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Next month's Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines will feature many artists who are returning and familiar to the faithful audience. But one voice will make her inaugural visit to the mountain amphitheatre.

Diane Schuur will step onto the Holmes Amphitheatre stage Saturday, Aug. 17, for the first time. Schuur, now living in Palm Desert, is a world-renowned jazz vocalist and pianist. Her mentor was Dinah Washington and Schuur sings jazz tunes from the 1940s and 1950s.

"It's a mixture of standards and some of the tunes I'm know for," Schuur said, describing plans for the jazz fest. This will include "Deedle's Blues." Her nickname is Deedles. But Schuur is known for her beautiful

voice and a wide genre of songs, not just from the Washington era.

Although born blind, she made up for it with perfect pitch and a love for music. She's been singing since she was 9, almost 50 years ago. "I haven't let it stop me from forging ahead in life," she said proudly.

She also sings pop music from the 1960s. Her first song was a country song and she made an album several years ago. Her range is broad. Frank Sinatra and Stan Getz, personal friends, are also important sources for her music. Attention is necessary and enjoyable as she can surprise listeners during a performance.

Schuur just loves singing and sang a verse on the phone during the interview. She has garnered five Grammy nominations and won two Grammy Awards for best female jazz vocal

performance.

Schuur has just returned from another European tour, from England to Latvia, with stops in France, Italy and Switzerland. She has performed in Japan, a bastion of jazz enthusiasts, for decades. She enjoys the traveling and has no favorite venue.

As a long-time Southern California resident currently living in Palm Desert, she was paying close attention to the Mountain Fire last week. "I'm hoping and praying Idyllwild is spared from this horrible fire," she said last Saturday.

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).



Diane Schuur

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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, July 24**  
**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m.; **Cribbage**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Jac Jacaruso**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Thursday, July 25**  
**Modern Dance With Wendy**, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, Free hot dogs and beverages**, 5 p.m.; **Marshall Hawkins and Seahawk**, 6:15 p.m.; **Sherry Williams**, 7-9 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Friday, July 26**  
**Karaoke**, 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. Lumbermill Bar & Grill.  
**Barbecue**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Forest Lumber.  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon; **Crafty Kids Art**

**Class, Wendy Watts**, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Willy B.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Food.  
**Dan Papaila**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

**Saturday, July 27**  
**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock,"** Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.  
**Michael Britton**, 1-4 p.m. Lumbermill Bar & Grill.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Live music.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Food.  
**Hojo Reynolds**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

**Sunday, July 28**  
**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock,"** Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.  
**Michael Britton**, 1-4 p.m. Lumbermill Bar & Grill.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.



Firefighters and other support personnel dance at Jo'An's on Monday night during open mic night. There were at about 40 crews in the restaurant for dinner. PHOTO BY DOLORES SIZER

**Monday, July 29**  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.  
**Family Movie Mondays, "Corrina, Corrina"** 3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library Community Room.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic

Theatre.  
**Tuesday, July 30**  
**Free Senior Wii**, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.  
**"The Wolverine,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre

**Wednesday, July 31**  
**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m.; **Cribbage**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Town Hall.

**Thursday, Aug. 1**  
**Modern Dance With Wendy**,

4-5 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, Marshall Hawkins and Friends**, 6:15 p.m.; **Desert Chamber Orchestra with Lawrence Spector and Dr. Vanessa Sheldon and Lawrence Spector**, 7-9 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center.

**Friday, Aug. 2**  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon; **Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts**, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.

**Saturday, Aug. 3**  
**"Climbing Tahquitz Rock,"** Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.

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

**Monday, Aug. 5**  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.

**Tuesday, Aug. 6**  
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**Chris Tota** of Idyllwild said he couldn't just sit around and do nothing while he was evacuated. He made \$76 for fire victims before the drizzle shut him down at Dana Point Harbor Saturday morning, trying to hit up the fishing and boating crowd without drawing attention from the police. He wasn't sure if what he was doing was legal. When he returned to the Hill he stopped at Mountain Center Cafe and asked co-owner **Martha Pearson** to donate the money to a fire victim. Within two minutes, he said, she saw a victim at the Mountain Center Post Office, ran out to hand him the money and the man broke out in tears.

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## Fire

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### Friday

While the Mountain Fire's growth was limited Thursday, Friday morning brought grave concern about its possible turns as a result of the winds predicted to accompany a monsoonal weather pattern.

And while the possibility of increased moisture might have dampened the fire, the northern edge was still growing slowly and headed toward San Jacinto Peak, according to team fire behavior expert Dennis Burns.

On Thursday, Riverside County had proclaimed a local emergency because of the Mountain Fire. The next day, Friday, Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom issued a state proclamation of emergency.

The fire continued to have bursts on the northern boundary within the San Jacinto Wilderness and in the direction of San Jacinto Peak. Spotting — where embers ignite fuels on landing — rather than walls of flames spurred the fire's movement.

Consequently, fire officials issued an evacuation warning for Pine Cove. Residents were asked to be ready to evacuate if the Fire continued moving north or the easterly winds became stronger.

### Saturday

The day began similarly to Friday with cloud cover and higher humidity.

Fire officials reported that Friday night was relatively quiet. Fire lines were established along South Ridge. Many crews were being

staged in Idyllwild in case of a sudden change.

