



During the 2014 Memorial Day service at Idyllwild's American Legion Post 800 on Monday, **Danny Richardson** burns the names of the service members no longer alive.
PHOTO BY GINA GENIS

Lightning severely damages home

Owner escapes injury

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Last week's hail, lightning and thunderstorm was more than an inconvenience for Idyllwild resident Troy VanderWende, 53. In fact, he is fortunate to talk about the damage done to his Marion View Drive home.

At about 5:45 p.m., a lightning bolt struck a pine tree next to VanderWende's property, spiraling down the tree. The electricity jumped to his trailer, blowing a hole near the roof, exiting out the door on the opposite side and creating a cavity in the concrete driveway.

VanderWende was standing in the front of the garage holding an umbrella after just running down the drive to check the hail damage.

He was knocked over and skidded along the garage floor to the side door. Gasping, he stood up and ran to the house. His auditory senses were in pain.

"I didn't know what had happened," VanderWende said.

Meanwhile, the electrical pulse ripped through the panel on the laundry shed, shredding and tearing wires. "It shredded the junction box," he said.

It continued to the panel on the opposite side of the house and



Troy VanderWende, lightning story survivor.
Photo by J.P. Crumrine

into the dwelling's electrical system.

"In the house, everything, — television, computer — was fried," he said. "Even with surge protectors, you can't stop that many volts."

Unable to hear because of his proximity to the blast, he realized that his wife, Joni, was telling him there were fires. The kitchen range, with a gas top, was burning. Throwing lots of water on it, he quelled that fire.

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More aircraft to fight wildfires

In preparation for the 2014 fire season, the U.S. Forest Service has added four more aircraft to its next-generation firefighting fleet, bringing the total number of aircraft to 21 large air-tankers and more than 100 helicopters. The new aircraft will enter service in the coming weeks and support more than 10,000 firefighters for the 2014 wildfire season.

"We continue to increase and modernize the fleet of aircraft available for wildland fire suppression activities," said Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell in a press release. "These new planes will combine with our existing fleet to support our heroes on the ground fighting wildfires to keep our resources and communities safe."

The Forest Service is bringing into duty for the first time this fire season a second DC10, and three BAe-146s. The DC10 cruises at 430 mph and can carry up to 11,600 gallons of retardant. Both the BAe-146 and a C130 originally brought on last fall

cruise at roughly 350 mph and can carry more than 3,000 gallons of retardant.

Eight C130s equipped with Modular Airborne Firefighting Systems also are now completing their recertification and training for this season. The Forest Service also will bring more large air-tankers in from Canada if needed.

Earlier this year, the Forest Service announced it was projected to exceed its annual firefighting budget in July, two months before the end of the fiscal year. In its 2015 budget proposal, the Obama administration proposed a special disaster relief cap adjustment to use when costs of fighting fires exceed Forest Service and Department of the Interior budgets. The proposal tracks closely with legislation authored by Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden, Sen. Mike Crapo of Idaho, and representatives Mike Simpson of Idaho and Kurt Schrader of Oregon.

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Idyllwild Water to consider rate increase in June

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Idyllwild Water District directors will review a preliminary fiscal year 2014-15 budget in June. A rate increase will be part of the budget package, partly needed to pay for raised costs, such as electricity, which will increase 10 percent.

The next regular meeting has been advanced to Wednesday, June 11, to ensure the full board will be available for the review.

In advance of the proposed budget presentation, General Manager Tom Lynch said, "We're taking a close look at critical capital improvements." He had previously shared his observations of deterioration in parts of the district's water and sewer lines. Portions of the distribution system are 40 to 50 years old. Consequently, he may use some consultants to evaluate IWD's infrastructure. "Where possible, large projects will be proposed to occur incrementally over time to help avoid cost impacts all at once," he added.

This is the final year of the district's five-year, annual 6-percent rate increase, originally approved in June 2010.

Through the end of April, both IWD's water and sewer funds had net possible income. The water program net income for this year is about \$185,000 and the sewer fund has generated about \$14,000. In April, the sewer fund income was augmented with a \$23,000 payment from Idyllwild Arts Academy for its recently approved "will serve" letters.

IWD, currently in a Stage 2 water emergency, saw water sales drop below the April projections, reported Chief Finance Officer Hosny Shouman. Water usage was nearly 280,000 gallons (5 percent) less than the projection.

For the month of April, total production was 6.5 million gallons, 430,000 gallons less than the April 2013 production. For the first four months of 2014, IWD's production has been 25 percent less than the same period last year. However, it is about 6 and 10 percent more than 2011 and 2012, respectively.

For the 10 months since the fiscal year began July 2013, IWD production has fallen about 6.5 percent, from 74.3 million gallons to 69.5 million.

With respect to water resources, Lynch said, "The most telling figures are the creek flows, decreasing considerably from past years."

Lynch reported only 7.5 gallons per minute at the Village Center Drive bridge and virtually no flow in the creek above the bridge.

Foster Lake, an IWD reservoir, remains dry. In April 2013, the lake's level was 9 feet and two years ago it was at its maximum of 18 feet. The groundwater level of the district's Foster Lake wells continues to drop.

"We are keeping a careful observation on all our water-well levels, but without any significant rainfall, we may be forced into Stage 3," Lynch told the board last week. "This means mandatory emergency restrictions restricting outdoor irrigation, filling pools or pulling water from hydrants."

More funds for forest health

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Natural Resources Conservation Service is offering a second funding opportunity to eligible participants who want to improve forest health on private forest lands in San Bernardino and Riverside counties and mitigate threats of wildfires.

Applications are being accepted now and the deadline is June 20. Funding for financial and technical assistance is being made available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program.

"It's a new program. We're working with the Forest Service. They are working on federal lands and NRCS is helping on private lands," said Robert Hewitt of the NRCS San Jacinto office. "It will fund different types of work — mastification, reforestation, brush removal, tree trimming, dead tree removal and erosion control."

Interested owners

or operators of non-industrial private forest land may be eligible for this Healthy Forest EQIP Initiative for San Bernardino Mountains. The project area is centered on private or tribal lands within the San Bernardino Mountain range, including Twin Pines and Idyllwild.

In order to be considered eligible for financial assistance, the applicant must have a vested interest in non-industrial private forestland and meet other program eligibility requirements.

While there is no acreage limitation, Hewitt suggested that projects of less than 5 acres would unlikely be cost-effective. A neighborhood might propose a project, but each property owner would have to sign up, he added.

"The focus is on treating private forest land within and adjacent to the San Bernardino National Forest to reduce catastrophic wildfire, improve forest health, improve water quality services, rehabil-

itate burned lands and improve wildlife habitat," said NRCS District Conservationist Kim Lary in a press release.

This funding opportunity is part of a multi-year partnership between NRCS and the U.S. Forest Service to improve the health and resiliency of forest ecosystems in places across the nation where public and private lands meet. This effort, called the Chiefs' Joint Landscape Restoration Partnership, is helping to mitigate wildfire threats to communities and landowners, protect water quality and supply, and improve wildlife habitat for at-risk species.

For western Riverside County, call the San Jacinto Local Partnership Office at 951-654-7139.

For northern Riverside and southern San Bernardino counties, call the Redlands Service Center at 909-799-7407.

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OUT LOUD



We are nearly tucked into the new offices in the old Ponderosa building on the corner of Cedar Street and North Circle Drive.

Many people have stopped by with their old dogs who apparently remember when the building offered pet grooming and boarding. The dogs seem to enjoy being here and so do we. It's a great space for us with a wonderful feel to it.

In old Town Crier records, Jan Fast opened the Ponderosa in March 1978. The structure was built just for that purpose. However, to us it seems that it was built just for a newspaper/magazine office and visitors center.

I have worked in all five Town Crier offices (excluding the Maxwell's attic) and this space fits us to a tee.

After moving a year ago, Jack and I were not up to considering schlepping all this stuff and reconfiguring space again but Jerry Holldber — a friend of our new landlord — persisted in selling us on how much better the space would be. We couldn't envision it at the time. We viewed the interior as awkward space — odd-shaped rooms with no continuity.

But one day, after Jerry was his most persistent, Jack drew a layout sketch on a Post-it Note and we began dreaming and planning another move.

Just for the record, for those who don't know, the first office was at Fern Valley Corners at the two stone buildings, the second was at the Idyllwild Health Center, the third was at Shiloh Christian Ministries, the fourth was in the Oakwood Village and now we're home. Stop by and take a tour.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

Disappointed in Idyllwild Fire

EDITOR:

I went to the May 13 meeting of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District just to see what I had missed after months of not attending. Their finances are still desperate. When asked if they were still using the one-time sale of cell tower monies as part of their budget, the answer was yes.

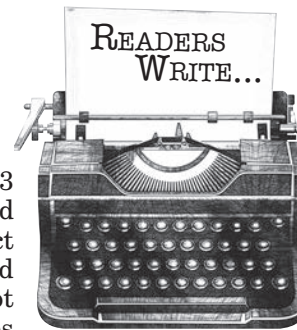
They are in dispute with one of their captains and it was intimated that all this money would go to satisfy this case and shouldn't be used as a budget item. So this is phantom money, not funding and not ongoing.

In past meetings the commissioners discussed venues for new funding: raising fees or new taxes that would have to be passed by the voters of Fern Valley and Idyllwild.

I realize now that the special tax I encouraged in 2003 in Pine Cove to help support IFPD was wrong. Instead of promoting the enhancement of services to the mountain communities, it only engendered IFPD's contempt by fostering the attitude that there was a new and endless supply of cash for no extra effort on the part of IFPD. The service did not get better. IFPD is now dead last in response time in the county.

After accepting Pine Cove's cash, IFPD demanded more and more each year, finally exceeding the limit of \$100,000 and pushing it up to \$120,000. Then to add insult to injury, IFPD insisted on calling residents of Pine Cove "nonresidents" and charged an extra \$300 for each run. By the time this insult was rescinded the contempt that IFPD has for any taxpayer was clear to all.

