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COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRESS

Amphitheater construction to start in spring

By JP CRUMRINE
 NEWS EDITOR

Persistent, arduous, excruciating and challenging, these were the speaker's words, which preceded a standing ovation.

On a cold Saturday and late in the afternoon, more than 70 people came out to hear about the future of the Idyllwild Community Center. Janice Lyle, president of the board for the San Jacinto Mountain Community Center, opened the meeting and, with others, described the next steps to turn the dream of the ICC into reality.

To get to this point, "... has not been a walk in the park," she said, but she and others are excited about what will happen in the next 24 to 30 months.

It took two years and more than \$100,000 for fees and reports to obtain Riverside County's approval for the conditional use permit for development at the Butterfield Commons on Strawberry Creek. Saturday's public session was entitled "Poised to Proceed." Lyle, Architect Jim Marsh, Designer Robert Priefer, Chris Trout, marketing, and Pete and Suzy Capparelli explained the steps necessary, beginning this winter, to complete the ICC construction and implement its programs for the public.



Late Saturday afternoon, a large crowd, more than 70 people, came to the "Poised and Proceed" community conversation about the Idyllwild Community Center to be constructed at the Butterfield Commons on Strawberry Creek. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

CSA 36 recreation programs

In addition, SJMCC will now be the recreation manager for County Service Area 36. Lyle said Bob Lewis, recreation director, will remain and is now on SJMCC's staff.

"The current program

continues to the end of the fiscal year, June. We'll evaluate the program and welcome community support. We want to enhance programs we have and add new programs," said Pete Capparelli, who heads the SJMCC committee to oversee management of the recreation activities.

Other members of the committee to whom the

public could speak are Chris Perreault, Wendy Read, Barry Wallace or Lewis, according to Capparelli.

The recreation program will continue at Town Hall. Capparelli added that SJMCC is negotiating to continue to use Town Hall until the ICC facility is finished, then, "The programs will be moved from here to

the new building."

Lewis stressed that these are "exciting times and a crazy journey." Besides these programs, Lewis will assume responsibility for both the Idyllwild Skate Park and Dog Park, located on the Idyllwild Pines campus. He is working with pickleball players to find a new
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Riverside County budget outlook worsening

Fire and sheriff's services under microscope

By JP CRUMRINE
 NEWS EDITOR

The Riverside County budget doesn't play fair. The fiscal year 2016-17 budget, which the Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted this fall, was very tight and there was agreement for minimal increases next year while awaiting revenues to grow.

However, rather than slowly balancing revenues and expenditures, the budget is rapidly turning red, bright red, according to County Executive Officer Jay Orr.

In his mid-year report to the board, Orr wrote, "At midyear, the county is experiencing additional headwinds with long-term implications. Property and sales tax related revenues are projected to come in \$8.2 million short of current year estimates, which

requires reassessing out-year assumptions ...

"These ongoing factors necessitate a reassessment of the county's revenue assumptions and refinement of the budget strategy going into the FY 17/18 budget cycle," he concluded.

Regarding the possible drop in property-tax revenue, Ray Smith, the county's public information officer, wrote in an email to the Town Crier, "While assessments and the tax roll remain as projected, revenue has fallen by an amount that is within statistical variance, given the overall tax roll.

"The county does not know exactly what has caused the drop but will continue looking at that question and will report again on the situation in the third-quarter report," he stated.

Besides property revenue falling below the estimate, two major programs may impose significant demands on the county budget. The first is the recently re-negotiated salaries for state firefighters.

Riverside County contracts with the state for firefighting services.

The effect on this year will be about \$2 million, but next fiscal year, the effect will approach \$11 million.

The second unexpected change is the governor's proposal to shift responsibility for in-home supportive services to counties. Orr estimates this may cost the county \$44 million annually.

Neither of these changes was under the county's control. But, Orr did suggest to the board that "... the increasing labor costs for Cal Fire beg the question of whether we can afford our existing model of service delivery."

But the fire department is not the only service Orr has under scrutiny. Code Enforcement is another agency that could under go a wholesale change, including staff reductions. The Sheriff's Department funds may not be cut, but staffing may be shifted away from patrols in the unincorporated areas.

Other looming budget costs in-

clude pensions contributions, the possibility of the repeal of the Affordable Care Act and the cost of operating the new East County Detention Center.

Eliminating the ACA could return the situation where large numbers of uninsured residents need support from the county health-care system.

In order to re-gain control of the county's burgeoning costs, Orr told the board that all actions are on the table. He directly mentioned accelerating efforts for efficiencies, re-evaluating service levels, eliminating General Fund support for some non-core functions, investing in greater use of technology, and consolidating or cutting duplicative services.

Orr also suggested that in order to fund the new jail staff, the sheriff's budget would reduce patrols in unincorporated areas to minimal staffing.

In response to the Town Crier's inquiry, Sheriff Stan Sniff
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location for them.

Lewis also said more programs for teens and seniors are on the prospective agenda. And, he also said the rumor that the afterschool or kindergarten program would be closed was false.

A contract between SJMCC and the Hemet Unified School District for use of the Idyllwild School gymnasium was on the agenda for HUSD's Feb. 7 meeting.

ICC construction phases

The plan for Butterfield Commons on Strawberry Creek has four construction phases. The first phase is building the amphitheater and the parking areas, according to Marsh. A request for bids on this work has been issued. The bids are due on March 1. After their review and an award of the contract, the groundbreaking for the amphitheater could be as early as May, Lyle said.

The architect for the amphitheater was Whitney Sander, who also designed the Lowman Concert Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus.

The location for the amphitheater is a perfect bowl, Marsh said. He reminded people that the amphitheater faces toward Highway 243, opposite the homes across Strawberry Creek, but is below street level, so sounds and noises will be muted.

The funding for this phase is secure. Another generous contribution

from Dave and Loie Butterfield, who donated the land in 2008, and earlier fundraising, is available for the estimated cost of about \$2 million.

After this construction begins, the 2017 Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, which had been held at the Butterfield Commons for many years, will have to be moved, according to Lyle. The group is working with Ken Dahleen, producer of the summer concerts, to find an alternative location for this summer.

The playground area also will be closed for safety reasons and SJMCC is investigating alternative sites for it until construction is completed.

The intent is to complete the amphitheater in time for the 2018 Summer Concert Series.

Phase 2 will be constructing the ICC building. Lyle and Marsh expect its construction to begin shortly after completion of Phase 1.

The entrance will be ground level in the front, but the back will be two stories tall looking over the amphitheater and Strawberry Creek.

It will house a lobby gallery, reception area, offices, teen center, activities room (which can be separated into two rooms), a full-sized commercial kitchen and a large deck off the lower floor in back, as well as restrooms.

Its cost is estimated to be about \$2.4 million. The SJMCC board already has \$400,000 for this phase and, with the help of 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington, his staff and



Janice Lyle, president of the San Jacinto Mountain Community Center board, addresses a capacity crowd at Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 4. Lyle, and other members of the board, explained and answered questions about the arduous process that resulted in approval of Phase 1 of the Idyllwild Community Center, construction of which is planned to begin in May, and the plans for phases 2 through 4. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Another view of the attendees at Saturday discussion about the Idyllwild Community Center plans. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

the county's Economic Development Agency staff, it hopes to secure a community Development Block Grant for \$1.2 million to initiate construction of

Phase 2 as Phase 1 ends.

However, more funds will be needed to finish this phase, Lyle said.

The board will be seeking other grants and do-

nations from large donors. Also, a committee led by Suzy Capparelli and Trish Tuley is organizing a "Idyllwild's Got Talent!" for May. (See accompanying story for details.)

Phase 3, Marsh said, will be a gymnasium and

the final phase will be a swimming pool.

A member of the audience asked if Pine Cove residents would pay more for ICC programs based on the new ICC management contract for CSA 36 funds. CSA 36 activities are funded from the \$35 parcel fee on Idyllwild and Fern Valley properties.

In response, Capparelli and Lyle said that issue has not been examined. The new situation with funding for the operation of future ICC programs coming in part from CSA 36 revenue will be evaluated with that commitment in mind.

At present, CSA 36 activities, such as kids sports, adult sports and after school care do not charge an additional fee for Pine Cove residents. There will be no change in these procedures for the remainder of the school year, according to Lyle and Lewis.