For the first time, fire officials decided to insert hotshot crews into the wilderness. They would use the Palm Springs Tramway to enter the back country and begin work on the northern tip of the Mountain Fire. They might, if it was safe, establish a "spike camp," according to Norm Rooker, a team information officer.

Saturday afternoon, Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz (D-36) visited the Incident Command Post and also the homes that burned earlier in the week. That afternoon, the team also lifted Trails End and Camp Joe Scherman evacuations.

Pincha-Tulley briefed the congressman on the fire's status, its start and progression during the week as well as the decision to impose an evacuation. She stressed that the fire had been moving 5,000 acres each day at the beginning and a weather change was predicted. Evacuation was prudent and a safety need.

Hawkins recommended that Ruiz try to help secure funding to maintain the fuelbreaks that have been constructed around town. "We want to assure funding for public safety," Hawkins implored Ruiz.

The congressman promised to amplify the voices of the incident team and the local officials who have spent years and endless hours to ensure the Hill's protection. "Except for your preparation, more homes and people could have been injured and devastated," he said. "I will inform all levels of government, including the White House, of the

extraordinary teamwork and collaboration."

### Sunday

Rain fell on the Mountain Fire Sunday morning. Total rain was between 1 inch and 1-1/2 inches depending on the location.

A sense that the tide had turned began when the Incident Management Team announced plans to begin releasing resources, including seven of 11 Type 1 helicopters.

Then in mid-morning came the announcement that the Idyllwild and Fern Valley evacuations were to be lifted. Residents would need to secure a permit to re-enter before 11 p.m. After that, no restrictions would be applied.

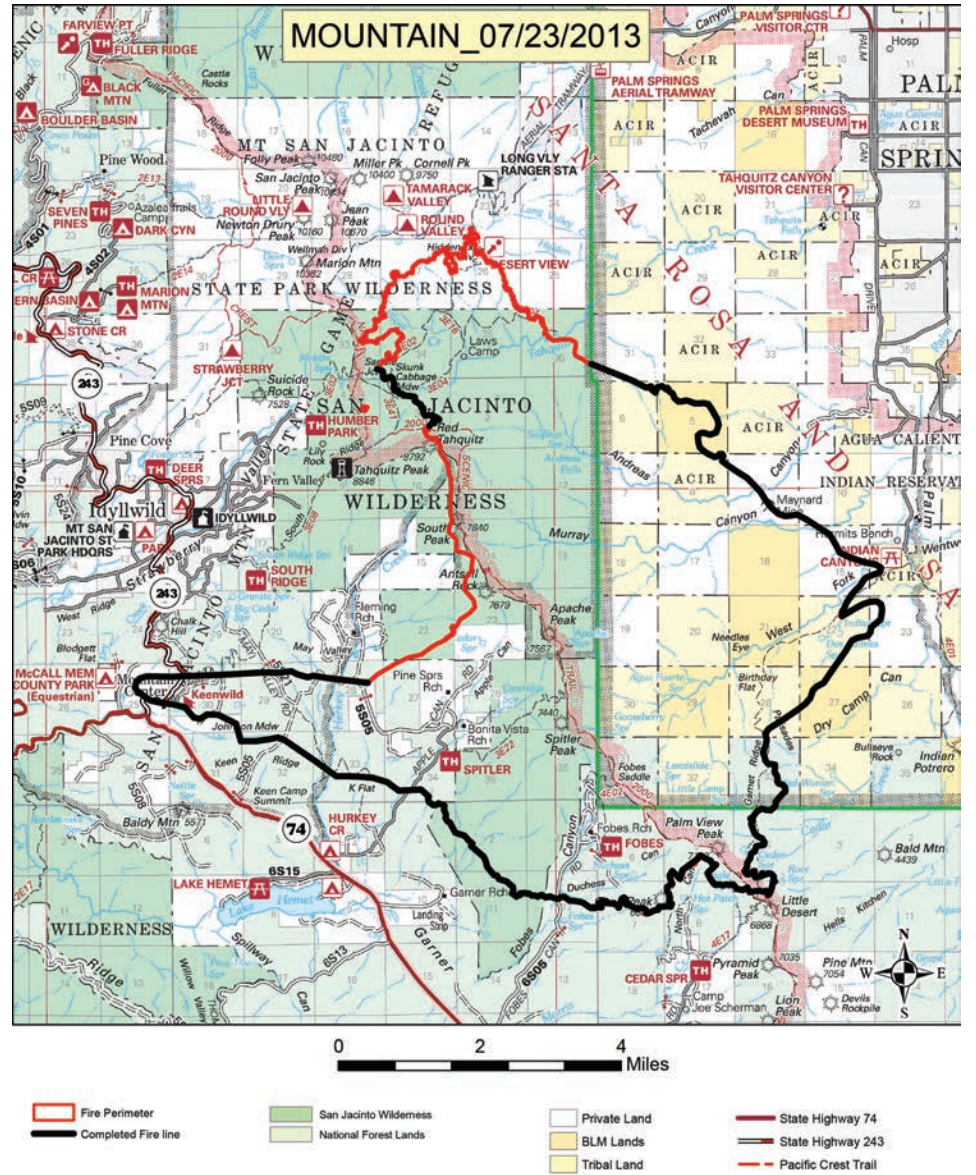
In the afternoon, the Riverside County Sheriff's Office held a press conference at the Lake Hemet station to formally announce the lifting of the evacuation order and the evacuation warning for Pine Cove.