The contempt IFPD has for Pine Cove is now spreading to all the inhabitants of the Hill. Since the Pine Cove cash cow will cease to exist in 2015, I urge Idyllwild and Fern Valley to watch out. They are coming after you next. Don't believe that the finances will get better if you throw money at them: They will find new and more ingenious ways to make it disappear without ever improving



their services.

I am so saddened by this turn of events. I have always been in favor of local control but when a local agency proves year after year and chief after chief to be unable to fulfill the basic needs of the community, it is time to turn elsewhere.

NANCY BORCHERS
PINE COVE

Finding future water sources

EDITOR:

I must say I am left a bit confused by a couple of articles in last week's paper. The water districts appear to be separately discussing water from wells, streams and Foster Lake as if they are different. All three are dependent on what comes from the sky.

Add to that, Jeff Stone is suggesting the building of more dams. That would be great if there were adequate water off the Hill.

The bottom line here is that everything depends on precipitation, which is today almost non-existent and likely to get worse.

If we recall, there is an ocean a few miles away that could be tapped. I fail to understand why there isn't a state-wide serious discussion about desalination from ocean water. Since the water used eventually makes its way back to the ocean, the net salt water salinity is never changed.

Israel is the world leader in getting fresh drinking water from salt water. It has been doing it efficiently for generations. I think Southern California needs to finally give up on water from Northern California where it once served farms. We've grown too large.

Certainly, water cannot be pumped up the Hill in a single push, but a multi-stage pumping system could do the job effectively. Then our used water could eventually make its way back to the ocean as well.

LARRY KUENEMAN
PINE COVE

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Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

BY JOHN R. HAWKINS
FIRE CHIEF

Editor:

I write to you as the Cal Fire Riverside County fire chief, president of the Riverside County Fire Chief's Association and as the fire and rescue mutual aid coordinator for Riverside County. Wednesday, April 23, we held a large-scale, multiagency fire, law enforcement and animal services field training exercise in the Idyllwild-Pine Cove areas. I am grateful to the residents of Idyllwild and Pine Cove and Town Crier newspaper for their patience with the exercise and publicizing the training drill for public understanding.

The exercise provided public-safety responders the opportunity to drill on basic concepts and hone their abilities to protect and defend communities. Specifically, we set the following goals for the exercise that ran from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

1. Exercise and evaluate the evacuation function for the wildland fire scenario.
2. Engage the command staff to plan, organize, staff, execute and adjust for a Unified Command incident.
3. Provide a training environment for fire engines, fire crews and firefighting aircraft to improve wildland urban interface skills.

4. Provide the Department of Animal Services a training and evaluation opportunity.

5. Exercise and evaluate fire, and law enforcement communications.

The exercise simulated two fires. The first fire started on the west side of Pine Cove (Norwood at Acorn) and burned east into the community. The second fire started on the south side of Idyllwild (Robin Drive cross of Chickadee) and burned north into town. A 10:15 a.m. situation update provided the following report on conditions:

Two fires, Wood and Robin Incidents.

- Wood Incident, 40-plus acres, critical rate of spread, threat to Pine Cove.

- Robin Incident, 20 acres, critical rate of spread, threat to Idyllwild.

Both incidents have structures involved.

Communities of Pine Cove and Idyllwild structure threat.

Sheriff's Department evacuating portions of the communities of Pine Cove and Idyllwild using the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce plan.

The exercise proved to be a great success. About 40 engine companies from throughout Riverside County and from Orange, San Bernardino and San Diego counties participated. The Riverside County Sheriff's

Department and California Highway Patrol officers provided law enforcement services. Riverside County Animal Services simulated removing endangered animals. Firefighters practiced wildland firefighting and structural defense tactics and methods.

Very importantly, jurisdictional agencies, including Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire, U.S. Forest Service San Bernardino National Forest, Idyllwild Fire Protection District and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department unified command, ensuring collective and singular command and decision-making. We also linked the County Emergency Operations Center with the fires, ensuring multijurisdictional coordination.

Throughout the entire exercise, the citizens of Idyllwild and Pine Cove were very patient with the increased road and neighborhood traffic, responders working in yards simulating fire and rescue activities, and everything else that possibly inconvenienced community residents. In the end, the value of the exercise cannot be discounted as the public deserves and expects the best from their public safety providers. Both are what we must provide the public.

We play the way we practice.

We appreciate our communities for their patience and the Town Crier for its support.



Three entries correctly identified the outside patio at Dave and Julie Dillon's Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro: Maurie Bousquet, Jeff and Yvonne Smith and Joel, Seth and Abigail White. Bousquet's name came out of the hat, so he wins the Rustic Theatre gift card. This week's contest photo is above.

This week you are again challenged to identify the particular spot depicted in this Hill photograph. It might be the exterior of a building or surrounding grounds of a commercial, governmental or nonprofit premises, or a public place in Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Fern Valley or Mountain Center. The prize is tickets to the Rustic Theatre, your picture in the Town Crier, and life membership in the No. 1 Hillbilly Detective Agency. If there is no winner during a week, the ticket prizes will accumulate.

Open to all ages. Only one entry per household. It doesn't matter how you submit your entry, as long as it's in writing, delivered by noon Monday (or Tuesday if the Town Crier office is not open Monday) to the Town Crier, attn: Jack, and you convince the judge that you found the exact spot. Just saying something like, "The wall around _____ restaurant" is not enough. You must describe the actual spot by pacing off or some other specific description. Taking your own photograph of the spot would be ideal, but is not necessary to win as long as you persuade the judge that you have found the exact spot depicted in the contest photo. The decision of the judge is final. If there is no winner, clues will be given and the weekly prizes will accumulate. This is not a race. If there is more than one person with a correct answer, a drawing will determine the winner, so keep your answer to yourself. Check out this week's new photo.



BY DOLORES SIZER

Eulogy for a friend

A little over two years ago, I was walking my dog on the Center for Prayer property where I rented a cabin. A sedan was leaving and the driver stopped and said, "Hi." I looked into those beautiful green eyes and at the friendly smile, and I just knew we would be friends. Sitting next to him was his lovely girlfriend, Annie.

They had just rented the cabin across the way from me. The three of us became friends. They were at my cabin when Annie said she was expecting — so exciting.

Much has been said about Scott Foster's accomplishments, of which there are many. I knew him on a more personal level. His sense of humor was tops in my book. Laughing is healthy and Scottie gave me many laughs.

Another gift Scottie gave me was his mother, Maria, a good friend and special person in my life. On more than one occasion I would mention to Maria that Scottie was mine not hers. She would jokingly say I could have him.

I'll give you an idea of what Scottie's sense of humor was like. Those of you who know me will understand this story. Maria and I went to Jo'An's Restaurant on Open Mic night. We had just walked into the restaurant. Scottie was holding the mic and said, (I am paraphrasing somewhat), "There are several types of animals in Idyllwild: your coyotes, bobcats, raccoons, and then there are your cougars." Scott then nodded at me. Half of the diners turned in my direction. Good thing I have a sense of humor.

I miss him walking into the Town Crier and saying, "Hi, Lola." It is hard to believe he is gone, I go to Jo'An's or Idyll Awhile and expect him to walk in any moment with his warm smile.

And now this is to Scottie: I miss you and will never forget you, my friend. You took a part of my heart with you but it's OK. I willingly gave it up. I have been going online and watching the the short clip of "The Herd Gathering" just to hear your voice and see your smile, although the end is so hard to watch with you holding up little baby Zion.

For Annie: I haven't spoken with you for a while, however, I think of you and Zion daily. Perhaps we can get together soon and tell Scottie stories.

This is the hardest column I have ever written. My heart hurts.

No food column this month.

County-wide fire drill takes to the hills

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Thursday morning, May 22, the Hill was overrun with fire vehicles. Not just Idyllwild Fire and Riverside County Fire, but engines and firefighters from Orange County and local cities such as Banning, Beaumont, Cathedral City, Corona and Indio, as well as nearby tribal units from Pechanga and Morongo reservations. Several county, state and federal agencies, including the Air National Guard, were also vital participants.

The Robin and Wood fires were a drill conducted by Riverside County Fire Department and Cal Fire.

The exercise involved two fires. The first, the Wood Fire, was located in Pine Cove. Air resources were part of the exercise and while flying this fire, they discovered and reported a second ignition near Robin Drive in Idyllwild.

Fire officials began assembling about 6 a.m. at the Mountain Center Café, where RCFD Fire Chief John Hawkins told them, "We play the way we practice. This is unified command so we want to maximize similarities and minimize differences."

Fire Chief John Wise of Los Angeles City said, "These agencies are working together. The complexity [of a fire incident] doesn't change whether there are 3,000 people or 100,000, just the number. But it's the same challenges."

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Kevin Gaines, Riverside County Division Chief at Oak Glen, planned and organized the May 22 fire drill.



Idyllwild Fire Chief **Patrick Reitz** was part of the unified command during the drill.



California Highway Patrol provided a communications unit.

PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE



Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor **Jeff Stone** (left) visited the Incident Command Post at Idyllwild Pines Camp. Here he meets with **Jay Orr**, county executive officer, **John Hawkins**, county fire chief, and **Edwina Scott**, executive director of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council.



Large signs were placed around town to direct engines to the location of the drill.



Two Brazilian fire officials, Major **Moisés Alves Barcelos** (left) and Commandante **Alan Alexandre Araujo** (right), observed the fire drill. Accompanying the Brazilian fire officials was **Art Torrez** of the California Emergency Management Agency. In addition, two Los Angeles County fire officials observed the exercise.

Part of the drill included the report of a down firefighter (left), who had to be found and transported from the fire scene to safety.



Riverside County Fire Chief **John Hawkins** (left) talks with County Executive Officer **Jay Orr**, who observed the drill from start to finish.

Agencies continue fire prevention work

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

With the addition of two extra Cal Fire engines on the Hill, another mountain battalion chief will be hired, announced Riverside County Division Chief David Fulcher at last week's Mountain Area Safety Taskforce meeting.

The second battalion chief will start after July 1 and share responsibilities with current Mountain Battalion Chief Sean Dakin.

In other business, Cal Fire Mountain Forester Gregg Bratcher said 32 oak trees have been confirmed with Goldspotted oak borer infestations. His office and the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council are still inspecting oak trees.

