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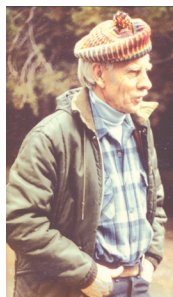
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Standing-room-only audience comes to hear bear talk

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The arrival of the Banning Rite Aid bear in Idyllwild has aroused the interest and curiosity of a large local audience. It was a capacity and overflow crowd that turned out to hear California Department of Fish and Wildlife Biologist Kevin Brennan

talk about black bears in general and our bear in particular at the Idyllwild Library at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 27. Audience stretched through the Community Room door into the library all the way to the circulation desk. Brennan had one message he repeated over and over during his talk. "Don't See Bear talk, page A2



Idyllwild Indivisible hosted the Women's March for Health Care for All on Saturday. About 40 people met at the Idyllwild Town Monument expressing their desire to have health care for all. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

Supervisors add money for Sheriff's Department

Growing concern over future funds

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

After a long day of budget discussion and debate, sometimes heated, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors added \$7.9 million to the Sheriff's Department budget for the current fiscal year.

After the June budget hearings, new County Executive Officer George Johnson had initially proposed adding \$10 million to the sheriff's budget. These funds would be limited to new staffing for the Indio detention Center (expected to open next summer) and support for the lawsuit providing more health care for jail inmates.

But the board, also with the CEO's support, added another \$7.9 million and removed the limitations on the \$10 million. The total of \$17.9 million is equivalent to the 6.5-percent reduction most county agencies incurred.

"I got what I need to correct the deterioration, to stop further decay," said Sheriff Stan Sniff after the meeting. "I got the 6.5 percent restored, about \$18 million and an opening with the Executive Office to negotiate."

The county budget and, consequently, the board, are in a difficult predicament. The revenue for fiscal year 2017-18 is expected to increase slightly, but not enough to fund all the budget requests, especially for public safety.

The board's overall goals include a balanced budget and maintaining, if not increasing, reserves.

As the 2017-18 budget preparation began, the county expected to have to absorb about \$40 million to fund the in-home support services programs because Gov. Jerry Brown had proposed shifting them from the state to counties. To fund these programs, former CEO Jay Orr directed all agencies to cut their budgets 6.5 percent.

Once the state budget was approved in June, Riverside County knew the \$40 million demand would drop to slightly less than \$10 million. In June, Johnson and board had already recommended restoring the 6.5 percent cuts to the District Attorney and Public Defender's offices.

At Tuesday's budget hearing, Sniff spoke to the supervisors about the continuing decline in staffing, which disproportionately

ly affects the unincorporated areas, such as the Hill. The cities, which contract with the county for police services, pay a specific amount for specific staffing levels.

When the sheriff's budget is reduced, the flexibility is only in jail staffing and policing of the unincorporated areas.

Supervisor Marion Ashley (4th District)

supported Sniff and recommended the added funding in order "to get the unincorporated patrols up to the level to do a better job than now."

Before the vote, 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington supported the added funding and said, "If we can't keep the See Sheriff, page A8

Two years later: Still waiting for future savings from county studies, but consultant gets \$20 million more

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The problems presented in the approval of the fiscal year 2017-18 Riverside County budget were not unexpected. In October 2015, the Board of Supervisors recognized that revenue was growing at a much slower pace than expected costs for county services, especially public safety.

Nearly two years ago, former Executive Officer Jay Orr recommended that the county hire a consultant to review public-safety costs, which were already pressuring the overall budget.

Reserves were needed to balance the budget and the non-public safety agencies continued to absorb much of the budget reductions. At that time, Orr advised the board about increasing costs to implement the terms of a settlement from a prisoner class-action lawsuit regarding inmate health and mental health care, propositions, budget concerns from contract cities and the advent of the new Indio jail.

Within months, the county added another \$15.7 million to the contract to implement the recommendations

for public safety. At that time, KPMG was still working with the Sheriff's Department, and the District Attorney's and Public Defender's offices to determine cost-effective savings.

At an earlier board meeting, Supervisor John Tavaglione (2nd District) criticized Sheriff Stan Sniff for being uncooperative with the consulting team. The supervisor alleged that information from the sheriff's office was slow to be delivered.

"I hope the sheriff will play by the rules and make sure we get the information we need," Tavaglione added as he finished his comments at the February 2016 board meeting.

Despite adding money to the public safety budgets for FY 2017-18 at last week's board meeting, the discussion around the dais was almost a repeat of two years ago.

The board is worried about the level of reserves, the slow growth of revenue, the burden of cuts on non-public safety agencies and the level of staffing for sheriff's deputies in the unincorporated areas.

For several months, Sniff has argued that KPMG has

not been able to identify major savings within his department. Staffing has been substantially reduced to adjust to the current budget conditions. For example, the ratio of deputies per 1,000 residents in the county's unincorporated areas has fallen from 1 to 0.75 in two years.

"You're popping champagne corks prematurely," he told the board.

Citizens are concerned. A Sage resident spoke out stridently about the lack of coverage in her area at the July 25 session.

Nevertheless, Tavaglione repeated his view about the sheriff's cooperation, "Quit fighting us. You're being defensive ... all we've been doing in the past 10 years is supporting you and your agency."

While Sniff agreed that the board has been supportive, as a result of the staffing reductions, he pointed out that response times were increasing for most calls, other than Priority 1 calls. For example, the response time for Priority 2 calls in the unincorporated area for the Hemet Station increased from 37 minutes in June to more than See Consultant, page A8

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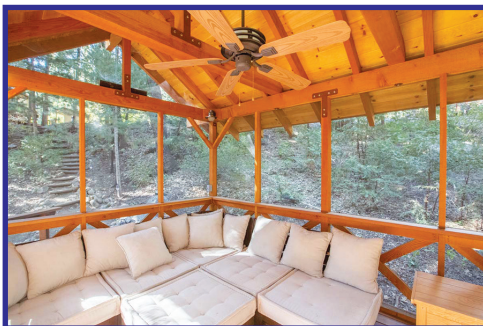
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Fact or Fiction?
August Challenge

August is the eighth month of the year. Here are some questions about the month. How many can you answer correctly?

1) August was named in honor of the Roman emperor Augustus. *Fact or Fiction?*

2) There are 33 days in August. *Fact or Fiction?*

3) August is cold in the United States. *Fact or Fiction?*

4) Fall starts in August in the United States. *Fact or Fiction?*

5) Many American kids go back to school in August. *Fact or Fiction?*

6) The peridot is the birthstone for August. *Fact or Fiction?*

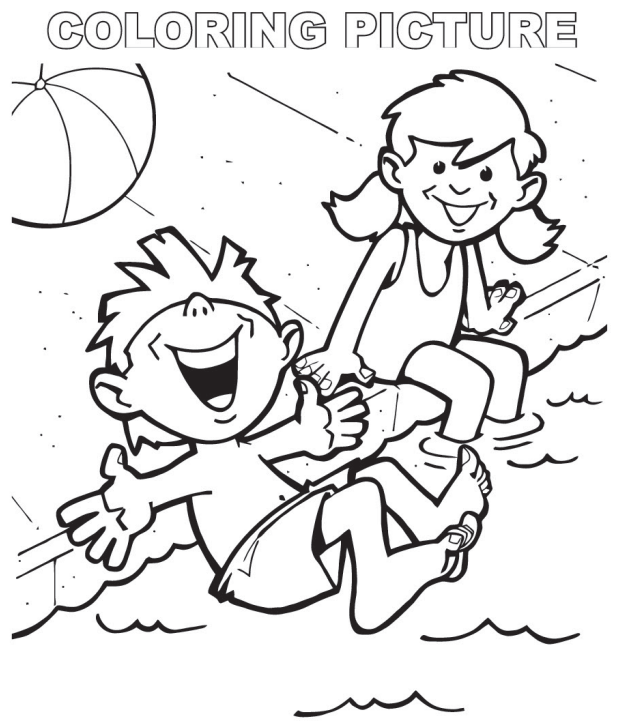
7) Most peridots are white. *Fact or Fiction?*

8) Some people are named August. *Fact or Fiction?*

9) Very few holidays take place in August in the United States. *Fact or Fiction?*

10) August is Get Ready for Kindergarten Month in the United States. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fact, 2) Fiction, 3) Fact, 4) Fact, 5) Fact, 6) Fact, 7) Fact, 8) Fact, 9) Fact, 10) Fact



The last words

Have you heard of Anne Frank? The Jewish girl was just 13 when she had to go into hiding with her family to avoid being sent to a German concentration camp during WWII.

For two years, Anne hid with her family and others in the attic of the building where her father worked. During that time, Anne kept a diary, writing about the events of the day and her feelings on things.

On August 1, 1944, Anne wrote what would be the last entry in her diary. That day, the family's hiding place was discovered and everyone in the attic was soon sent to a German concentration camp. Otto, Anne's father, was the only one who survived. He took Anne's diary and published it, allowing her words to live on!

What Rhymes with SCHOOL?
List 10 words that rhyme with "school."

SCHOOL

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

Some answers: cool, drool, fool, gho!l, mule, pool, rule, spool, stool, tool

Name That Person

Many famous people were born in August. Fill in the blanks to name some of them.

1) LOU _ S A _ MSTRON _

2) DA _ Y CROCKE _ _

3) ORVI _ _ E WRI _ HT

4) HE _ BERT H _ _ VER

5) AN _ IE OA _ LE _

6) BA _ ACK O _ A _ A

7) AL _ _ ED H _ TCHC _ CK

Answers: 1) Louis Armstrong, 2) Davy Crockett, 3) Alfred Hitchcock, 4) Herbert Hoover, 5) Annie Oakley, 6) Barack Obama, 7) Orville Wright



Thunder and lightning kept many awake in bed late Monday night. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



A finch visits a Pine Cove residence recently. PHOTO BY TOM PIERCE

Life coach talks at the library

Adults are invited to hear two talks on "Designing a World Imagined" from Life Coaches Susan Lake and Laura Meeks from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Idyllwild Library.

Lake and Meeks present two talks — "Living Bold" and "Laurence to Laura: How to Deal With Big Life Changes" in this free event. See story in July 27 edition.

Light refreshments will be served.

'Affairs of the Harp' at library

Christian Chalifour presents "Affairs of the Harp" from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8, at the Idyllwild Library.

Chalifour will play the harp and share stories from his 40 years of running around the world with his harp. He also will offer a hands-on opportunity for those who would like to try playing the harp themselves.