"This area will open to the public by 11 p.m. tonight," Capt. Scot Collins affirmed. "There will continue to be patrols of heavy sheriff presence."

Sunday's extensive rain accelerated the fire's containment two to three days, according to Pincha-Tulley. Without the rain, the evacuation orders may not have been lifted until Sunday night or Monday.

### Monday

Monday morning began with sunny skies over Idyllwild and the noise of traffic moving through town. As people began to return to homes and businesses, thoughts of grati-



tude dominated the need to recover from the forced four-day leave of absence.


Idyllwild Fire Station welcomed residents back with American flags at both ends of town. Thank you signs began appearing Sunday evening.

Rain fell again Monday afternoon. And the population of the fire team was nearly half its peak of 3,500.

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A map of the Mountain Fire as of Tuesday morning, July 23, a week after it started on the afternoon of July 15.

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At left, the remnants of a home at Pine Springs Ranch. Below left, the Mountain Fire destroyed several homes and property in the Bonita Vista neighborhood on Monday and Tuesday.

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At right, one of two DC10s assigned to the Mountain Fire flew over the Hill dropping thousands of gallons of retardant on the fire to slow and to direct its progress.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



A U.S. Forest Service public information officer helps residents returning to the Hill Sunday afternoon.

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### Thought for the Day

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# Some businesses remained open during fire

By JACK CLARK  
CONTRIBUTOR

Five center-of-town businesses were open Thursday following the previous evening's evacuation and remained so throughout the evacuation.

Fifteen customers graced the Red Kettle restaurant at 9:15 Thursday morning. Most appeared to be residents, but a few were fire-related personnel, including freelance fire photographer Jenny Kirchner.

Fire photographer Jenny Kirchner had placed herself in the thick of the action and had provided some amazing photographs to the Town Crier, which have been picked up by national media. She couldn't pay for her meal that morning because a local resident beat her to it.

Several firefighters took meals to go. Ashley Stewart said the Kettle had opened an hour early that morning at 6 and that it would stay open "as long as they need us."

Larry Donahoo at Village Hardware said much the same thing. He said he had sold some batteries among other supplies and was planning to stay open on Friday, with the weekend to be played by ear.

At Village Market, Dan Aronson also said they would remain open as needed. Firefighters were among his few customers that morning and they were getting special rates.

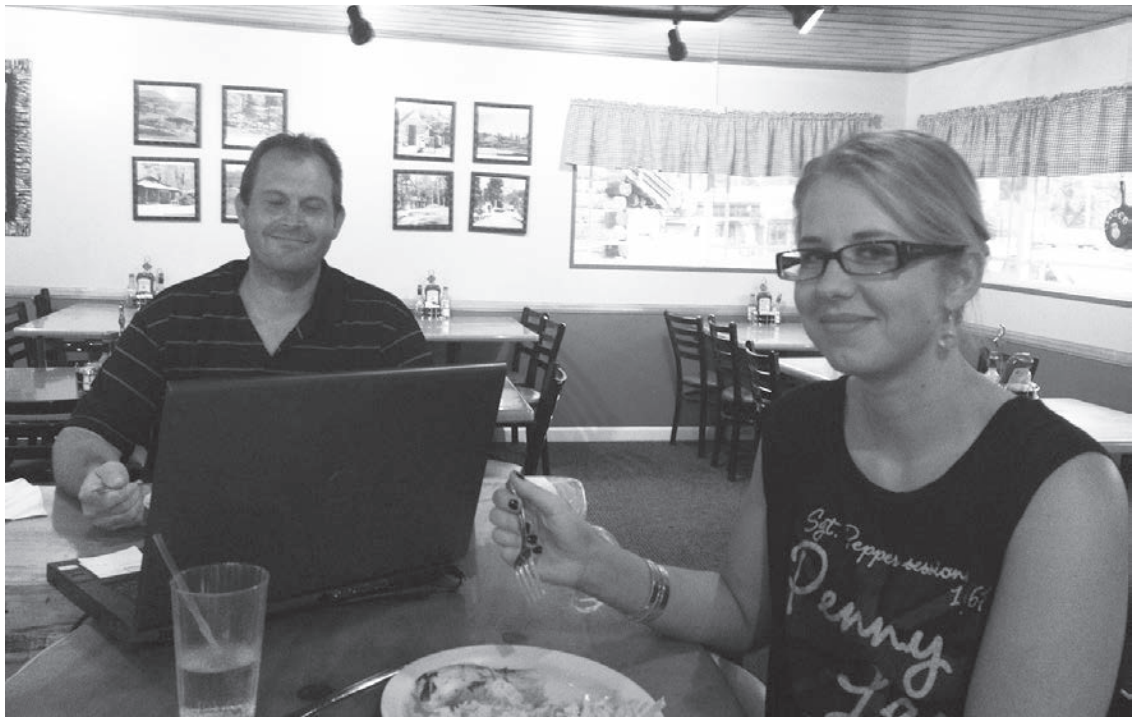
At Idyllwild Garage and Chevron station, Tamara Friemoth remained open to sell gasoline and "whatever we can do to help."

John Friemoth said the garage was staying open for Auto Club calls and other services. He said they had done a few jump starts for evacuating residents, and that he intended to stay open "until the flames show at the ridge."

