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School district and teachers can't agree on salary structure
Other issues moving forward

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On March 29, the Hemet Unified School District announced that the district and the Hemet Teachers Association had reached an impasse in their negotiations of staff salaries.

The next step, which the district said may occur in early May, is mediation.

The difference between the HTA request and the HUSD proposal has not been released.

"The parties have agreed on a mediator to assist the parties in the coming months. The district is hopeful that we will be able to complete negotiations during mediation,"

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Here, **Ron Draper** (left) reminisces with **Fred Mulholland**. On March 30, Idyllwild's American Legion Post 800 hosted a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

PHOTO BY ALAN BELANGER

Water conservation required in the home now

Low-flow fixtures are state requirement

By JP Crumrine
News Editor

A seven-year old law went into effect on Jan. 1, 2017. Senate Bill 407, enacted in October 2009, requires residential and commercial property built before Jan. 1, 1994, to ensure plumbing fixtures conserve water.

Residential properties, single and multiple family properties, need to be in compliance by Jan. 1, 2017. The requirement applies now, and is independent of when or if the property is sold.

Current law already requires that all noncompliant fixtures be replaced as a condition of issuance of a certificate of final approval of any building alterations or improvements to single family residential real property.

When these properties

are sold, the seller must disclose and specify to the buyer the plumbing fixtures and whether they have been replaced to meet the new requirements.

The requirement is disclosure of whether plumbing fixtures meet or exceed the water conserving standard. Neither agents nor brokers are required to ensure that the sellers and buyers install the required conservation equipment.

Local real estate broker Marge Muir said at least two potential sales have

Noncompliant plumbing fixture, according to Cal Civil code 1101.3

- 1) Any toilet manufactured to use more than 1.6 gallons of water per flush.
- 2) Any urinal manufactured to use more than one gallon of water per flush.
- 3) Any showerhead manufactured to have a flow capacity of more than 2.5 gallons of water per minute.
- 4) Any interior faucet that emits more than 2.2 gallons of water per minute.

failed once the disclosure was made to the buyers.

Noncompliant fixtures, which must be disclosed, are defined in the act and

listed in the accompanying box.

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Defense for Pinyon homicide defendant challenges legality of search and wiretaps

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The defense counsels for Cristin Conrad Smith, 28, and Robert Pape, 28, both charged with a 2006 triple homicide, have taken different approaches.

John Patrick Dolan, Smith's attorney, has filed extensive motions to quash warrants, suppress evidence and dismiss charges against Smith. These motions were filed last month in preparation for the April 28 trial readiness conference.

Dolan argued in his motions that "... there was no reasonable or probable cause to commit the defendant on the charges of violation of counts 1-3."

Counts 1 to 3 are the charges for the murders of Jon Hayward, Vicki Friedli and Vicki's daughter Becky, which occurred on Sept. 17, 2006, in Pinyon Pines. Becky's body was found burning in a wheelbarrow outside the house. The other bodies were found inside the burning home.

Pape, Becky's former boyfriend, and Smith were first charged for the murders in 2014, but they were subsequently dismissed. In June 2016, District Attorney Michael Hestrin refilled the charges based on better forensic evidence — DNA testing and analysis of cell-tower signals to Pape's and Smith's cell phones — and the revelation of a confidential informant.

Dolan's motions dispute and attack the merit of the "new" evidence. The lack of actual new evidence would not justify the phone taps placed on Smith, he said.

Further, Dolan argues that, regardless of no statute of limitations on a homicide, the District Attorney's office filing of charges 10 years later is a violation of Smith's constitutional right to a speedy trial.

One year after the homicide in September and October 2007, Riverside County investigators filed for a search warrant for the defendants' homes and wiretap on their cell phones.

One of Dolan's points about the legitimacy of the search warrant is that it was not executed

shortly after the crime. By 2007, both men were living in different locations.

In 2006, Smith was living with his parents, one year later he was living with his girlfriend.

"Mere suspicion is not enough to support probable cause" for the warrants, Dolan argues. The 4th Amendment protects citizens from unreasonable searches or seizures.

A wiretap again was requested in 2012, after an anonymous caller in 2011 reported that someone told him that Pape was involved in a murder and arson. The caller, later identified as Jeremy Todd Witt, said he overheard a conversation in 2007 about it between

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Idyllwild Fire budget in good shape

Promotions highlight meeting

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Through February — or two-thirds — of the current fiscal year, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District budget is in good condition, according to Commissioner Jerry Buchanan, chair of the Finance Committee.

After the first eight months of the fiscal year, which ends June 30, revenues of \$1.4 million exceed expenditures by more than \$130,000. The May and June property tax receipts are still to be received.

Salaries and benefits are the largest expense. Since July 1, the regular overtime (excluding overtime attributable to mutual aid) of the one battalion chief has been \$37,000, 60 percent more than the combined regular overtime for all of the other staff — firefighters, engineers and captains.

During his report, Fire Chief Patrick Reitz reported that engine 621 has needed major repairs again.

The estimated cost is \$13,000.

Buchanan expects to present the budget for next fiscal year (2017-18) for approval at the June commission meeting and final approval in July.

The highlight of the March meeting was the announcement of three promotions and the pinning ceremony. The new third captain is Adam Rodriguez. Two firefighters — Bob Clark and Jim LaMont were promoted to engineers.

Reitz said these promotions were not based on time-in-grade. “They worked for these promotions, including hours of training and certified testing, not once but twice.” The commission unanimously approved the promotions.

However, another captain’s vacancy will occur in May when Jack Peckham retires, Reitz announced.

The district has been authorized to offer training courses for the National Wildlife Coordinating Group, announced Battalion Chief Mark LaMont. He has taught several of these courses at the Forest

Service’s Danny Rhynes Training Center in San Bernardino.

In response to a question from Buchanan, LaMont said local inspections will begin April 15 this year. “We intend to do 100 percent. Last year we got to just about 90 percent,” he added.

In other commission action, the contract with its current auditors, Fedak and Brown of Riverside, was extended for two more years. Also, the contract with Complete Billing and Data Management, the medical billing firm, was modified in response to changes in the Medicare billing process. The government is now requiring electronic billing, which requires using a clearing or processing hub that charges a monthly fee.

The CBD contract fee was increased from 14 percent of billings to 14.5 percent to cover this new expense. Lamont estimated that the increase would generate about another \$266 monthly for CBD and the fee is about \$250 per month.



New engineer **James LaMont** receives his shield from wife **Mary**. Fire Chief **Patrick Reitz** (background) announced the promotions at the district’s March 28 commission meeting.



The newest captain for the Idyllwild Fire Department, **Adam Rodriguez**, awaits the pinning of his new shield from his wife, **Jennifer**, during the promotion ceremony at the March 28 commission meeting.



Idyllwild Fire volunteer **Wayne Clark** proudly pins the engineer shield to the chest of his son **Bob Clark**, who was promoted at the March 28 meeting.

PHOTOS BY JP CRUMRINE

Teachers

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according to the HUSD press release.

The district stressed that an impasse is a disagreement about an issue. It does not reflect the overall tenor of the negotiations or the attitudes

of the parties. “Mediation does not necessarily mean that personal relationships among the teams have broken down. In fact, the overall tenor of negotiations has been professional and collaborative.”

Indication of the general mutual agreement on issues is reflected in

the agenda for the HUSD Board of Trustees meeting scheduled for next Tuesday, April 11.

On the agenda are four memoranda of agreements between the district and the association. These address the following issues:

class sizes for the current school year, the teachers’

schedule at Alessandro High School for the next two school years, staffing for special education, and agreement on late start and early release days for administrative meetings for the next two years.

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Sunday 4/9

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Monday 4/10

55/34

Sunny.

Tuesday 4/11

66/36

Sunny.

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Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
03/28	61	29	0.00	0.0	
03/29	68	34	0.00	0.0	
03/30	59	39	0.00	0.0	
03/31	66	31	0.00	0.0	
04/01	64	33	0.00	0.0	
04/02	66	37	0.00	0.0	
04/03	x	x	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
03/28	46	36	0.01	0.0	
03/29	41	30	0.11	0.0	
03/30	44	24	0.06	0.0	
03/31	55	27	0.02	0.0	
04/01	63	33	0.00	0.0	
04/02	69	35	0.00	0.0	
04/03	70	36	0.00	0.0	

Moisture in inches			
To date this season (Idy):	28.43	To date last season (Idy):	23.08
Total last season (Idy):	25.96	To date this season (PC):	36.97
Total last season (PC):	25.16		

Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	31.3
To date last season (Idy):	17.5
Total last season (Idy):	17.5
To date this season (PC):	60.8
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.



It was a clear and beautiful day Tuesday in town. The local Four Seasons Nursery on Highway 243 had opened the week before as Hill folk were ready to get back out in their gardens. PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

County reports on the health of Inland Empire transgender community

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Last week, the Riverside County Department of Public Health released its first-ever report on the transgender community in the county.