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Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

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Tuesday Bible Study
Pastor Earl Somerville: 714-333-7493

Christian Science Church
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Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups.
Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

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54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935
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Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church
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Father Charles E. Miller
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Shiloh Christian Ministries
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54295 Village Center Dr.
Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Sleme 659-2416
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1st and 3rd Wednesday Service, 10:00 am
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Wildlife Biologist **Kevin Brennan** of the California Department of Fish and Game spoke to the public about the bear seen around the Hill and the potential problems facing the community. PHOTOS BY JOHN DRAKE

Bear talk

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leave unsecured garbage or food sources available or the bear, with a strong sense of smell, will find them,” said Brennan. He related in one instance that bears smelled a dead elk 14 miles away and traveled there for the carrion. “You cannot hide food smells,” he stressed. “And you’re definitely not helping out bears by feeding them.” Bears can quickly become habituated to areas where multiple food sources, especially garbage, are left unsecured. “That is what creates problems,” he said. “Once they find food,

they’ll keep coming back. “You have to be bear aware,” he said. “Prevention [securing garbage in bear-proof containers] is the way to go. But it requires 100 percent cooperation. Communities that take this seriously and secure garbage do not have bear problems.” Brennan elicited laughs when he reminded attendees that secured trash containers only work if the lids are closed. He noted that bears are dawn-to-dusk active and like early evening time especially. He said adult black bears are normally not aggressive and that their natural

defense mode is to climb a tree. “A dog can tree a bear,” Brennan noted. “The biggest problems are yearlings. They’re the most aggressive toward humans. And the more a bear is rewarded with free food, the more aggressive he becomes and the more difficult it will be to dissuade him from pursuing the food. Bear problems don’t become serious until they are getting free hand-outs.” Brennan noted that San Bernardino County, where there are more black bears, has an ordinance prohibiting leaving unsecured food sources outdoors. “There is no



Brennan talks to a packed house at the Idyllwild Library. More than 75 people, spilling over into the library reception area, showed up to hear him speak.

such law in Riverside County,” he said. Brennan estimates the Rite Aid bear is a male of about 3-5 years of age. At this time, there are no yearlings on the Hill. Brennan noted there were two bears sighted recently at Long Valley near the Tram station. Brennan said at this point he is only aware of two bears, the Rite Aid bear and the Indio/Bermuda Dunes female that was relocated to the Santa Rosa range. An audience member asked if bears can climb fences. “They can pull a car

door apart and even uproot a chainlink fence,” he said. “They are very powerful.” He advised keeping outdoor grills as clean and free of food odors as possible to minimize the attraction to bears. “We do not relocate bears or distribute them to other parts of the state,” said Brennan. The Indio female was near Interstate 10 and posed a danger to motorists. She was taken to the nearest habitat, the Santa Rosas. “Some people just see a bear and believe it’s a pub-

lic threat,” said Brennan. “It’s not. And a bear’s depredation of a car, house, pet or agriculture is not a public-safety threat. For us to intervene and kill a bear, it must be an imminent threat to public safety, to human life — a threat at that time,” he stressed. There are 35,000 black bears in California, said Brennan. And the leading cause of bear mortality is being killed by another bear. *Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.*

Unusual rattlesnake ‘dance’ observed on trail

On the evening of Wednesday, July 26, Idyllwild hiker and biologist Jon King was descending South Ridge Trail with his colleague Florian Boyd after their shift at Tahquitz Peak fire lookout. They had almost reached the trailhead near the top of South Ridge Road when they came upon these two Southern Pacific rattlesnakes engaged in a very elaborate “dance” in the middle of the trail. In addition to lots of still photos, King filmed two short videos, now posted on YouTube (search for “Southern Pacific rattlesnake male”). This very rarely observed behavior initially looks like courtship between a male and female, but is actually a mildly aggressive “combat dance” between two males, the rattlesnake equivalent of rutting in deer or bighorn

sheep. There was no rattling or other noise associated with the behavior. King quickly spotted a third rattlesnake only a few yards away. This may well have been a female observing the “dance.” That snake did eventually rattle, cross the trail and disappear into a nearby rock cavity. Meanwhile, the males continued their spectacular interaction for several minutes. Incidentally, King had his dog Anabel with him. Despite the potential danger, her rattlesnake avoidance training worked extremely well and she kept her distance throughout. Indeed, she ran many yards away after the presumed female snake rattled. This training is highly recommended for anyone who hikes with their dog in our mountains.



Two male Southern Pacific rattlesnakes compete on South Ridge Trail while possibly a female watches from the side. PHOTO BY JON KING



A loud noise, almost like an explosion, was heard throughout Idyllwild Thursday afternoon, July 27. The cause was a blown tire of a backhoe parked at the end of the lot between **Marge Muir’s** real estate office and the nursery (both on Highway 243). The escaping air created a small crater in the dirt around the tire. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Washington’s quarterly meeting
Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington’s quarterly meeting with Idyllwild-area constituents is from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, at the Idyllwild Library. Washington will be available to the public for individual or group meetings by appointment. Call 951-955-1030 to make an appointment.

Take precautions against high heat
With temperatures reaching triple-digits in parts of Riverside County, health officials are urging the community to take precautions against the heat and remind residents about the availability of cool centers located throughout the county. Idyllwild does not have a cool center, however. “High temperatures always present challenges, but the first heat wave of the year can be particularly dangerous since people may have forgotten the danger high temperatures can present,” said Sarah Mack, director of Riverside University Health System-Public Health. “There are some simple precautions that people can take to protect themselves.” Among the precautions, officials suggest residents drink water to prevent dehydration; avoid direct sunlight and stay indoors when possible; close blinds or curtains to minimize the heat; visit a mall, library or restaurant to stay cool; and make sure not to leave children, elderly, disabled individuals or pets inside unattended vehicles. Some of the signs of symptoms of heat-related illness are headache, dizziness, muscle weakness or cramps, and nausea and vomiting.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 8/2

83/60

Chance of thunderstorms.

Thursday 8/3

85/60

Chance of thunderstorms.

Friday 8/4

85/60

Chance of thunderstorms.

Saturday 8/5

85/58

Chance of thunderstorms.

Sunday 8/6

85/59

Mostly sunny.

Monday 8/7

85/61

Chance of thunderstorms.

Tuesday 8/8

86/60

Sunny.

Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

Idyllwild this year				
Date	High	Low	M	S
07/25	83	60	0.00	0.0
07/26	85	59	0.00	0.0
07/27	87	57	0.00	0.0
07/28	87	57	0.00	0.0
07/29	86	57	0.00	0.0
07/30	88	58	0.00	0.0
07/31	91	60	0.00	0.0

Idyllwild last year				
Date	High	Low	M	S
07/25	86	63	0.00	0.0
07/26	90	60	0.00	0.0
07/27	91	63	0.00	0.0
07/28	91	63	0.00	0.0
07/29	94	64	0.00	0.0
07/30	85	64	0.21	0.0
07/31	83	58	0.00	0.0

Moisture in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	0.02
To date last season (Idy):	0.21
Total last season (Idy):	28.61
To date this season (PC):	0.0
Total last season (PC):	37.56

Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	0.0
To date last season (Idy):	0.0
Total last season (Idy):	31.3
To date this season (PC):	0.0
Total last season (PC):	63.3

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.

The temperatures were in the 80s, but the earth smelled musky and wet Tuesday afternoon after an overnight thunderstorm (see photo on B8).

PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

IFPD ends year with positive budget

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Preliminary financial data for fiscal year 2016-17 indicate the Idyllwild Fire Protection District produced a significant net income compared to many recent years.

“We’re closing out the year in good condition,” reported Commissioner and Treasurer Jerry Buchanan. Net income was nearly \$143,000. For the fiscal year, revenues exceeded \$2.2 million, while expenses were \$2.1 million. Ambulance or medical-service billings were nearly \$260,000 ahead of projections and actual collections were almost \$500,000 or \$50,000 more than projected last July.

The number of medical-aid calls increased this year, thus helping to increase the medical services billing. During fiscal year 2016-17, there were 645 calls, which was 77 more than last fiscal year. In fiscal year 2014-15, IFPD had 676 medical calls, according to Battalion Chief Mark LaMont.

Expenses produced no major surprises. While funding for reserves exceeded the budget by about \$40,000, this was more than offset by the cost of captains’ salaries being \$75,000 below budget. Services were up primarily for vehicle repair and maintenance.

Overall, IFPD enters the new fiscal year, which began July 1, with slightly more than \$575,000 cash in its accounts. Buchanan and staff also are working with the district’s auditor to get a draft and completed audit this fall. “There was no uncertainty expressed that we did not want to see December, January or February for final audit,” he said to his commission colleagues. “We’re shooting for completion in August.”

In other financial business, the commission approved opening a new account at BBVA Compass bank. Staff was authorized to explore and possibly open a \$250,000 line of credit with this account.

For the past several years, the district has had to request from Riverside County an advance of property-tax revenue to pay its bills until December. Buchanan said this might give the district some short-term flexibility when cash flow, such as during fall months, is slow.

Commissioner Henry Sawicki reported that he and fellow Commissioner Larry Donahoo had met as the ad hoc committee for a future parcel fee or tax measure. They discussed some options and are exploring them. The committee will report “recommendations beneficial to re-introducing a measure to the community” at the September commission meeting, he said.

Fire Chief Patrick Reitz reported that engines and staff have been assigned to various fires throughout California during the current fire season.

Sand to Snow monument appears safe

No modifications recommended to Zinke

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Sand to Snow National Monument, established in Riverside County in 2016, is unlikely to be changed as a result of the current review of 27 national monuments, which U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke is conducting.

In April, President Donald Trump signed an executive order directing a review of all national monuments established since January 1996 and greater than 100,000 acres.

The review included six monuments in California, including two — Mojave Trails and the Sand to Snow national monuments — which are in Southern California.

Zinke has already submitted recommendations to modify the boundary of the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah. Opposition to these national monuments focused on the Bears Ears because of its size, 1.3 million acres.

The Antiquities Act in 1906, which authorizes the president to establish national monuments, refers to minimum size. While local tribes supported the Bears Ears National Monument, many other Utahans were concerned with its size since 60 percent of the state belongs to federal land management agencies, such as the Bureau of Land Management or the National Park Service.

Trump prepared and signed the EO after many Congressmen expressed concern that designation of national monuments occurred with little public and local involvement.

At the end of June, the 17 Republican congressmen sent their recommendations on the various national monuments to Zinke. In this 26-page letter, they did not recommend any change to the Sand to Snow monument.

“While the designation by President Obama circumvented active legislation that enjoyed widespread support among local officials and stakeholders, it largely adhered to the proposed boundaries and management plans ... We recommend no changes to the boundaries of the Sand to Snow National Monument.”

The Sand to Snow National Monument connects the San Bernardino National Forest and Joshua Tree National Park. It encompasses about 154,000 acres, of which about 100,000 acres have already been designated as Congressional wilderness areas.

Besides the Sand to Snow monument, the Canyons of the Ancients in Colorado and the Hanford Ranch National Monument in Washington were the only ones for which the group did not recommend any reduction in size.

Most of the recommendations, including for the Mojave Trails Monument, the writers recommended that the monument be “confined to the smallest area compatible with proper care and management of the objects to be protected.”

However, they did recommend rescinding the national monument designation for nine areas, including the Berryessa Snow Mountain in California.

In July, Zinke announced that three monuments — Craters of the Moon National Monument in Idaho, Canyons of the Ancients and Hanford Reach National Monument — “are no longer under review and that he will recommend that no modifications be made to the monument[s],” according to a DOI press release.

The EO directs Zinke to examine whether the designation was made without adequate public outreach and coordination with “relevant stakeholders.” A final report is due by the end of August.

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Obituary H. David Mosier Jr., M.D. 1925-2017

H. David Mosier Jr., M.D., of March Air Reserve Base in Southern California and Idyllwild, died Monday, May 22, 2017, at home. He was 92.

He was born May 22, 1925, in Topeka, Kansas, the firstborn of parents Harry David Mosier, D.D.S., and Josephine Morrow Johnson. His paternal great-grandparents, of Irish and German stock, homesteaded in western Kansas.

Dr. Harry Mosier started a dental practice in Herington in 1922, which he continued until his retirement 57 years later. David, never called Harry, attended Saint John Catholic School in Herington, Kansas and Herington High School, graduating with the class of 1943.

He was drafted for service into the U.S. Army during his first semester at the University of Notre Dame, returning in early 1946 to graduate, magna cum laude, with the class of 1948. During World War II, he served as chief of gun section (105 mm Howitzer) in France and Germany, and in the Black Forest region of Germany with the Army of Occupation. Later, as colonel in the Army Reserve Medical Corps, he served on active duty during Desert Shield/Storm (1990-91).

He graduated from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1952, serving an internship year there before moving west for two years of residency at Childrens Hospital (University of Southern California) of Los Angeles, one in Pediatrics and one in Pediatric Pathology.

Returning to Johns Hopkins Hospital, he completed two years of a Pediatric Endocrinology fellowship prior to accepting a medical faculty appointment at the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1957, achieving tenure in 1961. He was certified by both the American Board of Pediatrics and the subspecialty Board of Pediatric Endocrinology.