Gary's Deli also opened to firefighters, law enforcement, media and the small number of residents who didn't leave town.

Gary Budnik had been working in his deli throughout the fire, offering specials for the firefighters. He also stayed overnight in the deli with his German shepherd-mix, Chip, an ARF rescue dog who also is an Idyllwild councilman and won the Mr. Idyllwild award in the prior weekend's ARF Pet Expo.

The weekend of the expo, the Lemon Lily Festival and the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's show and tour were a world away.



**Shane and Ashley Stewart**, owners of Pine Cove Market and Red Kettle, having a late meal after feeding hundreds of firefighters Saturday night.

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BECKY  
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The Idyllwild Town Crier and Visitors Center also was open with a limited staff of three to answer callers' questions and update fire information at [www.idyllwildtowncrier.com](http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com).

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*Above left, the Bonita Vista in Garner Valley area suffered the initial destruction from the Mountain Fire.*

*Above, tomato plants growing in a Bonita Vista garden were not invulnerable to the heat of the Mountain Fire.*



*Bottom left, the heat of the Mountain Fire melted this slide.*

PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE

## Gilman Springs Road project

A road project to make Gilman Springs Road safer for motorists began July 22, the first phase of a five-phase job costing \$17.5 to \$21.5 million and completed in 2016.

The project brings improvements to a heavily used main artery for commuters, students and others traveling into and out of the San Jacinto Valley. The first phase includes curbs and safety improvements, such as centerline rumble strips between Soboba Road and Highway 79, resurfacing, additional shoulders and new pavement markings. The first phase will cost \$2.4 million and is scheduled to be completed in early August.

Because of the work, Gilman Springs Road is closed completely between Highway 79 and Soboba Road from July 22 to Aug. 9. The schedule for the first phase was set, in part, to complete phase-one

construction before the fall session at Mt. San Jacinto College.

The Riverside County Transportation Department expects to improve road safety by correcting curve alignments, adding passing lanes, widening shoulders and adding rumble strips and signals.

The next phase begins in October. Phase two includes repaving, shoulder-widening and curve realignment south of Highway 60 to about 1.7 miles south of Alessandro Boulevard.

Construction will add a left-turn pocket at Gilman Springs Road and Alessandro Boulevard, and a southbound passing lane starting south of Alessandro Boulevard. A portion of the project is being done in cooperation with the City of Moreno Valley.

For more information, visit <http://rcprojects.org/gilmanspringsroad/> or call 877-672-7765.

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# Historic Garner Ranch serves contemporary need

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Mountain Fire city had its own airport located at the historic Garner Ranch in Garner Valley. The helibase supported nearly 20 different helicopters, including 11 Type 1 birds.

The main topic during Sunday's briefing at the airport was the weather report because of the early morning rain and the prospect for more later that day.

The helibase even has a control tower. What appears to be a large mobile home, is a two-story control center with windows in the front and both sides.



Helibase leader **Lindsay Alarcon** preparing for Sunday morning's helitack briefing.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

As she shared that Sunday, seven Type 1 crews were being released. She told the whole contingent, "You guys have done the majority of the work. You've gone where we've asked and stirred [the fire]

and it's done what we wanted because of the air support." Alarcon arrived Tuesday and directed the application of thousands of gallons of water and retardant along the

fire's perimeter. "It was a complex aerial show with many tankers and copters in constant contact," she said.

Much of the water was taken from Lake Hemet. The retardant was available at two temporary locations. One was on the east side of the Hill near Palm Springs and the other in Garner Valley adjacent to the helibase.

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On Sunday, a Cal Fire helicopter loads with water from the "pumpkin," mobile water reservoir, at the Pine Cove Water District site at Dutch Flats.

PHOTO BY JERRY HOLLDBER

At right, the helibase control tower overlooking Gilman Ranch that housed support for 20 helicopters throughout the Mountain Fire assault on the Hill.

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## Tuesday's Mountain Fire update

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Incident Management Team is containing its nemesis, the Mountain Fire. As of Monday evening, July 22, the fire had burned 27,332 acres, but was 85 percent contained.

Full containment was expected Wednesday, July 24.

Fire officials stressed the larger size was not due to the fire spreading, rather more accurate infrared mapping established the new area.

Tuesday, firefighters continued to patrol and monitor the fire's perimeter. When conditions permit, crews will continue to construct direct line, mop up, patrol and perform fire suppression repair.

Significant demobilization has started and a plan for turning the incident back to the San Bernardino

National Forest was being developed. The number of personnel was 1,146, less than a third at the fire's peak on Friday. Thus far, the fire has cost \$22.8 million.

Mt. San Jacinto State Park Wilderness is closed. However, the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway reopened Tuesday, July 23.

The San Jacinto Wilderness on the federal side and Humber Park remain closed. The San Bernardino National Forest Closure Orders 13-8 and 13-9 are still in effect. (See <http://idyllwild-towncrier.com/2013/07/23/breaking-mountain-fire-updates/> for details and maps. For instance, the Pacific Crest Trail, as well as connecting trails, remain closed.

Monday, residents of the Apple Canyon and Bonita Vista roads areas received precautionary warnings

about potential flash floods and mud slides from possible heavy monsoon rains. Idyllwild School was the temporary evacuation center. According to Ray Smith,

Riverside County public information officer, no one had used the center as of 6 p.m. Monday.