If a property owner suspects an oak tree may be infected, they should first visit the University of California, Riverside's GSOB site, <http://ucanr.edu/sites/gsobinfo/>. Then call Cal Fire's GSOB hotline at 951-659-8328.

"We've yet to have anyone on the mountain take advantage of spraying or other proactive options," Bratcher lamented. "We may have options for eradication, tools in the toolbox, that are not being used."

Finding and removing oak trees with exit holes is not prevention, he stressed. "Finding the bug is

not eradicating the problem today."

Edwina Scott, MCFSC executive director, reported on the progress of MCFSC's reroofing project. Through this spring, 46 cedar-shake shingle roofs have been replaced with fire-resistant shingles. "Another 15 properties have received permission to hire a roofing contractor," she added.

With the presence of a year-round fire season, very few fuels projects have been started or completed on the Hill, according to the various fire officials.

"There's been very little pile burning. It's not a good season for burning," noted Dan Felix, San Jacinto Ranger District fire chief. "We had hoped to do a broadcast burn in Garner Valley; no plans until next fire season."

However, the Forest Service will do maintenance along the Pine Cove and Strawberry fuelbreaks with the help of the Green Corps.

Cal Fire is working along the Red Hill Truck Trail, reported Bratcher.

And Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz said the department has been aggressively conducting fire abatement inspections. "We're 30 days ahead of schedule," he said.

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Registering cell phones for Early Warning

The County of Riverside's Early Warning Notification System uses telephones to alert residents and businesses in Riverside County who are affected, threatened or might be endangered by an emergency event or a disaster.

The system uses phone numbers in the region's 911 database to contact listed and unlisted land-line telephones. It is TTY/TDD-capable. If the call is picked up by an answering machine, the system will leave a voice message.

Because the 911 database includes only land-line numbers, other phone numbers must be registered.

Anyone with a voice-over Internet protocol (VoIP) or cellular telephone who would like to be notified over the device, may register those telephone numbers to be included in the notification system at www.countyofriverside.us/Residents/Emergencies/EarlyWarningNotificationSystem.aspx and choose "Register Now."

Each number will be added to the regional database within 60 days. It is important to note that each number registered can be associated with only one residential or business address in the system.

Registered numbers will be called only when a disaster or emergency affects the address associated with a telephone number.

Siren idea quickly silenced

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Revival of a town siren was the main topic at last week's Mountain Area Safety Taskforce. Public safety officials quickly sounded an alarm about the potential problem this heirloom might create for those unfamiliar with its intent.

Peter Lent, deputy director of the Riverside County Office of Emergency Services, introduced the topic at the request of Michael Feyder, Mountain Disaster Preparedness president.

"Our office, County Fire and the Sheriff's [Department] do not support the emergency siren," said Lent. "If it goes off, nobody knows what to do."

Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz had suggested it to Feyder. Their idea was that the siren — similar to alarms in other areas, such as the Midwest, for natural disasters such as tornados — would alert people of a fire danger. The blaring siren would signal people to go to Internet websites for official information and direction from OES, RC Fire or Idyllwild Fire, Feyder said.

"It would alert community and drive people to the sources of information such as the Town Crier, MDP's Idyllwildemergency or WNKI," Feyder suggested. "MDP would not be responsible for the siren. MDP would fund the education effort behind the system."

Reitz stressed that several citizens had approached IFPD after the Mountain Fire to reactivate the siren and he added, "I've seen it work in other communities, but only with a lot of education."

Neither described it as a solution or alternative to the county's Early Warning Notification System, but they view it as another tool available in an emergency.

IFPD and MDP would test the alarm periodically throughout the year. They also promised an extensive information campaign in advance of the

tests, so that residents would not confuse the test with an actual emergency.

Nevertheless, Riverside County Sheriff's and Fire departments, as well as Forest Service attendees, were skeptical of its benefit. While residents might be educated to respond properly to the warning, assuming they had and used Internet services, visitors and tourists would have minimal understanding of what was expected, said fire and sheriff staff.

Many officials expressed concern about the

possibility of creating confusion and exacerbating the problems if a road closure were in effect. With only two routes out of town and three off the Hill, traffic flows could create problems and impede fire and emergency vehicles during a critical stage of these fires.

San Jacinto Ranger District Fire Chief Dan Felix reminded participants that this idea had been rejected about 10 years ago. "The nature of the community is week-enders and tourists who

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Wednesday, May 28

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 951-659-2844.
- Spanish Class for Home-schoolers, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3-fifth grade, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- 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).
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Thursday, May 29

- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Ave. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Free warm lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church.

Friday, May 30

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Monica Sierras at 951-659-5932 for information and location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30

p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (The Courtyard.)

- Feeding America, 3 p.m. Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center. Distribution at the former Morning Sky School on Hwy. 243.

Saturday, May 31

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Sunday, June 1

- 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 meeting (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd, Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- Idyllwild Historic Preservation District workshop for owners and tenants, 2-3:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Narcotics Anonymous, 8-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Monday, June 2

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, 7-8:30 p.m., the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.
- Mountain Non-fiction Writers Group, 7 p.m. For information and address, call Larry Kueneman. 951-659-2567.

Tuesday, June 3

- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income) and Senior Food

Fire log

The Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls, Tuesday, May 20, to Monday, May 26.

Idyllwild

- May 20 — Medical aid.
- May 21 — Medical aid.
- May 22 — Two lightning strikes, no fire.
- May 22 — Medical aid.
- May 23 — Medical aid.
- May 24 — Two medical aids.
- May 24 — Three rescues.
- May 25 — Public service assistance.
- May 25 — Dispatched and canceled en route.
- May 25 — Five medical aids.
- May 26 — Public service assistance.
- May 26 — Medical aid.

Pine Cove

- May 21 — Traffic collision.
- May 24 — Medical aid.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Sunday, May 18, to Saturday, May 24.

Idyllwild

Sharing (anyone over age 60 qualifies), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mormon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.

- Idyllwild Garden Club, noon. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting and Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Anza Valley Citizens Patrol, 6 p.m. Call Brian, 951-763-5324.
- Hilltop Horsemen, 6 p.m. Call Chuck Streeter, 951-659-2167.
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Avenue, Hemet.

Wednesday, June 4

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

NEWS OF RECORD

- May 20 — Alarm call, Pine Ave. Handled by deputy.
- May 20 — Suspect info, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 20 — Area check, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 20 — Civil dispute, West Ridge Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 21 — Suspect info, address withheld. Unfounded.
- May 22 — Alarm call, Meadow Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 23 — Alarm call, Hemstreet Pl. Handled by deputy.
- May 23 — Barking dog, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 24 — Business & Professions Code violation, address undefined. Unfounded.

- May 24 — Noise complaint, Seneca Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 24 — Area check, Forest Haven Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- May 21 — Public disturbance, Sherman Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 21 — Noise complaint, Hotei Ln. Handled by

deputy.

- May 21 — Danger to self/other, Overlook Dr. Unfounded.
- May 22 — Noise complaint, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 22 — Alarm call, Gail Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 22 — Alarm call, Ponderosa Dr. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- May 20 — Assist other department, Rocky Point Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 21 — Alarm call, 47000 block of Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

- May 21 — 911 call, Morris Ranch Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 23 — Found property, Trails End. Handled by deputy.
- May 24 — Public assistance, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 24 — Assist other department, 21000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- May 24 — Public assistance, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- May 21 — Unattended death, address withheld. Report taken.

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Idyllwild Conversations

For the final **Idyllwild Conversation** of the 2013-14 season, UC Riverside Professor of Fire Ecology **Richard Minnich** will talk about forest conditions that exacerbate wildfire risk. Showing photos of the Idyllwild area's old-growth forests from 130 years ago, as well as from Baja Mexico's mountains where fire suppression was not practiced until very recently, Minnich will present his hypothesis that this area's "unnatural fuel loads" greatly increase fire risk.

The group also will explore strategies the community may adopt to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire on the Hill. **Greg Rodriguez**, district director for Rep. **Raul Ruiz** will join the event.

The public is invited to this free event at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 3, at the **Caine Learning Center**, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.

Siren

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have no familiarity with the design of the evacuation plan."

Rather than rely on a siren whose alert might not be understood by all who hear it, Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins recommended, "... getting WNKI involved in case of an emergency and the MDP's citizen volunteers are a big part of the equation."

IFPD and the Mile High Radio Club are nearing an agreement for MHRC to operate WNKI, according to Bill Tell, MHRC president. It was activated for last week's emergency drill. Tell briefly discussed the possibility of extending its signal from Poppet Flat to Pinyon Pines.

According to long-time Hill resident Jerry Holldber, Pine Cove Water District general manager, the siren's original purpose in the 1960s was to alert and activate IFPD's paid-call unit of an incident, fire or traffic collision on the Hill.

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

Free lunch every Thursday

Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church at 25525 Tahquitz Drive offers a free, warm lunch through the cooperation of Christina Nordella and Fairway Market. The Caring Community Lunch is open to anyone.

On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Submittal forms may be picked up at the Town Crier, or email becky@towncrier.com.

Wednesday, May 28

- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.
- Children's Art With Saffron (ages 6-9), 3-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, May 30

- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon; Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Forest Folk Potluck & Movie Night, "Delivery Man," 5 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.
- Don Papaila, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
- Stratford Players, "Night of the Iguana," 7 p.m. Caine Learning Center.

Saturday, May 31

- Spring Fling \$60,000 Giveaway, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; 2014 Nissan Cabriolet Giveaway, 9 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- Stratford Players, "Night of the Iguana," 2 p.m. Caine Learning Center.
- Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Sunday, June 1

- Stratford Players, "Night of the Iguana," 2 p.m. Caine Learning Center.
- Chess Club, 3-5 p.m. Nature's Wisdom.
- Idyllwild Author Series, Neile Adams McQueen, "My Husband, My Friend," 3 p.m. Cafe Aroma.
- Bluegrass & rock, Swift Pony, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Monday, June 2

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m. Town Hall.
- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
- Forest Folk Cribbage, 10:30 a.m.-noon; Story time, "Gardening," 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, June 3

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m. Town Hall.
- Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon, Town Hall.
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, June 4

- Bautista Creek Local Produce Grand Opening, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Next to Harmony Monument.
- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz,

9-10 a.m. Town Hall.