The report is a follow-up from the 2014 report from the Riverside University Health System on the health and wellness of the county's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

This report highlighted the deficit of data on the health needs of the local transgender population. In response to this lack of data, RUHS PH agreed to provide technical assistance to transgender community groups for the creation, distribution, analysis and final report of a comprehensive transgender needs assessment survey.

The report is based on surveys of 90 individuals from both Riverside (72 percent) and San Bernardino (28 percent) counties.

The authors define transgender as ... "An umbrella term used to describe people who identify with or express a gender different from the gender assigned to them at birth."

The report's key findings estimated this population approaches 27,000 individuals in the Inland Empire. While they tended to have a higher education level than the general population, their income level tended to be lower. This partially related to a higher percentage of the respondents being younger than the Inland population and many still students.

More than 90 percent had some form of health insurance. But many felt it was difficult finding a physician or mental health professional who had sufficient knowledge or experience with issues that concern this community.

Their mental and emotional profiles were perilous. More than half had experienced some form of physical or emotional abuse from a partner or someone else close to them. This included verbal abuse at work, or being bullied or harassed while students. A fifth of the respondents had been "kicked out of their family home."

"Perceptions of discrimination and whether one can access quality health services have been shown to not only affect whether and how individuals seek medical care and interact with medical professionals, but affect health outcomes as well," wrote the report's authors.

The survey respondents considered mental health and general health services as the two most important needs.

Nearly 40 percent reported employment discrimination, such as harassment, denial of promotions or being fired.

Nearly two-thirds had reported having depression or an anxiety disorder. And three-quarters of the interviewed "indicated that they had seriously considered committing suicide."

The report concluded with this recommendation: "This report can be used by local agencies seeking funding and as a tool for health care organizations to assist them in understanding how they can be a resource for this underserved population."

The survey was open from May 1, 2015, to Aug. 1, 2015. The survey contained 78 questions over 10 subject areas covering demographics, self identity, housing, transportation, discrimination and bias, physical and emotional health, health care access, tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, school, police and the justice system, intimate partner violence, available services and social support.

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Two hit-and-run incidents on Hill roads last week

One involved suspected DUI and fleeing the scene

Two hit and run incidents took place on Hill roads last week. Both reports come from California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Darren Meyer's reading of the narrative from the responding CHP officer.

One involved suspected driving under the influence and then fleeing the scene after causing injury to another motorist.

It occurred at 11:20 p.m. Friday, March 31, on Highway 243 a half-mile north of Franklin Drive. Pamela Allen, 64, of Idyllwild, was driving her white 2008 Buick Enclave north on 243. At the same time, Julia Romero, 17, also of Idyllwild, was approaching in the southbound lane in her 2012 Hyundai Elantra.

According to the CHP report, Allen, while trying to negotiate a right-hand curve, drifted across the double-yellow line into the opposing lane of traffic and crashed head-on into Romero's vehicle.

According to a witness, Allen got out of her vehicle and began leaving the scene of the collision on foot, walking along the shoulder of the highway in a northbound direction. Romero remained on the scene unable to leave because of the extent of her injuries. According to the CHP report, Romero had suffered two broken legs, broken ribs and a punctured lung in the collision.

Allen was found by a CHP officer about a half-mile north of the collision at the intersection with Alpine Way in Pine Cove and returned to the scene. According to the report, "Based on best physical evidence, Allen was found to be the driver at the time of the crash. She failed a field sobriety test and was arrested. Allen was then transported to San Geronio Memorial Hospital in Banning and treated for lacerations to an eye and back pain."

Allen was booked and incarcerated on three felony charges — driving under the influence with blood alcohol over the legal limit of 0.08 milligram percent causing bodily injury to another, and hit and run from an incident with injuries. Bail was set at \$75,000 and Allen was able to post bail and be released. Romero was airlifted by Mercy Air to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs.

A hearing in the case has been set for May 17.

Another incident occurred earlier in the day at 12:40 p.m. Friday March 31. Stephen Schaefer, 64, of Fresno was driving his red 2017 Tesla eastbound on Highway 74 near mile marker 82, near the juncture with Carizo Road. At the same time, a tan Ford 150 truck tried to pass Schaefer's vehicle, cut back in too soon and side-swiped Schaefer's car, causing moderate damage, according to the report. The Ford continued on without stopping. The vehicle, according to plate ID, is registered in Palm Desert.

Schaefer was not injured.

Governor and Legislature propose road repairs

New vehicle, gas fees cover costs

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On Wednesday, March 29, Gov. Jerry Brown, along with Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, jointly announced a legislative proposal to repair and maintain California's extensive road system.

Vehicle user-related taxes would generate about \$52 million annually, earmarked for fixing roads, highways and bridges throughout the state.

Brown has been championing this need for several years. At the announcement, he compared the need to repair the state's transportation system as long over due and no different than a homeowner repairing the roof of the house.

"This is a milestone. For a long time, the state has not been doing what it has to," Brown said. "We know there is a need. It's recognized in Washington and here."

Later he added, "Yes, it costs money fixing what we already have and doing what we have to do."

The proposal drafts several revenue sources, including a 12-cent increase on the current gasoline excise tax, which has not increased in 23 years. Other sources include a 20-cent increase on the diesel excise tax and 5.75-percent increase in diesel sales tax.

Beginning in 2020, an annual \$100 fee will be assessed on zero-emission vehicles. The argument is these vehicles use the road system, too, and their owners should share the cost of repairing it.

Brown defended the funding mechanism vehemently. "Pay-as-you-go" is the usual way to do it, not borrow, which puts the burden on later generations. Those who benefit pay," he stated strongly. "It's not perfect, but nothing is and this is long overdue."

The funds will be allocated to fix local streets and transportation infrastructure, including potholes, public transportation, and improvements to walking and biking corridors.

State highways and transportation infrastructure would receive about \$50 billion annually. These funds would be dedicated to repairing highways, bridges and cul-

verts, and reducing congestion on major commuter paths.

The legislation also proposes a constitutional amendment to ensure the new revenue goes solely for transportation projects and not for other uses.

"For decades, our transportation has been getting worse. Our roads suck," Rendon said.

Both the Senate and Assembly leaders expect the measure to be voted on by Thursday, April 6. Both the Senate and Assembly held hearings on the bill Monday.

However, the response to the proposal was not universal concurrence. Local Sen. Jeff Stone, who agreed that "California's roads and bridges are in terrible shape," said in a press release, "Former Governor Gray Davis was recalled for increasing the car tax, and now, adding insult to injury, Democrats want to increase the gas tax motorists pay, which is already among the highest in the nation."

"This so-called plan is the latest assault on working-class people the Democrats claim to represent and will make many hard-working Californians, including our seniors, choose between food and gas or medicine and gas."

And Executive Director Tom Scott of the National Federation of Independent Business said in a release, "NFIB is firmly opposed to this package of transportation tax increases, which includes the highest gas tax increase in California history. While we can all agree there is a dire need to invest in our roads and infrastructure, Californians already pay billions in taxes every year to fund these repairs. Sacramento already has the money to fix our roads ... This is unacceptable."

But many municipal leaders and representatives of several business groups are supportive of the legislation. California Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Allan Zaremberg said, "Asking Californians to pay more is not something the Chamber of Commerce does lightly, or frequently. But in this case, it is the most prudent course of action."

"The basic principle that those who use the roads should help maintain them is one that was embraced by Ronald Reagan and George Deukmejian," he added. "President Reagan pushed for a hike in the federal gas tax and Gov. Deukmejian took similar action on the state level in 1990."

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Book share discussion group

A half-hour book conversation group is held from 7 to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the Idyllwild Library.

Anyone is welcome to share their latest good read, or share a long time favorite. This might be a good way to scout out new and interesting titles.

Grief support group meets

A grief support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Friday at Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship.

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OUT LOUD



We have a decades-long issue in the U.S. regarding search and rescues in outdoor areas. Who pays if you need to be rescued? You or the public?

Take the recent guy who slipped and fell while hiking in the wilderness last week. He thought he couldn't continue but he walked out without need for any medical attention. Nowhere in the report from the Sheriff's Department did it say he was lost.

Look who responded: Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit, National Forest Service rangers, Sheriff's Emergency Response Team, Riverside County Sheriff's Aviation Unit and the California Highway Patrol Aviation Unit. That's two helicopters with crews and three teams of rescuers.

A guy who walked out and didn't need need any medical attention.

That's going to cost the public a fortune, particularly Los Banos or Merced County where the guy is from.

According to California Government Code Section 26614.5:

"The county or city and county of residence of a person searched for or rescued by the sheriff under the authority of Section 26614 shall pay to the county or city and county conducting such search or rescue, in any case where the expenses thereof exceed one hundred dollars (\$100), all of the reasonable expenses in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) of such search or rescue within 30 days after the submission of a claim therefor by the county or city and county conducting the search or rescue and the county or city and county conducting the search or rescue shall bear the remaining expense."