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Suzy Capparelli (center) announces the San Jacinto Mountain Community Center's plan to organize "Idyllwild's Got Talent!" fundraiser this spring. Joining her was Trish Tuley (left). In the background are Jim Marsh, architect, Robert Priefer, board member, Chris Trout, marketing, and Janice Lyle, president of the SJMCC board. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



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53/37

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Tuesday 2/14



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Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
01/31	60	29	0.00	0.0
02/01	58	28	0.00	0.0
02/02	54	28	0.00	0.0
02/03	50	37	0.07	0.0
02/04	53	27	0.00	0.0
02/05	54	32	0.00	0.0
02/06	43	35	0.33	0.0

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
01/31	45	27	1.01	0.5
02/01	33	24	0.65	0.0
02/02	39	18	0.00	0.0
02/03	45	22	0.00	0.0
02/04	54	27	0.00	0.0
02/05	59	30	0.00	0.0
02/06	63	33	0.00	0.0

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy):	23.79
To date last season (Idy):	17.59
Total last season (Idy):	25.42
To date this season (PC):	28.22
Total last season (PC):	25.16

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy):	31.3
To date last season (Idy):	2.5
Total last season (Idy):	17.5
To date this season (PC):	54.9
Total last season (PC):	31.0

Idyllwild temperatures, moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. Pine Cove moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. by resident George Tate at personal weather station KCAIDYLL1, an official www.wunderground.com reporter. Moisture inches include all precipitation such as rain, melted hail and melted snow. Weather season is July 1 to June 30. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit us on the Internet at www.idyllwildtowncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



Dirty berms remain on Fern Valley Road after January's heavy snowstorm. Tuesday was rainy and chilly on the Hill.

PHOTO BY KATY KIRKPATRICK

Purvis to replace Borja as Hemet Station commander

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Capt. Leonard Purvis will replace Capt. Joe Borja on Thursday, Feb. 16, as the new commander of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department's Hemet Station. Borja is retiring and for the last month has been working with Purvis on the transition. Purvis and Borja visited the Town Crier on Monday, Feb. 6.

Purvis, with more than 27 years in full-time law enforcement, has served since 2015 as commander of the sheriff's Professional Standards Bureau (Internal Affairs). In that capacity, he said he was charged with conducting investigations into misconduct of higher-level personnel or staff.

Purvis' professional background is broadly diverse. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Workforce Education and Development from Southern Illinois University. He is a 2006 graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia, and also of the California Peace Officer Standards and Training Development Course.

Purvis grew up in Monterey Park with Spanish as his first language. He began his police career in Monterey Park with the Monterey Park Police Department, first as a police explorer then as a reserve police officer in the town in which he grew up.

His law enforcement career has included service with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the RCSD, and as chief of the Banning Police Department.

As chief in Banning, Purvis focused on the importance of broadening diversity within the force and established relationships throughout his jurisdiction with multiple groups, including the Youth Accountability Team, Project Safe Neighborhoods, outreach to at-risk youth and the area Boys and Girls clubs.

With RCSD, he worked as investigator with the Special Investigations Bureau, in Intelligence/Vice/Gang and the major narcotics units. While with the Lake Elsinore Sheriff's Station, he supervised patrol, Community Oriented Policing, the Problem Solving Team and the station's de-



Two captains, **Joe Borja**, current commander of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station (left) and **Leonard Purvis**, incoming commander, are seen here at the Gastrognome after a visit with Town Crier staff. Purvis takes over from Borja on Thursday, Feb. 16. Borja is retiring to the Phoenix, Arizona, area. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

tective bureau.

Speaking of his new assignment, Purvis said, "I'm excited to be serving the communities and area in which I've lived, including Hemet and San Jacinto." Purvis and wife Liz live in San Jacinto. They have a 21-year-old daughter attending Redlands University. Purvis noted that serving his hometown, as he will be doing, is very much as he began his career — serving his hometown.

Borja has served as Hemet Station commander since Feb. 4, 2016, and is retiring to Arizona, where both his grown sons live. Borja joined RCSD 29 years ago. He grew up in Indiana and joined the Marine Corps directly after high school. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Illinois University and a master's in management from Redlands University.

Hemet Station provides service and protection to 120,000 residents in an over 700-square-mile area of Riverside County, including Hill communities, Soboba, Soboba Hot Springs, East Hemet, Gilman Hot Springs, Green Acres and Valle Vista. It also provides police services to both the city of San Jacinto and to Mt. San Jacinto College.

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ICC plans Hill talent show

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

May 12 and 13 will be a special weekend on the Hill. That's because "Idyllwild's Got Talent!," a variety show and fundraiser, is being organized for the Idyllwild Community Center. The funds will be used for furnishings and games for the youth room at the ICC.

Suzy Capparelli announced the show at Saturday's public conversation about the ICC and requested interested performers contact ICC.

"It's a true variety show," Capparelli said, announcing the show. They are looking for "all kinds of performing and visual artists: singers, dancers, painters, poets, quilters, magicians, sculptors, animal trainers and their pets, actors, basket weavers, photographers, knitters, instrumentalists and more.

"Talented and, as yet, undiscovered talented. We encourage people who keep their light under a bushel," she added. "Amateurs and professionals. All ages." Individual performers or acts are solicited to participate.

Potential performers and acts will have to audition in order to be part of the show. Requests for auditions should be sent to Capparelli at the ICC phone number, 951-965-0456. Leave the name and a phone number where the caller can be reached.

Auditions will be scheduled between March 1 and March 11 and should be limited to about five minutes, Capparelli requested.

The show will be 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 12 and 13, at Town Hall.

Tickets are \$30 before show and \$35 at the door. There will be a \$5 discount for children.

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Youth Explorers Programs

The first event in a series for Young Explorers Programs on the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument was held Sunday, Nov. 6. Three children attended the new "Story Hour" with their parents, and seven children participated in the new "Map and Compass Workshop" with their parents.

Youth Explorers programs are held from 1 to 2 p.m. the Sundays of Feb. 5, March 5 and April 9.

To sign up for these programs, call 760-862-9984. RSVPs are required as space is limited.

Ruiz introduces ethics legislation

Last Week, Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D. (CA-36) introduced legislation to ensure public servants do not use their position to make a profit off the people they serve. The Ruiz Ethics Package includes three separate bills — the Campaign Spending Integrity Act, the Public Service Spending Integrity Act and the Public Service Transparency Act.

"People shouldn't be allowed to line their pockets when they're in public service or running for office," Ruiz said in the press release announcing the legislation. "I was deeply troubled that President Trump paid his own businesses over \$8 million in campaign funds, and I'm troubled by the idea that any public servant can use tax dollars to increase their own profits.

"The public should feel confident that politicians are elected to serve the people, not get rich," Ruiz added. "My ethics package helps prevent any elected official, regardless of party, from abusing their authority for personal gain."

Ruiz's bills are intended to close loopholes that allow candidates and elected officials or their families to profit and increase the transparency of their personal and business interests.

The Campaign Spending Integrity Act (H.R. 838) would prohibit federal candidates from using campaign funds on businesses they or their immediate family members own or control.

The Public Service Spending Integrity Act (H.R. 839) prohibits federal funds from being spent on businesses owned or controlled by the president, vice president, members of the cabinet or their immediate family members. This includes federal contracts. It would also prohibit members of Congress from using their personal office funds on businesses owned or controlled by the member or their immediate family.

The Public Service Transparency Act (H.R. 840) requires candidates for president or vice president, as well as nominees for cabinet-level positions, and those same officials once they've been elected or confirmed, to release their tax returns. Trump continues to refuse to share his tax returns with the public.

H.R. 838 has been referred to the House Committee on Administration. H.R. 839 was referred to that committee, and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. H.R. 840 was referred to the Oversight and Ways and Means committees.

The texts for the three bills have not been released.

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OUT LOUD



Last Saturday, following the untimely death of his wife Stacey, Idyllwild Fire Reserve EMT Vaughn Warriner's co-workers — Idyllwild Career Firefighters Association, Idyllwild reserve firefighters and the Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Company — took to local streets for a Fill-the-Boot campaign. The campaign raised about \$4,500 to help fund the wife and mother-of-two's funeral expenses.

How extraordinary what these co-workers did to help this family and what the community, and maybe even tourists, gave to the cause.