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m. Town Hall.
- Marshall Hawkins & Paul Carman, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Thursday, June 5

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m. Town Hall.
- Fire Stories Reading, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, June 6

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m. Town Hall.
- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon; Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Forest Folk Potluck & Movie Night, "Her," 5 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.
- Sandii Castleberry, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
- Plein Air Artist Demonstration, 7-9 p.m. Grand Idyllwild Lodge.

Saturday, June 7

- Idyllwild 5K & 10K Run & Fitness Walk, 7:15 & 8 a.m.; 1/2 Mile Kids Run, 9:15 a.m.; Awards & Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m. Town center and Town

Hall.

- Mountain Garden Tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets & maps at Lily Rock Native Garden Nursery.
- Plein Air Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mountain Garden Tour gardens.
- Dennis Reed & Lance Wulff, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Sunday, June 8

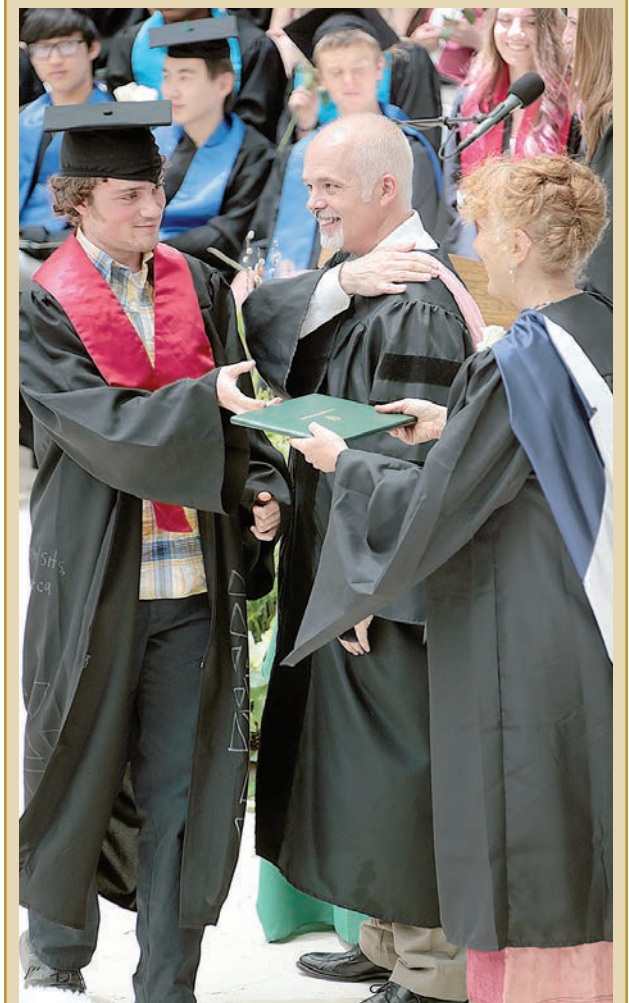
- Plein Air Art Show & Champagne Brunch, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Grand Idyllwild Lodge.
- Chess Club, 3-5 p.m. Nature's Wisdom.
- Idyllwild Author Series, Mark Sarvas, "Harry, Revised," 3 p.m. Cafe Aroma.

Monday, June 9

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m. Town Hall.
- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
- Forest Folk Cribbage, 10:30 a.m.-noon; Story time, "Father's Day," 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, June 10

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m. Town Hall.
- Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon, Town Hall.



Idyllwild local and creative writing major **Dante Yarden** receives his diploma Saturday afternoon from **Dr. Douglas Ashcraft**, head of school, and **Marianne Kent-Stoll**, dean of academics, at Idyllwild Arts Academy during graduation ceremonies.

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Garden Club's tour set for June 7

"A treasure of delightful gardens that are normally secluded from view are all yours during this year's Idyllwild Mountain Garden Tour," said Harold Voorheis, coordinator of this year's tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 7.

The annual Idyllwild Garden Club Tour is a self-guided event. This year, in addition to six individual home gardens, the tour will include the mountain's art sculpture garden. Also new this year is a collaboration with the Art Alliance of Idyllwild. Plein air artists will be painting at each garden.

Mountain gardeners have planted attractive native plants with popular garden varieties for year-round flowering and gorgeous foliage.

Near Idyllwild's noted Inspiration Point is a view of the Lilieholm garden. This garden explores and enhances the nature of what was already here on site. With strategic extraction of oak brush, the introduction of local mountain natives first, then more broadly many California species, this garden reveals the unique climate and the challenging rocky ridgeline site through varied expressions of adapted plants. Also, note the rooftop "troughs" for deer-, snake- and gopher-free, organic vegetable gardening.

The Kelley garden, a natural, rugged chaparral landscape of rocks and magnificent boulders, is also near Inspiration Point. Primarily a front garden, the adjacent hillside and two borders along a circular driveway demonstrate the interplay of a large host of tough, drought-tolerant native flowering plants that play in and between the boulders and rocky outcroppings. Included are firecracker and rocky mountain penstemons, white sage and apricot mallow, to name just a few. The native flora provides food and shelter for butterflies and birds, minimizes irrigation, and adds color, fragrance and seasonal interest.

The Sobel garden, just a very short drive to Mountain Center, is an "all-white, flowering" garden. Here is a very personal garden that invites repose and reflection on this 5-acre mountain hillside property. It is a mix of the classical, structured Italian- or Spanish-style "villa" gardens with a definite relaxed California-style influence. The garden is a series of "outdoor rooms" with white-flowering perennials, shrubs and small trees woven together in a soft background tapestry of green and silver foliage. In spring, a massive canopy of white wisteria covers a long entry walk of the home. Garden sculpture throughout the garden provides keen visual interest and accents the plantings. This garden was featured several years ago, but now offers visitors many new additions.

A bonus for the trip to Mountain Center, is the addition of Dore's Mountain Art Garden. The sculpture gardens and two small galleries are located on a beautiful, rolling multi-acre site with many native shrubs and trees. Here may be seen the creative works of an artist that allows him to bend, twist and push molten metal into unique visions of outdoor art. The garden includes the work of both owners, metal sculpture by Dore Capitani and environmental photography by Trish Tuley.

In Idyllwild, the tour offers the Hopper garden. The first striking feature of this landscape garden is a long-entry drive flanked by American Quaking Aspens (*Populus tremuloides*) more than 30 years old. The front garden is a natural and uncomplicated mix of pink mountain currents; native, scalet bugler penstemon; manzanita and mahonia (grape

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Art Alliance Plein Air painting event in June

BY MARSHALL SMITH
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The Art Alliance of Idyllwild, in partnership with the Idyllwild Garden Club, offers its annual Plein Air Festival from Friday, June 6, to Sunday, June 8.

For the layman, plein air painting is that which is done outdoors, a movement begun in the mid- to late-19th century by French impressionists who sought to capture the nuances of natural light by painting outdoors rather than in a studio. Plein air painting increased in popularity in the late 1870s with the introduction of paint in tubes, which eliminated the need for artists to grind and mix dry pigment powders with linseed oil to create paint.

This year for the first time, artists will be required to paint at one of the featured venues on the Idyllwild Garden Club's Mountain Garden Tour, which takes place on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participating artists may use oils, acrylics, watercolors or pastels.

The event kicks off with an artist panel

and demonstration by past first-place winner Fariad Ali, an accomplished plein air painter and AAI 2013 Artist of the Year, from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Grand Idyllwild Lodge, 54820 Pine Crest Ave. This is open to the public and does not require registration.

The opportunity for locals and tourists to see art being created outdoors begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, and continues to 4 p.m. Although Plein Air Festival painters must paint at one of the six Mountain Garden Tour private garden venues, they may also paint in locations around town of their choosing. Tickets for the Mountain Garden Tour are available for purchase at the Idyllwild Pharmacy, Lily Rock Native Nursery across from the Rustic Theatre and at the Garden Club website, www.idyllwild-gardenclub.net.

The Plein Air Festival culminates on Sunday at the Grand Idyllwild Lodge with an art show where participating artists display their recently created works as well as other work of their choosing. Only

art created on Saturday will be judged. The event begins at 9 a.m. with a free champagne brunch. Although the plein air creations of the registered artists will be judged by William Gullette, award-winning professional photographer and professor emeritus at Palomar Community College, art show attendees may also vote for a People's Choice award.

Event cohosts Mike Ahern, Living Room Gallery owner, and Shanna Robb, AAI member standing in for AAI Chair Gary Kuscher, are excited to couple their event with that of the Garden Club.

"This allows participating artists access to private gardens which they otherwise would not have had," said Robb. "It's all about the light and painting in the here and now. The added benefit for the painters is that garden owners will likely attend the awards ceremony to see the finished art created in their own private spaces." Robb noted the partnership with the Garden Club is a win for all involved.

AAI is in the forefront of co-marketing with other local nonprofits, finding through joint participation wider audiences for co-marketed events.

Mountain Fire memories

Idyllwild-area residents have been meeting at the Idyllwild Library since October 2013 and writing about their experiences with the Mountain Fire of summer 2013.

They plan to read their writings at "Legacy of the Mountain Fire 2013" beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at the library.

Readers include Lula Fisher, Francoise Frigola, Gina Genis, Richard Mozeleski, Marilyn O'Connor Beauchesne, Barbara Reese, Veda Roubideaux, Melissa Severa, Robert B. Smith and Sister Rosemarie Stevens.

plein art festival air

FRIDAY, JUNE 6th, 7-9pm:
Artist Demonstration
at the Grand Idyllwild Lodge
(54820 Pine Crest Ave.) Open to the public.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7th,
10am-4pm: Plein Air Experience, in conjunction with the Idyllwild Mountain Garden Tour.

SUNDAY, JUNE 8th, 9am-1pm: Art Show & Champagne brunch at the Grand Idyllwild Lodge (54820 Pine Crest Ave.)