In California, the public pays the bill when someone puts themselves in danger and requires search and rescue (SAR). The county, however may try to recover costs through a civil lawsuit if they can prove "gross negligence" by the rescued individual.

California tried to pass a law in 2014 that would allow a county to bill an individual for their rescue but the governor vetoed it because the language was too vague. He felt the counties might abuse their authority.

In some places in Europe, people must buy SAR insurance before going into the outdoors, because you are responsible if you are negligent.

Some states, like New Hampshire, have passed laws saying if you put yourself in danger requiring a search and rescue, you pay the bill to save your life.

This may seem fair, but raises some concerns. Some people needing rescue, knowing they're going to get a big bill, have not called for help or have hid from their rescuers. Maybe the European idea is the best. Just require people to buy SAR insurance. What do you think?

BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Radio club seeks help from town

The Mile High Radio Club is trying to improve WNKI 1610 AM station, Idyllwild emergency radio station, in the near future. WNKI has received some grant funding and MHRC has raised a fair amount of funds recently, too.

A condition of the grants is that MHRC record and document any form of improvements. It is asking for help from the community to tune into 1610 AM in and around the Idyllwild area.

Of most interest is the capability of WNKI to be heard on car radios north of Pine Cove, and east and west of Mountain Center. Providing field reports would be the best by describing the signal quality, time of day or night, and, more specifically, the locations, street and cross street as to when the signal was lost.

Share reports with Bill Tell at wtell@surfcity.net.

Chess club at the library

Dick Goldberg and friends started a chess club that meets every Friday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this event at the Idyllwild Library.

Journalism 101

EDITOR:

When I was in elementary school, we routinely turned in reports on current events as part of the social studies curriculum. To complete the assignments, we were taught to use the five Ws of journalism: Describe the who, what, where, when and why of the issue.

I'd forgotten all about that aspect of my youth until I read a short article on page B1 of the Town Crier's March 23 issue entitled "Local farmer's market resumes March 19."

Right off the bat, there's a glaring discrepancy in the "when" of the report because it uses the future tense to report on an event that had apparently already occurred. This confusing disparity was further amplified by the omission of the operating times and whether the farmer's market is (or was?) a one-time event, or will be on-going. And if so, for how long?

The article also leaves out the "where" of the happening. If the point of the piece is to drive potential customers to the market, they'll need to know where it is. I looked for a correction in the March 30 issue of the Town Crier but didn't find any (I apologize if it's there and I missed it).

In any event, I've read the Town Crier every week for the past 22 years and I would give most of the articles an 'A' and a few of them a 'B.' This one, however, missed two of the five Ws so it only gets a score of 60 percent.

Is that a 'D' or an 'F'? You decide.

STEVE CHADWICK
FERN VALLEY

Editor's note: We appreciate Mr. Chadwick's Journalism 101 advice and, of course, he is correct that key information was omitted in our article. We had tried calling Ms. Nunez a number of times to get that information but she did not respond.

When we did reach her recently, she apologized for not



getting back to us.

We wrote the article Mr. Chadwick referenced, even without facts we had been seeking, so as to call attention to her March 19 first Farmers' Market.

According to Nunez, whatever we wrote was enough for her to sell all but a few of her vendor slots. She thanked us for that.

Now for the details. The Farmer's Market is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays, in the parking lot in front of the Town Baker and runs (weather permitting) through the end of November. The produce vendor will return the second week in April is out because of illness, but the event includes live music.

Silence is not an option

EDITOR:

Trump is the issue, just as Nixon was the issue. Trump has a complete lack of respect for those fundamental rules and institutions on which our government is based, including the judiciary, the electoral system, the intelligence agencies, government workers, the Federal Reserve and journalists.

His utter disregard for the truth from the size of his inauguration to the bugging of Trump Towers by President Obama undermines the very idea of objective truth.

Which is worse, that he is dishonest intentionally or that he cannot tell the difference?

He is being investigated by both the House and Senate for colluding with a foreign government to influence his own election — an election he lost by 3 million votes.

It is the shared responsibility of each of us to help the United States achieve its goals of liberty and equality in our constitution and to remove from office any elected official who violates the constitution. (See www.latimes.com/projects/la-ed-our-dishonest-president/)

SUE NASH
IDYLLWILD



SPRINGTIME IN THE MOUNTAINS ...

Spring is presenting itself on our mountain after a very generous winter. Creeks are running and ground water tables are up, so perhaps our mixed-conifer forest will be able to fight off some of the various bark-beetle attacks.

Spring is the time to get back to the fire abatement measures that will protect your home or cabin from a wildland fire. With plentiful rain and snow, we get a plentiful annual grass crop, which is easily ignited and can cause a rapid rate of fire spread.

Also, there is the constant needle and leaf cast from our forest. A fire-resistant roof (cement shake, tile or composition) can be compromised by leaf litter and pine needles in roof valleys or rain gutters.

Unfortunately every year, somewhere in California, we see homes burn down. The cause was not the flames from a wildland fire, but that the burning embers land-

ing in flammable material on roofs and decks torched the structure.

The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council stands ready to help families get their abatement done and comply with Public Resources Code 4291 (State of California fire abatement standards). We are a 501(c)(3), a nonprofit organization. We have two paid members: Executive Director Edwina Scott and Project Manager Pat Boss. Our nine-member Board of Directors is all volunteer, as is our working group, the Woodies (19 members).

MCFSC is funded through grants from the U.S. Forest Service, Cal Fire and Riverside County Fire, and donations from the public and civic groups. The grants are 65/35 grants so the home owner only pays 35 percent of the total abatement cost. One hundred percent of the grant monies go to contractors who do the actual abatement. The homeowners' 35 percent and the public donations go to public education (quarterly newsletter and public functions) and the operating costs of the MCFSC.

On behalf of the MCFSC, thank you to all those who had their wood-shake shingle roofs replaced with fire-resistant materials through the FEMA grant managed by MCFSC and Riverside County OES. "Hardening" of your buildings keeps them safer and helps to protect the community at large.

The annual grass crop mentioned above is curing at the bottom of the Hill already and soon will be cured up here. Let us all contribute to a large pile of green waste at the transfer station. A phone call to us at 951-659-6208 will get you started.

Grants for groups visiting

Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks are presenting a mini-grant field program.

Eligible educational groups will receive grants to help offset the costs of visiting the Idyllwild Nature Center.

Formal and non-formal educators, schools, youth organizations, adult continuing education programs, scout groups and community outreach groups are eligible.

For more information and to apply, contact Park Interpreter Amanda Allen at AmaAllen@rivcoparks.org or 951-659-3850.

19th century California trademarks

California Secretary of State Alex Padilla announced the release of nearly 4,000 digitized California trademark images and applications filed with the secretary of state between 1861 and 1900. These images and documents are the largest digital collection ever assembled by the State Archives, a division of the secretary of state's office.

"This is our history and it should be shared," said Padilla. "I encourage Californians to explore these images, which for the first time are easily accessible to the public online."

The collection may be viewed at www.sos.ca.gov/archives/trademarks.

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.

For the record ...

Neither the Town Crier nor Idyllwild House Publishing Co. Ltd. has ever published Idyllwild Living magazine or Destination Idyllwild. Neither IHP nor the Town Crier bears any responsibility whatsoever for anything having to do with those publications. Jay Pentrack and Dolores Sizer have not been employed by IHP for more than a year. Please do not confront Town Crier employees with any concerns you may have regarding Pentrack's publications.

In April, IHP and the Town Crier will publish our annual **Spring-Summer issues** of the **Explore Idyllwild Directory** and **Explore Idyllwild Map**. A record-high **35,000** copies of the Explore Idyllwild Directory will be printed for distribution in Idyllwild, Palm Springs, Palm Desert, San Diego, Temecula and other Southern California locations.

Please contact Lisa Streeter at 951-659-2145 to place an ad for your business in our two Explore Idyllwild publications. The ad deadline date is March 17, with March 10 being the deadline for the prepaid ad discount.



DISTRIBUTION

More than 5,600 copies are printed, distributed and re-distributed each week. Call Jack at 951-659-2145 for details as to our more than 60 free distribution locations at businesses and organizations on the Hill.

