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Idyllwild Fire Protection District President **Jeannine Charles-Stigall** administers the oath of office to the District's new Fire Chief **Norm Walker**. During the past week, an IFPD crew has served on both the Bull Fire in Kern County and the Crown Fire in Los Angeles County. They were part of a Riverside County Local Government Strike Team. PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Faulty meter readings cause angst

BY MARSHALL SMITH
 STAFF REPORTER

For the 14 residents of Pine Cove's Hummingbird Park, June brought disturbing news. A letter from park owner John Zorn of Focus Management stated Focus' employee handyman, tasked with reading individual resident propane meters, had read them incorrectly during parts of the previous year.

Consequently, Focus asked each resident to pay revised balances of from \$1,100 to \$3,000 no later than Aug. 4. If they failed to pay by the due date, residents would be given

three more days to pay or vacate the park. "Everyone at the park is affected," said resident Kat Davis, whose \$1190 balance is one of the lower ones. "I turn off my heater in April and am very careful about the propane I use. I budget carefully," she said, noting that these large and unanticipated charges are causing park owners considerable upset.

Residents Davis and Brandi Selkirk verified the facts as stated. They noted most residents are elderly and on fixed incomes. Space rent averages \$400, water about \$20, in a combined bill that includes propane. See *Hummingbird*, page 27

Hill businesses: new and moved

BY BETH NOTTLEY
 STAFF REPORTER

Changes to our local business community continue throughout the summer. Several new businesses have recently opened in town and several more have moved or are preparing to do so.

New businesses:

A new shop in the Village Lane is The Hidden Paradise El Salvador Shop, co-owned by a mother and daughter team, Carmina Johnson and Amy Gonzalez, featuring traditional clothing and

unique gift items from El Salvador. Family members create some of the jewelry boxes, painted crosses and landscape paintings that are for sale. The shop is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, as the co-owners hold full-time jobs off the Hill.

In the Strawberry Creek Shopping Plaza next to the Idyllwild Pharmacy, the Village Nail Salon opened on July 15. Owner Dena Barmore has been in the nail care business for 15 years. Longer if you count the years she helped her husband, Ray, with his horse-

shoeing business in Garner Valley and Anza.

"I was still in the nail business, only I worked on horse's hooves," Barmore said with a laugh. She provides a full range of manicure and pedicure services for men and women, using products that are hypoallergenic and eco-friendly. Village Nail Salon is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and additional hours are available by calling Barmore at (951) 659-9100.

Two new businesses owned by Gina Albertini See *Business*, page 22

Final decision on library Sept. 1

BY MARSHALL SMITH
 STAFF REPORTER

Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone met with Friends of the Library (FOL) representatives on Friday and cautioned that he'd like to examine several additional scenarios for relocating the library before committing more than \$500,000 in county money to a remodel of the existing building. He is concerned the existing facility may soon have to be expanded, even after being remodeled.

"I don't want to have to

expend \$500,000 [remodeling the existing site] and have to expand later," he said. "I want to have something viable for [at least] the next 10 years."

The other two options — buying or leasing the former Coronet building in Strawberry Plaza or purchasing a vacant parcel in the town center — are being actively explored, according to Stone. The considerations are ultimate cost effectiveness, creating a public building with a long life potential and utilizing the latest technological and green

See *Library*, page 4

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, July 26 to Aug. 1:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

July 26 — Walk-in medical aid.

July 26 — Medical aid, Village Center Drive, Idyllwild.

July 27 — Malicious false alarm, 54200 block of Village Center Drive, Idyllwild.

July 28 — Wildland fire, Eriskine Creek Road, Kern County.

July 28 — Malfunctioning detector, 25000 block of Tahquitz Drive, Idyllwild.

July 28 — Walk-in medical aid.

July 28 — Medical aid, Idyllbrook Drive, Idyllwild.

July 28 — Dispatched and canceled en route, Keen Camp Road, Garner Valley.

July 29 — Walk-in medical aid.

July 29 — Medical aid, Scenic Drive, Idyllwild.

July 29 — Medical aid, Laurel Trail, Pine Cove.

July 29 — Wildland fire, mutual aid, Leona Valley, Calif.

July 31 — Two walk-in medical aids.