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Congressman **Dr. Raul Ruiz** (D-36), right, talks with San Jacinto Ranger District Fire Chief **Dan Felix** about the Mountain Fire Saturday.

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# The Mountain Fire: What you might not know

BY PATRICK REITZ, FIRE CHIEF  
IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Idyllwild Fire Protection District provided one brush engine and two water tenders (trucks) for initial attack. The brush engine returned to the district that first night to help protect Idyllwild, while the two water tenders remained on the fire 24 hours a day until released Sunday. IFPD also had two members serving as trainees during the fire to increase their certification levels, benefiting the District with their additional training and experience.

When the fire was first dispatched, IFPD recalled all available personnel, including volunteers, reserves and paid personnel. Most stayed at the station through the week, sleeping on cots, air mattresses and recliners.

IFPD had all its vehicles staffed and ready to respond. IFPD responded to several calls, including public service, medical and fire calls throughout the week of the fire.

IFPD also patrolled throughout the district.

It is estimated that 85 to 95 percent of Idyllwild evacuated Wednesday afternoon and evening. Thank you.

Support members of Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Company 621 remained to answer the phones and questions. Thousands of phone calls were received at the station from concerned citizens, the media, and people from all over the world wanting information. At times the fire station was getting two phone calls a minute, making it impossible for the district to call its own personnel or for personnel to call into the fire station.

At the time of the evacuation, five American Medical Response ambulances and a supervisor, along with a disaster support unit, were sent to Idyllwild to assist with the evacuation. All but three of the ambulances remained until Monday morning to respond with IFPD and for the many firefighters assigned to work in the area. AMR was staged at the fire station with IFPD, eating, sleeping,

cleaning, working and responding together — seamlessly.

A strong law enforcement presence was on the Hill during the fire, some of which is still present. No fewer than 24 sheriff deputies and other law enforcement personnel patrolled and responded.

Countless donations of food and goods from both on and off the Hill were a huge help in getting through the week. A big thank you to all that donated. The list is too large to print here.

Two unusual donations came from off the Hill — Walmart donated a load of much-needed stock and supplies, and Panda Express donated enough food to feed more than 100 responders. The donation from Panda Express resulted in tables being set up in the apparatus bays, and many of the firefighters and law enforcement personnel protecting the Hill cycling through the station to share a meal.

IFPD readily opened its doors and made the fire station available for any Hill responder to use its restrooms, and to share its food, water, phones, copier, etc.

Rumors on Facebook and Twitter contributed to frustration by evacuated residents and additional phone calls into the fire station. These rumors included the lifting of the evacuation order no fewer than three times during the week and that two firefighters were shot when they discovered a marijuana grow operation.

During the initial days of the fire, one resident of another area of the fire refused to evacuate, only to have to be rescued when the fire surrounded the property. This forced firefighters to be pulled off the fire and put themselves in additional danger to rescue an individual who refused to evacuate. Please evacuate when asked to do so for your safety and the safety of those who might have to rescue you.

During the peak threat to Idyllwild, more than 30 individual engines made up six Strike Teams of engines. Two bulldozers and several hand crews all were assigned to the Idyllwild area to protect and defend homes and property should the fire move into Idyllwild.

While the Strike Teams were familiarizing themselves and patrolling the area, they conducted structure triage. You may have come home to find your firewood, lawn furniture and barbecue moved. You may also have found your garden hose and ladders not where you left them. This was done to prepare your house should the fire enter the area.

Some residents have called after finding structure triage forms posted at the end of their driveways. If you found one of these forms, please make note of the items on the form. It will help you prepare your house should we have another fire threaten the area. If you found one with a red "X," that means your house was considered too dangerous for firefighters to defend from the fire. Please call the fire station for an appointment to discuss your property if you have questions.

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District and all of its personnel would like to thank everyone, the community, and all of the responders who helped fight the fire and protect the community — firefighters, law enforcement, county road department, Caltrans and all of the others. Thank you for keeping Idyllwild and the Hill the great place it is.

## Services reduced for traffic cases

Due to several consecutive years of state budget reductions, the Riverside Superior Court is reducing services to the public. Effective immediately, the court will offer limited in-person, and no live operator telephone service for litigants with traffic cases.

In place of in-person service, the court is automating many routine tasks through available computers, kiosks and telephones.

To pay a fine or see a record, the public may visit the court's website ([www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/)) and click on the "Online Services" tab.

For those who have more complex traffic matters and need to speak with a court employee, Traffic and Collections Clerk appointments may be scheduled online by visiting the court's website and choosing "Traffic" under "Info by Division." The next page has an option to schedule an appointment with a clerk: [www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/scheduleappt.shtml](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/scheduleappt.shtml).

Appointments may also be scheduled using the computers in courthouse lobbies. Appointments are available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Banning Court, Hemet Court, Indio Larson Justice Center, Moreno Valley Court and Murrieta Southwest Justice Center.

Appointments are only available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at Blythe Court.

Night court appoint-

ments are available at the Indio Larson Justice Center on the first Tuesday of the month until 5:30 p.m. and the Moreno Valley Court on the third Wednesday of the month until 6:30 p.m.