He remembered being taught by the Saint John Catholic School nuns with fondness and credits them with providing him a solid educational foundation, as well as grounding in the tenants of his Catholic faith. He extended his religious studies at Notre Dame University, and his interest in the subject continued through life.

He loved classical music and became an accomplished amateur pianist. When he and his brother were in high school, both obtained private pilot licenses. He kept his FAA license all of his life, though he no longer flew as an adult. For several years recently, he and his wife, Marjorie, were Idyllwild Arts Academy trustees.

Dr. Mosier felt that his true calling was in research, especially in understanding controls of longitudinal growth. He was appointed director of research at the Illinois State Pediatric Institute and associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Illinois, Chicago, in 1963. In 1967, he was appointed professor of pediatrics at the University of California, Irvine, where he remained for the duration of his career as head of the division of Pediatric Endocrinology, retiring in 2002. He maintained an active research laboratory and trained a number of Fellows in Pediatric Endocrinology at UCI.

He was a member of the university’s Academic Senate from 1967 to 2002. He also served as medical consultant to the Medical Board of California from 1995 to 2008. During his years in California, Dr. Mosier was on the staff of UCLA Medical Center, Pacific State Hospital in Pomona, Los Angeles County General Hospital, Cedars of Lebanon Hospital in Los Angeles, University of California Irvine Medical Center in Orange, Miller Childrens Hospital in Long Beach, Childrens Hospital of Orange County in Orange, the U.S. Naval Regional Medi-



Obituary H. Dail Rankin 1944-2017

Born in Pt. Loma’s Frontier Housing on Jan. 24, 1944, Dail was one of five children born to Eugene C. (New Orleans) and Hope Jackson (Cheyenne, Wyoming and Dickens, Nebraska). He died Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

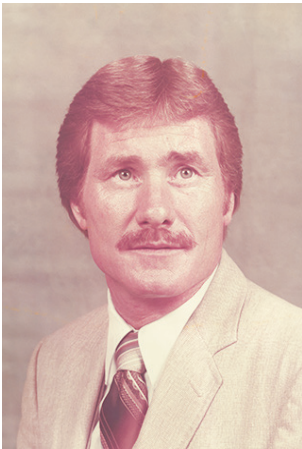
Dail’s parents migrated here in 1936 and 1938. Dail graduated Lincoln in 1961, spent 12 years at Standard Brands as sales clerk, third man and finally, as new store opening manager. Few California stores opened that Dail did not touch.

Recruited by Allstate, Dail spent 24 years there, yet he will be most remembered for organizing reunions for Lincoln.

Dail was a resident of San Diego and Idyllwild. He is survived by a brother, Jim, and sisters Joanne and Susan.

Dail worked hard, played hard and truly loved to dance. Dail had many friends and will be missed.

A memorial will be announced.



cal Center in Long Beach and the 6252d U.S. Army Hospital in Ventura.

He was a member of the Endocrine Society, the Society for Pediatric Research, the American Pediatric Society, the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society (founding member), the Western Society for Pediatric Research, Sigma Xi, the Orange County Pediatric Society and the American Academy of Pediatrics, California Chapter 2.

Dr. Mosier authored 87 peer-reviewed articles, 30 book chapters and 99 abstracts of presentations. He was a reviewer for numerous medical journals and granting agencies.

In 1949, he married Oclea Nadine Merilatt of Durham, Kansas, and had four children, Carolyn Josephine, William David, Daniel Thomas and Christine Elizabeth. The marriage ended in divorce.

In 1963, he married Marjorie Knight Armstrong. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie A. Mosier, M.D., of March Air Reserve Base; daughter Carolyn Pohlmeier of Redding; son William (Maria Eugenia) Mosier, M.D., of Fullerton; son Daniel (Michele) Mosier, Esq., of Redding; daughter Christine Mosier, Ph.D., and son-in-law John Mahoney, Ph.D., of Redding; 10 grandchildren, John, Matthew and Stephen Pohlmeier, Katherine Kintzle, Michael Mosier, M.D., Kristen Kenz, Benjamin and Kaitlyn Mosier and Shauna and Danielle Mahoney; and three great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are his brother, Richard M. Mosier, D.D.S., and sister-in-law, Norma Mosier, of Herington, Kansas, as well as four nephews, Kevin Mosier, M.D., Mark Mosier, D.D.S., James Mosier and John Mosier. As the grandchildren became old enough, David and Marjorie delighted in taking them, two at a time, to far-flung parts of the world, creating wonderful memories for both generations. Dr. Mosier’s interest in his family, his humor, gentle guidance and enduring love will be greatly missed.

Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 at the Church of Saint John The Evangelist, Herington, Kansas. Interment will be at St. John’s Catholic Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the University of Notre Dame online at <http://supporting.nd.edu>, by phone at 574-631-5150 or by mail at University of Notre Dame, Department of Development, 1100 Grace Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

County shifts environmental projects back to state

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The continuing clean-up of the underground storage tank at the Idyllwild Chevron site is one of 13 projects that have been transferred to the State Water Resources Control Board’s Santa Ana Regional board. The transfer was effective July 1.

Riverside County Department of Environmental Health is no longer contracting with the state to oversee these types of projects.

The transfer of oversight responsibility occurred just weeks after the county had approved a work plan for the local site. This work would have included two more off-site monitoring wells, seven soil gas-vapor probes and four borings to collect groundwater data.

Groundwater samples from March (only well no. 15 is

tested every quarter) revealed decreasing methyl tertiary-butyl ether concentrations in all but one well, where the concentration was up “slightly,” according to the report. In June, the MTBE levels decreased for this well.

However, benzene, toluene and xylene concentrations were elevated in several wells, none of which were off-site.

These wells are all located on the station site and the concentrations may have been higher in March because the very wet winter raised the groundwater level of all of the monitoring wells.

One of the other 12 projects transferred to the SWRCB (Santa Ana) is located at the U.S. Forest Service’s Keenwood Ranger Station near Mountain Center. According to the county report, some remediation has started and more work will begin this month.

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I received numerous responses to my editorial last week, some very good suggestions, too. The primary reaction — and none of the responders said otherwise — was that they need and rely on the Town Crier. So, with that in mind, we’re going to try to figure this out. It may be a new model entirely but we’re going to hash this out to keep the newspaper in this community.

In the meantime, we experienced an interesting weekend with new and old family, particularly.

Kamila’s first birthday party Friday evening typifies the Wilson/Johnson/Clark relationship ever since Johnny and Halie married several years ago. We all celebrate many occasions together now because we all live here.

That’s a pretty special thing for Johnny and Halie’s kids to have two sets of grandparents and aunts/uncles around to help raise them. They also are close to our Johnson grandkids who live here, too, and are older so they help.

Halie was smart enough to bring a blow-up pool to set Kamila in when she ate. Baby wore a pretty pink dress and further properly colored herself more by smashing her little personal pink-iced cake with not only her hands, but her bottom. Then she laid on it.

After a thorough clean-up, she then, with children surrounding and cheering her on, opened her presents and played with them. It was quite the perfect first birthday.

My children’s grandmother died the week before last in Temecula. She was my mother-in-law for seven years. She left behind four children and more than 50 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Johnsons are a large family and despite the usual infighting, they are close.

One of the sons used to bring his mother and, before she passed, her mother to our Thanksgiving dinners. I’ve stayed in touch. She was especially close to my daughter and her half-sister.

The two of them helped arrange an informal service Sunday at a house in Temecula. Family from as far away as Alaska made it. Jack and I were invited to attend.

When I was part of that family, most of the adults I saw Sunday were little nieces and nephews who remember me fondly as Aunt Becky. For the first time in nearly 30 years, I got to hug a former sister-in-law and catch up on our lives. She, too, divorced one of the brothers.

I met her grandchildren and she met two of mine. The event was a potluck and then we all went outside where vineyards surrounded us on hillsides — appropriate since Gramma Shirley loved wine.

Some wine did flow that day but more importantly, Shirley’s DNA flowed through the veins of the majority of attendees. She touched their lives and those of others, like me. Shirley was a world-traveler, artist and teacher, among other things. She was bigger than life and nearly every adult there shared how she had touched them. Along with wine and DNA, tears and laughter flowed.

The day before, Halie and Johnny attended a wedding reception. From first birthday to marriage to death, in that order, Halie said the weekend was a circle of life.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

Summer reading program

Idyllwild Library’s free summer reading program, “Reading by Design,” began June 1.

Come in to the library to sign up. Children will receive a registration packet with sign-up gifts when they sign up. Sign-up can be done at the front desk or online by clicking the icon on the library website rivlib.net.

Many programs will be featured this year for every age level. Adults can participate in weekly prize drawings for their reading efforts.

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By and for the people of Idyllwild

EDITOR:

Idyllwild property owners have the opportunity to create a town park in the center of Idyllwild. JoAn’s Restaurant & Bar is for sale to anyone with the cash and desire to create another commercial enterprise. Perhaps a Native American group could buy the property and build a casino immune from county and state codes because it would be federal property.

Presently, Idyllwild property owners are taxed a small amount to pay for CSA 36’s recreation and lighting. If these same property owners voted to increase their taxes a small amount, the county could buy JoAn’s, raze the building, put in some nice rest rooms, install some benches and save the trees. Then, Idyllwild residents would have a nice park in the center of their town.

WILLIAM FAUROT
IDYLLWILD



Cats and declining Idyllwild birds

EDITOR:

A few years back, I was having a casual conversation with a neighbor who “oversees” several outdoor/indoor cats. This person happened to mention that these feline charges enjoyed our yard when we were gone as they stalked prey there and that came in handy since cat food was unaffordable anyway.

This person laughed, I didn’t. Later, perhaps a year or so, I read the following New York Times Magazine article about the national diminishment of birds and their various species — billions due to the house cat left out to hunt. I was shocked at the magnitude of the problem.

We noticed a marked decline in birds using our birdbath over the years, more than coincidental since we noticed this decline long before I read the article to which I refer: www.nytimes.com/2014/03/22/opinion/sunday/the-evil-of-the-outdoor-cat.html?_r=0

I encourage your readers to link to it. It’s not funny, but rather a result of purposeful neglect and ignorance.

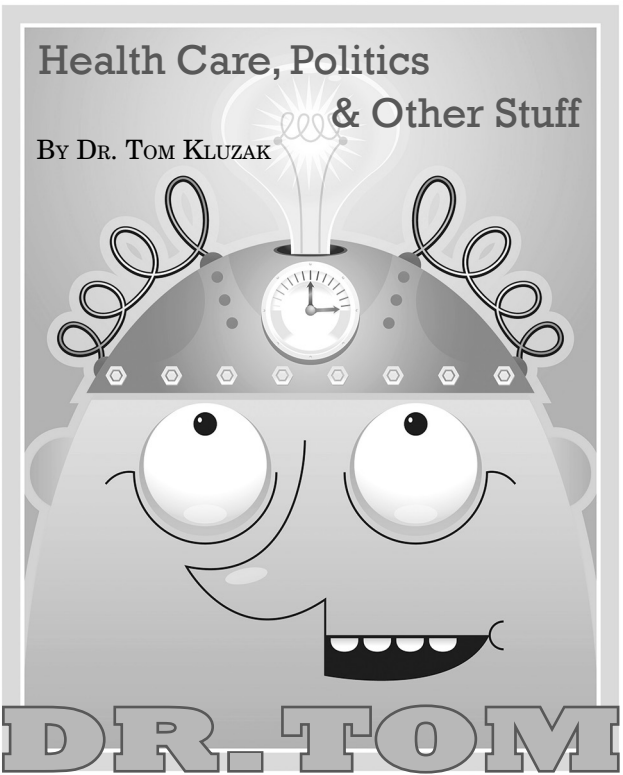
FRANK JASKO
IDYLLWILD

Eye of the Artist management

EDITOR:

I am a local working artist who has been a participating member of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild since 2003. I always appreciate the volunteer efforts of AAI and the many non-profit organizations that provide services to our community.