July 31 — Steam or gas mistaken for smoke, 52500

block of Idyllmont Drive, Idyllwild.

Aug. 1 — Medical aid, 25000 block of Tahquitz Road, Idyllwild.

Aug. 1 — Walk-in medical aid.

Aug. 1 — Medical aid, 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

Aug. 1 — False alarm, 25700 block of Fir Street, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

July 27 — Wildland fire.

July 28 — False alarm.

July 28 — Wildland fire.

July 29 — Medical aid,

person down.

July 30 — Medical aid,

unresponsive and breathing.

July 31 — Wildland fire.

Aug. 1 — Medical aid,

fall.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

July 27 — Ringing alarm, 36000 block of Butterfly Peak Road, Garner Valley.

July 28 — Medical aid, 35000 block of Pathfinder Road, Garner Valley.

July 28 — Vegetation fire, 56000 block of Highway 371, Anza.

July 28 — Medical aid, 54000 block of Keen Camp Road, Garner Valley.

July 29 — Vegetation fire, highways 79 and 371,

Aguanga.

July 30 — Medical aid, 54000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

July 31 — Vegetation fire, 55000 block of Mitchell Road, Anza.

July 31 — Vegetation fire, 92000 block of Lilac Lane, Idyllwild.

July 31 — Medical aid, 56000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

July 31 — Traffic collision, Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Aug. 1 — Medical aid, 56000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

July 28 — Vegetation fire, Highway 74 and Bahrman Road, Anza.

July 28 — Hazardous materials, Carrizo Road, Pinyon.

July 29 — Vegetation fire, highways 79 and 371, Aguanga.

July 31 — Vegetation fire, Mitchell Road, Anza.

July 31 — Medical aid, Highway 74 and Horse Canyon Road, Pinyon. Transport to unknown location.

July 31 — Medical aid, Santa Rosa Road, Pinyon. Transport to unknown location.

July 31 — Medical aid, Mitchell and Bahrman roads, Anza.

July 31 — Walk-in medical aid.

July 31 — Walk-in medical aid.

July 31 — Vegetation fire, Mitchell and Bahrman roads, Anza.

July 27 — Traffic col-

lision, Highway 371 and Bradford Road, Anza.

July 27 — Medical aid, Regal Blue Trail and Mitchell Road, Anza.

July 27 — Medical aid, McDonald Lane and Derry Road, Anza.

July 28 — Medical aid, Reynolds Way and Anzanita Road, Anza.

July 28 — Ringing alarm, Butterfly Peak and Tunnel Springs roads, Garner Valley.

July 28 — Vegetation fire, Highway 371 and Bahrman Road, Anza.

July 28 — Medical aid, Reservation Road, Anza.

July 28 — Walk-in medical aid.

July 29 — Walk-in medical aid.

July 29 — Vegetation fire, highways 371 and 79, Aguanga.

July 30 — Vegetation fire, highways 371 and 79, Aguanga.

July 30 — Traffic collision, Kirby and Wellman Roads, Anza.

July 30 — Medical aid, Gassner Road and Roger Lane, Anza.

July 30 — Walk-in medical aid.

July 31 — Walk-in medical aid.

July 31 — Vegetation fire, Mitchell and Bahrman roads, Anza.

July 31 — Two walk-in medical aids.

July 31 — Public service assist.

Aug. 1 — Medical aid, 80th Avenue and Chapman Road, Anza.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following call from Monday to Sunday, July 26 to Aug. 1. This may not be a complete list of responses:

July 30 — Single-vehicle, noninjury traffic collision, Welman Road east of Kirby Road, Anza.

July 31 — Two-vehicle,

noninjury traffic collision, Highway 74 east of Highway 371, Garner Valley.

Sheriff's log

The Lake Hemet Sub-division of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department responded to the following calls from Sunday to Sunday July 18 to Aug. 1. This may not be a complete list of responses:

July 19 — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony theft in the 44800 block of Highway 371 in Aguanga. The case remains open but suspended.