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Stratford Players take on Tennessee Williams

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

The Stratford Players take the stage to perform Tennessee Williams' "Night of the Iguana," at the Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave., at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1.

Marsha Kennedy directs the "challenging" play. "The biggest challenge is really doing the characters justice because the characters have so many layers to them," she said. "They are not one-dimensional at all. It has provoked wonderful conversations with the cast because we discover something new about a character that we didn't realize before; one of the actors would bring [the discovery] up," Kennedy said. "So it's a challenge but it makes it a very satisfying play to do because actors love to do interesting characters. This really provides them with that."

The movie, a smash hit in the 1960s, starred

Richard Burton and Ava Gardner. The story is set in the 1940s on the wild coast of Mexico and takes place on the veranda of a desolate, ramshackle hotel. The people assembled there are all at the end of their ropes in one way or another. "It's one of those plays that resonated with me a long time ago; I don't even remember the first time I read it," Kennedy said. "I have wanted to do this play for several years and finally had the cast to do it. I talked to Kathleen Walker about it and she said, 'Oh my gosh, I've always wanted to do Hannah,' and I thought, 'She's perfect as Hannah.' Chris wanted to do Shannon and I said, 'He's perfect as Shannon,' so we built [the play] around them."

And while the play may sound somewhat dark, Kennedy believes there is hope in it. "What it points out is the incredible importance of human contact to help each other through the night," she said. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.stratfordplayers.com.



Painting your own flowerpot was among the various activities at the annual Wildflower Show at the Idyllwild Nature Center Memorial Day weekend.

PHOTO BY GINA GENIS

Tour

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holly); coral bells; Ponderosa pine; black oak; and several old, mature tea roses. In the backyard, one can see a magnificent "wall" of climbing roses that offers a sweet flowering scent for much of the summer.

Nearby is the new Miller garden, which was inspired and originated from a design on the 2011 Tour. Dennis Cavanaugh designed and installed the garden, which uses a series of wood and lattice shade structures with whimsical hanging elements that mimic a wall with a window while dried manzanita and cedar branches interlace the lattice sides and cover. The garden is composed of a series of colorful native and compatible perennial beds accented by numerous larger shrubs, and unusual hybrid evergreen ornamentals of cypress, juniper, cedar and spruce, many with an Asian flair.

A charming vintage home surrounded by a mature and restful landscape is the setting for the

Jones/Hiemenz garden in the Fern Valley neighborhood. Surrounding the home is a decade-long work-in-progress developing a native garden that greets visitors with a diverse selection of partial sun and shade plants that flourish in the mountain climate. Designed and planted by Bronwyn Jones, native plant enthusiast and also an owner of Lily Rock Native Garden Nursery in Idyllwild, one may see a choice blend of flowering shrubs and perennial-like salvias, penstemons, columbine and bush anemone, along with lemonade berry (*Rhus integrifolia*), English hollies, flowering currants and manzanitas. Mature black oaks, Ponderosa pines and incense cedars form the garden canopy while a white dogwood and redbud accent.

The Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum and Gardens, a cooperative venture of the Idyllwild Garden Club and the museum, showcases a demonstration garden of plants, shrubs and trees that grow well in the Southern California mountains.

There is an emphasis on utilizing California and other western U.S. native flora; however, compatible species from other regions (especially the Mediterranean) have been inter-planted. This stop includes refreshments, a separate sale of home-style baked goods and several local artists featuring mountain creations for the patio and garden.

Ticket prices for the tour are \$15 per person or \$25 for two people. Before June 7, tickets are available at the Idyllwild Pharmacy in Strawberry Creek Square, Lily Rock Native Garden Nursery on North Circle Drive and online at www.idyllwild-gardenclub.net.

From 8:30 a.m. to noon the day of the tour, tickets may be purchased at 54385 North Circle Dr., Idyllwild, in front of Lily Rock Native Garden Nursery (across from "Mountain Mike's"). After 11 a.m., they may also be purchased at the Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr.



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Or at the Idyllwild Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr.

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Mike Sarvas, next author at Santiago Author Series

BY MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

Mark Sarvas, novelist and literary blogger, appears next in Eduardo Santiago's Idyllwild Authors Series. He will discuss his 2008 novel, "Harry Revised," the story of a flawed protagonist who seeks to reinvent himself after the death of his wife during cosmetic surgery — a breast augmentation procedure she hoped would reinvigorate their marital relationship. He also will discuss his literary blog for which he is widely known.

Sarvas gained Internet celebrity status as author of the literary blog, "The Elegant Variation," begun in 2003 as one of the first of the genre. "It's the only time in my life when I have been in the right place at exactly the right time," said Sarvas. The blog — commentary, book reviews and articles about the current [largely Los Angeles] literary scene — quickly gained readership and a certain level of notoriety.

The title, "elegant variation," is itself a Sarvas commentary — a poke in the eye at those who treat literary criticism and commentary as sacrosanct. Originally coined by Brit H.W. Fowler writing about "The King's English" in the early 20th century, the term refers to the practice of choosing variations of a word rather than simply repeating it. As Fowler said, "Many writers of the present day abound in types of variations that are not justified by expediency, and consequently have the air of cheap ornament." Said Sarvas, "The title is ironic and self-deprecating. I did not want people to think I was taking it too seriously."

Sarvas noted that TEV, as one of the first literary blogs, gained an impressive number of readers. "Being early, overnight my readership exploded," he said. "At its peak [between 2007 and 2009] I had over 50,000 visits per day."

Coincidentally, Sarvas started the blog at the same time he began his first novel, "Harry, Revised" (Bloomsbury, 2008). And also coincidentally, the success of the blog fueled interest in his novel. And, like the blog, the novel gained enthusiastic reviewer accolades and a few uncharacter-

istically mean evaluations. Sarvas said reviews, negative as well as positive, are part of literary criticism. "Tough, meaningful critical evaluation of the work is always of value," he noted. But he also acknowledged a growing trend, what he called "chasing cliques," of the culture of negative book reviews meant to appeal to those who like their criticism served straight up with daggers. That kind of negativity is not recent, noted Sarvas. "In fact, the notions of [literary] civility are relatively recent," he said.

Sarvas, a native New Yorker, came to Los Angeles chasing the screenplay dream. Like many, he had some success, options on some of his work and enough encouragement to marginally continue. "But I decided [when pushing 40] sitting in development meetings with those in their 20s that enough was enough," he remembered.

He decided to tackle the big one — the novel. Long an admirer of classic novels like Alexandre Dumas "The Count of Monte Cristo," Sarvas took the risk of devoting a significant portion of his life, five years, to writing a work of fiction without any assurance it would be published. It paid off. "Harry Revised" was a finalist for the Fiction Prize of the Southern California Independent Booksellers Association and has been translated into more than a dozen languages. "Self-loathing was never so funny, and Sarvas' depiction of his downward-spiraling anti-hero is spot-on," said Los Angeles Magazine. Sarvas said "Harry" is currently being considered for a film.

He said he had just sold his second novel, "Memento Park," to his dream publisher, FSG Books, satisfied that the three years he spent writing it had paid off. "At a certain point with the success of the blog, I had to decide between putting my energies into becoming a better novelist as opposed to becoming a more known Internet personality." He still maintains the blog and contributes, but not at the level he once did. He noted that, with a daughter, he had to make choices of how to best apportion his time.

Asked what Idyllwild series attendees can expect, Sarvas said, "I've been known to stake



Mark Sarvas

PLEASE BY SARA CORWIN

out an occasional controversial opinion. So anyone who is passionate about strong opinions should enjoy the afternoon. It should be a lively discussion."

Sarvas appears with host Santiago in interview at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8, on the deck of Café Aroma. The event is free to the public.

Western Tanager

A tourist shot this photo on May 7 while visiting Idyllwild. He said, "It appeared a whole flock of Western Tanagers were moving through that morning. They were bouncing around in all the tall pine trees feeding in the Upper Rim Rock area. I found it almost impossible to get a photo because by the time I would point and focus my camera they would be gone to the next tree. The Western Tanager is one of the most beautiful birds in California with its bright yellow body, black and white wings, and its bright red head. Not many people have seen this bird so I thought I would share it. I used a Canon D1 with a Canon 500mm lens."

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CONCERT REVIEW

BY ARTHUR CONNOR

Fine music enthusiast Art Connor of Idyllwild will periodically review local concerts. This column covers the Marion View Ensemble Concert last Sunday afternoon at the Ponderosa Concert Hall in Pine Cove.

Program: "Oboe Quartet, F Major, KV 370," Mozart; "Gavotte and Gigue," (violin / cello and continuo), Corelli; "Duet for 2 Cellos, Opus 22#1," F. A. Kammer; and "String Trio, D Major, Opus 9#2" (Andante and Rondo only), Beethoven; "The Swan" from "Carnival of the Animals," Saint-Saens; "Concerto for Viola, G Major" (Largo and Allegro), Telemann.

Connie Kupka, violin; Jane Levy, viola; David Speltz, cello; Daniel Levy, cello and keyboard; and Ryan Zwahlen, oboe (guest artist).

On a fine Sunday afternoon in a well-ventilated, shady niche of a space in the mountain retreat of Pine Cove, the inaugural concert of the Ponderosa Concert Hall took place, with those in attendance enjoying a well-balanced program in support of the scholarships at Idyllwild Arts Academy, and sponsored by the Associates of that institution. The venue itself proved nearly perfect acoustically — a worthy addition to this area's concert presentations, as both the wood and glass construction reflected the sounds outward toward an audience of receptive supporters, as well as eastward to Tahquitz Peak.

The featured artist — the Academy's own Ryan Zwahlen — instantly proved his virtuosic abilities in the opening movement of the Mozart work (the two remaining movements were postponed until before the Telemann concerto). Projecting a clear and pleasant sound, without being penetrating as might have been expected in a small space, Ryan's performance was a marvelous account throughout of all the intricacies the composer put in front of the performer, and with the enabling of the accompanying strings, the listeners were provided most pleasing effects.

The remaining items on the program were chiefly tantalizing tidbits emphasizing the Marion View Ensemble's individual capabilities as well as the hall's sonic proclivity, with the latter's propensity for bringing to the foreground the lower string sound (particularly the cellos), as evidenced in the cello duet and in the Telemann work that concluded the program.