A limited number of pre-populated appointment types are available, such as a request for a third extension or a request to change a citation to owner's responsibility, and evaluation for hardship payments or community service. When requesting an appointment, provide a phone number and an email to receive a confirmation and other messages.

Since a clerk appointment does not constitute a court appearance, an appointment may be scheduled in any of the appointment locations listed above, regardless of the citation's jurisdiction. Setting an appointment does not extend the date to appear or alter or extend any statutory or court-ordered deadlines.

An appointment may be scheduled up to two weeks in advance and each appointment will be scheduled for 15 minutes.

Same-day court appearances are no longer offered in any traffic court location. Customers may reserve a court date 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the court's public website. Once calendared, the customer will be able to bypass the traffic counter and report directly to the courtroom without standing in line in the

clerk's office.

To appear in front of a judicial officer for a traffic citation, a court date must be reserved. An appearance in court is optional unless "Mandatory Appearance" is reflected on the courtesy notice. If "Mandatory Appearance" is indicated in the amount due section on the courtesy notice, the customer is required to appear.

Night court appearances within the citation's jurisdiction are at 5 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Indio Larson Justice Center and at 5:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the Moreno Valley Court.

To schedule a court appearance, customers may use the computers in the courthouse lobby, or go online from any location and visit the court's website. Choose "Traffic" under "Info by Division." The next page has an option to schedule a "request court appearance" ([www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/reqcourtappearance.shtml](http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/reqcourtappearance.shtml)).

Cases must be eligible for a court appearance, and scheduling a court appearance does not extend a date to appear or alter or extend any statutory or court-ordered deadline.

The citing law enforcement officer will not be present at this hearing.

To contest a citation — plead not guilty and proceed with a court trial to testify and present evidence and/or witnesses — the person must post the full bail amount (fine) of the citation and reserve a court date online at <https://www.epay-it.com/>.

Or, to post bail and schedule a court trial by mail, send payments to the Payment Processing Center, 505 S. Buena Vista, Room 201, Corona, CA 92882.

To post bail and schedule a court trial online, customers may use the computers in the courthouse lobby, too.

The court will set a trial date and with notification sent within seven to 10 days. The court will subpoena the officer(s) for trial. Eventually, cities will be able to select a court trial date at the time of scheduling.

For more information regarding contesting a traffic ticket, visit <http://www.riverside.courts.ca.gov/traffic/contesting.shtml>.

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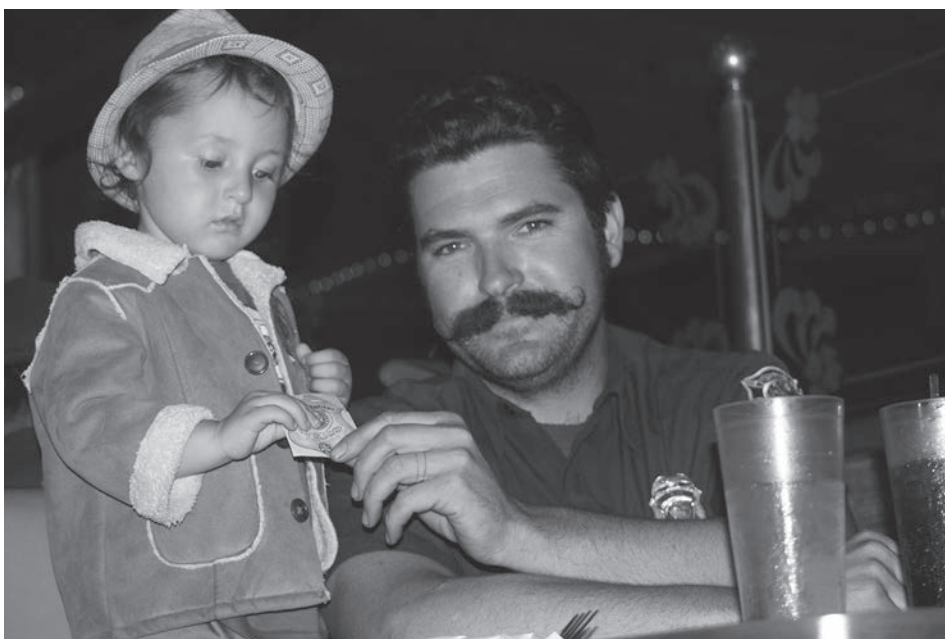
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Firefighter **Joel Hanson** of the Ventura County Fire and Rescue hands **Isaiah Markus** of Idyllwild a decal at Jo'An's Restaurant Monday night. It was a night of celebration when firefighters filled the restaurant, even dancing wildly later and receiving many accolades for saving Idyllwild.

PHOTO BY DOLORES SIZER

## A million thanks

Business owners expressed their gratitude in a number of ways. Above, Higher Grounds patrons prepared a group "Thank you" to Mountain Fire firefighters.

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Above left, the marquee at the Rustic Theatre this week.

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Below left, the Strawberry Creek Bunkhouse and Strawberry Creek Inn display "Thank you" signs for all of the personnel involved in the Mountain Fire fighting efforts.