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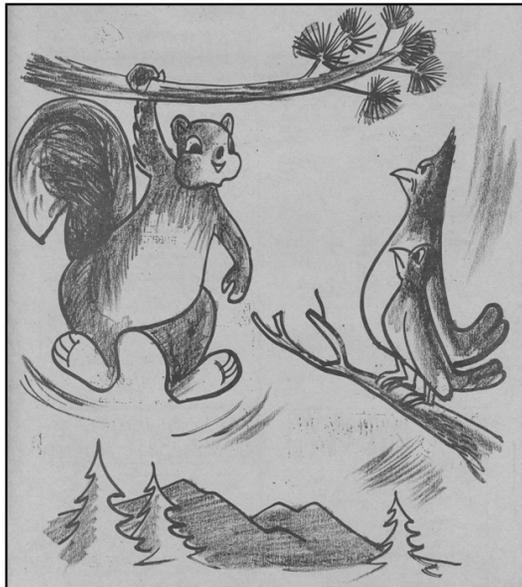
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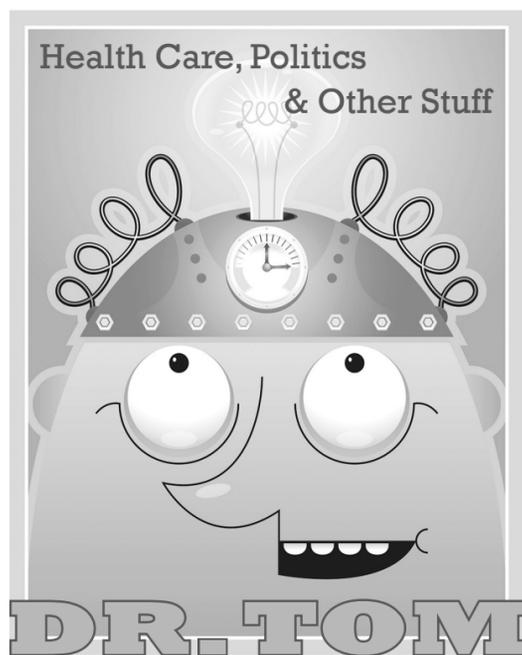
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An original Ernie Maxwell front page from the TC, April 4, 1952, in honor of the Town Crier's 70th anniversary this year.



A Brief History of the U.S. Government and Healthcare, Part I...

You will probably be surprised to learn that the first U.S. president to propose any form of government-sponsored healthcare was a Republican. OK, technically a former Republican.

Teddy Roosevelt served as our 26th president from 1901 to 1909, after which his hand-picked successor, William Howard Taft, was elected. Returning from a safari and European tour, Roosevelt found himself unimpressed with Taft's performance and sought the Republican nomination in 1912. Rebuffed, he founded the Progressive Party, which included in its platform the provision of limited health insurance to low-wage earners. (Sorry, I know this is upsetting to modern Republicans, but it is true; look it up. You can take some solace in the Progressive Party's alias: The Bull Moose Party).

At the time, labor unions and insurance companies opposed the healthcare provision but — isn't history full of surprises? — it was supported by the American Medical Association.

Anyway, Teddy ended up splitting the 1912 ticket, giving the win to Woodrow Wilson and the Democrats who would become the Southern Democrats; the Republicans stuck with Taft and others who eventually gave birth to our modern Republican Party.

Medical care continued to generate considerable discussion, with the Committee on the Cost of Medical Care, formed by a group of philanthropic organizations, issuing 26 volumes of research and 15 smaller reports between 1926 and 1932. The AMA finally woke up, calling one of the committee's reports "a radical document that advocated socialized medicine," saying it was an "incitement to revolution." Of course, at the time, "socialism" and "communism" were pretty much interchangeable and carried a much worse connotation than today's Bernie supporters would accept.

In the meantime, a group of school teachers in Dallas contracted with Baylor Hospital in Dallas to provide specific health services at a predetermined monthly cost, the forerunner of Blue Cross plans.

A lot was happening elsewhere in the mid part of the 20th century but healthcare reformers kept trying, introducing the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill in 1943 that called for compulsory national health insurance paid for

Drop & Shop reuse stores open

The Riverside County Department of Waste Resources will make good, reusable household products available for free to residents and businesses through the new Drop & Shop stores at the Lamb Canyon Landfill in Beaumont and Badlands Landfill in Moreno Valley.

Many products collected through the Household Hazardous Waste Collection program are in good or unused condition and can be reused instead of processed for disposal. The Drop & Shop program is open from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays at both landfills.

Shoppers may take home used household, yard- and car-care products for free. Availability varies but may include: paint, cleaners, pool-, spa-, lawn-care and automotive products.

Residents also may drop off common wastes like antifreeze, batteries, paint and used motor oil, and shop for free products at the same location. The program is funded by a grant from the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

Walk a dog for ARF

Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild is seeking a few kind-hearted individuals to donate only one hour on a Saturday or Sunday to walk dogs for adoption in town. The dogs have "adopt me" leashes so people out and about know they are looking for forever homes.

This is an easy way for community members to help a nonprofit while getting a little exercise and building some good karma. If interested, call ARF at 951-659-1122.

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County launches request for participants to build multibillion dollar fiber-optic network countywide

Editor's note: This is from a Riverside County press release.

On Monday, Riverside County issued a call for private-sector partners interested in developing the nation's largest broadband network, a project that would stimulate economic growth, improve healthcare capabilities, expand educational opportunities, and make high-speed networks available to all residents and businesses countywide.

The RIVCOconnect Broadband Initiative is a \$2 billion to \$4 billion public-private partnership with the goal of building a gigabit fiber network. This project marks the first time in the nation a regional public/private partnership has worked to deploy fiber optic infrastructure on such a large scale in partnership with multiple local governments.

The project does not rely on taxpayer dollars, and the county and its cities are not seeking to own or operate this fiber network. Rather, RIVCOconnect is designed to facilitate the private sector's deployment of a fiber network. It will interest network providers because, over time, they already will need to build fiber infrastructure themselves to reach and serve customers. The public/private partnership is attractive because a network of municipal partners could make construction and deployment far less expensive.

In the request, the county is seeking participants interested in building the gigabit network. Responses are due Aug. 15, and a telecommunications partner or partners will be selected in the fall to build out the gigabit fiber network.

The county's 7,200 square miles contain nearly one million homes, apartments, businesses and institutions that need high-speed internet access. Broadband grows more important daily because vast amounts of data must be transmitted quickly and efficiently to support hospitals and medical offices, school systems, businesses and other needs. Businesses and service providers com-

monly locate their operations in areas where high-speed broadband is readily available, unlike in the Riverside County region. If the initiative can deploy gigabit service, the county and its partners could offer businesses worldwide, affordable, high-speed internet access, a lower cost-of-living than much of urbanized California, and access to a large local labor pool.

Collaborating local jurisdictions — the county, its 28 cities and participating tribal nations — have adopted a common resolution to support the effort. Each partner has agreed to streamline and expedite often cumbersome permitting processes.

Among the ideas are "dig-once" policies that allow fiber conduits to be installed whenever a roadway is opened for construction and coordinating activities countywide through a single point of contact. Those ideas and others could help eliminate hurdles that could amount to as much as 30 percent of construction costs, potentially saving hundreds of millions of dollars on such a project.

A gigabit network can stream high-definition video content with little to no delays, enabling smoother use of Facetime, Skype, Facebook, Google and other streaming services without poor video quality, buffering or disconnection due to unavailable bandwidth. Gigabit Internet is the next generation of broadband technology and it is 159 times faster than the global broadband average of 6.3 Mbps.

A significant part of the RIVCOconnect broadband plan involves working with the selected broadband partner, and with other organizations in the county, in an effort to close the Digital Divide. It has been a county priority to enable residents to participate fully in the economy. Beyond that goal, a gigabit network also benefits broadband providers because it creates new market opportunities.

For a copy of the request for proposal, and more information about the project, visit www.rivcoconnect.org.

with a payroll tax. Introduced yearly for 14 years, it never passed.

Something else happened in 1943, though, that would have far-reaching effects. A war-time wage freeze was in place at the time but the War Labor Board ruled that fringe benefits, including health insurance, were not covered by the freeze. Coming on the heel of the Revenue Act of 1939, which made health insurance an employee tax exclusion, this ruling wedded health insurance to employment in what has become the longest-lasting marriage on record.

Despite efforts by Roosevelt, Truman and others, it took until the 1960s to seriously consider a national program. It didn't happen without a fight, though, and the AMA was right there leading the charge, protecting the freedom of the American people without regard to the pocketbooks of doctors. They even hired a television actor with a mellifluous voice to record an LP (something you played on a turntable) in which he said he feared he would be telling his children in his "sunset years what it once was like in America when men were free."

The efforts of Ronald Reagan failed, however, and Medicare was passed and signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965.

Next time: From President Nixon's proposal of an affordable care act to the real Affordable Care Act and beyond.

Please come: April 8 has been designated a National Day of Action for Improved Medicare for All and we will celebrate it with a Healthcare Forum at the Library starting at 2:15 p.m. Bring your thoughts and facts so we can all become more informed citizens.

Dr. Kluzak, an Idyllwild resident, is board certified in Anatomic Pathology, Obstetrics and Gynecology. He also is a freelance photographer for the Town Crier.

Tax day this year is April 18

People have until Tuesday, April 18, to file their 2016 returns and pay any taxes due. The deadline is later this year due to several factors. The usual April 15 deadline falls on Saturday this year, which would normally give taxpayers until at least the following Monday.