Mr. Levy was particularly at his best in his continuo work (on a Korg T2 electronic keyboard), with his particular organ tones subdued enough so as not to be overpowering the strings in both the Corelli and the Telemann offerings, and in the familiar Saint-Saens work, accompanying Speltz's virtuoso cello performance with the sonorities of vibraphone and celesta stops, thus giving the piece an almost Tchaikovsky-like feel (with wishes for a Pavlova-like dancer to make her appearance as well). Quality ensemble playing was further evidenced in the Beethoven work (unfortunately, only the final two movements were played due to time constraints); the richness of the room's clarity of projection was made all the more evident.

In all, a most auspicious beginning for a concert venue that needs to be advantaged to the fullest extent, as well as a triumph for both string ensemble and accompanying performers. One can only look forward with pride to IA's Associates and their next presentation.

Historic District board approves restaurant plans

BY MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

The Idyllwild Historic Preservation District board approved its first plans for renovation of a structure within district boundaries — Ferro, the new restaurant that will occupy the building previously home to Hidden Village Chinese Restaurant at 25840 Cedar Street.

Last week, the board reviewed design plans and examples of materials and colors to be used in revising the exterior of the structure, built in 1933. Project designer Robert Priefer made the presentation on behalf of property owner David Butterfield and restaurant owners Frank and Lori Ferro, who were in attendance at the meeting.

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors appointed the IHPD board to review plans for renovating buildings within IHPD boundaries that are considered "contrib-

uting resources," ones surveyed and catalogued as having historic value to the district.

Priefer displayed and discussed architectural drawings, and a palette of materials that would, when completed, return the exterior to a more cabin-like appearance from that of the oriental design of Hidden Village. Keith Herron, county Parks and Open Space Resource bureau chief, noted that the building had been altered since its original construction in 1933. "It was probably built as a residence originally," said Herron, observing that the existing second-story dormer was likely added later.

Priefer, at the board's previous May 1 meeting, had stated that when property owner and business principals learned the building was a contributing resource, they stopped work on the project and contacted Herron and county planning. "We're on

board to preserve the integrity of the [original] architecture," said Priefer at the May 22 presentation.

Overall colors to be used, including new fireproof shingles, are two tones of brown. Windows will be double-hung casement windows. "We're going back to the original placement and size of windows and eliminating the plate-glass windows introduced when the building was a dress shop," said Priefer.

"I want to express appreciation [to the building and business owners]," said Herron. "They learned late [about need to conform to district guidelines] and subsequently stated that they wanted to do this right. The approach they have taken is about as good as you get. The best thing is going back to the fenestration [windows] of the original."

Vice Chair Nancy Borchers said, "This will be a wonderful example for us to use

in the future."

Herron reminded the principals to consult district design guidelines regarding signage appropriate for the district.

On Herron's recommendation, the board approved the project as a package, not as individual documents. Herron said he would note the approval as fast-tracked.

The IHPD has an existing board vacancy. Anyone interested may contact Herron, who serves as the liaison between the local board and the county, at keithherron@rivco-parks.org.

The district next plans an informational presentation to property owners and renters within the district. Scheduled from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at Creekstone Inn, light hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Herron will give a presentation on the historic district and the Historic Alteration Permit process.



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PHOTO BY GINA GENIS

Vacationing with the TC



Doug and Pat Austin enjoying the Town Crier on an April cruise taken in Bora Bora Easter Sunday.

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Kathy Harmon-Luber and Brenda Scherlis stop to read the Town Crier in colorful Burano, an island near Venice, Italy.



Doug Austin (right) along with Danny Richardson (second from right) and Suzi Capparelli (fifth from right) presented \$1,000 from the Mary Austin Scholarship Fund to Julia Zacker and Dante Yardas (center) at Idyllwild Arts last week to help toward their college books next year. From left, parents of the recipients, Mark Yardas, Mara Schoner and Sheila Zacker.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Idyllwild residents showed their support for the global March Against Monsanto that took place noon Saturday. About 50 people gathered at Harmony Monument, many with signs. A portion of the group marched

around town (pictured) while others remained at the monument, handing out brochures, chanting and singing songs.

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Idyllwild School Principal **Matt Kraemer** chose the following students of the week for having the highest GPAs (all 4.0s) for the year: (from left) **Evan Biley, Amy McKimson** and **Rose Griesgraber** (eighth-grade valedictorian.)

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Maggie McKimson at third base goes up against a player from St. Hyacinth Academy from San Jacinto during softball at Idyllwild School Wednesday afternoon.

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The sixth-annual Jimmy Campbell Softball Tournament was last weekend at Idyllwild School. Here, **Brennen Priefer** of the Idyllwild Creekstone Inn team is tagged out at third base during this semifinal game Sunday against Palm Springs Volvo/Subaru. The Slammers of Cathedral City won the tourney this year.

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Idyllwild School Principal **Matt Kraemer** presented the sixth-grade Honor Roll students at an assembly held Tuesday at Idyllwild School.

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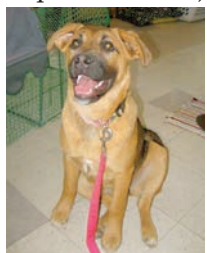
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CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Ethel is ready to move on as long as she has a very active family or a young canine playmate to grow up with. This young girl is under 1, and loves to play and run. She is a quick learner, as she has already mastered sit and stay. Leash training was a piece of cake (or bone). Ethel is not a barker unless she sees a feline. So no cats, please. Oh, and doggy door and house trained, too. Grab your leash and start walking!



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Tense

65 years ago - 1949

Although there was snow along the shoreline of Hidden Lake, the lake itself was bone dry. There was speculation that a sharp earthquake during the winter opened a crack and drained off the water.

60 years ago - 1954

Ana Mary Elliott headed an Izaak Walton League committee dedicated to keeping riding trails in town open as more streets were paved.

55 years ago - 1959

The county backed the Forest Service in opening the Thomas Mountain area for recreational use. The mountain had been closed to public entry since World War II, except during wet months.

50 years ago - 1964

The State Highway Commission adopted a freeway plan for Highway 74 from Cranston to Mountain Center calling for a four-lane, 50 to 60 mph highway.

45 years ago - 1969

Hazel Cress, a civic leader in the Idyllwild community, died in Hemet. In addition to pioneering the Idyllwild Fire Protection District in 1946, she served with numerous service groups throughout the years.

40 years ago - 1974

Will Geer, "Grandpa" of the TV show "The Waltons," performed Shakespeare at ISOMATA.

35 years ago - 1979

The Pine Cove Fire Department got a new fire truck. The 1979 quick-attack vehicle replaced the old army vehicle that was slow and inefficient.

30 years ago - 1984

It had been a very dry year so far: Only 4.75 inches of snow and 25.70 inches of rain had fallen.

25 years ago - 1989

LeRoy Smoot, Riverside County road commissioner, was adamant that the landmark tree in the middle of South Circle Drive must be cut down even though proponents of a move to carve the tree into a monument wanted it to remain in its original location.

20 years ago - 1994

A group of Hill residents thwarted the attempts of two Hemet teenagers to break into a car parked in the Hemet Federal Savings parking lot.



A Russian brown bear in a cage at Snow White Laundry in the 1960s. Laundry owner **Bill Neuhoff** owned the bear. **Clarence Bischof**, owner of the Lumber Company, shared the cost of upkeep.

FILE PHOTO

15 years ago - 1999

More than 100 people showed up for the Town Hall meeting on Y2K, sponsored by Mountain Disaster Preparedness and Coordinated Resource Management and Planning.

10 years ago - 2004

Idyllwild School cheerleaders performed their way into first place with a dance called "You Know" in the 2004 Jr. Miss Drill Team USA competition in Culver City.

5 years ago - 2009

The first Jimmy Campbell Memorial Softball Tournament took place at the Idyllwild field. Town

Hall and Idyllwild School organized the tournament to raise money for the Campbell Kids Fund, for the four children of Jimmy Campbell, the late Town Hall director who died March 19 of an unexpected illness.

1 year ago - 2013

Tindle Newspapers sold the Town Crier business to a new close corporation Jack and Becky Clark of Idyllwild formed. Mrs. Clark had been publisher-editor of the newspaper from 1996 to 2009 and had worked at the Town Crier since 1984. The office also was moving to 54425 North Circle Drive.

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

Signed:
SEAN AARON LANDE
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Apr. 30, 2014.

FILE NO.:
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By: A. Acevedo, Deputy
Pub. TC: May 8, 15, 22, 29, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MUIRS MOUNTAIN REALTY, MUIRS MOUNTAIN PROPERTIES, IDYLLWILD REAL ESTATE & RENTAL COMPANY, MUIRS REAL ESTATE, VINTAGE REALTY, 26115 Hwy 243, Unit 8, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1107, Idyllwild, CA 92549, MARJORIE VIRGINIA MUIR, 52616 Nestwa Trail, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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Signed:
MARJORIE VIRGINIA MUIR
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Apr. 30, 2014.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME



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The following fictitious business name CAFE AROMA, 54750 North Circle Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County, has been abandoned by the following person: HUBERT HALKIN, 54805 River Dr. Box 3010, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 01-28-2014.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signed:
HUBERT HALKIN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 01, 2014.

FILE NO.:
R-2014-00891

CERTIFICATION

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CAFE AROMA, 54750 North Circle, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1295, Idyllwild, CA 92549, IDYLLWILD RIVER INC., 54805 River Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549-3010, a California Corporation.