When you read Warriner's posts on Facebook, he is heartbroken, pouring out what his wife meant to him, and feeling the support from family and friends. He talked about the last time he saw her leave the house.

He chooses to keep active to avoid becoming too depressed. He stays up-to-date on news and, in turn, keeps his friends up-to-date on such things as the funeral service and his life without Stacey.

(Stacey also was an EMT with the Morongo Fire Department. See story on page A6.)

He is blessed to have co-workers who would do more than just encourage him on social media; they actually hit the streets to raise money for this man's family. We wish you the best, Vaughn. And kudos to Idyllwild Fire.

Kudos also go to Idyllwild Water District directors and interim general manager for using true analysis to decide to drop the recycled water project. And, for being honest with the public about the fact that Foster Lake was to be used to store it.

The previous board relied on who they chose to believe vs. true data. If they had even studied that true data, they would have seen that the project didn't add up. Even when they hired Tom Lovejoy as a consultant to tell them it was a bad idea, they still decided to go ahead with it, defending it till the cows come home.

People don't use enough water for irrigation to justify recycling local wastewater so it financially doesn't make sense to build a \$1 to \$2.5 million treatment and recycling plant vs. a new \$100,000 well. And if that well produced just 10 gallons per minute, that would be equivalent to the recycled program.

Storing recycled water in Foster Lake would diminish the quality of the lake water because of a higher salt content of the recycled water.

The increased costs would have to be passed along to the customers.

Kudos, also, for finding Jack Hoagland and for those five brave folk who stepped up to lead IWD into a sensible and transparent future. Four of the board members attended a recent Brown Act session, along with members of Idyllwild Fire, Pine Cove Water, CSA 36 Advisory Committee and CSA 38 Advisory Committee. Good for them all, good for the community.

Finally, pay attention to the front-page story on the county budget, especially those of you concerned about having more Riverside County Sheriff's deputies present during snow concerns. We are about to experience a huge drop in patrols because of cuts coming.

When people complain about not having enough patrol units in the unincorporated areas, they aren't paying attention to what their county representatives are doing in Riverside. This affects the sheriff in ways over which he has very little control. Putting new deputies on the streets is years-long in training. In other words, when we lose deputies through budget cuts and then we have a cash-cow year where the department gets money, you won't see the benefit for years.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

Cancer support group in town

A cancer support group meets at 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Idyllwild Library. The group shares strength, hope, comfort and experience of cancer issues — a "soft place to land," it states. It is open to anyone who has experienced the heartache of cancer.

A group also meets from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays in Classroom 113 at the Hemet Valley Medical Center on the northwest corner of Florida Avenue and San Jacinto Street.



Idyllwild Community Center

EDITOR: Isn't it amazing? We are to receive a \$1.2M grant from HUD (Housing and Urban Development) to help construct a recreational facility in Idyllwild. How on Earth can we qualify for such a grant that is

neither housing nor urban? No wonder we have a \$20,000,000,000,000 national debt. (Wow, look at all those zeros). I believe I understand better what "Pork" is.

BUD HUNT
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MATTER OF FACT

In a photo on page B2 in last week's Town Crier, Michael Newberry was mistakenly identified as Gerry High.

In the snow story on page A1, we mistakenly said The Fort had a public restroom. The restroom is only available to customers of The Fort's stores. Town Crier regrets the errors.

Checking for ID theft of a child

The Federal Trade Commission advises: Any parent or guardian of a child knows the milestones that come with turning 16 — learning to drive, maybe dating, or thinking about college. But now, there's one more: checking their credit report.

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Generally, children won't have credit reports unless someone is using their information for fraud.

What if my child has a credit report with incorrect or false information? Visit IdentityTheft.gov/child to report the problem and follow the steps outlined to resolve it.

Student artist memberships

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild has 10 student artist memberships available for local Idyllwild students or children of registered AAI artists or gallery owners. Eligible youth must be between the ages of 11 and 18.

The standard \$20 membership fee has been waived because of the generosity of several community members.

The membership allows eligible youth to participate as an active AAI artist for one year. In addition to receiving a customized AAI online gallery page to showcase their artwork, students may compete and sell their creations in AAI-sponsored art shows.

A great opportunity for the next generation of artists, youth who meet the criteria are encouraged to submit an email of interest to artinidyllwild@gmail.com. Include name, age, mailing address and school.

Visit www.artinidyllwild.org for more information about the Art Alliance of Idyllwild.

A healthy mind in a healthy body

You are better off taking the stairs up to your next class, particularly if you are an older American out to improve your knowledge base and protect your brain, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Canadian researchers found that "education and physical activity affect the difference between a physiological prediction of age and chronological age, and that people can actively do something to help their brains stay young." Their study has been published in the journal, *Neurobiology of Aging*.

Jason Steffener, the lead author of the report, said the focus of the study was the positive effects of low-impact exercise such as climbing stairs on brain health. "In comparison to many other forms of physical activity, taking the stairs is something older adults can and already do at least once a day, unlike vigorous forms of physical activity."

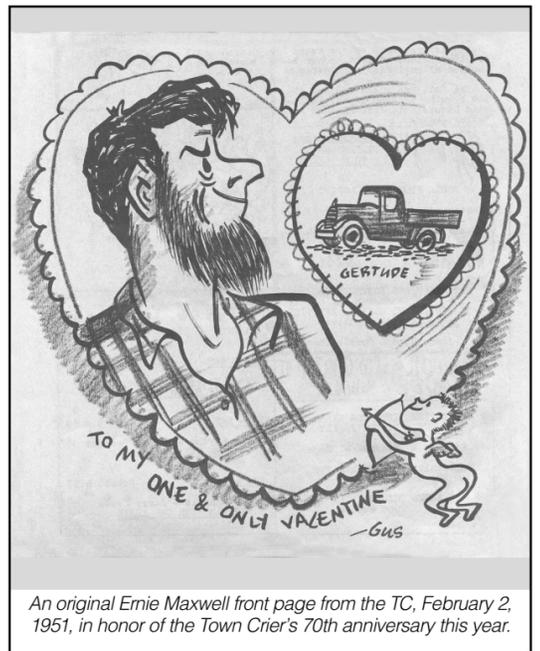
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Monday, Feb. 13, to observe Lincoln's Birthday are:

- Idyllwild Library
- Idyllwild Nature Center
- Riverside County offices

These will be open:

- Area post offices
- BBVA Compass Bank
- Fern Valley Water District
- Hemet Unified School District
- Idyllwild Pharmacy
- Idyllwild Town Crier
- Idyllwild Transfer Station
- Idyllwild Water District
- Mt. San Jacinto State Park
- Pine Cove Water District
- U.S. Forest Service



An original Ernie Maxwell front page from the TC, February 2, 1951, in honor of the Town Crier's 70th anniversary this year.

FASHION JACK



BY JACK CLARK
FASHION ADVISOR

Q. When should a favorite shirt be retired?
— Herman, Perris

A. Even your favorite shirt must be retired sometime. Here's how to tell if it's time: Before you put the shirt on, button it up except for the top two buttons. Then pull it on over your head like a pullover sweater. If it takes you more than three tries to figure out which hole your head's supposed to go through, it's time to retire the shirt.

Q. How should a favorite shirt be retired?
— Calvin, Romoland

A. A short, dignified ceremony is all that's required. Snip off the buttons so you can sew them onto other shirts you've popped the buttons off of. Each button then serves as a memorial to your old friend.

How to get a letter published

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

The Town Crier will not publish "thank-you" letters, consumer complaints, form letters, clippings from other publications or poetry. Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word but are not accepted the week before an election.

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

Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.



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More rain falls, exceeding yearly average

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Inclement weather returned to the Hill last week. Fortunately, Saturday and Sunday were dry.

On Friday, some drizzling rain fell throughout the Hill, but on Monday, showers returned for the day and continued into Tuesday.

Total rain, from Friday, Feb. 3, through Tuesday morning, Feb. 7, was 0.9 inches at the U.S. Forest Service's Keenwild Ranger Station. The Pine Cove site recorded another inch during the period. The Fern Valley site received 1.1 inches and the Idyllwild Fire Station recorded 0.6 inches.

Since the beginning of the rain year (July 1), more than 29 inches of rain has fallen in Pine Cove and nearly 18.2 inches at Keenwild. The long-term, average rainfall from July 1 through the end of February has been 18.7 inches and through June 30, the average total rainfall has been 25.7 inches.