However, Emancipation Day, a D.C. holiday, is observed on Monday, April 17, giving taxpayers nationwide another day to file. By law, D.C. holidays impact tax deadlines for everyone in the same way federal holidays do. Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Monday, Oct. 16, 2017, to file.

Soroptimists ask for donations

Soroptimist International of Idyllwild (www.soroptimist.org) is encouraging the community to collect regular size soap, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant and lotion. Collected items will support the Soroptimists in assisting the Idyllwild HELP Center, which currently serves the needs of more than 600 people in our mountain community.

In addition to these basic needs, as sponsors of the "Soroptimist Women's Cabinet" located at the HELP Center, local Soroptimists also emphasize that donations of feminine products, including sanitary napkins, tampons, razors and panty liners, as well as toilet paper, are desperately needed. Contact Theresa Teel at thursa@gmail.com or Karen Doshier at 951-452-4599 to donate items mentioned.

So You Think You Know the Hill?

BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE



April Fools!! I was curious about the responses I'd get. I figured some folk would skip it thinking that I'd get 50 responses, so what would be their chances of getting pulled from the hat? And I thought others would bet everybody else will think that way so there would be only a few entries, so they'd enter after all. Instead, it appears most entrants just played it straight, telling me the name of the intersection and mentioning that it was at the entrance to Camp Emerson. Oh, well, I thought it'd be worth a chuckle, but maybe not. Anyway, 11 entries — including one from a newcomer — got it right: **Rochelle Ainsworth, Maurie Bousquet, David Curl, David Hunt, Marsha Kennedy, Harris Kight-Moore, Kris Kirschbaum, Larry and Shirley Kribs, Grace Manues, Colleen and Jim Mettler and Chris Morse** — all of you in the first half of the alphabet.

Mandy Johnson pulled **David Hunt's** name from the hat, so, Dave, please come pick up your \$25 Visa gift card — generously donated by **June Rockwells** of **JoAn's Restaurant & Bar** — prize at the **Town Crier** office within the required 30 days. You're all gonna hafta look harder for this week's photo. And welcome, Harris.

And, everybody, thanks for using email to enter the contest, if you can. Emails don't get lost easily like little slips of paper.

One entry per household. Contest deadline: Monday noon. Not a race — correct entries go into a hat for a drawing. Full contest rules and guidelines available at the Town Crier office.

Website devoted to scams

The Federal Trade Commission has a website designed to get people talking about scams such as identity theft, imposter scams, charity fraud, health-care scams, paying too much, "you've won" scams and campaign materials.

The information may be found at www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0030-pass-it-on?utm_source=govdelivery.



For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page A6. Submit listings and changes to becky@towncrier.com.

Wednesday, April 5

- 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.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 9 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr.
- Garner Valley Women's Group, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
- Cardiac Cath Lab dedication, 11:30 a.m. Hemet Valley Medical Center, corner of Florida and San Jacinto avenues, Hemet.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- American Legion Post 800 Auxiliary board, 5 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View 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, April 6

- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; 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 Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 951-852-2306 for more information.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Friday, April 7

- 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, April 8

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Healthcare Forum, 2:15-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Sunday, April 9

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 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.

Monday, April 10

- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Chronic Pain/Illness Community Support Group, 4-5:30 p.m. Hill House, Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Tuesday, April 11

- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive. Call 659-6208 for information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- 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.
- Fit After 50 Exercise, 1:30-2:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Wednesday, April 12

- 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- CSA 36 meeting, 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.

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, March 26 to April 1.

Idyllwild

- March 27 — Two alarm calls, Upper Rim Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- March 27 — Alarm call, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- March 28 — Petty theft, West Ridge Rd. Report taken.
- March 28 — Suspicious circumstance, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- March 28 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 29 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 30 — Two alarm calls, Indian Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- March 30 — Civil dispute, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 30 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 30 — Alarm call,

Ridgeview Dr. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- March 29 — Public intoxication, 53000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- April 1 — Noise complaint, McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- March 26 — Public disturbance, Laurel Trl. Handled by deputy.
- March 27 — 911 call, Walters Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 29 — Alarm call, Marian Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 31 — Barking dog, Sylvan Wy. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows/Garner Valley

- March 29 — Vehicle theft, Courtesy Dr. Report taken.
- March 31 — Alarm call, Hop Patch Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- March 29 — Brandishing a weapon, Lynx St. Report taken.
- March 31 — Vehicle theft, Ellis Dr. Report taken.

Hiker rescued after fall

Crews rescued a hiker who had fallen in the wilderness last Thursday.

Sgt. Joel D. Wilson of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department reported that at 10:37 a.m. Thursday, March 30, Cabazon Station deputies responded to Black Mountain Trail and Highway 243 regarding a hiker stranded in the Mt. San Jacinto Wilderness area.

The hiker was identified as, Robert Duncan, 33, of Los Banos in Merced County. Duncan reported he had slipped and fallen, and did not believe he could continue.

Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit, National Forest Service Rangers, Sheriff's Emergency Response Team, Riverside County Sheriff's Aviation Unit and the California Highway Patrol Aviation Unit were summoned to assist in the rescue.

Riverside County Aviation Unit was able to locate Duncan, although neither the Riverside County Aviation Unit nor CHP Aviation Unit were able to hoist Duncan out due to high winds.

RMRU was able to respond to Duncan's location and hike him out to safety. Duncan did not suffer any injuries and did not require medical attention.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department would like to remind hiking enthusiasts to carry proper equipment for any outdoor excursions. Proper preparation includes a well-thought-out travel plan shared with friends and family, as well as familiarity with common hiking equipment, such as GPS, maps and compasses.

RMRU offers several helpful, lifesaving tips at its website (www.rmrु.org).

Dirt biker lifted off Thomas Mountain

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Sunday afternoon at about 4, Cal Fire firefighters responded to an emergency call concerning an injured dirt biker near Thomas Mountain.

With assistance from the San Bernardino National Forest's San Jacinto Ranger District firefighters, the responders located the biker in a remote area. Cal Fire Helicopter 301 was summoned to hoist the individual out of the area.

The copter crew transported the victim, with moderate injuries, to a local hospital. He was not identified.

Gutierrez pleads guilty after rifle evidence dismissed

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Arrested in July 2015, Frank Gutierrez pleaded guilty to two felonies and two misdemeanor charges and admitted to several prior convictions. Judge Ronald Taylor has scheduled sentencing for May 5.

Gutierrez of Idyllwild was arrested when Riverside City police, in cooperation with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, arrested Lisa Marie Brown, 40, of Riverside, for hit and run, vehicular manslaughter and possession for sales of methamphetamine. The arrests were made in Idyllwild.

Gutierrez, 67, was charged for various drug-related felonies and prior convictions. His arrest appeared to be a byproduct of Brown's arrest, who later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six years in state prison.

On March 30, the court and prosecution were ready to proceed to a jury trial for Gutierrez. But his counsel had filed a motion to suppress some evidence, which he claimed was illegally obtained.

The court agreed to exclude a rifle. And the prosecution moved to dismiss the charge of receiving stolen property.

Gutierrez then pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of a firearm and marijuana.

Until sentencing, Gutierrez remains in the custody of the Riverside County Sheriff.

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Homicides

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two women. Eventually, the wiretap recorded more than 900 calls and intercepted nearly 390 conversations.

Yet even with these data, the DA did not file any charges until March 2014. In October 2014, these charges were dismissed and eventually refiled in 2016.

Dolan notes that the case had gone cold in 2007 and remained cold until the anonymous call was received in 2011. The caller, later identified as Jeremy Todd Witt, worked at Knott's Soak City, a water park, in 2007 as did Smith.

According to the call, Smith reportedly said one day, while looking in the direction of Pinyon, "Something went wrong and we torched the f----g place."

Witt was unaware of the homicides and made no connection until 2011 when he watched a Dateline program. That is when he made the anonymous call.

Further, an anonymous tip is not sufficient reason

for the search or wiretap, Dolan said. There must be some proof that the individual knows the defendant and could reasonably know about the situation reported. In 2012, the Sheriff's Department did not know the name of the anonymous caller, Dolan wrote. Later, it was revealed.

The District Attorney's office also maintains that it has a recording of incriminating statements Smith made while alone in an interrogation room after being questioned by investigators. The actual recording or statement has not been made public.

Dolan concluded his motion arguing that the evidence from the search warrant and wiretaps were obtained illegally and, therefore, "is the 'fruit of the poisonous tree' and must be excluded."

On April 28, the court will hear Dolan's motions on behalf of Smith. Thus far, Pape's attorney has not made any motion to object to the evidence or procedures against him.

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Idyllwild Arts music chair expands department curriculum

Chris Reba next in
Spotlight on Leadership series

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Chris Reba is in his second year as chair of the Idyllwild Arts Academy Music Department and is already expanding curricula offerings to better equip students to work professionally in multiple musical genres and specialties.

He is the next speaker at the Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation's Spotlight on Leadership series. As part of the academy's outreach to the community and an attempt to build bridges of understanding, the series features department heads in both academic and art disciplines.