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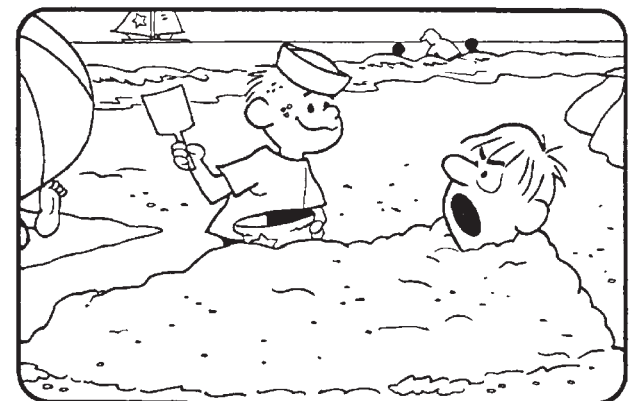
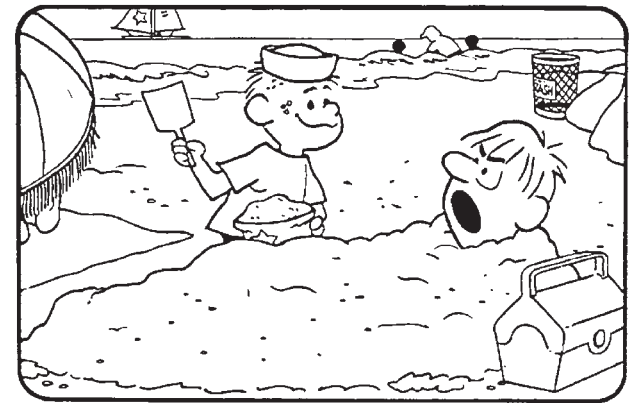
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Signed: REBECCA LOU CLARK President/CEO  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 24, 2013.

FILE NO: R-2013-06719  
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By: BL. Montes, Deputy  
Pub. TC: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
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Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 26, 2013.

FILE NO: I-2013-01742  
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CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**  
1 Humpty's perch  
5 — out (relax)  
8 Applaud  
12 Others (Lat.)  
13 Mrs. McKinley  
14 Helper  
15 Dracula's ilk  
17 Nasty  
18 Before  
19 Fellows  
20 Reject disdainfully  
21 Quid pro —  
22 3, on the phone  
23 Counterfeit  
26 Spoke highly of  
30 Met melody  
31 Bliss  
32 Italy's capital  
33 "Oh, what a — web we

weave ..."  
35 Underneath  
36 Wrestling surface  
37 Storefront sign abbr.  
38 DJ's creation  
41 Twosome  
42 Ostrich's cousin  
45 Tresses  
46 Shortcircuits the ignition  
48 Slave to crosswords?  
49 Joan of —  
50 Workbench attachment  
51 Nays' opponents  
52 — jongg  
53 12 months  
**DOWN**  
1 Greet silently

2 Winged  
3 Key — pie  
4 Once around the track  
5 Migratory songbird  
6 Biblical garden  
7 Petrol  
8 S'mores are often cooked over them  
9 Stead  
10 Jewish month  
11 Teller's partner  
16 Don of radio fame  
20 Vast expanse  
21 Marshes  
22 Parched  
23 Cudgel  
24 Man-mouse link  
25 Martini ingredient

26 Spacecraft compartment  
27 Scale member  
28 Comedian  
Philips  
29 Morning moisture  
31 Lustrous black  
34 Remiss  
35 Forehead  
37 Starsky's pal  
38 Perlman of "Cheers"  
39 Simple  
40 Gold digger's place?  
41 Nickelodeon's explorer  
42 Great Lake  
43 Arizona city  
44 Addict  
46 Easter entree, often  
47 Wall climber

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk  
By: A. Chavez, Deputy  
Pub. TC: July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person is doing business as THE CANDY CUPBOARD, 24250 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 794, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JENNIFER LYNN MCKEE, GARY WILLIAM MCKEE and PATRICIA SUE MCKEE, 25685 Oakwood, Idyllwild, CA 92549. This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 1, 2012.

Signed: JENNIFER LYNN MCKEE  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 7, 2013.

FILE NO: R-2013-04925  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MAY 7, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MAY 7, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).  
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By: J. Gonzalez, Deputy  
Pub. TC: July, 11, 18, 25, Aug. 1, 2013.

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By: J. Wray, Deputy  
Pub. TC: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, July 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
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Signed: RICHARD EMILE CADIEUX  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 2, 2013.

FILE NO: R-2013-07035  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JULY 2, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JULY 2, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).  
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HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A longtime situation starts to move into a new phase. The question for the uncertain Lamb right now is whether to move with it. Facts emerge by midmonth to help you decide.
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A talent for organizing your priorities allows the Divine Bovine to enjoy a busy social life and not miss a beat in meeting all workplace and/or family commitments.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) What began as a dubious undertaking has now become one of your favorite projects. Your enthusiasm for it rallies support from other doubters-turned-believers.
**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Accept the help of friends to get you through an unexpectedly difficult situation. There'll be time enough later to investigate how all this could have happened so fast.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Change is a major factor for the Big Cat through midmonth. Be prepared to deal with it on a number of levels, including travel plans and workplace situations.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You might not like all the changes that have begun to take place around you. But try to find something positive in at least some of them that you can put to good use.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A family member's

unsettling experience could create more problems if it's not handled with care and love. And who's the best one to offer all that? You, of course.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) It might not be the right time for you to start a new venture. But it's a good time to start gathering facts and figures so you'll be set when the GO! sign lights up.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The sagacious Sagittarius should have no trouble deciding between those who can and those who cannot be trusted to carry out a workplace commitment.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Surprise, surprise. It looks as if that one person you once thought you could never hope to win over to your side suddenly just might choose to join you.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might have to set aside your pride for now and accept a change that isn't to your advantage. Cheer up. There'll be time later to turn this around in your favor.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your creative self emerges as dominant through midmonth. This should help you restart that writing or arts project you've left on the shelf for far too long.