Today, however, I am writing with deep disappointment in the handling of the recent Eye event raffle. I felt the supportive spirit of the raffle in prior years was absent, and prop-



Happy birthday, Medicare ...

I am writing this on the 52nd anniversary of the official signing by President Lyndon Johnson of the legislation enacting Medicare, generally regarded as the most successful and popular U.S. government program ever. Just as many of us take inventory on our birthdays, this seems like a good time to consider what Medicare is and isn’t, what it accomplished and what it didn’t.

First of all, Medicare is not socialized medicine. It is, however, a way to pay for medical care provided by non-government hospitals, physicians and others. It is not the same as insurance but has some similarities. We all pay for Medicare, either through payroll taxes or premiums but Medicare coverage is reserved for those of us over age 65 or with a few specified diseases.

It is hard to prove, but Medicare has probably decreased bankruptcies among older adults, one of its original goals, although medical expenses account for 60 percent of bankruptcies.

While Medicare has a number of ways to control costs,
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er stewardship of the talent and labor that was so apparent in the outstanding art was missing.

I was told a local innkeeper purchased \$800 worth of tickets and won about 18 of the 50 original artworks. At some point, the announcer stopped announcing the artist, artwork and winner. The crowd was virtually left out of the excitement and it was unclear when the raffle was over. The piece I entered disappeared in the blink of an eye.

I was among many participating artists and event attendees who left discouraged over what had transpired.

I wrote a letter to the new AAI president the day after the event, stating my disappointment with how the raffle was managed. In her response, she did not address my concerns, but instead suggested I volunteer at events or join the board. I was saddened that my questions regarding a more equitable raffle were disregarded and apparently not worthy of serious consideration.

This is a legitimate concern and, because the Eye event is a fundraiser, limiting the number of tickets purchased is not the solution. My suggestion, to preserve the community spirit of the raffle, is to have a cap on the amount of artwork that can be won by one individual. It is a simple and fair solution.

I am now left questioning what values are guiding the decisions made by the current AAI leadership. Why did the AAI and the business owner feel it was acceptable for one person to win almost 40 percent of the artwork? What is the real purpose of this event? Is it simply a fundraiser? Or is it a celebration of camaraderie for the artists and the community? It used to be the latter.

I wish the AAI board success and hope it respects its responsibilities, which includes avoiding a repeat of this year’s event. Maintaining a financially sound event is equally important to being responsive to AAI’s membership and honoring our community spirit.

TRUDY LEVY
IDYLLWILD

Would not mind paying for subscription again

EDITOR:

I have looked forward to the Town Crier for as long as I can remember and still look forward to it weekly, especially “Out Loud,” which I always find interesting. My wife and I are also part-time residents and if we are going to be gone for any length of time, we make arrangements to have our PO box emptied.

The letter by Ms. Villacorta mentioned the TC piling up. I’m afraid getting rid of the Town Crier from the PO box would not solve the problem as I find other advertising papers take up as much space.

Being a businessman, I have often wondered how the TC survived financially. Personally, I would not mind if it went back to charging for the paper if the advertising revenue is not working out with the free paper. I feel things free are not appreciated as much as if one had to pay.

I would hate for the paper to go digital as I enjoy taking the paper out on the deck and reading it with a cup of tea. I would hate more if it closed or was absorbed by a larger publication.

Anyway, I wish Becky and Jack all the best and one has to look at what is best for them. None of us are getting any younger.

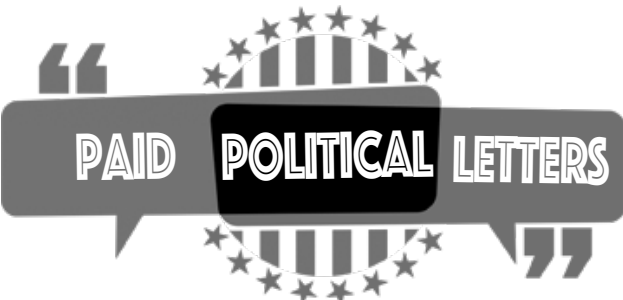
ALEX VIRTUE
IDYLLWILD

EDITOR:

I would gladly go back to paying 75¢ or \$1 to keep the Town Crier afloat.

JEAN STEIN
FERN VALLEY

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Pine Cove Water incumbents

EDITOR:

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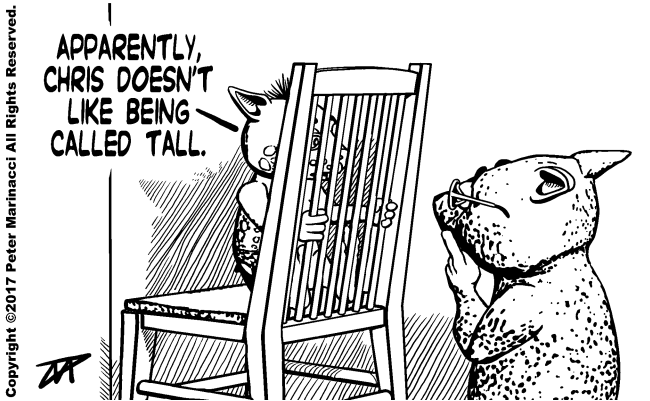
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Chief concerns

What does the incident commander do at an emergency wildland fire?

BY JOHN R. HAWKINS
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CAL FIRE/RIVERSIDE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT



Editor's note: Chief Hawkins uses an imaginary, but realistic, scenario to describe the thought process and actions of an incident commander during a fire on the Hill. This is a series of articles explaining how a fire officer assesses, strategizes and tactically implements an incident action plan to combat a rapidly escalating, life-threatening wildland fire. The first two ran in the June 22 and June 29 issues. Hawkins takes you into the strategic mind of a fire officer as he develops the story. This article further explains what happens at a major wildland fire.

We left you a few weeks ago with a rapidly spreading wildland fire that started about 12:30 p.m. on the north side of Highway 74 near the Strawberry Creek Bridge. At about 2 p.m., the fire had grown over 300 acres and was less than half a mile below the town of Idyllwild near Double View Drive and the overlook. Firefighters had engaged in perimeter control and structure defense efforts.

The fire was a legitimate threat to life and property in Idyllwild, Mountain Center and Pine Cove. The U.S. Forest Service's San Bernardino National Forest, Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Department, Idyllwild Fire Protection District, Riverside County Sheriff's Department and the California Highway Patrol entered unified command and moved the Incident Command Post to Mountain Center. Initial efforts were focused on securing the fire perimeter.

Most importantly for fire officials was safely and effectively evacuating civilians and defending structures in the fire's path while developing an operational attack organization and supporting planning logistical organizations.

To best imagine the location of the fire scenario, picture yourself standing on Highway 74 near the Strawberry Creek Bridge about 5 miles west of Mountain Center. You are looking up the hill at an escalating brush fire. The left flank is referred to as Division A, while the right flank is Division Z and the area where the fire is hitting the rim is called Division F.

Your view is extremely troubling because you know the fire is soon to hit the structures on the rim. Air tankers are dropping aerial fire retardant along the rim hopefully to hold the fire at the edge short of the structures. The smoke being generated off the fire is rising to probably over 20,000 feet.

You know, even as a non-firefighter, that this fire is a serious threat to life and property. You hope firefighters and law enforcement officers can do their jobs to evacuate civilians and save property.

As was briefly mentioned during the last article, evacuation efforts were being planned and initially executed by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department. The County Emergency Management Department co-

ordinates the evacuation with the community and responders. It works with the responders to set evacuation trigger points (typically a geographical point or points) and to define where evacuees should exit the community and where relocation centers will be located.

It knows from pre-planning how many evacuees can be housed at each center, and how to feed and medically care for those with health needs. It will document who is at each evacuation center. That information will be made available at off-site locations for family members to locate their next of kin, etc. EMD also will work with the Sheriff's Department to define which exit route evacuees should take in order to avoid conflict with incoming emergency responders.

It may not always be possible to separate inbound emergency vehicle traffic from outbound evacuees. In that case, careful traffic control must be implemented. Although this fire scenario calls for evacuating the impacted residents, another scenario might call for sheltering the residents in place.

Also working with the command will be Riverside County Animal Services. It will work hard to ensure the evacuation of animals and equestrians. Animal Services has pre-planned procedures and facilities for the re-location of animals. It works closely with private animal organizations.

The complexity of the fire coupled with the impact to mountain residents leads EMD to open the County Emergency Operations Center. The EOC coordinates activities for the Riverside County Operational Area, works with all agencies to best coordinate needs and prioritizes the assignment of resources to any competing incidents. Here, EMD works hard to ensure displaced residents are properly relocated to centers and receive the correct assistance. During the initial phase of the fire, Riverside County Fire will file a Fire Management Assistance Grant request with CalOES seeking both state and federal after-fire fiscal assistance.

During the first afternoon with the seriously emerging fire significantly threatening Idyllwild, Mountain Center and Pine Cove, the incident commanders order an Incident Management Team. The team arrives with members who train together and work well together during the most difficult of emergency situations. The team incorporates all the components of the IC System, including the general staff (IC and operations, planning, logistics and finance section chiefs), the command staff (information, liaison and safety officers) and the necessary staff members to establish a field command post and logistical base at Garner Valley, a helibase at Thomas Ranch in Garner Valley and a media contact center probably near Valle Vista, in the east Hemet area. The team will not usurp local fire and law enforcement agencies.

Firefighters work extended work shifts, typically 12 to 24 hour operational periods, with the same time resting while off shift. An Incident Action Plan will be developed for each operational period. The support facilities will be deliberately located out of the fire area to ensure not being impacted by the fire.

While support facilities and activities are occurring in the background, fire officers and firefighters ensure continuity of operations across all clocks. Field fire commanders do their best to protect life and property, defining their overriding goals for public protection while always factoring the safety of residents and firefighters into their game plans. Often, this is not easy; firefighting is a dangerous job that leaves firefighters tired, hungry and dirty, sometimes for extended periods.

Those fire commanders on the fire line or in positions to defend structures (life and property) are always balancing their SITSTAT (situation status) with their



An original Ernie Maxwell front page from the TC, August 8, 1952, in honor of the Town Crier's 70th anniversary this year.

RESTAT (resource status) currently and for the future, which might be a projected period of three hours, six hours, 12 hours, three days or more. Early on, division supervisors call for more resources to effect perimeter control and defend structures. They will be planning and submitting information for the next operational period as to their projected SITSTAT (what they want to accomplish) and RESTAT (resources they will need to effect the tactical needs).

Engine strike teams (five engines and a leader) are deployed for structure defense. Many engine strike teams will be needed. Crew strike teams (30 firefighters, including a leader) are assigned to perimeter control efforts, often in the most remote, steep and rugged terrain. Fire crews are truly the infantry of the wildland fire service. Field commanders constantly monitor the weather, particularly the dry bulb temperature, relative humidity, and wind direction and speed. Weather conditions change throughout the day and throughout the fire. Weather, particularly wind, is the most changing and driving fire force.

Every 12 hours during a 12-hour operational period, the IMT holds a planning meeting. They compare actual accomplishments or tactical results with planned activities. The planning reaffirms the incident objectives as were explained earlier or revise objectives based on changing conditions. Unified command of fire and law enforcement actions will occur. Fire subordinates, particularly within the Operations Section, propose tactical actions for each part of the fire. Those geographical locations are often referred to as branches or divisions.

In addition to proposing what actions to apply, subordinates propose how many and what kind and type of resources will be assigned to each field branch of division. In the end, they will recommend what and how it must be done but the IC has the final word as to the strategy and tactics. All this tactical information, along with evacuation information, safety information, weather and fire behavior information, communication frequencies, air operations and logistical support, is incorporated into each 12-hour operational period IAP. The IAP becomes the field operating and support bible for the fire.