Reba will talk about his academic and professional background, and changes that are being made in his department. Reba's talk is at 10 a.m. Monday, April 10, at the Fireside Room in Nelson Dining Hall on campus.

Reba is the first IAA music chair to have worked professionally and been trained in a wide range of musical genres. Previously, music chairs have emphasized the classical music conservatory approach to music education.

Schooled in both classical and jazz music, Reba has worked across an extremely broad spectrum of musical genres, including world, rock, punk, folk and bluegrass, and in musical theater. He is a professional bassist, both acoustic and electric. He holds an associate degree in music with an emphasis in music recording from Mira Costa Community College in Oceanside, a bachelor's degree in music composition and bass performance from the University of California, San Diego, and a master's in music composition from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Importantly for program expansion at IAA, Reba has professional expertise in recording engineering and production with a wide variety of professional musicians and groups. He is a voting member of the Producers and Engineers Wing of the Grammys and served on the executive board of the New York section of the Audio Engineering Society.

Prior to joining the IAA faculty, Reba was associate professor of Music and Sound Recording at the University of New Haven in Connecticut. Already at IAA, Reba, working together with President Pamela Jordan, has launched a number of new initiatives including:

- a campus recording studio for students to learn the fundamentals of recording and to record their work;
- a new course, with faculty member Don Reed, that teaches music business and marketing to give students a basic understanding of copyright and trademark issues, as well as professional contracts;
- a campus record label using new, state-of-the-art equipment, to feature students' work as well as an artist series featuring IAA faculty, alums and visiting artists;
- and a change in how classical music performances are recorded — recording them in surround-sound to conform with prevailing industry standards.

Ultimately, Reba hopes to start, on a small scale at first, a music recording and technology program at the academy. "No other schools, at our level, are offering an intensive audio training program," said Reba. "We could equip our students to come out with a level of training equivalent to a bachelor's program. That would put us in a position to have our students participate in worldwide conferences with others with bachelor's and master's degrees."

In music training, in today's broadly diverse professional world, Reba believes students must understand the need for having a wide range of skill sets to be competitive. "I'm not really a specialist in any one area, but



Chris Reba, chair of the Music Department at Idyllwild Arts Academy, is the featured speaker at the Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation's Spotlight on Leadership series. PHOTO COURTESY CHRIS REBA

because of my broad background, I've been able to work in many different areas," he noted.

"Next year, we'll be offering a music production and recording fundamentals course that can also be used for majors in other departments, such as part of technical theater emphasis in the Theatre Department. The administration approved purchase of new wireless [microphone headsets] equipment for theater productions and we'll be moving 32 channel boards from Lowman to Bowman to improve the clarity of theater audio."

Asked how it's all coming together, Reba noted that last year had been a learning transition, but this year things are more grounded. "We're ahead of the game this year," he said. "The music faculty has been incredibly supportive. And student performance levels in all areas are coming up."

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JPL science educator Tom Nolan speaks at AstroCamp

How are we exploring
Jupiter and its moons?

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Tom Nolan, Jet Propulsion Laboratory scientist, is a frequent presenter as part of the laboratory's speakers' bureau.

He is a lively and entertaining speaker who has learned from many presentations to K-12 students, as well as family and public talks, how to make science fascinating and easy to understand. "Bringing the 'Wow! I didn't know that!' of NASA Earth and Space Science to both formal and informal education is my passion," said Nolan.

Nolan is comfortable in the speaking arena spotlight. And that is possibly because he honed those presentational skills in his many years as Tommy Trojan riding his white horse Traveler at USC football and Bowl games. (Nolan is a USC graduate in biology with an em-

phasis in marine science.)

"I rode as Tommy Trojan from 1977 to 1980, when I moved to Alaska, and again from 1988 to 1996 after I moved back to California," said Nolan. "I rode in four Tournament of Roses parades and Rose Bowls, the Cotton Bowl and the Freedom Bowl."

In Idyllwild, as part of the AstroCamp Public Astronomy Lecture series, Nolan will be even less down to earth. His talk will focus on current exploration of the moons of Jupiter and the possibility that one, Europa, with a huge subterranean ocean under a thick ice crust, could even harbor alien life forms. Speculation on Europa centers on its deep saltwater ocean, warmed and moved by tidal interactions with Jupiter, with possible hydrothermal vents on the ocean floor. Europa is thought to have an ocean 40 to 100 miles deep with more water than all of Earth's oceans combined. The ocean is beneath an ice crust that is believed to be 10 to 15 miles thick.

Nolan will discuss JPL's current JUNO mission that has been conducting cutting-edge science observations in orbit around Jupiter since July 4 of last year. "The mission is making fascinating progress towards its goal

of understanding Jupiter's formation and evolution," noted Nolan.

"This talk will explore why we are fascinated with Jupiter, what we do know, what we don't know and what we hope to learn from the JUNO spacecraft.

"The moons of Jupiter are also fascinating, displaying great extremes, but the chance that one of them might harbor alien life tickles our curiosity and is one of the great human questions: 'Are we alone?'"

Nolan's talk is free to the public. It is at 6 p.m. Monday April 10, at the Star Gallery on the AstroCamp campus.

For more information on AstroCamp's science programs, visit www.AstroCampschool.org.

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Scott Fisher (left) spoke to the other members of the Idyllwild Rotary Club at the Wednesday, March 29, meeting. He accepted an official Rotary mug from President Roland Gaebert as thanks. Fisher's topic was "Good in the World," and he focused on three recent projects — a gathering of Lutheran youth that did a lot of good in Detroit, the Potters Lane houses in Orange County and Ikea shelters. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

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Music, birds and spring in the air



The Idyllwild Master Chorale presented "Nocturnes" Saturday evening, April 1, at the Idyllwild Arts' Lowman Concert Hall. **Dwight Holmes** conducted the chorale, which was accompanied by **Edwin Hansen**. The first piece was Franz Joseph Haydn's "Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo." Later, they put music to poems from a variety of authors. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



The Illegal Sweedes (Sweedees) played Friday night at Idyllwild Brewpub. From left, **Larry Vineyard** (not shown), drums and vocals; **Larry Brown**, bass and vocals; **Dan Henderson**, guitar and vocals; **Rick Bonanno**, guitar and vocals; and **James Hiltzman**, keyboard and vocals. PHOTO BY THOM WALLACE

At right: **Bill Shepard** provided the entertainment for wine and art Saturday, April 1, at Middle Ridge Winery and Gallery. The afternoon crowd enjoyed his music, which added to the artwork and large selection of wines. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Last weekend, **Tom Pierce** captured the several spring scenes emerging during the warm weather in Pine Cove. PHOTO BY TOM PIERCE

Actor **Danny "Machete" Trejo** has appeared in more than 300 films and TV series, such as "Once Upon a Time in Mexico," "Machete," "Breaking Bad" and "Sons of Anarchy," but he has played no better role than the one he did March 25 at Soboba Casino where he awarded local player **Angelica Viera** of Riverside a new Chevy Silverado. Viera was the winner of the "Take on Trejo" challenge. PHOTO COURTESY SOBOBA CASINO



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Idyllwild Arts

Idyllwild business community growing

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The growth of business activity in Idyllwild, and investments business owners are making to improve their marketability, show confidence in the promise of Idyllwild's economic climate.

New Village Market owner Jay McCormack and family are close to completing a complete makeover of the long-established Idyllwild grocery outlet. The new floor and new shelving are in. Most gratifying to shoppers taking a fresh look at the market, the shelves are jam-packed with competitively priced items, including a line of organic products called Natural Directions. Catering to Idyllwild pet owners, McCormack has stocked a broad mix of pet food, including high-end products not otherwise available on the Hill. "We'll continue to tweak pricing to offer the best value to customers," said McCormack.

McCormack and son Scott, daughter-in-law Sarah and daughter Tanya have moved with speed and efficiency to redefine Village Market. Still to come before a late May/June grand opening are: an expanded deli, full line of produce, fresh meat with an in-house butcher and a total revamp of the in-market restaurant offering eat-in and take-out service.

Also betting on Idyllwild's sustained business growth are Paul and Katie White. Their successful coffee, baked goods and eatery — Idyllwild Bake Shop & Brew — will soon expand to include a separate brew location. "We're calling it the Back Room, with a cool speak-easy vibe and beer on tap," said Paul. Grand opening is set for Saturday, June 3. The Back Room is located farther back in the iconic Village Lane site and is part of what is intended to be a revival of the quaint lane of shops.

Rick Martinez is a week or so away from showcasing his new Idyllwild Town Real Estate office on North Circle in the former Hub Cyclery location. Martinez and crew have installed new flooring, and are busy hanging art to enhance the dual function of realty office/gallery. Martinez has already hired two new agents, expanding yet again the number of real estate agents in Idyllwild.

Stuart and Alicia Eberhardt have leased the former Arriba Restaurant property that adjoins their Country Club Smoke Shop, a medical marijuana dispensary. Preliminary plans are to open a new comfort food restaurant called the 243 Bar & Grill. No opening date has been set.