The future does not look so wet, but drought predictions and status are changing. The National Weather Service has reduced the portion of the state designated as in extreme or severe drought.

According to Adam Allgood, a forecaster for the NWS, "As of the January 26 . . . , only 2.16 percent of California's land area was considered to be in extreme drought, compared to 42.8 percent at the start of the water year, and 63.96 percent a year ago."

According to the Predictive Services unit at Cal Fire's South Operations site, "... overall, precipitation from February through June looks to be close to normal.

Precipitation may be significantly less than what was experienced in December and January, but a repeat of the hot and dry late winters of recent years is not anticipated at this time.

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Stone Creek Fuels Reduction Pile Burning Project

Cal Fire (the state Department of Forestry and Fire Protection), in cooperation with California State Parks, will be conducting a prescribed burn consisting of brush and slash piles in the Mt. San Jacinto State Park off Highway 243 in the Stone Creek area. The project began Tuesday, Jan. 31, and will continue for the next couple of weeks, if the weather permits, according to the Riverside County Fire Department press release.

The number of available burn days and weather will determine the project's finish and final burn date.

This burn is being conducted as part of the Cal Fire Vegetation Management Program and is intended to reduce hazardous vegetation and wildland fuels in an area considered to be at high risk for large and damaging wildfires.

Residents in the Idyllwild and Pine Cove area or anyone travelling along Highway 243 may see smoke from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the days of the burn. In the unlikely event that smoke can be smelled, county officials urge the public to take precautions to reduce any harmful health effects by limiting outdoor activities.

The prescribed burn was planned and coordinated with the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board to minimize the smoke impacts on surrounding communities. The burn is dependent on weather and air-quality conditions that are favorable for smoke dispersal. If the conditions are not as desired, the burn will be rescheduled.

Prescribed burns are conducted to help reduce the wildfire risk and promote biodiversity through the development of young trees, shrubs and grasses in a fire-dependent ecosystem.

IN BRIEF

Steps for earthquake safety

The Earthquake Country Alliance has prepared seven steps for people to take before, during and after an earthquake.

Before:
Step 1: Secure your space by identifying hazards and securing movable items.

Step 2: Plan to be safe by creating a disaster plan and deciding how you will communicate in an emergency.

Step 3: Organize disaster supplies in convenient locations.

Step 4: Minimize financial hardship by organizing important documents, strengthening your property and considering insurance.

During:
Step 5: Drop, cover and hold on when the earth shakes.

Step 6: Improve safety after earthquakes by evacuating if necessary, helping the injured and preventing further injuries or damage.

After:
Step 7: Restore daily life by reconnecting with others, repairing damage and rebuilding community.

For more information, visit <http://earthquakecountry.org>.

DMV handbook available for iPad

The California Department of Motor Vehicles has released the 2015 Driver Handbook for the Apple iPad tablet. It is available in both English and Spanish and can be downloaded free through the iBooks application bookstore.

A demonstration video of the new handbook for the iPad also is available on DMV's YouTube channel.

Volunteer Reserve Program

Riverside County Fire Department is accepting applications for Volunteer Reserve positions with Riverside County Fire Department.

Positions available are firefighter, photographer, water tender operator, chaplain and Mobile Emergency Operations Center dispatchers.

Visit <http://roafd.applicantstack.com/x/openings> to apply.



60 years ago - 1957

U.S. Marines from Camp Pendleton moved into the Dark Canyon-Pine Flats area to begin a series of winter maneuver operations in the snow.

55 years ago - 1962

Noble Allert, an Idyllwild, Hemet Unified School District trustee, accepted an appointment as the combined districts' spokesman on the area school unification committee.

50 years ago - 1967

A Riverside amateur sports car driver, Dr. Chester J. Ward, was killed on Highway 74 while driving between Mountain Center and the Cranston Ranger Station.

45 years ago - 1972

More than \$150,000 in paintings, statues and other valuable items were stolen from the Idyllwild home of Richard A. Carter.

35 years ago - 1982

The Riverside County Fire Station 23 (Pine Cove) Quick Attack truck slid over the side of Highway 243 in Pine Cove, rolling down the mountainside and becoming wedged between two trees. It took a tow truck and a fire truck with a winch to pull up the unit.

30 years ago - 1987

The Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit rescued a stranded climber from Tahquitz Rock. Flown in by helicopter, the rescuers rappelled down the face of Tahquitz to bring the climber to safety.

25 years ago - 1992

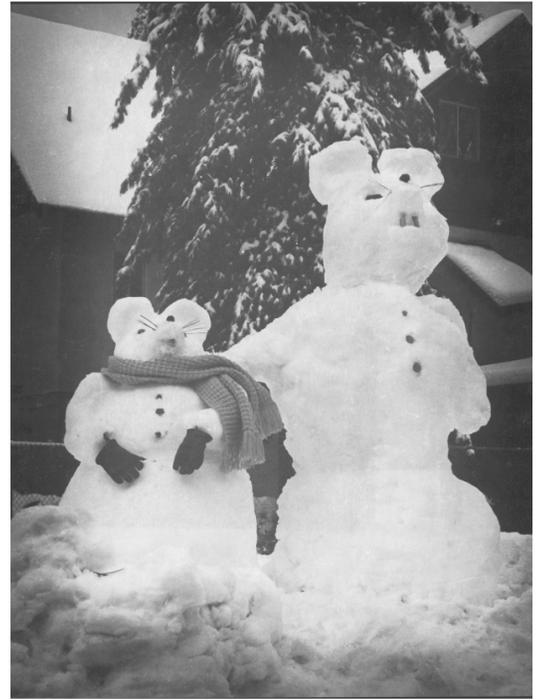
A bus carrying a church group from Orange County careened off the road a few miles west of Vista Point, sliding 30 to 50 feet down the mountain, and sending 29 people to four hospitals. All were released later that night.

20 years ago - 1997

Holly Leavitt (O'Farrell now) led the regulars to her Jazzercise class at the Town Hall in a recording of a promotional video for the Jazzercise company. Hundreds of girls auditioned for the 23 spots on the team.

15 years ago - 2002

The majority of the 35 Garner Valley residents at



Snow figures resembling a Mutt 'n' Jeff mouse combination adorned the home of the Gary Johnsons in Pine Cove after a February 1976 snowfall. But, alas, even mice with cucumber eyes and carrot teeth bow to the sun.

FILE PHOTO

a U.S. Forest Service community workshop opposed continuing a lengthy governmental Forest Plan revision process, but the meetings and discussions looked to last for up to two more years.

10 years ago - 2007

Controversy over how the Idyllwild Environmental Conservancy should manage its relationship

with the Idyllwild Water District led to the resignation of the second member, and president, in the previous 12 months.

1 year ago - 2016

Pete "Pedro" Anderson, a much-loved Idyllwild musician, storyteller and artist, died suddenly and unexpectedly from the rapid onset of massive pneumonia.

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 — Anoni mus Squirrel



For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 9. Submit listings and changes to becky@towncrier.com.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier news meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Pine Cove Water District board, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- AA, noon, St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- County Service Area 38 Advisory Committee, 2 p.m. Pine Cove Water District, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive debting and spending, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Thursday, Feb. 9

- AA women, (open), 9 a.m.

Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Free warm lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), 12:30 p.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP. Call Françoise Frigola, 951-659-4146, for more information.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekestone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Friday, Feb. 10

- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
- AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Feeding America, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Overcomers (Biblically

based), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Saturday, Feb. 11

- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Sunday, Feb. 12

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- AA, General Discussion (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.
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Monday, Feb. 13

- AA women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive. Call 659-6208 for information.
- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m.; Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

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

public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.

- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- High Valleys Water District board, 3 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild Water District board, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive debting and spending, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon.; Grinding Station, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.

NEWS OF RECORD

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, Jan. 29 to Feb. 4.