Critically important at every fire is full involvement of the community. Involvement is best accomplished by early, and as accurate as possible, news releases and social media postings, frequent news conferences to ensure the media gets the best, most accurate fire situation updates and the holding of informative community meetings. Every IC always factors effective, transparent information dissemination into his or her incident actions.

Let us return to the details of the scenario. Overnight, the fire ran over the ridge into residential areas. The fire destroyed several structures although a count is not yet available. No civilians were injured or killed nor were firefighters seriously injured or killed. Firefighters strongly stood the test of structure defense and have basically stopped the forward spread of the fire. For today, firefighters both ground- and air-based must hold the fire at its current location. If the fire can be held for two days, chances are good the fire will not destroy any more of the community. Much fire mop-up or overhaul of hot spots must happen. Electrical service and propane service must be checked. The IMT hopes to allow residents to return to their homes within a day, although that timing is not certain.

Well, the fire scenario is over and, although the fire story was destructive, it was not as bad as it could have been. The true tipping point in favor of less damage was the changing weather over the first night.

After the fire ended, EMD and fire services conducted a survey of the damaged area. An after-action review is conducted by the responding agencies. They will determine what went well and what can be improved. Those determinations will be factored into operational aspects for future fires. An After Action Report will be published.

John Hawkins is the fire chief for the Cal Fire Riverside Unit and Riverside County Fire Department. He is entering his 54th year with Cal Fire and has served as the fire chief for going on 11 years. Chief Hawkins values leadership, fire and life safety and community involvement. He has been involved with the Riverside County Mountain Area Fire Safety Task Force since 2004. He served as the Cal Fire IC at the 2003 Cedar Fire in San Diego County. The Cedar Fire remains the largest and most destructive in California history.

Dr. Tom

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one thing it cannot do is negotiate drug prices; it is prohibited from doing so by federal law. Costs have also increased because of Medicare Advantage programs that were seen as a means to begin privatization of Medicare. Many politicians are unhappy with the idea of "government healthcare," but speaking out publicly against Medicare would, undoubtedly, interfere with any chance of reelection.

Medicare is designed to pay for a percentage of all necessary healthcare, making supplemental insurance necessary. Although it does need to stay solvent, it doesn't need to make a profit, and has an overhead of around 2 percent, compared to insurance company overhead of 15 to 25 percent. Think: no marketing, no excessive salaries or stockholders, no "Department of Denials."

To be sure, Medicare is not perfect; it suffers from being a big bureaucracy trying to keep up with our ever-changing medical environment, but most Americans think it is an important part of American life, worth preserving.

Because healthcare has been in the news so much lately, it is not surprising that Medicare is mentioned more and more frequently as a model for solving some problems with

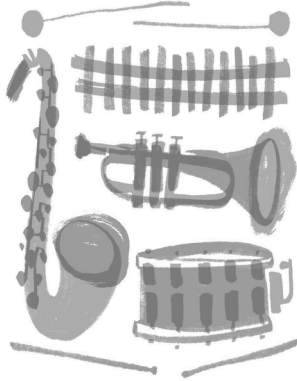
our present system (or lack thereof). I always laugh when someone says they don't want to pay for someone else's healthcare because that is exactly what someone else will do for them if they ever develop a serious illness.

And we all pay for the bankruptcies. And when someone can't pay for care and gets it anyway (would you turn anyone away from lifesaving treatment because they couldn't pay?), we all end up paying for it.

Tax revenue already pays for 60 percent of all U.S. healthcare. Since we cannot predict what diseases we will develop, insurance cannot be tailored to our needs, so Medicare provides universal coverage. We all pay for Medicare; the crafters recognized that everyone needed to pay into the system. Unfortunately, they didn't recognize that everyone needed to be covered.

So, Medicare, I hope you have a good day. I didn't get you a card but if I had it might have said something like this: Thanks for the past 52 years. You make a good example for those wrestling now with providing healthcare for all Americans.

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



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For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see “On the Town,” on page B7. Submit listings and changes to becky@towncrier.com.

- Wednesday, Aug. 2**
- 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.
 - Qigong, 9-10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Garner Valley Women's Group, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive debting and spending, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Thursday, Aug. 3**
- 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.
 - 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, Aug. 4**
- 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.
 - Celebrate Recovery (hang-ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

- Saturday, Aug. 5**
- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr.
 - American Legion Post 800 & Auxiliary meetings, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Sunday, Aug. 6**
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Bud-

dhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study meeting (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m. Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd., Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- Al-Anon “Mixed Nuts” open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Monday, Aug. 7**
- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. & Womens Alanon Step Study, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Science lunch, 11:30 a.m. Mile High Cafe, Hwy. 243.
 - Wisdom in Spiritual Eldering, 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Chronic Pain/Illness Community Support Group, 4-5:30 p.m. Hill House, Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Tuesday, Aug. 8**
- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive. Call 659-6208 for information.
 - Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA 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.

- Wednesday, Aug. 9**
- 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.
 - Qigong, 9-10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
 - Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - 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.
 - 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 Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.
 - Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

NEWS OF RECORD

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, July 23 to 29.

Idyllwild

- July 23 — Noise complaint, 3:31 a.m., Country Club Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 23 — Brandishing a weapon, 11:15 a.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Unfounded.
- July 23 — Civil dispute, 3:03 p.m., 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- July 23 — Noise complaint, 11:47 p.m., Country Club Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 24 — Barking dog, 5:39 p.m., Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- July 24 — Shots fired, 5:54 p.m., Idyllbrook Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 26 — Unlawful entry, 12:41 a.m., address undefined. Unfounded.
- July 26 — Harassing phone calls, 9:21 a.m., address withheld. Unfounded.
- July 26 — Trespassing, 2:29 p.m., 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 26 — Trespassing, 4:08 p.m., 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Report taken.
- July 26 — Barking dog, 6:51 p.m., Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- July 26 — Area check, 8:25 p.m., Tahquitz View Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 26 — Suspicious vehicle, 9:26 p.m., Tahquitz View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 27 — Noise complaint, 12:10 a.m., Country Club Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 27 — Suspicious person, 11:19 a.m., Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 27 — Animal abuse, 1:40 p.m., Country Club Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 27 — Vandalism, 1:48 p.m., address undefined. Unfounded.

- July 27 — Harassing phone calls, 3:18 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- July 28 — Alarm call, 3:11 a.m., Tahquitz Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 28 — 911 call, 11:19 a.m., Cowbell Alley. Handled by deputy.

- July 28 — Suspicious vehicle, 8:25 p.m., Tahquitz View

Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 29 — Unknown trouble, 12:10 a.m., Scenic Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 29 — Alarm call, 7:28 a.m., 54000 block of N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- July 23 — Alarm call, 9:05 p.m., Mountain View Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 24 — Burglary, 3:18 p.m., Overlook Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 25 — Suspicious circumstance, 1:15 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- July 27 — Civil dispute, 10:39 a.m., 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.

- July 28 — Noise complaint, 10:43 p.m., Oak Leaf Ln. Handled by deputy.

- July 29 — Noise complaint, 7:07 a.m., Oak Leaf Ln. Handled by deputy.

- July 29 — Noise complaint, 7:59 p.m., Nestwa Trl. Handled by deputy.

- July 29 — Noise complaint, 10:48 p.m., Nestwa Trl. Handled by deputy.

- July 29 — Noise complaint, 11:10 p.m., 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows/ Garner Valley

- July 27 — Public assist, 11:07 a.m., Devils Ladder Rd. Report taken.

- July 28 — Alarm call, 6:19 p.m., Tunnel Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.

- July 28 — Alarm call, 6:32 p.m., Tunnel Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- July 24 — Follow-up, 10:34 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- July 24 — 911 call from business, 12:51 p.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.

- July 26 — Petty theft, 11:04 a.m., Soboba Rd. Handled by deputy.

- July 28 — Suspicious person, 12:22 a.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- July 29 — 911 hangup from cell phone, 9:11 p.m., 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- July 29 — Assist other department, 8:27 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Two crashes on Hill roads last week

At 11 a.m. Saturday, July 29, Adam Harris, 20, of Palm Desert, was driving his white 2004 Toyota 4 Runner northbound on Highway 243, 3/10 of a mile north of the intersection with Highway 74, according to the California Highway Patrol. With Harris as passenger was Vanessa Claire, 19, of San Diego.

Coming southbound on Highway 243 was John Cantalessi Jr, 51, of Wildomar, driving a 2002 Peterbilt truck flatbed with a construction tractor on the trailer.

Harris' vehicle was traveling at a speed deemed unsafe for road conditions. He failed to negotiate a broad curve in the road, crossed over the double-yellow lines

and sideswiped the truck driven by Cantalessi.

There were no injuries in the crash and no other vehicles were involved. Harris' truck was towed from the scene by a truck from Idyllwild Garage.

At 12:35 p.m. Monday, July 31, John Leggatte, 69, of Lafayette, Louisiana, was driving his 2014 Concord motor coach northbound on Highway 243, 114 feet north of Mt. Etna Road, when the coach hit the embankment and overturned.

Leggatte was transported by American Medical Response to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs with non-life-threatening injuries. The coach was towed to Banning.

Historic review board discusses Village Market additions

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Idyllwild Historic Preservation District local review board met with one item on its agenda. The meeting, at the Idyllwild Library on Thursday, July 27, was to discuss exterior reworking of the façade of Village Market, including a planned deck.

Under the district's design guidelines, decks added to the front or side of a historic resource within the district, of which Village Market is one, fall within the board's jurisdiction to review.

Chair Warren Monroe noted, “They [Village Market owners] seem to be doing ev-

erything right.” Board member Nancy Borchers was very complimentary about the new sign in the front of Village Market designed by local metal artist Dore Capitani. “It's beautiful,” said Borchers.

Village Market Manager Scott McCormack said there is a plan to create a mural around the historic Selden Belden sign that for years was over the main entrance. It has been moved to the side of the building and also will be lit.

The next meeting of the board will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Idyllwild Library. Board meetings have gone to a quarterly schedule.

2018 Idyllwild Calendar Fundraiser Action-Photo Calendars for Nonprofits

For many years, the Town Crier has published an annual 11” x 17” photo calendar that sold for \$11.95. Beginning with 2018, we want to let Hill nonprofit organizations use our calendar as a fundraising opportunity.

There will be 13 full-page *ACTION* photos of local nonprofit organizations in our new calendar. Each will be of a nonprofit *in action*, i.e., doing what it does best to serve our community, and each will be above a calendar-month page (including January 2019) that also will have a banner-advertisement below it. (Your organization can purchase the banner ad, too, if it chooses.) There also will be spot ads in some of the date boxes in the calendar that you can use to advertise your organization's events that will be taking place on those dates. (You will be contacted regarding the deadline date of copy to be in your ads.)

It works like this: **Your organization purchases a minimum of 50 calendars printed at \$6 each**, which entitles your organization to a full-page *action* photo. **You then sell them at your own designated price as a fundraiser.**

The earlier you order, the better your chances of getting your *action* photo in the calendar month of your choice and spot ads on the exact dates of your events.