Closing are Violetta Villacorta's the Sage & the Butterfly in Village Lane, Terri French's Let It Shine Gallery on North Circle (she will continue business operation from her home) and Kay Realty because of the passing of owner Kay Jennison.

Not closing, despite rumors to the contrary, is Ken Dahleen's Uncle B's Smokin' Bar-b-que. "We're doing well," said Dahleen. Still operating, despite street talk to the contrary, is the Spiritual Living Center. "We're still here and trying to renegotiate our lease," said Phyllis Brown.

Idyllwild is in the process of gentrification — with the recent opening of Ferro and the Idyllwild BrewPub, the planned groundbreaking for the Idyllwild Community Center's amphitheater, the first phase of four phases of construction on the new recreation landmark, and the sizzling real estate market in which inventory is down and homes are on the market for days or weeks instead of months.

The business activity presages continued interest in Idyllwild from off-Hill visitors and investors, which augers well for ongoing health of Idyllwild businesses.

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Jay McCormack, new owner of the Village Market, previously owned nine off-Hill Rio Ranch Markets. He and family market managers — daughter Tanya (left, foreground) and daughter-in-law Sarah (back, center) are completely revamping the iconic Idyllwild grocery with remodeling and new product lines. Not shown is son Scott, who is the store director. A grand opening is scheduled for late May or June.
PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH



Paul White, co-owner with wife Katie of Idyllwild Bake Shop & Brew, is seen here in front of the soon to be "brew" section of their business. Called the Back Room, the new on-tap brew location, is farther back on the Village Lane walkway.
PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH



Rick Martinez, owner and broker of Idyllwild Town Real Estate, is in the final stages of remodeling his new location on North Circle — in the former Hub Cyclery location.
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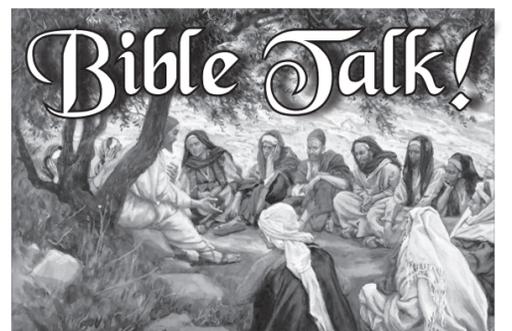
At left: Alicia and Stuart Eberhardt, owners of the Country Club Smoke Shop, have also leased the former Arriba Restaurant property and hope to open a comfort food breakfast, lunch and dinner eatery in the former Mexican restaurant.
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Healthcare forum at library

Dr. Tom Kluzak of Idyllwild will host a healthcare forum from 2:15 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at Idyllwild Library.

The forum, as part of a nationwide movement that day

called Defend Health: Day of Action for Improved Medicare for All, ask the question, "Does our country need a better approach to healthcare?" Kluzak wrote, "We will need informed voters to get us there. Come share your ideas ..."



Madelon Maupin's one-day presentation on April 15th will look at the Four Gospels and their distinct stories of Christ Jesus, exploring how their texts relate to each other. Discover who are their authors and audiences. Madelon's enthusiasm is seen in the manner she gets behind the story, to see its relevance to today.

- The morning of April 15th will begin at 9am with a continental breakfast.
- The first session begins at 9:30am and breaks at noon for lunch. Participants have an hour to seek lunch in town.
- The afternoon session is from 1 to 3:30pm

This nondenominational Bible program will be located at the Christian Science Church across from Town Hall on Cedar St. Seating is approximately 70. **Extremely important to RSVP early to ensure a seat. Contact John Gamblin, phone: 714-692-2210 or email him at johngamblinman@gmail.com. As a part of this community outreach there is a nominal fee of \$30 for this all-day event, which will be collected at the door.**

Madelon Maupin has lectured for Princess Cruises and their Holy Land tours, led trips to the Middle East, is a graduate of San Francisco Theological Seminary and has been sharing her love of the Bible for years. Audiences appreciate her enthusiasm, slides and maps, and the way she gets behind the story to see its relevance today. "Madelon makes the Bible come alive in a way I've never experienced," Ginger A., Los Angeles. See her company's website: BibleRoads.com



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Wednesday, April 5
 • Idyllwild Montessori School fourth-anniversary Open House & Art Show, 9:30 a.m. 53785 Country Club Dr.
 • Anna Mosca, poet, 4-5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, April 6
 • Mahjong, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 • Classical music: Weizhi Yang, Anjelina Jeleva & Haitian Liu, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Friday, April 7
 • "Home" writing workshop, Katya Williamson, MFA, noon-2 p.m.; Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 • "Corks & Color," Adult Coloring Book Happy Hour, 4-7 p.m.; Jac Jacaruso (pop & soft rock guitar), 6-9 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 • One-year anniversary, Jazz Lite Ocette, 5-9 p.m. Uncle B's Chicken & Ribs.
 • Visual Arts Senior Show Opening Receptions, 6-7:30

p.m. & 7:30-9 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, April 8
 • "Home" writing workshop, Katya Williamson, MFA, noon-2 p.m.

• Visual Arts Senior Show, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
 • Miles Thomas (soft & pop rock guitar), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Sunday, April 9
 • Inspirational Movie Matinee, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center.

Monday, April 10
 • Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Easter Bunnies," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
 • Visual Arts Senior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Jazz concert, Sumi Onoe & Arsel Kalemoglu, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, April 11
 • Visual Arts Senior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Classical Voice Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
 • Jazz night, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

Wednesday, April 12
 • Visual Arts Senior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
 • Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, April 13
 • Visual Arts Senior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; The Great Wall Sting Quartet, 7:30-9 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

• Mahjong Club, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Friday, April 14
 • Visual Arts Senior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
 • Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 • "Corks & Color," Adult Coloring Book Happy Hour, 4-7 p.m.; Carlos Reynosa, (Southwest roots acoustic guitar & classic hits), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 • Forest Folk Potluck, 5 p.m.; Movie Night, "Lion," 6:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

Saturday, April 15
 • Madelon Maupin's Bible Talk, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Christian Science Church.
 • Visual Arts Senior Show,

noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Theatre Department Senior Showcase, 4-5 p.m. & 5-6 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; Jeanette Louise Yaryan Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

• Don & Dennis Reed, (acoustic roots Americana music), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

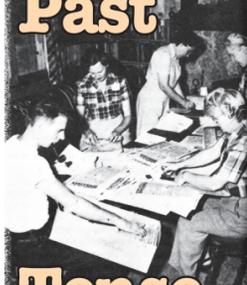
Sunday, April 16
 • Inspirational Movie Matinee, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center.

Monday, April 17
 • Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, Earth Day, "Leave No Trace," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
 • Songwriting Concert, Pinxi Lu, Ayana Homma & Mia Perez Casiano, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, April 18
 • "Amazing Grace," Logan Creighton, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 • Jazz night, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.
 • Jazz Combos, 7:30-9 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.



Cars at Alpine Pantry's new location in June 1972 were proof of the restaurant's popularity. FILE PHOTO

Past Tense


60 years ago - 1957
 Bee Krone composed the song "Let's Keep America Beautiful," and Philippe Buhler composed music for a string quartet that was given a first performance at the University of Redlands.

55 years ago - 1962
 The County Board of Supervisors launched a campaign to have the Banning-Idyllwild Highway taken into a state

highway system.

50 years ago - 1967
 Arthur Gutzman announced he would resign as director of the Idyllwild Youth Association.

45 years ago - 1972
 Route 243, The Idyllwild-Banning Highway, was designated a Scenic Highway with the signing of a resolution by State Director of Public Works James A. Moe.

40 years ago - 1977
 The cousin of an Idyllwild man died in history's greatest air disaster in the Canary Islands.

35 years ago - 1982
 A six-day storm during the last official days of winter left about 2 feet of snow and added 5.06 inches of moisture in Idyllwild. ●●●

Charlie Kretsinger and

George Hoffman, both of Idyllwild, were awarded service pins by the Idyllwild Lions Club.

30 years ago - 1987
 An \$8.9-million increase in a Clean Water Grant for the Idyllwild-area sewer project was received and planners were preparing to go to bid.

25 years ago - 1992
 A group of California Department of Transportation officials came to Idyllwild to discuss the Strawberry Creek Bridge replacement project and the contentious subject of removing three trees. Despite protests, the group announced that the trees would have to go.

20 years ago - 1997
 Palani Einstein of Stone Creek was off to live in the Bay area to train with her racing team af-

ter a recent run of wins in Mesa, Arizona.

15 years ago - 2002
 Idyllwild resident David Salter was the Hemet High decathlon team's strongest performer at the state Academic Decathlon.

10 years ago - 2007
 A skull and bones found along Highway 74 were identified as the remains of Claude Rochon of Hemet.