Idyllwild

- Jan. 29 — Suicide threat, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 29 — Alarm call, Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 30 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Marion View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 31 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Marion View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 31 — 911 hangup from cell phone, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 31 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Marion View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 1 — Unlawful entry, Wildwood Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 2 — Burglary, Wildwood Dr. Report taken.
- Feb. 2 — Danger to self/other, Pine Crest Ave. Report taken.
- Feb. 3 — Alarm call, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 3 — Alarm call, Hemstead Pl. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 4 — Check the welfare, Wildwood Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Jan. 29 — Alarm call, McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 29 — Battery, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Jan. 30 — Assist other department, Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 31 — Follow-up, ad-

dress withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 31 — Burglary, Pineavista Dr. Report taken.
- Jan. 31 — Assist other department, Laurel Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 1 — Hazard, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 1 — Alarm call, Tall Pines Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows/Garner Valley

- Jan. 31 — Public assist, Paradise Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 2 — Miscellaneous criminal, Indian Hill Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 3 — Alarm call, Table Mountain Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 4 — Open door, Butterfly Peak Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Jan. 30 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 31 — Assist other department, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Jan. 29 — Shots fired, 47000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 1 — Narcotics, 24000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 3 — Shots fired, Bee Canyon Truck Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 4 — Public assist, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Mahjong Club at library

Open to anyone interested in the game, the Mahjong Club meets from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Idyllwild Library.

Hill responds to EMT tragedy

By JACK CLARK CONTRIBUTOR

On Monday, Jan. 23, Stacey Warriner, 44, an EMT with the Morongo Fire Department, Morongo Public Safety Division, was on her way to work when she stopped on the I-10 to assist a stranded motorist. In the process, she was struck by a passing motor vehicle and died of injuries two days later on Jan. 25.

Idyllwild Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Mark LaMont related that Warriner was the wife of current IFPD Reserve EMT Vaughn Warriner, formerly with the U.S. Forest Service. She also left a daughter and son, ages 21 and 15, respectively.

Warriner was known as a person always looking to help others, LaMont said.

Last Saturday, Feb. 4, a Fill the Boot campaign canvassed Idyllwild collecting money for the family. The undertaking was the project of the Idyllwild Career Firefighters Association, Idyllwild reserve firefighters and the Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Company. According to LaMont and Paul Riggi, president of the volunteers, the Fill the Boot campaign raised about \$4,500 in the town of Idyllwild, from the donations of residents and visitors alike.

A Go Fund Me site also is raising money for the family at www.gofundme.com/3ale14w.

LaMont related that Morongo would hold a memorial service once it was determined when relatives and friends could best attend. The department will inform the Town Crier of the date and time once it has been determined.

Jack Clark can be reached at jack@towncrier.com.

Old Town Criers now online

The 1949 to 1960 Town Criers are now available on the GenealogyBank.com website. Access requires a subscription to the website.



Idyllwild Fire Protection District Reserve EMT Keith Donahoo (left) and Deputy Fire Marshal Jim LaMont were among many IFPD career, reserve and volunteer firefighters and paramedics who participated in a Fill the Boot campaign for the family of Morongo EMT Stacey Warriner last Saturday in town. PHOTO BY SHANNA ROBB

Utility pole along Highway 74 to be replaced

By JP CRUMRINE NEWS EDITOR

On Saturday, Feb. 11, Caltrans has scheduled road work on Highway 74 in Mountain Center near Keen Camp Road.

A Hot Line Construction crew will be replacing a utility pole. The work may take from 9 p.m. Saturday until 4 a.m. Sunday.

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Two crashes on Hill roads last week

By MARSHALL SMITH STAFF REPORTER

California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Darren Meyer reported two crashes on Hill roads over the last week.

At about 1:50 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, a 2015 white Chevy Tahoe was discovered by Cal Fire responders over the side on Highway 74 just east of mile marker 54.35. The driver was no longer with the vehicle and had fled the scene.

According to the CHP report, the vehicle had been proceeding westbound, went off the north side of the road and overturned several times before coming to rest about 10 feet below the roadway. The vehicle was registered to Francine Kitchen of Palm Desert. CHP officers attempted to contact Kitchen at her residence. No one was home. Her name was not listed in a survey of local hospitals.

At 1:35 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, Patrick Zavas, 32, of Hemet, was driving a gold 1996 Thunderbird westbound on Highway 74 just east of mile marker 50 when he lost control of the vehicle, went into the opposing lane of traffic, overcorrected, hit the mountain and rolled over several times. Zavas was transported to Riverside University Health System in Moreno Valley. No other vehicles or individuals were involved in the incident.

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

Free lunch on 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 Fairway Market. The Caring Community Lunch is open to anyone.

Hikers and dog spend a cold overnight before being rescued

By MARSHALL SMITH STAFF REPORTER

According to a Mt. San Jacinto State Parks report, rangers received a 911 call from the Riverside County Sheriff's on Saturday of a single male adult trapped in snow and ice on the Skyline (Cactus to Clouds) Route. State Parks personnel responded.

The 29-year-old male with his dog was located a half-mile southeast of the trail at the 7,600-foot level. The man, clad only in short-sleeve shirt and shorts, was lying in the snow and shivering uncontrollably.

Other hikers, better prepared for the conditions, were also located in the same area. Nightfall was approaching and, with no special gear for the icy conditions, park personnel called for Riverside County Sheriff's Aviation Unit Star 90 helicopter for an aerial evacuation. But owing to high winds, none of the hikers could be airlifted that night.

Park personnel led the hikers to a more suitable hoisting location. Star 90 later dropped some winter gear to ensure the subjects' survival during the night.

At day break, Star 90 was able to hoist all hikers, the dog and the rescue personnel, landing them safely in the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway parking lot.

The Media Information Bureau of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department stated, "At this time, we can confirm we received the call to assist State Parks with the hikers on the Skyline Trail. They had staff on the ground. Our helicopter did provide support and drop off supplies, and began the extraction of three hikers and rescue staff just before 8 a.m. the next morning."

The Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit also was activated and was on standby, according to the MIB.

The Skyline Route is not recommended because of 3 to 4 feet of snow and ice on the eastern side of the mountain.

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Budget

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issued the following statement, "The board has the authority to set the budget for all county operations, including the Office of Sheriff. The Sheriff has the responsibility to follow the board's directions on budget priorities and had to begin cutting the department's operations to meet those reduced funding levels, by reducing the numbers of staff carried on payroll, for this fiscal year (FY 16/17) through routine attrition (retirements, resignations & terminations).

"The already overcrowded and undersized county jail systems serve all our state and local law enforcement agencies within Riverside County, and was already laboring heavily under the new PLO consent decree, so it was not appropriate to cut staffing or reduce jail capacity for any budget savings," he continued.

"This leaves the full impact of the projected county budget cuts — now grown in size since July 2016 to near \$40 million — primarily on the back of both unincorporated patrol staffing levels, and in addition, also on the reductions to staffing levels of many of our frontline joint teams and task forces all across the county, as well as other operations," Sniff said in the statement.

"In an effort to responsibly live within the sharply reduced budget target this year, county unincorporated patrols at each of our countywide patrol stations must be reduced to the minimum staffing of two deputies (0.75/1,000) on duty at any given time, all by the end of this fiscal year (June 2017)," he stated.

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Work continued last week to clear Highway 243 between Highway 74 and Interstate 10. Here the crew splits and removes fallen rocks from the roadway near mile-post 24 (Mt. Edna). PHOTO COURTESY TERRI KASINGA, CALTRANS

IN BRIEF

Website devoted to scams

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Grants for groups visiting

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Essay contest submissions open

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The contest is sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists. If you know a great high school student, let them know that entries must be postmarked by Feb. 23. Check out the rules and regulations at <http://www.spj.org/a-hs.asp>.

First place receives a \$1,000 scholarship, second place a \$500 scholarship and third place a \$300 scholarship.

CDC recommends fewer shots

The Center for Disease Control now recommends that 11- to 12-year-olds receive two doses of human papillomavirus vaccine at least six months apart rather than the previously recommended three doses to protect against cancers caused by HPV infections. Teens and young adults who start the series later, at ages 15 to 26, will continue to need three doses of HPV vaccine.

CDC Director Tom Frieden said, "This recommendation will make it simpler for parents to get their children protected in time."