DEADLINE: Aug. 11, 2017

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Sheriff

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streets safe and communities safe, then everything else doesn't matter." The ratio of sheriff's deputies per 1,000 residents in the unincorporated areas has fallen to almost 0.75. With the added funding, Sniff will not have to make any further staff reductions — deputies or administrative — but it will still take time to hire and train new staff, he emphasized. The board realized that it had to use reserves to provide the added funds, but without a tax increase to raise revenues, its choices were limited. The final vote was 4-1. First District Supervisor Kevin Jeffries was the sole opposing vote. While he wanted added funding for the Sheriff's Department, he opposed the approval to increase the consultant's contract \$20 million, bringing the total for KPMG to more than \$40 million. *JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.*

Consultant

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80 minutes in July, according to Sniff's data. Both supervisors Kevin Jeffries (1st District) and Marion Ashley (5th District) argued that public safety was critical and the board's top priority. Jeffries voted against the package because of the additional funding for KPMG at the expense of public safety. "There should be no room for error when it comes to delivering of public safety," Jeffries said. While he said he disagrees

with Sniff on several other issues, such as administrative staffing, "Nothing is more important than delivering public safety." After the meeting, when the board added \$17.9 million to the department's budget, Sniff said that would stem the cuts, but returning deputies to the street and preparing for the Indio jail opening would take more time to train new staff. Meanwhile, the board authorized another \$20.3 million for KPMG to continue to find savings, for a total of more than \$40 million for the contract. The

added funds were for projects such as trimming the human resources staff, vehicle fleet management, creating a county performance unit and continuing work with the public safety agencies. The current pilot study at the sheriff's Hemet Station was successful, according to KPMG, but the station's staffing was already below the consultant's recommended level, implying that implementing their recommended ideas would require more staff and costs. *JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.*

Community Wildfire Protection Plan near completion

Fire Safe Council presents CWPP to public

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

About one month after the Manzanita Fire, which started near Lambs Canyon and burned east towards Poppet Flat, and during the Rose Fire in western Riverside County, few residents attended the meeting to discuss the local fire prevention plan. But those who did learned a lot about the current plans and work of the various fire agencies on the Hill. The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, with the collaboration of all of the local fire agencies, is revising the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Monday night, the MCFSC, with the agencies, presented it to the public. "The questions were good, the discussion interesting, but wish more people had come," said Norm Walker, MCFSC president. "This is the last opportunity for the public involvement in the Mountain CWPP." After an introduction from Walker, Edwina Scott, MCFSC executive director, discussed the purpose and importance of the plan. The 2003 Healthy Forests Restoration Act authorized communities to prepare a Wildfire Protection Plan. Its purpose would be to guide funding agencies to support the most important fire protection projects and ensure that the public was involved, and not leave it to the exclusive decision of fire agencies. MCFSC, with the U.S. Forest Service, Cal Fire, Idyllwild Fire Department, the Bureau of Land Management, State Parks and Esri, prepared the original Hill CWPP in 2006. It was updated in 2010. At the meeting, Walker said the intention is to revise the plan every two years, which drew applause from the audience. "Updating the plan makes it more dynamic," said Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz. "The 10-year projects are ready to be refreshed."

Scott emphasized that one of the original intentions for the creation of the CWPPs was to ensure collaboration between communities and fire agencies. However,



Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz speaks during the meeting about updates to the CWPP.

PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

that has always been a strength among Hill fire agencies. Since the 1990s, preceding the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce, they have held regular joint meetings to discuss and plan firefighting and deal with other forest problems, such as the bark beetle or oak borer. "Our fire agencies on the mountain are known for their collaboration," Scott said. With the history of fire on the mountain, four — Esperanza, Silver, Mountain and Manzanita — since the original CWPP, Scott acknowledged that any fire project here would benefit the whole mountain area. Walker asked people who feel more funds — federal or state — were needed for the fuels projects to please write their local elected representatives. Agency staff is not permitted to lobby for funding of any sort, so it often depends on public involvement to ensure that money flows to these projects, he noted.

Representatives from each agency described the past work and future projects. And the group took time to study the maps of the projects. After reconvening, a question-and-answer session was held. No comments or modification to projects were offered. Walker did say he would talk to Chief Greg Bratcher, Riverside County Fire at the Mountain Resource Center, about ensuring the agencies meet more frequently to be sure projects are coordinated. The plan will be completed this month and signatures from the agencies and the Riverside County Board of Supervisors will be obtained to finish it, Scott said. "I can make my house as safe as possible," said one person. "But I'm only as safe as my neighbor makes their property." Scott agreed that on the Hill we rely on each other. *JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.*



By BOBBIE GLASHEEN

I read recently that death is the number 1 killer in the world. Interesting, that. Then why must I listen to endless harangues pointing to fatty foods and lack of exercise as the number 1 killer? A friend of mine insists that anger-with-a-smile (snarkism) will surely kill me. What a lot of nerve! It's death that will kill me. Try arguing with that. Do away with death and we have the problem licked. I would be able to travel blithely on down these sunshiny roads into the forever. No last words, nor will and testament. No endless rhetoric about where old Bobs went when she finally died. 'Cause I will not die. Tears and grief will always be with us, but their applications would be limited to poverty, divorce, lost wallets, etc. A fate worse than death? Forget it. There is a consideration that I have left out. You mebbe noticed? I am thinking specifically of fatigue. Prolonged activity, continued stress, tedium all serve to weaken me over time. I become slow moving, huff a little up the hills, lost on the calendar somewhere between 1937 and 2017. And then there is pain ... which wears one down faster than anything. Ask an old Subaru who toils endlessly up and down these hills, transmission rattling, engine temperature rising beyond and beyond. I think any engine worth its salt will call for the end eventually. I withdraw my proposal that we eliminate the number 1 killer. Let there be a time when even a spider in the bathroom will scare me to death. Let there be an ending as well as a beginning. Shoot me if all else fails.

Support for families of elderly

The Riverside County Office on Aging offers the Care Pathways Program. A support for families caring for older adults. Support for Families Caring for Older Adults. A series of 12, two-hour support group workshop classes include "Living With Dementia," "Signs of Stress," "Communicating in Challenging Situations," "Legal Issues Part I and II," "Managing Medications," "Taking Charge of Your Health," "Emotional Health," "Grieving," "A Natural Reaction to Loss," "How To Talk To Your Doctor," "Caregiver Burnout" and "Healthy Lifestyles." To register for the next series of classes, call 951-867-3800 or 1-800-510-2020.



Adult Coed Softball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Bob Lewis** gave this report on recent Adult Coed Softball games. On Monday, July 24, Forest Lumber beat Ajax 15-4. Also that night, Creekstone beat Forest Lumber 15-8. The next night, Idyllwild Arts lost to Forest Lumber 7-18, and Ajax beat Creekstone 12-3. On Wednesday, July 26, Creekstone beat Patty Perez 8-6. On Friday, July 28, Patty Perez lost to Idyllwild Arts 9-14.

	Standings	
	Wins	Losses
Patty Perez	5	3
Forest Lumber	4	3
Ajax	4	4
Creekstone Inn	4	4
Idyllwild Arts	2	5

Free/reduced-price school lunches

Hemet Unified School District is distributing application forms to all households for free and reduced-price meals for enrolled children. Applications are also available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits, complete an application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used to determine meal eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or program officials. Requirements for free and reduced-price benefits are as follows: For households receiving Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits, applications need only include the enrolled child(ren)'s name, Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member. For households who do not list a Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP or FDPIR case number, the application must include the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the signature and corresponding Social Security number of an adult household member.

Steele in the WGC Bridgestone Invitational

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele plays this week in the \$9.75 million World Golf Championships — Bridgestone Invitational on the Firestone Country Club South course in Akron, Ohio. The Idyllwild native goes into this tournament 15th on the FedExCup points list and 54th in the Official World Golf Ranking. Brendan tees off Thursday at 4:30 a.m. PDT and Friday at 5:30 a.m. PDT. He will play with Russell Knox, of Scotland, and Lee Westwood, of England, both days. *Jack can be reached at jack@towncrier.com.*

Seeking EMax award nominees

For the seventh consecutive year, the Idyllwild Town Crier is requesting nominations for the annual Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award. Bring your nomination to the Town Crier office at 54405 N. Circle Dr., mail it to P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549, or send by email to becky@towncrier.com by Aug. 31. The honor is given to an individual or group who represents EMax's spirit of community and volunteerism. Prior awardees took actions that created a spark sufficient to bring others into the fray just as Maxwell did with his activities involving the environment. The nomination information should provide the reason why the individual or group has been nominated. They should have demonstrated a tangible, perhaps physical, effect on the community. The Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail is an example of accomplishment. How long has your nominee been active in the community? Provide a description of their vounteer contributions and accomplishments for the community. And finally, can you show how these efforts have been adopted or expanded by the community? The five previous awardees were the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council in 2011, Dawn Sonnier in 2012, Robert Priefer in 2013, Annamarie Padula in 2014, Wendy Read in 2015 and Janice Murasko/Robert Hewitt in 2016. A plaque in the Town Crier office lists the awardees' names. Later, you will have an opportunity to vote for the top three 2017 nominees.

Jazz festival moves away from smooth jazz

Feature new jazz innovators and jazz legends

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Jazz in the Pines returns to its original roots, under the guidance of founder Marshall Hawkins and John Newman, Idyllwild Art Academy director of business operations.

Gone are the days of smooth jazz headliners in Holmes Amphitheatre. From this point forward, producers intend to feature up-and-coming jazz innovators, jazz stalwarts who have played with some of the greatest names in the jazz pantheon and IAA jazz graduates who are beginning to make names for themselves.

Traditional jazz was born of innovation and improvisation. The notes were never the same twice. It was in-the-moment, you-had-to-be-there music. And that is the music with which the festival began and to which producers promise to remain faithful.

"The festival has returned to its roots, where it began in 1994," said Hawkins. "It's about jazz music, not a radio listening format. The first year it sold out. The draw was the music and the mountain, and from the beginning it brought attention to Idyllwild Arts and its purpose. And from the beginning it was successful."

Said Newman, "Marshall and I are committed to showcasing real jazz, not smooth jazz, not commercialized jazz, not elevator jazz. Our musicians don't play the same songs the same way twice. They don't play one note at a time. They are creators and innovators, and if we are committed to keeping jazz music alive, they are the artists who will ensure its survival."

Jazz in the Pines headliners Charles McPherson and Russell Malone have worked with some of the greatest names in jazz and are, with their unique voices, continuing to expand the jazz catalogue and enrich the musical conversation. Alto sax player McPherson and his quintet are closing headliners on Saturday, Aug. 12, in Holmes Amphitheatre and Malone and his quartet close on Sunday, Aug. 13.

McPherson played with jazz legend Charles Mingus for 12 years during the height of Mingus' fame, from 1960 to 1972. McPherson was 20 when he started with Mingus. He played on the soundtrack of Clint Eastwood's 1988 Academy Award winning movie "Bird," about jazz legend Charlie Parker. Early on, McPherson frequently collaborated with Lonnie Hillyer, Barry Harris, George Coleman and Pepper Adams.

After moving to San Diego, McPherson built a hometown-based career as leader of his own groups, as resident composer for the San Diego Ballet and as a featured recording artist. McPherson has lived jazz history and exudes respect for that history.

Musically reared in bebop, McPherson espouses the importance of being engaged, actively in the moment, not just in music but in everything. He talks about rhythmic time, the beats, the speed, as a living thing, an immer-



Charles McPherson, alto sax man who played with jazz legend Charles Mingus for 12 years and played on the soundtrack of Clint Eastwood's movie "Bird," the story of jazz great Charlie "Bird" Parker, headlines at Jazz in the Pines on Saturday, Aug. 12.

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sive energy that feeds creativity.

"There's metronomic time and then there's aesthetic time," said McPherson. Metronomic time is academic time, 160 on the metronome is 160. There is no subjectivity and there is no philosophy. Then there is aesthetic time. It's how you feel about 160. And more importantly, how are you feeling in between the beats? There is this feeling in between the beats, even if you don't commit to playing a note. The magic is there in what you do and in what you don't do. An improviser has to be totally alive throughout the whole spectrum of a bar."

McPherson illustrates with analogies. He suggested metronomic time is like marching. Aesthetic time is like ice skating, or Michael Jordan, weaving and pivoting through opposing players down the court. Metronomic time can be goose steps and aesthetic time is Tai Chi.

"Phrasing is the balance of what is on the beat with what is off the beat, and how you even that out to create tension and release," he related. "It's like a bow and arrow. The tension is pulling back on the bow. That is the upbeat, and the release is the downbeat."