5 years ago - 2012
 The donor of the Idyllwild Community Center land doubled his matching contribution to the Idyllwild playground project from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

1 year ago - 2016
 Idyllwild Arts jazz albums inaugurated the Lowman Concert Hall.



Members of the Special Forces Association, Chapter 12, held their monthly meeting at the Idyllwild American Legion on Saturday, April 1. With representatives from all branches of Special Forces throughout Southern California, Chapter 12 rotates its meetings throughout the region. Local Legion members gladly hosted the party for these men who gave so much for their country. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

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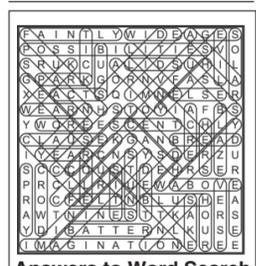
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Steele in the Masters this week

By JACK CLARK
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Brendan Steele makes his second trip to the Masters this week, hoping to have a hot week and score a major victory. The Idyllwild native's first trip to the Masters in 2012 resulted in a missed cut, but he's grown in physique, acumen and general experience in the past five years and expects to do much better. This time, Brendan goes into

this major tournament ranked ninth on the FedExCup points list, and he is the 56th-ranked golfer in the world on the Official World Golf Ranking.

Brendan has three top-10 finishes and six-top 20s in 11 tournaments so far this season. He currently is 13th on the PGA Tour in strokes gained tee-to-green, against the field, but ranks only 102nd in putting. His best stat relative to the rest of the PGA Tour players this

season is in scrambling, where he is fifth best. He has cleared more than \$2 million in official money thus far this year, earning \$10.5 million in his PGA Tour career.

Brendan is eligible to play in the Masters Par-3 Contest on Wednesday, when he also will celebrate his 34th birthday. His Thursday and Friday tee times will become available Tuesday afternoon.

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

CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," Alice joined the family of ARF cats.

Bobbie: More news, my friends! Gather 'round!

George: Another cat?

Bobbie: Not this week. ARF has a new canine family member, Sheba.

Audrey: I've met her. She's super sweet, and she likes us cats!
Mr. Gray: Then she can't be half bad.

Audrey: And she likes dogs and kids, too.

Bobbie: Hey! This is my report, Audrey. Sheba is pretty cool. She's not too big, only 32 pounds, and only 2, maybe 3 years old.

Mr. Gray: Is she here?

Bobbie: She is. Hang on and I'll go get her. (Bobbie dashes out of cattery.)

Alice: Do you guys like dogs?

Mr. Gray: Some of us do, and some of us just know how to avoid them. Pepper seems to think they're OK.

Pepper: Yeah, dogs are OK.

Alice: Oh! Here come Bobbie and Sasha.

Sheba: (Entering) Hello everyone. Nice to be here.

Alice: Hey, Sasha. Tell us more about yourself.

Sheba: Well, I like to cuddle, and I'm fairly low energy. I'm crate-trained and I love my toys. I'll even climb onto a human's lap if I'm given the chance.

Bobbie: Me, too, Sasha. A lap is the best place to be.

Sheba: I hope I find a forever home soon. I'm pretty sad, and a little confused. I've had a rough few weeks. My mom moved away, without me.

Mr. Gray: I'm sorry to hear that.

Audrey: I think the perfect human will find you very soon.

Bobbie: I think Audrey is right.

Sheba: I hope she is. I truly do.

How long will Sasha wait to find her forever home? 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.

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Bobbie



George



Alice



Audrey



Mr. Gray



Sheba

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans



On March 30, Idyllwild's American Legion Post 800 hosted a "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

At right: the "Welcome Home Cake" was provided by Paul and Katie White, owners of the Idyllwild Bake Shop & Brew. PHOTOS BY ALAN BELANGER



Stone seeking nominations

Nominations are being accepted from individuals and groups for the 2017 Veterans Service Awards presented by state Sen. Jeff Stone (R-Riverside County). The deadline is April 17.

The awards are given annually to 10 military veterans from the 28th Senate District who have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help their fellow veterans and community members.

Stone will present the awards at separate ceremonies in Southwest Riverside County and the Coachella Valley in late May.

"We owe our veterans a debt that can never be repaid," Stone said in a press release. "This award is just a small token of our thanks and appreciation for what they have done, not only during their time in uniform, but after they returned home."

Veterans groups, such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, are encouraged to nominate a member of their organization for the award. Individuals may nominate worthy veterans.

Applications and more information are available on the senator's website (www.Senate.Ca.Gov/Stone) and by calling one of the senator's offices at 1-760-398-6442 or 951-894-3530.

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.

'Home' writing workshop at library

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library are sponsoring a four-part series by Katya Williams, MFA, called "Home."

The sessions will include discussion, interaction and writing to further clarify the legacy of Idyllwild in our lives and for posterity. Writing in these sessions will be from short and simple exercises to further this understanding.

The last two free workshops are from noon to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8.

Scholarship donations accepted

The Idyllwild Scholarship Board is requesting community donations to support scholarships for 2017 high school graduates.

Hannah Hardy and Max Swanson were last year's recipients.

Donations may be sent to Idyllwild Scholarship Fund, PO Box 778, Idyllwild, CA 92549. All donations are tax-deductible.

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The Riverside County Cooperative Extension has master gardener's available to answer questions.

You can ask about how to save water in your landscape, what's damaging your plants, how to make and use compost in your own backyard, what's ailing your trees, or any gardening-related question. Calls are taken between 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday at 951-683-6491, ext. 231, and from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. at 760-342-2511.



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April 2017 — Week 1



March 21 – April 19
Believe in the odds, Aries. Attitude is everything. Your love life receives quite the boost with an invitation to a lavish dinner party.



April 20 – May 20
Shame on you, Taurus. You know better. A foe-turned-friend reveals a juicy secret. Guard it with your life. A new product makes for an easy time in the kitchen.



May 21 – June 21
An acquaintance has more grandiose ideas than they can count. Unfortunately, the budget won't support any of them. Help them scale back, Gemini.



June 22 – July 22
Someone on your team is not measuring up. Be careful what you do next, Cancer. You don't want tempers to flare. A text throws you for a loop.



July 23 – August 22
Blessings multiply, and you have much to celebrate. Invite your closest pals over for a feast, Leo. A victory at work results in a promotion.



August 23 – September 22
History is in the making, and the role you play will be applauded, Virgo. An old letter points you in a new direction at home, and peace reigns once more.



September 23 – October 22
Dream on, Libra. You can't buy the love of someone forever. Put away your checkbook and look for a different way to improve your relationship.



October 23 – November 21
Freakier incidents have occurred, Scorpio. Brush it off and take a look at the big picture. There is something you can do, but it will take some time to implement.



November 22 – December 21
Hold on, Sagittarius. You cannot save the day every time. Give someone else a chance. A youngster learns their lesson the hard way.



December 22 – January 19
Preferences are made clear, and you have no choice but to compromise. Do so willingly, Capricorn. A senior surprises you with an announcement.



January 20 – February 18
Good fortune comes to those who wait this week. Be patient, Aquarius. A face from long ago resurfaces with some strong words.



February 19 – March 20
Don't go fixing what isn't broken, Pisces. Efficiency is not always the name of the game. A rusty, old tool turns out to be quite the asset in a project.

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(Answers on B6)

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Difficulty: Easy

(Answers on B6)

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- ACROSS**
- British ____
 - Attempt ____
 - "Awesome!"
 - Currency of Nigeria
 - Cost to cross
 - Bolted
 - Bugs attracted to dung
 - Small shacks
 - Adaptable truck, for short
 - Shink, as a steak
 - Causing vomiting
 - A square meter
 - End ____
 - "____ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
 - One who takes spoils
 - Masefield play "The Tragedy of ____"
 - Arch
 - Achy
 - Armageddon
- DOWN**
- Bit
 - Little bird
 - "O, gie me the ____ that has acres o' charms": Burns
 - Big ____
 - Loafer, e.g.
 - "Ciao!"
 - Infomercials, e.g.
 - Code word for "S"
 - Egg
 - Type of television comedy
 - Fatuuous
 - A smaller amount
 - ____ acid, a product of protein metabolism
 - Be in session
 - Farm call
 - To bring about
 - "____ bitten, twice shy"
 - Golden Triangle country
 - One who endeavors to
 - persuade
 - After expenses
 - Certain protest
 - Coasters
 - Make happen
 - Cook in a small amount of butter
 - Department store section
 - .0000001
 - Mideast native
 - Dorm room staple
 - "Is that ____?"
 - Someone or something bleeding excessively
 - Day in day out schedules
 - Craftsmen
 - Drop
 - Not us
 - Before the due date
 - Just
 - Makeup, e.g.
 - Basket material
 - "Sesame Street" watcher
 - Opportunity to learn from
 - Substance used for healing in general
 - Natural impulse
 - "For shame!"
 - Long, long time
 - Large woodwind instrument
 - 'He' in his own eyes
 - Least cooked
 - Countenance
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