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## Wildfire control campaign

## Public Notices



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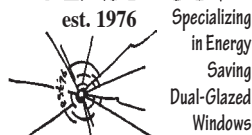
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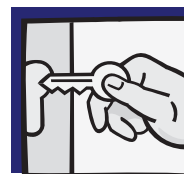
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With the Town Crier on Tuesday, July 16, the new Idyllwild mayor was in Cincinnati visiting his owner's aunt, **Shirley Duff** (left). His owners, **Phyllis Mueller** (center) and **Glenn Warren** (right) left Friday, July 12, to pick up one puppy in Aguanga, and the other two in Ohio. Puppies, from left, are **Mitzi Marie Mueller**, **Mikey Mighty-Dog Mueller** and the new mayor, **Maximus Mighty-Dog Mueller II**.  
 PHOTO COURTESY OF GLENN WARREN



The Lady of the Rockies overlooking Butte, Mont., along with **Dave, Janet and Jack Kunkle**, are looking for the Town Crier to bring them back to Idyllwild on Monday, July 15. Jack and Janet, who live in Pine Cove, are visiting their son Dave who lives in Helena, Mont.



A large crowd gathered at Cafe Aroma Monday night to hear **Bill Saitta, Paul Carman and Don Reed** perform and celebrate returning home.  
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## CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

Adopted and ready for their new adventure this week were **Teddy Bear** and **Tyler II**, two males from the litter of gray kittens. They went to their new home together, so the brothers will always have each other to play with.

Found: a small female husky-mix. Call ARF to identify at 951-659-1122.

Reunited this week to their very worried owners were **Roxie**, the corgi-mix, and **Max**, the Chihuahua.

Only three kittens are left. **Tippycanoe** and **Tutti Frutti** are the females and **T. Rex** is the male. Come in to ARF and get your kitty love. They will be ready for their new adventure into your home at the end of the week. Hurry, these bundles of fur won't last long. They are all 12 weeks old and properly trained by a very good mama who has been adopted.

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**Bruce**, the little male Chihuahua, and **Ladybug**, the shepherd/husky-mix, also were found at the dump. They are both young and anxious for a new home.

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*Creature corner is sponsored by Brent Skeane. To sponsor the column, call Lisa Streeter at the Town Crier, 659-2145.*

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## PAST TENSE

### 65 years ago - 1948

With a net profit of almost \$4,000 from the Gold Strike, the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce paid off a \$1,500 note to the bank, borrowed to help build Town Hall.

### 60 years ago - 1953

Forty members of the Camp Pendleton Marine Band performed at the Community Campfire.

### 55 years ago - 1958

A freak fire started in the home of Lester Jones, Idyllwild Barber Shop owner, when fumes from a pail of cement sitting in a doorway blew into the pilot light of a refrigerator some 20 feet away.

### 50 years ago - 1963

Sportland Park offered bowling, swimming, skating and miniature golf.

### 45 years ago - 1968

A group of hiking Girl Scouts stopped to eat lunch at Little Round Valley. They discovered a fire underway and spent two hours extinguishing it, carrying water in tin cans.

### 40 years ago - 1973

Prospective renters had a choice between a new knotty pine two-bedroom



Idyllwild Master Chorale sponsored "Nunsense" at the Rustic Theatre in 2008. From left, Sister Mary Amnesia, played by **Kristin Rebecca Bischof**, and Mother Superior Sister Mary Regina, played by **Marty Neider**, performed to a well-attended house along with the other six sisters.

FILE PHOTO

plus large den renting for \$180 a month; a three-bedroom with "dream kitchen" for \$250 a month; or a two-bedroom furnished home for \$300 a month.

### 35 years ago - 1978

Staffing and program cutbacks were made at Hurkey Creek and Idyllwild County Park as a result of the passage of Proposition 13.

### 30 years ago - 1983

Due to a personnel shortage, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District decided to use qualified local residents to fill in as paramedics.

### 25 years ago - 1988

Hot and dry weather conditions led Forest Service officials to close about 55,000 acres of public federal lands south and west

of Idyllwild.

### 20 years ago - 1993

Idyllwild Fire Protection District's proposed \$897,184 budget was unanimously approved after a public hearing.

### 15 years ago - 1998

Idyllwild Arts Academy was evacuated while fire-fighters from three agencies fought a vegetation fire on campus. The fire was located beside a hiking trail up from Pierson Dorm.

### 10 years ago - 2003

The Fern Valley Water District Board of Directors made plans to adopt a four-stage water conservation plan and to raise water rates for the first time in 12 years.

### 5 years ago - 2003

New legislation authorized County Service Areas to provide broadband service to their residents. Any CSA could construct, own, improve, maintain and operate broadband facilities, and provide broadband services if no private person or entity was willing.

### 1 year ago - 2012

Jennifer Gee became the new director of the University of California James Reserve north of Idyllwild.

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