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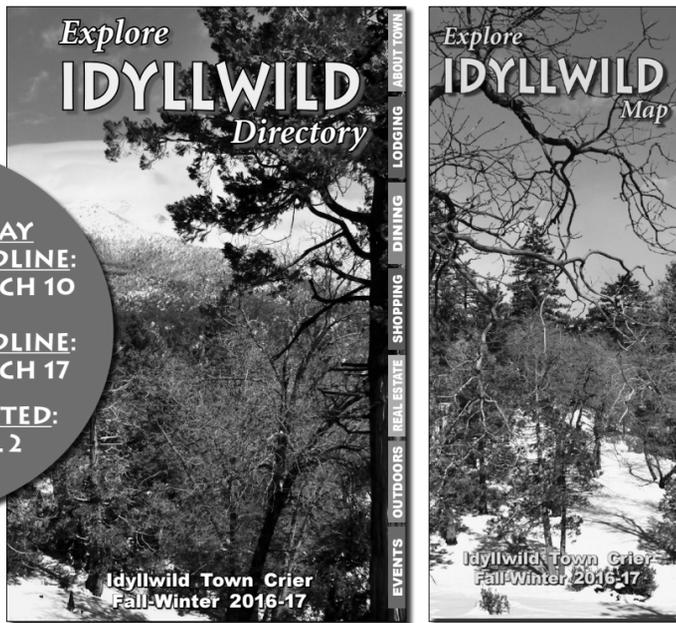
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Gender fluidity is subject of IAA Symposium

Panel discusses artists' roles in society

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In 2015, Idyllwild Arts Academy faculty member Chris Wegemer, with the full support of IAA administration, launched the annual Art in Society symposium. The purpose was to involve, instruct and engage IAA students in a discussion of their roles as artists in an evolving society.

At the heart of the annual event is an examination of how the work of artists — visual and performing — contributes to and changes society. Rather than a picture of an artist sequestered in a garret creating art in isolation, Art in Society is intended to posit the picture of artist activists engaged in using their art to contribute to society. Questions such as, “How does art make the world a better place?” “In what ways does art influence society?” and “How should artists relate to others in the world?” are raised and examined.

Social issue and social justice artists are convened each year from a broad variety of disciplines to discuss their career arcs, and whether and how their art has made a difference. Each year, the symposium centers around a different theme.

This year, Art in Society chair and author Eduardo Santiago has assembled renowned authors, actors, performers, musicians, visual artists and filmmakers to discuss gender fluidity and how it is changing societal attitudes.

Santiago chose the subject matter, believing it to be one that has always been around but only now has become part of an open societal discussion and one that is sparking both public support and resistance. “People, especially now, want to think society, the world and the universe are static,” said Santiago. “But they are not. They are constantly changing and evolving. People who

think they are static oppose social change. I think it is the responsibility of the artist to effect social change.

“And, it is the same with gender fluidity. It is infinitely fluid.”

“Gender fluid” is a gender identity that refers to a gender that varies over time. A gender-fluid person may at any time identify as male, female, neutral or any other non-binary identity, or some combination of identities. Their gender can also vary at random or vary in response to different circumstances.

The Art in Society symposium is a full school experience. “None of this would happen without the participation of the entire school,” notes Santiago. “Everything stops for this.”

As to why gender fluidity is now being openly discussed, Santiago said he has a theory. “This has always been around and the former [U.S.] administration made us safe to show our faces,” he said. “Now that may change. People who are hostile to anyone who is different may feel empowered to take us down.”

Santiago noted that for older people, even for some IAA students, this subject is new, unfamiliar and perhaps uncomfortable. But it is also why, he said, it is important to discuss. “I welcome the opportunity to examine these issues,” he stressed. “Selfishly, I like to teach the things I have to learn.”

The first panel takes place at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17. The second, after a break for lunch, is at 1:15 p.m. Both are at the IAF Theater (Bowman) on the IAA campus. They are free and open to the public.

Included are IAA alum Katherine Kearns, who was raised by a gay father, actor and Art in Society panelist Michael Kearns. Katherine made a documentary, “A Family Like Mine,” that was aired on KCET public television in Los Angeles and featured in film festivals. Also speaking is local artist Karla Leopold, whose art focuses on changing societal dynamics and psychic wounds and injuries, and Dr. Joseph Nadeau, director of the Los Angeles Gay Men’s Chorus.

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Dr. Joe Nadeau, artistic director and conductor of the Gay Men’s Chorus of Los Angeles, is a speaker at the Idyllwild Arts Academy’s annual Art in Society Symposium. This year’s topic is gender fluidity. The symposium is held at the IAF Theatre (Bowman) on the IAA campus on Friday, Feb. 17.

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Sky Island Natural Foods closed

SI Organics and Plant Food Supper Club open

BY MARSHALL SMITH, STAFF REPORTER AND
JP CRUMRINE, NEWS EDITOR

Michael Wangler’s Sky Island Natural Foods closed, leaving Idyllwild without a dedicated organic market. At this point, it is unclear how the space the market occupied will be used, according to Frank Ferro, owner of Ferro and the Idyllwild Brewpub. He said they have no current plans for how to use the space.

The Plant Food Supper Club, Kelly Johnston-Gibson’s dining establishment on the right side of the Sky Island space, remains open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Although there have been rumors she might expand into some of Sky Island’s space and expand her line of products, Johnston-Gibson said that is not in the works at this time. “I’ll not be carrying produce,” she said. “Just things that supplement what I’m doing in the cafe. I also don’t see any expansion of my business [into the Sky Island space]. I think the Butterfields [Dave and Loie] have a plan for that.” The Butterfields own the building.

What Johnston-Gibson did reveal is that she has talked to the new owner and managers of Village Market and might be advising them on carrying a higher concentration of organic products.

Johnston-Gibson had the grand opening for her cafe on Nov. 12 last year.



Michael Wangler, owner of Sky Island Organics.
PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

Wangler said business for Sky Island fell off dramatically after the summer tourist season and that he lost a vast majority of customers in September, forcing his decision to close. Also, business for the farmer’s market also had fallen off, which was a contributing factor for closing. “It was a very difficult time and I feel terrible for all those who have helped us,” said Wangler.

He bought the market in 2013. It was in escrow during the Mountain Fire. In the first year, he set a sales record, but business began to gradually decline until this summer and fall when he had a “major drop in sales.”

But he will continue operating Sky Island Organics, his original Idyllwild business, which started six years ago in Village Lane. These foods are distributed from his Palm Springs business, SOL Distributors, to “organic food stores all over the country, but mostly in California,” Wangler said.

Sky Island Organics products are in many California stores as well as all over the U.S., he said. He is setting sales records with this business. They can be found at Erewhon Natural Foods in Los Angeles.

IN BRIEF

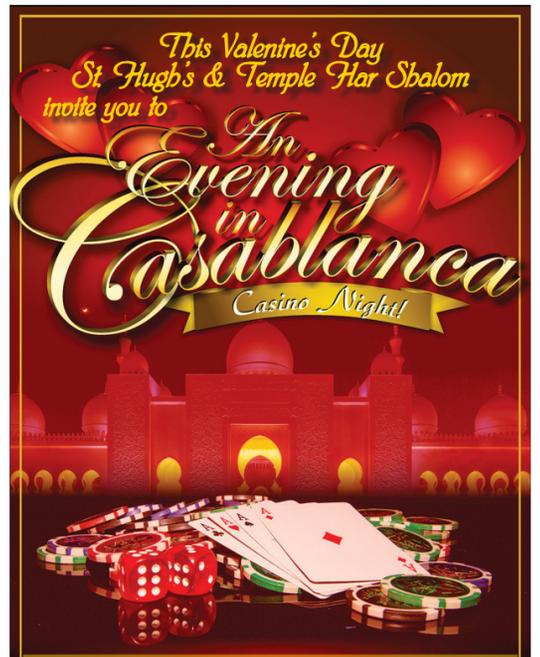
Quail help needed in Idyllwild

The James Reserve is conducting a research project in Idyllwild that is focused on quail. If you are interested in contributing to this project, the James is searching for assistance from town residents.

“The main contribution we hope to get from Idyllwilders is access to your private property to trap, band and release quail,” said James Director Dr. Jennifer Gee. “Your help is especially valuable if you are already feeding birds/quail and if you see banded quail in your yard already. If you’d like to be a citizen scientist, we also appreciate if you could record your observations of banded quail.”

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Two congregations join to host 'An Evening in Casablanca, Casino Night'

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild’s St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church and Temple Har Shalom share history. Shortly after the temple was established in 2014, Father Dan Rondeau, vicar at St. Hugh’s, contacted the new Jewish congregation as part of his ecumenical outreach mission and vision.