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Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 1, 2014.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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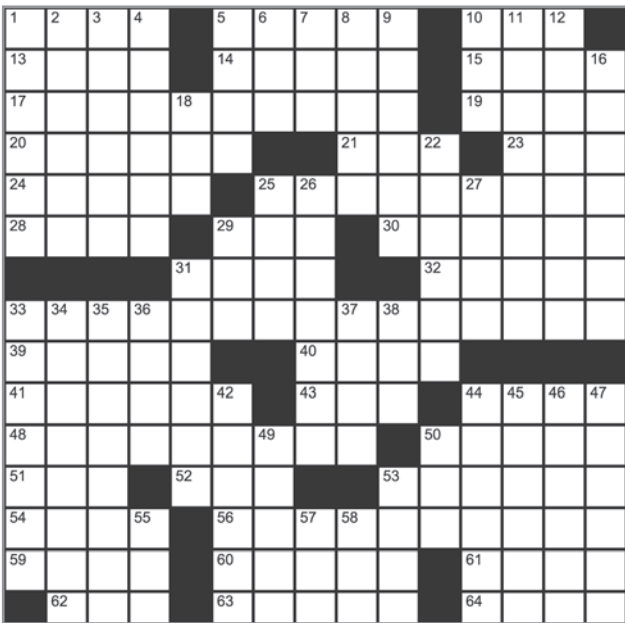
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- Andes capital
- Monroe's successor
- Calamity
- Auspices
- Après-ski drink
- "Cool!"
- Extend
- Alliance acronym
- Character
- Consumes
- ___ Appia
- Foe
- Pete Fountain's instrument (pl.)
- All there
- ___ constrictor
- Dine away from home (2 wds)
- Announce
- Unrefined
- A frank and honest person (2 wds)
- Discover
- Mosque V.I.P.
- Eye problem
- Director's cry
- Flight data, briefly
- White bean stew with meat
- Animal catcher
- In-flight info, for short
- Bubkes
- Part of MOMA
- After-bath wear
- Napery (2 wds)
- Fodder holder
- In-box contents
- MasterCard alternative
- Animal house
- No longer in DOWN
- Basic monetary unit of

Sierra Leone

- Large lizard
- Hand-holder
- Appropriate
- "God's Little ___"
- ___-eyed
- Appear
- Coffee order
- "The English Patient" setting
- Setting for TV's "Newhart"
- Exclude (2 wds)
- Distance from the equator
- Common kitchen appliance
- "Don't give up!"
- "Two and a Half Men," e.g.
- Blunt weapon
- Framework
- "I, Claudius"
- Impede, with "down"
- Bird's wing
- Kitchen gadgets
- Malformed
- Capable of being cultivated
- Song and dance, e.g.
- Blue books?
- Pillbox, e.g.
- Fit
- Salad green
- Ribbon-like band of tissue
- Check
- Dried leaves used as a laxative
- Andean animal
- Costa del ___
- Blend
- Long, long time
- Dracula, at times
- Deception

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HOROSCOPES

May 2014 — Week 4



March 21 – April 19

All aboard, Aries. Joyous times are ahead. A thought-provoking movie inspires many long, interesting conversations around the dinner table.



April 20 – May 20

So much to do, so little time to do it in. Organization is the name of the game, Taurus. Gather the goods, set up a schedule and stick to it.



May 21 – June 21

You have so little to lose and so much to gain. Why the hesitation, Gemini? Small mishaps at home make for great chuckles at the office.



June 22 – July 22

Take control, Cancer. You're more of a leader than you think. The exchange of gifts at a special occasion erupts in laughter. A project concludes.



July 23– August 22

Financial concerns ease with more revenue and clever budgeting. One person's loss at work is another's gain. Don't look a gift horse in the mouth, Leo.



August 23– September 22

All work and no play make for a dull Virgo. Live a little! The solution to a persistent problem becomes clear. Run with it. A relationship evolves.



September 23– October 22

Relax, Libra. Your idea is solid. Pay the naysayers no heed. A stellar performance at work leads to new responsibilities and possibly a promotion.



October 23– November 21

Smashing, Scorpio. All of your hard work pays off in a polished presentation and applause all around. A recipe exchange inspires a cook-off.



November 22– December 21

Tired of the runaround, Sagittarius? So is your team. It may be time for a protest. The competition grows fierce at home. Bow out while you still can.



December 22 – January 19

Aim high, Capricorn. There is nothing out of your reach this week. The costs of a hobby escalate. Look for ways to cut back that won't dampen the fun.



January 20 – February 18

Picture it, Aquarius. A home free of chaos and clutter. It can be yours with persistence. A young friend has high hopes. Try not to dash them.



February 19 – March 20

There is so much more to be learned. Look and listen, Pisces. A shopping trip fulfills a need without breaking the bank. Bravo! Clarity is key to a report.

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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: G. Gould, Deputy
Pub. TC: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-04436
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MAY 1, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MAY 1, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).
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County Clerk
By: G. Gould, Deputy
Pub. TC: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD BREWERY, 54265 Village Center Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1905, Idyllwild, CA 92549, BETTY JOAN LACKEY, 3026 Olive Hill, Fallbrook, CA 92028.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
BETTY JOAN LACKEY
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 5, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-04503
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MAY 5, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MAY 5, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: D. Santana, Deputy
Pub. TC: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as LA TRADICION, LEIGH & GRAHAM CO., LTD. 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, Riverside County. LEVECKE CORPORATION, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, a California Corporation, CA A 27762.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 2009.
Signed:
J. NEIL LEVECKE
President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Apr. 18, 2014.

FILE NO.: I-2014-01030
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APR. 18, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO APR. 18, 2019. 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. Mendoza, Deputy
Pub. TC: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as SERENITY EXCHANGE, 4344 Countrydale Rd. Riverside, CA 92505, Riverside County.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
MIKE VARLEY
CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 19, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-05030
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MAY 19, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MAY 19, 2019. 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. Mendoza, Deputy
Pub. TC: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as RAMINDER - SINGH 4344 Countrydale Rd. Riverside, CA 92505.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
RAMINDER SINGH
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 1, 2014.

According to Treasuer-Tax Collector Don Kent, 2,214 refunds totaling \$2,344,366.69 remain unclaimed. Largely due to valuation reductions by the county assessor, most of the refunds are a result of corrections or cancellations to the tax roll after taxes had already been paid. California state law provides that property tax refunds that remain unclaimed for four years after the payment date or one year after the mailing of the claim form, (whichever is later) may be trans-

CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: B. Harris, Deputy
Pub. TC: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as IDYLLWIRELESS, 54200 North Circle Dr., A3 Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1868, Idyllwild, CA 92549, UL-TRAFLIGHT, INC., 54200 North Circle Dr., A3, Idyllwild, CA 92549, a California Corporation.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
ASHLEY ----- BRUTTO
Secretary
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 19, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-05005
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County Clerk
By: D. Santana, Deputy
Pub. TC: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2014.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE (UCC Sec. 6105)
Escrow No. 40300-KK
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a bulk sale is about to be made. The name(s), business address(es) to the Seller(s) are:
EDWARD PYNCOMBE
54960 PINE CREST, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549
Doing Business as: IDYLLWILD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
All other business name(s) and address(es) used by the Seller(s) within three years, as stated by the Seller(s), is/are: NONE
The name(s) and addresses of the Buyer(s) is/are:
GOLDEN PROPERTIES, INC.
19342 SLEEPING OAK DRIVE TRABUCO CANYON, CA 92679
The assets to be sold are described in general as: fixtures and equipment, lease, goodwill, contracts
and are located at: 54960 PINE CREST, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549
The bulk sale is intended to be consummated at the office of THE ESCROW CONNECTION, 1111 EAST TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY, SUITE 101 PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262-6789 and the anticipated sale date is JUNE 15, 2014
The bulk sale is subject to California Uniform Commercial Code Section 6106.2
[If the sale subject to Sec. 6106.2, the following information must be provided] The name and address of the person with whom claims may be filed is:
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THE ESCROW CONNECTION, 1111 EAST

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as MANGOS! #3, 32270 unit B Rancho Vista Drive, Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside County. RAUL VARGAS 48547 Chiriaco Smt. ST, Coachella, CA 92236.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
RAUL VARGAS
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 21, 2014.

FILE NO.: I-2014-01350
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MAY 21, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-

ATTENTION:

If you are starting a new business and need a Fictitious Business Name (Doing Business As,) the County Clerk has a new policy. You will need to sign the FBN in the presence of a Notary. This form must accompany the FBN being mailed to the County Clerk. The Town Crier has the new forms in the office. For more information, contact dolores@towncrier.com

ferred to the county general fund by order of the Board of Supervisors. After Aug. 1, 2014, any money left unclaimed will become the property of the county and can no longer be claimed.

Mail completed claim forms and supporting documentation to Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Attn: Property Tax Unclaimed Refunds, P.O. Box 12005, Riverside, CA 92502-2205, or email to PropTaxUnclaimed@co.riverside.ca.us.

TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY. SUITE 101, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262-6789 and the last date for filing claims shall be June 14, 2014 which is the business day before the sale date specified above.
BUYER:
GOLDEN PROPERTIES, INC.
By: SCOTT FJELSTAD, President
Dated: 5/27/14
Pub. TC: May 29, 2014.

PRECINCT LIST OF POLLING PLACES FOR THE CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD JUNE 3, 2014

LISTA DE RECINTOS DE LAS URNAS DE VOTACIÓN PARA LA ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA CONSOLIDADA 3 DE JUNIO DE 2014
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following precincts and polling places have been designated by the Registrar of Voters for the above mentioned Consolidated Primary Election to be held on June 3, 2014.
AVISO ES DADO POR ESTE MEDIO que los siguientes recintos y las casillas de votación han sido designados por el Registro de Votantes para la Elección Primaria Consolidada que tomara lugar el 3 de junio de 2014.
Pub. TC: May 29, 2014.

0037880 PINE COVE
Pine Cove Co Water Dist Office, Board Room
24917 Marion Ridge Dr, Idyllwild, CA 92549

0037894 IDYLLWILD
Idyllwild Town Hall
25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild, CA 92549

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polling places will be open between the hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the day of the election.
AVISO ES DADO ADEMÁS que, las urnas de votación abrirán de las 7 a.m. hasta las 8 p.m. el día de la elección.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to Elections Code Section 12109 the Registrar of Voters has designated the following counting center for the tabulating of the votes cast for the Consolidated Primary Election to be held on June 3, 2014:
AVISO ES DADO ADEMÁS que, conforme

LIEN SALE CIVIL CODE 3071 & 3072
On 06/11/2014 at 37701 WARREN RD. WINCHESTER, CA, a Lien Sale will be held on a 1999 ERCOA HULL: ERC1346613999 STATE: CA CF#: 2332SW at 10:00 a.m.
AND
On 06/11/2014 at 37701 WARREN RD. WINCHESTER, CA, a Lien Sale will be held on a 1999 ZIEMA VIN: ZA96311 STATE: CA LIC: 4HN9243 at 10:00 a.m.
Pub. TC: May 29, 2013.