McPherson believes creativity is enriched by tapping into a collective unconscious and being receptive to all that is there. "You get to this particular meditative state, with humility, being ready to receive. And it's that ability to be receptive and open to ideas that fuels improvisation. That is how you accomplish things for which you don't have empirical evidence. That is how you get a Mozart. Of course, you have to have the technique. But when craft meets inspiration and technique, then you have genius."

Although known as a master craftsman with a unique voice, McPherson is humble and self-effacing. "I think the higher level of civility with which we treat each other defines us," he said.

McPherson chose saxophone be-



Jazz guitarist **Russell Malone** brings his warm tones and unhurried musical conversation as headliner at Jazz in the Pines on Sunday, Aug. 13.

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cause it is most like the human voice. "When you play saxophone, it's like you're singing," he said. His music, his improvisation, his balancing of tension and release is a conversation you will want to hear.

Joining McPherson are band mates Gilbert Castellanos on trumpet, Randy Porter on piano, Rob Thorsen on bass and Richard Weller on drums.

Guitarist Malone has played with jazz organist Jimmy Smith and been part of Harry Connick Jr.'s big band. He was sideman for Diana Krall throughout much of the 1990s and 2000s. During this time, Malone also appeared with Branford Marsalis, Benny Green, Terrell Stafford and Ray Brown. He has recorded with Krall, Wynton Marsalis, Ron Carter and Ben Wolfe. Working with some of the leading names in contemporary jazz, Malone has firmly established himself as a key member of the group.

Downbeat's Kurt Rosenwinkel said of Malone, "Obviously we are in the capable hands of a master. The relaxed quality of everything that is being played gives it such a warm feeling."

Malone is known for his unhurried and understated authority in phrasing, with musical language that is lyrical, shaped and constructed to be understandable and communicative. "I

pick songs that have strong melodies and good chord changes," said Malone, who counts as his musical influences Wes Montgomery, George Benson, Kenny Burrell and Chet Atkins. "The older I get, the more I value the things that will stay with the listener." Malone's tone is warm and inviting, his musical choices are accessible and his conversational phrasing is engaging.

Malone comfortably eases his way through a broad mix of musical genres — old school and contemporary pop, original jazz, gospel, country and the blues. Joining Malone are his regulars, pianist Rick Germanson, bassist Luke Sellick and drummer Willie Jones III. "The best music comes from great players who trust each other," he said. "I use that approach with my band. I may have a blueprint in my mind for the tune, but when we play, it evolves through the group."

Malone noted in his own musical evolution the importance of trusting his own voice. "Around the age of 35, I began to understand that no matter how great the players were who were my musical influences, I had to be me. I did not have to make the same choices as others did or live up to what someone else's idea of jazz was."

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

What's happening at the Idyllwild Nature Center

BY SALLY HEDBERG
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Although there is a little more than a month left in the summer, the Idyllwild Nature Center still has many special programs for everyone. On the weekend of Aug. 5 and 6, butterflies will be making their annual appearance at Butterfly Daze both days from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. People can enter butterfly pavilions and observe Monarch butterflies at close range. Volunteers will be there to explain the life cycle of a butterfly and other pertinent butterfly facts.

The Junior Naturalists Program has three more sessions geared to elementary school-age children. All programs are from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturdays and include crafts, hikes and snacks, as well as learning about nature. The remaining programs are Aug. 12 and 19. There is a nominal cost for Butterfly Daze and Junior Naturalists Programs.

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Rich Capparella, classical KUSC on-air announcer and classical music aficionado, provides commentary on chamber music performances during the Idyllwild Arts Summer Program's annual Chamber Festival.

Above right, performing classical chamber music last Saturday at Stephens Recital Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus was **Gina Coletti** and **Connie Kupka**. Joining them, but not shown, was David Spelt on cello.

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By JACK CLARK
FASHION ADVISOR

Q. For my kitchen, I recently bought a large set of new plastic tubs with matching lids. Now I have 14 tubs and only 10 lids. Four of the tubs are going topless. Where do these lids go?

— Myrna, Menifee

A. I think one of them turned up in my dryer. Have you got one of my socks?

Q. The other day, I was cleaning out my car. There was an old hat in there and I put it on top of the one I was already wearing while I filled up my arms carrying other stuff inside. I put the other stuff away, entirely forgetting about the second hat, and went to town. Some of the guys ribbed me about wearing two hats. Now they think I'm a goofus. I thought I had a perfectly reasonable explanation for how it happened and I think it could happen to anyone. Have you ever done this?

— Harvey, Idyllwild

A. No, never. Ask anyone. ... Except Christine at the Legion.

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Dorothy and Mike Brooks enjoy themselves at the PEO pirate party recently. PEO is a service organization dedicated to supporting women and education.

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Idyllwild was up and dancing to Motown and the Blue Breeze Band during Thursday's summer concert at the Idyllwild Community Center site.

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David Hunt and **Kris Kirschbaum** stop in Memphis, Tennessee, to snap a photo with the TC on their way cross-country from North Carolina back to Idyllwild.

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Another large crowd attended the Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery event "Feeling Groovy" on Saturday, mingling with the artists whose work was on display.

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Manzoor R. Massey, Ph.D., M.P.H., Rotary District 5330 governor, is proud of the Idyllwild Rotary squirrel he received after addressing the Idyllwild Rotary Club at its weekly meeting Wednesday, July 26, at the American Legion Post 800. Massey gave an impressive presentation, highlighting the Rotary motto of "service above self"; the most touching moment was when he teared up relating his interactions with a woman who had three children but only one pair of jeans, which they rotated, allowing attendance at school every third day. He connected the family with a Riverside Rotary Club and his own children, getting them the help they needed with many problems, resulting in attendance at school every day.

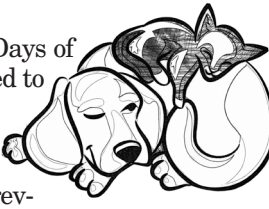
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CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

The next three episodes of "Days of Our Nine Lives" will be dedicated to profiling the cast of characters.

Anabel: Lovely Anabel is a very friendly, loving 7-year old girl who came to ARF when her forever mom went into hospice. She was pretty sad for a while, but now she is a happy girl. Anabel's favorite activities include playing hide-n-seek, waiting for humans to settle long enough for her to jump into their laps. Anabel has long, super-silky soft, cream-colored hair with dark highlights. Anabel likes the other ARF cats, especially Tinkerbell.



Anabel



Audrey



Bobbie

Anabel would probably learn to live with a dog if necessary, but she says she'd rather not have to bother.

Audrey: Audrey joined the ARF cattery when her family's new infant became very allergic to her. Her forever family was very upset about having to give her up, but they knew she would be fine with ARF. Audrey is 5 years old and a very friendly girl. She loves to climb onto a very high perch in the cattery so that she may observe all that happens.

Bobbie: Bobbie is a sassy girl who hopes to be adopted into her own castle where she is the only cat. Bobbie's favorite thing is attention, attention. And she really enjoys watching paper come out of the computer's printer! Bobbie is only 3 1/2 years old. She came to ARF with her litter of babies

who were quickly adopted. She has been patiently waiting nearly two years at ARF for her forever family.

Be certain to check out next week's "Days of Our Nine Lives" cast profiles. You'll learn all about **Carli**, **George**, **Heavenly Whiskers** and **Mr. Gray**. 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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From Idyllwild: Brendan Steele

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In this new regular feature, we highlight the accomplishments of our own young people, the kids who grew up in these mountains. We're reconnecting to hear about the incredible things they're doing locally and out in the world.

And we kick this feature off with arguably one of our most talked-about natives, Mr. Brendan Steele ...

Brendan Steele, 34, was born and raised in Idyllwild to Kent and Jana Steele, many miles from any golf course. Yet, he is a professional golfer on the PGA tour since 2010. And he's hot on the PGA tour, with two wins under his belt already and nine professional wins overall.

Brendan excelled in many sports growing up. His parents always sensed that he would become a professional athlete, but they didn't know which sport he'd choose.

Brendan graduated from Hemet High School in 2001 and went on to UC Riverside, where he played golf and graduated in 2005.

He and his wife Anastasia live in Irvine and are expecting their first child (a girl) this fall.

How did you get into your current field? Please describe the work you do.

I played golf in high school and college. When I graduated from UC Riverside I turned professional, traveling around North America trying to learn what it takes to be a pro. After a number of years of progressing and learning, I made it to the PGA tour in 2010 and have played there ever since.

What was special for you about growing up in Idyllwild?

Idyllwild was special to me because it gave me the opportunity to be active and play all types of sports. I loved the lifestyle and small-town feel. I think it made me the person I am today.

Who were your Idyllwild mentors (teachers, coaches, friends' parents, etc.)?

My parents were always the most supportive people in my life. They went above and beyond the call of duty to make sure that I had every opportunity to pursue my interests.

Do you have any advice for the younger generation of Idyllwilders?

Embrace the outdoors and all the great activities it can provide. Compared to the big city, I know that it can be a quiet place but it can provide unique experiences. Embrace and enjoy it.

Do you know an Idyllwild kid with an interesting story? Please email your suggestions to Halie: halie@towncrier.com or PM us on Facebook.



Brendan Steele played many different sports growing up in Idyllwild. Here he is pictured with the AYSO Red Raiders soccer team in 1990.
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Brendan Steele in his current Facebook profile picture.
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Disneyland veterans bring Dixieland to summer concerts

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Dixie Machine, next at the Idyllwild Summer Concerts, are longtime veterans of Disneyland, having collectively logged 220 years of experience playing for the Walt Disney Company.

The sextet, co-led by Rich Watson on drums and Brian Bettger on trumpet and vocals, played at all the Disneyland venues in many Disney iterations — the Disneyland Band, Disney Symphonic Fantasy, Golden Horseshoe Review, the Hook & Ladder Company and the All-American College Band. For those old enough to remember, Disneyland was not com-

plete without hearing a big band or a Dixie group on Main Street at the Carnation Pavilion.

Now the Dixie Machine brings its upbeat blend of Dixieland favorites to ISCS at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. Come on out and toe tap or strut to favorites such as "Ain't She Sweet," "Baby Face," Toot Toot Tootsie," "Ballin' the Jack" and "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Joining Watson and Bettger are Art Dragon on trombone, Bob Bernstein on tuba, Doug Mattocks on banjo and Brian Clancy on clarinet. The Dixie Machine is part of the R&B Swing Machine organization that performs throughout California and

beyond with swing, jazz, blues, latin and jazz rock.

Dixie Machine Disneyland vets have performed with Frank Sinatra, Barry Manilow, Wayne Newton, Mel Torme, Queen Latifah, and the Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey orchestras. Co-leader Watson was band director at El Dorado High School in Placentia for 36 years and is a member of the Jazz Educators Hall of Fame. Dragon was the director of the Disneyland Band for many years, and Bernstein retired from the Disneyland Band after 36 years as a member.

The Dixie Machine members have perfected their Dixie chops making their audiences smile. They're sure to do the

same for Idyllwild audiences.

Opening for Dixie Machine are Don Reed and Maria Williams at 6:15 p.m.

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Last week's photo turned out to be tougher than I expected. Only four entries:

Rochelle Ainsworth, March Reis, Yvonne Smith and John Thomford all entered prior to the Monday noon deadline, and all four spotted the ribbon in the hair of the girl in the **Dore Capitani** sculpture that graces the center of the front wall outside the **Idyllwild Library**. John's name came out of the hat after **Mandy Johnson** stirred them around. So, John, please come to the TC office to pick up your \$25 Visa gift card, available through the ongoing courtesy and generosity of **June Rockwell** and **Jo'An's Restaurant and Bar** in the center of Idyllwild.

OK, this week's photo is yet another partial sign. Nice eagle, huh?