Last December, St. Hugh’s and Har Shalom, along with representatives from other Idyllwild faith traditions, celebrated the third-annual Service of Solace at St. Hugh’s. The first service in 2014 marked the beginning of a continuing partnership between St. Hugh’s and Har Shalom. In February 2016, the Jewish congregation began meeting regularly at St. Hugh’s for its worship services.

Both St. Hugh’s and Har Shalom share a commitment to diversity, to spiritual seekers, and to ecumenical cooperation and support. Har Sha-

lom’s website advises, “Our community is known for its diversity and we will work towards igniting sparks of life and creating a sense of belonging, community and a life of purpose here without any judgment.” St. Hugh’s site notes, “Our faith community is an eclectic mix of people with differing backgrounds and perspectives, united together in a common love of God and neighbor.”

Together the congregations are joining for a distinctly secular purpose, to sponsor “An Evening in Casablanca, Casino Night,” a Valentine’s eve celebration of music, dancing, light food and gaming. Tickets are \$25 and include 30 gaming chips plus a complimentary beverage. “Round up the usual suspects and come dressed in 1940s Casablanca style for an evening of Moroccan fun,” the congregations suggest. “Here’s looking at you, kid!”

Har Shalom Rabbi Malka Drucker and Father Dan Rondeau invite the wider community to come and

have fun. “For this event our two communities are coming together to benefit our two churches and also the wider community of Idyllwild,” said Drucker. She noted that each congregation also gives money to other Idyllwild organizations such as the Help Center. “Both congregations support beyond their own,” said Drucker.

“I think it is wonderful, especially given today’s political climate, that our two organizations can come together, sharing the same space for worship and creating a mutual benefit event,” said St. Hugh’s event co-chair Christina Nordella. Pat Schmetzer is Har Shalom event co-chair.

For more information about “An Evening in Casablanca, Casino Night,” call (760) 699-4912. Tickets can be purchased after services at St. Hugh’s 11:15 a.m. or at Images Gallery Idyllwild (next to Café Aroma).

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Many attend Brewpub's soft opening



Conor O'Farrell tends bar at the Idyllwild Brewpub. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



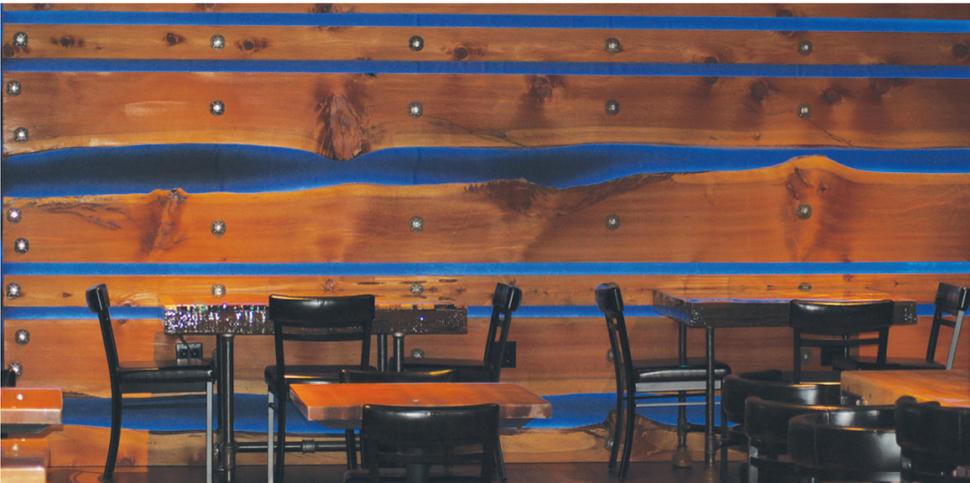
Don Put, head brewer at the new Idyllwild Brewpub. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



The crowd at Friday's soft opening for the Idyllwild Brewpub had a great time and enjoyed the libations. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



The beer vats and kettles used to craft the beer for the Idyllwild Brewpub. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



The interior of the Idyllwild Brewpub, where the musicians will normally set up. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



Geoff Brown, executive chef for both the Brewpub and Ferro, and Ivan Bortrager, sous chef and assistant brewer, worked the kitchen during the Idyllwild Brewpub weekend's opening. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



Among the opening night crowd at the Idyllwild Brewpub was Conor O'Farrell, actor, Town Crier columnist and occasional bartender. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



Michael Ferro pours a flight of beers during last weekend's soft opening. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

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Scenes from all around the Hill



Idyllwild Arts Academy senior visual artist **Audrey Carver** is seen here with one of her "works in progress" in the studio on the IAA campus. Audrey was a recent speaker in the Idyllwild Community Center Speaker Series that partners this year with the academy and focuses on student artists and their work. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH



Sandii Castleberry demonstrates the sounds from a guitar before leading the participants in a musical spoons workshop Saturday at the library. The Art Alliance of Idyllwild sponsored the event. Below: One of the participants in the musical spoons workshop shows his spoon. PHOTOS BY SHANNA ROBB

Jon King of Idyllwild had a lot of great feedback from many local folk about the front page photos last week of Tahquitz Peak covered in snow and ice. He returned to the peak via a different and much harder route Sunday, and the tower had changed dramatically in just 10 days, as you can see from the attached.

PHOTOS BY JON KING



At right: While enjoying an exciting ice-climb up the north face of Tahquitz (Lily) Rock, after our recent heavy winter storm, Idyllwilder **Penelope Smrz** reaches for the Town Crier for some extra thrills on Tuesday, Jan. 31. PHOTO BY ALOIS SMRZ



Spring has arrived, at least at the Idyllwild Area Historical Society's museum garden. This photo was taken Sunday. PHOTO BY THOMAS PIERCE

At left: Members of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild presented the Under \$100 Art Fair at multiple venues around town on Saturday, Feb. 4. The main event was at the Community Church, pictured here, and featuring 17 member artists. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

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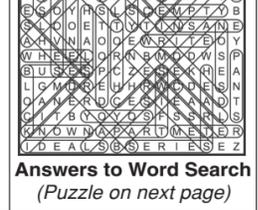
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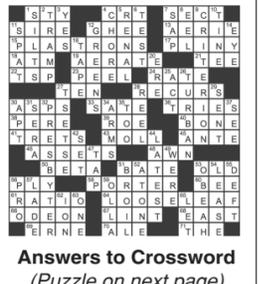
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Answers to Word Search
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- For Classified advertising questions call Town Crier at (951) 659-2145 or Email: mandy@towncrier.com

Line Classified Rate Schedule
Includes placement online: www.idyllwildtowncrier.com

Number of Lines	Each time
Up to 10 lines	\$13.95
Ea. addtl. line, add:	\$1.00
Bold Face: \$1 entire ad or 25¢ each word	
Center entire ad: \$1	

Display Classified Rate Schedule
Includes placement online: www.idyllwildtowncrier.com

2-inch ad (minimum size)	\$18.95
Each additional inch	\$9.45

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♥ A special Valentine's shout-out, Town Crier-style, to my wife Zoe on our (sort of) 13th anniversary. Looking back on the memories and forward to the adventures to come, there's only one message that can do you justice: Hey girl! You're the best! Love, David



UP NEXT:
Mother's Day:
Sunday, May 14
 Mother's Day paper:
 May 11
 Advertising deadline:
 Monday, May 8, by noon



Contact Mandy to get your Shout Out published

659-2145

or email mandy@towncrier.com
 or place it online at idyllwildtowncrier.com/shout-out

CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**
- Chester White's home
 - Computer monitor, for short
 - The Amish, e.g.
 - "Your majesty"
 - Liquid butter used in India
 - Cliffside dwelling
 - Pieces of plate armor
 - _____ the Elder
 - Store convenience, for short
 - Freshen
 - Golf ball support
 - Cooking meas.
 - Leave in a hurry, with "out"
 - Miles per hour, e.g.
 - Big _____ Conference
 - Comes back
 - Dangerous
 - biters
 - Fill
 - Attempts
 - French for a senior surname
 - _____ v. Wade
 - Cram, with "up"
 - Allowances for waste after deduction for tax
 - Gangster's gal
 - A chip, maybe
 - Holdings
 - Barley
 - _____ carotene
 - Diminish
 - Aged
 - Carry on
 - Baggage handler
 - Drone, e.g.
 - 4:1, e.g.
 - Lined school paper out of notebook
 - Ancient Greek theater
 - Fluff
 68. "___ of Eden"
 69. Coastal raptor
 70. A pint, maybe
 71. Not just "a"
- DOWN**
- Earty soils
 - Bum
 - "Absolutely!"
 - Job
 - Kidney-related
 - Makeup, e.g.
 - Chucklehead
 - Moray, e.g.
 - Standard of judgment
 - Food sticker
 - Clash
 - Mustard or collar
 - Artist's asset
 - Bind
 - "... _____ he drove out of sight"
 - Appear
 - Muslim headaddress
 - _____ fly
 - Casting need
 - Cast
 - Appropriate
 31. "Buona ___" (Italian greeting)
 32. An elder in a Presbyterian church
 34. Kind of dealer
 35. "___ bad!"
 37. "Comprende?"
 42. Undertake, with "out"
 44. Most recent
 47. Bug
 49. "As you ___"
 51. Barbecue
 52. Agreeing (with)
 53. A belief involving sorcery
 54. Car dealer's offering
 55. Adroit
 56. Ace
 57. Put on board, as cargo
 59. Cantina cooker
 62. Carbonium, e.g.
 63. "___ moment"
 65. Affranchise

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DESPERATE! Gary (formerly of Gary's Deli) and Chips (Idy's Vice Dog) need at least a 2Bd/1Ba home by March 1st. Please call ASAP. Thanks 951-202-0062.

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HOROSCOPES

February 2017 — Week 2



March 21 – April 19
 A loved one is in a pickle for sure, Aries. You have the solution, but it won't go over well. Be prepared for some major resistance. A schedule is set.



April 20 – May 20
 Temptation abounds. Don't give in, Taurus. Your goal is nearly complete. A train wreck at home turns out to be a blessing in disguise.



May 21 – June 21
 Piles, piles, piles. Everywhere you look you see piles. Your attempt at organization is not working, Gemini. Time to call in the pros. A memo clarifies.



June 22 – July 22
 Feeling frazzled, Cancer? You are not alone, and soon, all of the right people will catch on. A mini vacation could be in store. Go someplace special.



July 23 – August 22
 Last but not least, Leo. You finally receive your due. Celebrate with a night on the town. A question is answered, but few like what they hear.



August 23 – September 22
 Invitations arrive by the handful, and suddenly, your calendar is full. Enjoy every event and network as much you can, Virgo. The more people you know, the better.



September 23 – October 22
 Settle down, Libra. There is more to the situation than meets the eye. A trip down memory lane works wonders for a senior who is feeling blue.



October 23 – November 21
 Believe it or not, Scorpio. A friend is telling the truth. Yes, it's far-fetched, but it is what happened. Make of it what you will. A secret is kept.



November 22 – December 21
 You can, but you won't, Sagittarius. You won't listen to a thing you're told. You'll do it your way, and you'll pay the price. Thankfully, it will be a small price.



December 22 – January 19
 Take a look around you, Capricorn. What do you see? Nothing, right? All is well with the world. Stop trying to stir up trouble where there isn't any.



January 20 – February 18
 Man, oh, man, is a loved one ticked off. You could comfort them, but consider this, Aquarius: Anger can be a great source of motivation. Leave them be.



February 19 – March 20
 Reality sets in for a senior, and you are left to pick up the pieces yet again. Relax, Pisces. This will be the last time. A game gets heated at home.

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- New ads placed at beginning of month only
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CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats welcomed Audrey into their cat-tery.



George

George: Well, what did you think of the Super Bowl?

Sadie: Didn't watch it.

George: How about you, Bobbie?

Bobbie: I watched the Puppy Bowl instead.

Audrey: I watched the Kitten Bowl. How about you, George?

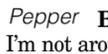
George: (inching toward Audrey) I watched all three, you know, flipping channels. But I would have rather watched you, Audrey.

Bobbie: Oh good grief. George, Audrey is still getting acclimated to her new home. Give her some space!

Pepper: Audrey is a little shy right now, but when she finds a human she likes, she is super snuggly.

Audrey: Well, I do like most all humans, but you're right, Pepper. I'm shy.

Pepper: That's to be expected, being in a new home.



Pepper

Bobbie: George, now that I'm the new office cat, I'm not around to keep an eye on you. Pepper, you make certain George gives Audrey some time to feel comfortable.

Audrey: Aw, that's okay, Bobbie. He's harmless.

George: That's right. Audrey, would you like to dine with me tonight?

Pepper: George...

George: Pepper, you're being pretty assertive now.

Pepper: Well, maybe. I'm just very comfortable here, with cats and humans.

Bobbie: As long as everything is under control here, I'm heading back out to the office. Gotta keep an eye out for visiting potential forever families.

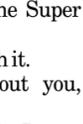
Pepper: Please be on the lookout for mine!

George: And mine too, please.

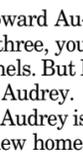
Bobbie: I'm watching out for all of you. We all need forever homes.

Will Audrey come out of her shell? Will Pepper be a good chaperone? Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of Days of our Nine Lives each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Hwy 243 on Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 10-2, or by appointment M - F by calling 951-659-1122. Check us out online at: www.IdyllwildArf.com

In memory of In Memory of Mattie, Spencer & Chelsea.



Bobbie



Audrey

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. Event charges may apply.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Creative Writing Faculty Reading, 7:30 p.m. Fireside Room, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, Feb. 9

- Joseph Campbell video, "Between Pairs of Opposites: Thomas Mann and The Magic Mountain," 10 a.m.-noon. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Home-schoolers Art Class, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, Feb. 10

- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Corks & Color," Adult Coloring Book Happy Hour, 4-7 p.m.; Luca Jacaruso (jazz and R&B keyboard), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, Feb. 11

- "Fluid," Visiting Artist Exhibition, noon-4 p.m. p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Miles Thomas (soft & pop rock guitar), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Sons of Soboba board game, win two Harleys, 4-9 p.m.; Meet Ryan Hurst. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Sunday, Feb. 12

- Inspirational Movie Matinee, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center.
- Sons of Soboba board game, 4-9 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Monday, Feb. 13

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Hibernating Animals," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Fluid," Visiting Artist Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

- "Fluid," Visiting Artist Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts. Music Department Concert, 7:30-8:30 p.m. TBA, Idyllwild Arts.
- An Evening in Casablanca Casino Night, St. Hugh's Episcopal Church & Temple Har Shalom, 5:30 p.m. Rainbow Inn.
- "Shakespeare's Take on

Wednesday, Feb. 15

- "Fluid," Visiting Artist Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Fireside Book Club, Jennifer Chiaverini's "Spymistress," 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, Feb. 16

- Joseph Campbell video, "Into the Well of Myth: The Joseph Novels and Modern Myth," 10 a.m.-noon. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- "Fluid," Visiting Artist Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Mahjong Club, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, Feb. 17

- "Fluid," Visiting Artist Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Symposium, Art in Society: "The Fluidity of Gender," 2 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Corks & Color," Adult Coloring Book Happy Hour, 4-7 p.m.; Sandii Castleberry (soft rock & folk guitar), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, Feb. 18

- "Fluid," Visiting Artist Exhibition, noon-4 p.m. p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Orchestra Concert Black History, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Sons of Soboba board game, 4-9 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- Willy B (classic rock guitar), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Sunday, Feb. 19

- Inspirational Movie Matinee, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center.
- Sons of Soboba board game, 4-9 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Monday, Feb. 20

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Snow Happy," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Fluid," Visiting Artist Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

- "Fluid," Visiting Artist Exhibition, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Jazz Voice Student Recital, Diana Shayekina, Maya Krauss, Tongxiang Luan, Zhu Jun Xiao, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Teen "Steam" event, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Jazz night, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.



Every one of the 160 severely handicapped students from the Hemet and San Jacinto School districts had a special day at the Super Kids Bowl. Held this year at West Valley High School on Friday, Feb. 3, Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer coordinates the annual event. After running through the banner that said, "You can do it," each participant scored a touchdown with the help of the West Valley football team, followed by cheers, a photo op with cheerleaders and a rousing welcome by the pep band.

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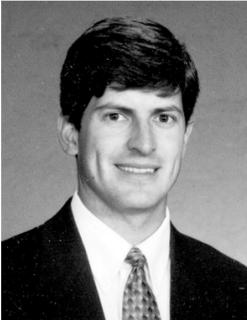
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