LIEN SALE CIVIL CODE 3071 & 3072
On 06/10/2014 at 2429 S. SAN JACINTO SAN JACINTO, CA, a Lien Sale will be held on a 1999 CHEV VIN: 2GCEC19V6X1251749 STATE: CA LIC: 6A47831 at 10:00 a.m.
Pub. TC: May 29, 2014.

ATTENTION
LOCAL
BUSINESS
OWNERS...

Did you know?

- You are required to file a DBA (Doing Business As), also called an FBN (Fictitious Business Name), statement with the county when you start a business.
- Your DBA expires after 5 years, and you need to refile.

The Town Crier can file your DBA for you, saving you from the paperwork hassle and the time and gas it would take to go to the County Recorder’s Office.

Call Dolores at (951) 659-2145 or stop by the Town Crier, 54405 North Circle Dr. (office open Mon-Fri from 9 am to 5 pm. Sat-Sun from 10 am to 4pm)

Obituary George B. Pratt 1964-2014

George B. Pratt, Idyllwild resident since 2007, died at home in his sleep Monday, May 12, 2014, after a heart operation to replace his mitral valve. George moved to Idyllwild to teach English at Idyllwild Arts Academy. He is survived by his wife, Sydney Robertson, and beloved daughter, Carmen Pratt.



Born in New York on Nov. 3, 1964, George lived a peripatetic life, spending his childhood in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York; Houston, Texas; Toronto, Canada; and New Canaan, Connecticut. He attended Connecticut College and, after graduating with a degree in English literature, moved to the Bay area in 1987 due to its vibrant theater scene. He then moved to Chicago and returned to California where he married his wife. Married 22 years, Sydney and George lived and taught in Ojai, California; Beijing, China; Rennes, France; and Orange County, California before moving to Idyllwild.

George became a teacher while living in Ojai, and it quickly became his passion. Teaching allowed him to combine his interest in and knowledge of literature, theater, film and music as a means to inspire and challenge adolescents. Always demanding, always pushing students to dig a little deeper to gain knowledge, he was a beloved figure on campus. As one of his former students wrote, "Every student was a scholar, everything was important, but it was always also fun and full of delight." In addition to being a gifted teacher, George was a novelist, playwright and musician, performing most recently with the band, the Large Richards in Idyllwild.

Besides his wife and daughter, George is survived by his parents, Mark and Susie Pratt of Westerly, Rhode Island; brother Stephen Pratt of Dover, Massachusetts; sister Darcie Wallace of Marietta, Georgia; and four brothers-in-law, four sisters-in-law, four nieces; and seven nephews. He is missed by a legion of former colleagues, students, friends and his family. Above all, George was a loyal, devoted father, friend, son, brother, mentor and uncle, whose irreverence and mischievous sense of fun will be sorely missed. To celebrate this wonderful man, we invite you to put on a pair of weird socks, wear a baseball hat for a team you dislike, read a classic novel, learn new words and their derivations or travel.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that if you wish to honor George, please donate to Idyllwild Arts Academy. A memorial service for George is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, June 14, at the Holmes Amphitheatre at Idyllwild Arts Academy.

BY MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

For Herb Jeffries, the silver screen singing cowboy, the Bronze Buckaroo, Idyllwild's Sir Jazz, the man with the velvet voice, soft smile and humble heart, the long ride is over.

Jeffries, born Sept. 24, 1913, died on Sunday, May 25, four months shy of his 101st birthday. The cause was heart failure.

His life and career are the things of storybooks and well, movies — a man who could pass for, and likely was, white, but who chose to chart his career as a black or at best, mixed-race man. "Had I been white I could never have sung with Duke Ellington," Jeffries stated in interviews. In a 2004 interview, Jeffries said his mother was Irish, his father Sicilian and that he had a great-grandparent who was Ethiopian. And, at a time when light-skinned blacks could find success in Hollywood, Jeffries had the right combination of masculine charm, an extraordinarily mellifluous speaking and singing voice, and a strong screen presence made more mysterious and compelling by his not-so-certain racial heritage. He was the full package. Ladies loved him and men admired his suave strength.

He had a major hit in the early 1940s with "Flamingo" in



Herb Jeffries

FILE PHOTO

the Ellington Orchestra and there was no denying the voice — the richness of the smooth baritone with easy glides into the tenor range, and the way he could deliver a lyric with an inviting smile and a wholesome wink.

He parlayed his ease with a lyric, appealing voice and approachable good looks into a movie career, journeying from the Detroit of his birth to Hollywood back lots as the first black singing cowboy. He owned jazz clubs in France. He appeared on TV, in a 1957 movie, "Calypso Joe," with Angie Dickenson, and continued to sing into his 90s, always with the same grace and ease that allowed him to deftly navigate movies, TV, big bands, Europe and Hollywood, and earn a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

To Idyllwild, where he and wife Savannah lived in many of Jeffries' last years, Herb was an iconic presence, easily approachable, friendly and encouraging, and

one who made others feel he really saw and appreciated who they were. He did not make much of his celebrity status or his many career accomplishments. He was just Herb.

His widow said it was Idyllwild that he loved. When people questioned, with all the successes of his career, why he moved to the mountain, he said, "It's as close to heaven as I'm going to get." Savannah remembered, "He loved the musicians there, the artists, the way people come from the heart. We love it there. We still consider it our home." She talked about how proud he was that, in this place he loved, there was a Herb Jeffries Room at Café Aroma. And she remembered the ease with which people in Idyllwild took him into their hearts. "He had this most beautiful reaction with men, with women, with children — they inspired him and they embraced him."

Friend Gary Tompkins knew

Jeffries as a man of deep spiritual resonance, a devotee of Paramahansa Yogananda and his Self-Realization Fellowship. He remembered how Jeffries could always put people he met at ease. "He could look into you and see who you are," he said. He remembered Jeffries' good-natured patience. "He would always say to me, 'Gary, remember who won the race [meaning the slow and steady turtle].'"

Town Crier Publisher-Editor Becky Clark remembers, "Herb was the kindest man. When he got his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Jack [Clark] traveled down to take a photo for the Town Crier. A mess of big Hollywood publications were represented, but it was Jack who Herb was excited to see taking a publicity shot." Herb insisted that Jack be in the front row of photographers.

Jeffries, a man who loved Idyllwild, lived his life slow and steady with grace and good humor, and handled fame as if it were no big deal. Said Savannah, "He was something else!"

For those who might want to make contributions to help defray funeral expenses, visit www.youcaring.com/memorial-fundraiser/herb-jeffries-funeral-fundraiser/183112.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Lake Shrine, 17190 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades.

Health care for local uninsured

A Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic brings free health care services to Idyllwild at Town Hall, usually the second Wednesday of every month.

Services include general medical exams, sick-child visits and health screenings for blood pressure, diabetes and vision.

These services are offered to people who do not have health insurance.

The next event is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 11. For more information, call 951-486-5765.

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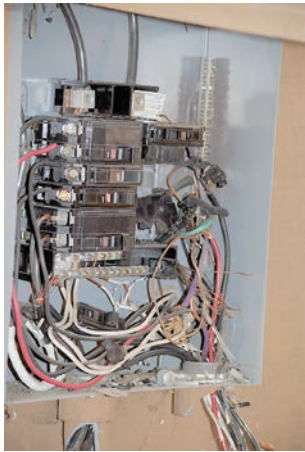
Heber G. Dunn, D.D.S.



Bryan L. Dunn, D.D.S.

Lightning

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The electrical junction on the laundry room was destroyed from the burst of lightning traveling through the VanderWendes' garage to the shed and onto the house.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Seeing smoke in the laundry shed, he ran there and opened the door. Now smoke was surrounding him. Moving through the cloud, he could see the dryer on fire. "It's near a gas line," he said. He instinctively reacted to extinguish that fire.

"I turned off the gas," he said, but later

lamented that he didn't have the consciousness to turn off the gas at the tank. Being a general contractor, afterwards he naturally thought of a broader solution that eluded him during the incident.

Exhausted, overheated and in shock, he finally rested. Meanwhile, Joni had to find a location in the neighborhood to find a signal to call 911 with her cell phone. The electrical damage in the house also disabled their land lines.

When Idyllwild Fire Department arrived, smoke was still billowing from the house and laundry area. "Who put out the fire?" they asked. VanderWende admitted that he had done it, but was still suffering hearing loss and other side effects.

"Idyllwild Fire was great. They comforted me and urged me to go to the hospital because of how close I was to the electrical surge," VanderWende said. By the time the ambulance got him to Desert Regional



The lightning hit this tree first and spiraled down the trunk, then jumped to Troy VanderWende's trailer.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Medical Center, his breathing and heart had returned to near normal, although some temporary hearing loss remained.

This was not VanderWende's first experience close to lightning.

Several years ago, while riding his mountain bike in Hemet's Simpson Park during another storm, lightning struck close by and began burning the bushes. "It was incredibly loud," he said.

Wild Weather



Thursday's storm brought snow at Humber Park.

PHOTO BY JOHN PACHECO



Last Thursday's storm dropped a half-inch of hail.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

**Mike Hestrin**
FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Mike Hestrin for District Attorney 2014
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- Mike Hestrin will fight to stop the early release of criminals throughout Riverside County
- He is endorsed by every law enforcement and public safety organization in Riverside County.
- Mike Hestrin is endorsed overwhelmingly by his colleagues in the district attorney's office who know we currently have the wrong leadership in the office.

- Knowing we need to make every public dollar stretch as far as possible, on behalf of the deputy district attorneys, Mike negotiated a sensible deal with the county that saved taxpayers \$450 million.

Please vote for Mike Hestrin, by mail in May, or at the polls on June 3rd.