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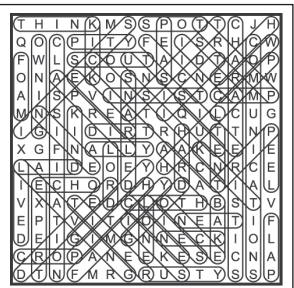
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Ally	Cone	Giddy	Leaving	River
April	Contract	Good	Lies	Rusty
Arab	Crop	Hard	Lived	Scout
Assist	Crow	Haul	Lone	Site
Bake	Dirt	Idea	Lord	Snarled
Camp	Drive	Inks	Neat	Spot
Characteristics	Each	Insects	Neck	Tent
Classification	Echo	Insist	Nine	Think
	Ever	Isn't	Once	Timer
	Expert	Kick	Owning	Tramp
Cloth	Fact	Kind	Peas	Trip
Communication	Family	Knit	Peel	Unique
	Flap	Laid	Pitch	
	Foam	Lamp	Pity	

HOROSCOPES

August 2017 — Week 1



March 21 – April 19
Temperatures are heating up, spurring an adventure. Make sure you bring your best pals along for the ride, Aries. A financial matter is clarified.



April 20 – May 20
A senior makes some absurd demands. Don't give in to them, Taurus. Doing so will create expectations you cannot possibly fulfill. A text is read.



May 21 – June 21
Troublesome times befall a friend. Be there for them, Gemini, but don't bail them out. They have lesson to learn. A personal matter is settled once and for all.



June 22 – July 22
Way to go, Cancer! You will rise to the challenge again and again this week, which could put you in the position for a promotion. Celebrate with a day off.



July 23 – August 22
Whining will get you nowhere fast, Leo. For real change to occur, you must act and attack the problem in stages. An auto repair is made in a flash.



August 23 – September 22
Losses compound, and the message is clear, Virgo. You need to take a good look at your budget and find ways to save. A problem at work is resolved in record time.



September 23 – October 22
Love burns bright, and many special times are in store with those who mean the most to you. Enjoy every moment, Libra. A project comes to a rousing conclusion.



October 23 – November 21
Free time may be hard to come by these days, but it won't last forever, Scorpio. Words escape you when a friend makes a shocking announcement.



November 22 – December 21
The tide is turning. Hop onboard, Sagittarius. The to-do list grows longer at home, thanks to an unexpected arrival. Divide and conquer.



December 22 – January 19
So much to do in so little time. Prioritize, Capricorn. There is no other way. A senior is becoming obsessive. A chat may be in order. A visit is cut short.



January 20 – February 18
Watch it, Aquarius. You are overstepping your bounds with a loved one. A mistake at work proves costly. Learn from it and take steps to end the miscommunication.



February 19 – March 20
Less is more at home. Scale back your efforts, and you won't believe the progress that occurs. A project at work receives the green light. Go, Pisces, go!

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CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**

1. "Hamlet" has five

5. Heirloom location

10. Washington locale, with "the"

14. Farm soil

15. Hindu deity

16. ___ vera

17. Creole vegetable

18. Property of being chosen

20. Souvenir shop item

22. "I swear!"

23. Cheat, slangily

24. "... ___ he drove out of sight"

25. The ___ Union

28. Star on keyboard

33. Airy

34. Some Olympians, nowadays

35. Guy Fawkes Day mo.

36. Cabal
37. "Much ___ About Nothing"

38. Havana's home

39. Biochemistry abbr.

40. Sean Connery, for one

41. A Swiss army knife has lots of them

42. Lighter, brighter shade of vibrant color

45. People disliking something

47. "... ___ we having fun yet?"

48. Air bag?

49. Great flood of water

52. Lifting device

56. End of the quip

58. Length x width, for a rectangle

59. Cheer
- starter

60. Noted blind mathematician

61. Blab

62. "Ah, me!"

63. Destitute

64. Fill

DOWN

1. Bunches

2. Furnace fuel

3. Container weight

4. Crushing

5. Back up

6. "So ___!"

7. Knight fight

8. "... fallen ..." (contraction)

9. Official seals

10. Bearing

11. On the safe side, at sea

12. Red ink amount

13. "... ___ we forget"

19. Bolted

21. Clod chopper

25. Oops!

26. Express

27. Corrupt
28. Eagerness

29. Dirty coat

30. Occupied, as a lavatory

31. Dry

32. Russian beer with a sour taste

34. Clip

38. Diamonds can be used to do this

40. Make more attractive

43. Monasteries

44. Bacchanal

45. Empty stomach

46. "Go on ..."

48. Like composition paper

49. Buddhist divinity

50. Axis of ___

51. Coins of ___

52. Bulgaria

53. "Mi chiama- no Mimi," e.g.

54. Transmitted

55. Dressing ingredient

57. Cast

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Wednesday, Aug. 2

- Ceramics, Mixed-Media, Painting, Drawing, Jewelry & Sculpture, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Chamber Music in Idyllwild Series: Pre-Concert Talk, 7:30-8 p.m. & Concert III: Zemilinsky, Turina, Brahms, 8-9 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; Idyllwild Arts.
- Holistic healing circle, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

Thursday, Aug. 3

- Ceramics, Mixed-Media, Painting, Drawing, Jewelry & Sculpture, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Festival Choir Intensive- Student Performance, 8-9 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; Student Chamber Music Recital, 8-9:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- French Fun on the Hill, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Town Baker.

• “Rock Out: Travel to the Core of the Earth,” Sally Hedberg & Don Deitz, 1-3 p.m.; Mahjong, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, 6:15 p.m. TBA; 7 p.m. Terri Olsen & the Perfect Blend, Idyllwild Community Center site.

Friday, Aug. 4

- Ceramics, Mixed-Media, Painting, Drawing, Jewelry & Sculpture, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Children's Open House, 2:45-4:45 p.m. Children's Center; Chamber Festival Intensive & Festival Choir- Student Concert, 7-8:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; Harp Student Performance, 7-8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; The Summer Show: Musical Theatre Performance, 8-9 p.m. Junior Players Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Scratch Coding Club, 11 a.m.-noon.; “Idyllwild Through Time,” Idyllwild Area Historical Society annual meeting, 2-4 p.m.; Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Willy B. & Terry Jo (classic rock & soulful blues guitar), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, Aug. 5

- Student Chamber Music Recital, 9-10 a.m. Stephens Recital Hall; Art From Many Cultures — Student Art Exhibit, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Children's Center; Dance Intensive Culmination, 10-11 a.m. Fisher Studio; Fashion Design Intensive Show, 10-11 a.m. Old Dining Hall; Young Writer's Workshop, Student Reading, 10-11 a.m. Children's Center; Fiction Intensive Readings, 10-11 a.m. Todd Quad; Art Intensives Exhibit, 10-11 a.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Young Writers Workshop: The Un-Workshop Workshop- Student Reading, 10-11 a.m., Theatre of Myth & Folklore Student Performance, 10:45-11:45 a.m. & Shakespeare's World: What's Cool in the Classics — Student Performance Children's Center; Ceramics, Mixed-Media, Painting, Drawing, Jewelry & Sculpture, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Songwriting Intensive Performance, 1-2 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; Chamber Festival Orchestra Concert, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Student Performance: Chamber Festival Intensive, 4-5 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; The Summer Show: Music Theater Intensive Student Performance, 8-9 p.m. Jr. Players Theatre; Idyllwild Arts.
- Butterfly Daze, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.
- “Designing a World Imagined” life coach talks, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Sons of the American Legion Horseshoe Tournament, sign-up 11-11:45 a.m.; tournament noon. American Legion Post 800.
- Bill Sheppard, (’60s to present folk/rock guitar), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Gnarly Winnings, 4-9 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Sunday, Aug. 6

- Butterfly Daze, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.
- Idyllwild Arts Festival Choir & Chamber Festival Orchestra Concert, 3-5 p.m. Walt Disney Concert Hall, Los Angeles.

Friday, Aug. 11

- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- “Corks & Color,” Adult Coloring Book Happy Hour, 4-7 p.m.; Paul Carman & Forbits (acoustic jazz featuring sax, trombone, bass and drums), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, Aug. 12

- Jazz in the Pines, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Arts.

Sunday, Aug. 13

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Monday, Aug. 14

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, Aug. 15

- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.

Monday, Aug. 7

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, Aug. 8

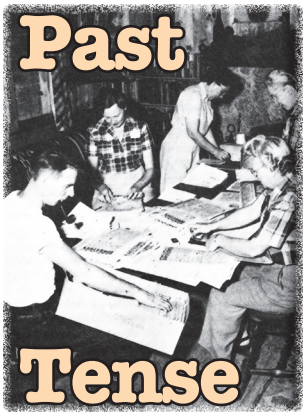
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- “Affairs of the Harp,” Christian Chalifour, 6:30-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Wednesday, Aug. 9

- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, Aug. 10

- French Fun on the Hill, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Town Baker.
- Mahjong, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, 6:15 p.m. Don Reed & Maria Williams, 7 p.m. Dixie Machine. Idyllwild Community Center site.



Past Tense

70 years ago - 1947
A new telephone service was inaugurated, offering six trunk lines to Hemet.

65 years ago - 1952
Paul and Mary Gormley were manning the lookout post at Ranger Peak. During the rest of the year, the Gormleys worked as cook and butler for a family in the San Francisco area.

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The Chamber of Commerce had 368 members. Dues were \$3, with business memberships at \$12.

60 years ago - 1957
The sixth-annual Shakespearean Festival was held at ISOMATA (now Idyllwild Arts Academy). The drama department presented “The Taming of the Shrew.”

55 years ago - 1962
Floor was poured for a new building for Idyllwild Ice and Fuel Supply next to the post office. A cement sidewalk

was added in front of the post office.

50 years ago - 1967
Camp Emerson inaugurated its new, 2-acre lake.

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A class of ISOMATA students adjourned to the Black Forest Bakery to practice bakery arts. The project involved 61 pounds of pink, green, blue and yellow cookie dough; 35 pounds of white bread dough; and unlimited imagination.

45 years ago - 1972
More than 200 friends witnessed the marriage of Millie Herbert and Ed Emmel in the Community Church.

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Town Crier carried a recipe for Hopi Piki, Indian ceremonial bread. Needed, as it turned out, was a Piki stone, which not every household had.

40 years ago - 1977
Desert Sun School had a new headmaster, Vin Skinner.

35 years ago - 1982
An Anza man, Robert McQuaery, was standing under a tree near the picnic area at Lake Hemet when a lightning bolt hit him full force in the chest. McQuaery was pronounced dead when he arrived at the hospital.

30 years ago - 1987
The Idyllwild Arts Foundation announced a

four-year, \$2.6 million improvement plan.

25 years ago - 1992
Becky Chase was driving her 1976 Chevrolet on Highway 74 when it slid out of control on the rain-slicked road and tumbled down the side of an embankment. Chase thanked her seat belt for saving her life. She escaped the collision without a scrape.

20 years ago - 1997
Dave Ziegler, former manger of Jo’An’s Restaurant, led an unusual crew of people in the grand opening parade of the restaurant.

15 years ago - 2002
Members of the Queen of Angels Catholic Church marched down North Circle Drive to pray for rain.

10 years ago - 2007
A 25-year veteran tree climber lost his footing, hit his rib cage against a tree, slid 2 feet, but managed to climb the remaining 8 feet to the ground. Once his safety equipment was removed, he claimed breathing problems and couldn’t sit down. He was airlifted



Paul Greene, Idyllwild School principal until 1961. FILE PHOTO

to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs.

5 years ago - 2012
The Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce announced new officers for fiscal year

2012-13 at its installation dinner at the Fern Valley Inn.

1 year ago - 2016
At their July 26 meeting, commissioners for the

Idyllwild Fire Protection District, in the absence of Larry Donahoo, unanimously approved a resolution to double the current \$65 per-parcel unit fee to a \$130 fee for all parcels.

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