See Record, page 27

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 8/5	Friday 8/6	Saturday 8/7	Sunday 8/8	Monday 8/9
				
93/60 Clear.	93/68 Clear.	92/68 Clear.	91/68 Clear.	92/67 Clear.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year				
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S	
7-26	83	60			89	60			
7-27	na	na			88	57			
7-28	82	59			90	67			
7-29	84	58			na	na			
7-30	85	na			na	na			
7-31	81	na			87	53			
8-1	81	56			87	57			
Moisture in inches					Snow in inches				
To date this season (Idy): .10					To date this season (Idy): 0				
To date last season (Idy): .04					To date last season (Idy): 0				
Total last season (Idy): 23.61					Total last season (Idy): 35.91				
To date this season (PC): .03					To date this season (PC): 0				
Total last season (PC): 30.92					Total last season (PC): 72.5				

TEMPERATURES AND 24-HOUR moisture and snow totals for Idyllwild are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at the Idyllwild Fire Station. Pine Cove totals are measured by resident George Tate also at 4 p.m. Moisture inches include all precipitation such as rain, melted hail and melted snow.

Weather season is July 1 to June 30. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit the Internet at <http://www.towncrier.com> or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

South Ridge revisited ...

The South Ridge trailhead can be both hard to find and offers a somewhat difficult drive up a steep .9-mile road. The condition of the road varies from year to year and even month to month. I have seen the road so rutted out that even a four-wheel drive vehicle would have a hard time getting to the top. I have also seen it freshly graded and all you need to do is put your car or truck into low gear to get there.



To get to South Ridge from town, turn left at Saunders Meadow Road, just before the school. Follow it past Astro Camp until you come to Pine Drive. Turn left on Pine and then right on Tahquitz View. After about 1/4 mile you will see the gate to South Ridge on the right. If the pavement ends, you have gone too far and missed your turn.

The day I went, the road was in average shape with lots of dips and some small ruts. The only place my Ford Ranger had a little trouble was on a steep, powdery section of the road, right before a paved section. The only other caveat is to watch out for other cars coming down the road as it is narrow and you will need to keep up your momentum to make the top.

South Ridge is exposed to the sun so it is a hot trail in summer and you should get an early start if you want to make the peak before it gets too hot. I, of course, wasted much of my morning on my computer and left for the trail at 10:30 a.m.

After passing a family with two small kids and five dogs, I had the trail all to myself and saw no one else going up or down.

I used to just go on a hike and would occasionally take photographs. On this trip, I was taking so many pictures that I was occasionally hiking.

The reason is simple. The South Ridge Trail is one of



Above, Marion Mountain and Tahquitz and Suicide rocks from the South Ridge Trail. Left, Tahquitz Peak from the lower portion of the South Ridge Trail.

PHOTOS BY BRUCE WATTS

the most scenic on the mountain. After the first half mile or so, every switchback offers new sweeping vistas and you either find yourself with overviews of Lake Hemet, Thomas Mountain, Garner Valley and the Desert Divide Trail on the south side or Idyllwild, Suicide and Tahquitz Rocks and Marion Mountain to the north. Tahquitz Peak looms in the distance when you are hiking and looking east.

If your goal is to hike the 3.6 miles to Tahquitz Peak, you will eventually get high enough to see everything mentioned above and the high country to the east. Tahquitz Peak offers a 360-degree view of our mountains. This view is rivaled only by the one at the summit of San Jacinto Peak, which is about 2,000 feet higher.

After going about a mile, I realized that I had once again left my knee braces at home. I only hiked up to "the window" and the large flat rock about two miles up the trail. Around noon, some large puffy clouds moved into view and I could not resist taking dozens of photos.

The hike down was a little painful but, all in all, this was a very good day on the trail.



Glenn Wenzel, the husband of tortoise rehabber, Nancy Wenzel, takes a stroll with Sophia (left), Marcella (right), and a tortoise (below). The girls were visiting from West Stockbridge, Mass. and had just camped for the first time.

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The Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting with the new owners of the Fern Valley Inn and several summer interns.

From the left, **Georgia Reeves**, Fern Valley Inn intern, **Kelsey Fielding**, co-owner of Inn and Town Crier intern, **Eileen Fielding**, owner of the Inn, **Delilah Perillo**, Chamber intern and **Simone Wild**, Chamber intern.

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CLUBS

Library

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energy-saving innovations.

"We may have money available to make [the library] bigger and better and we don't want to jump into something until all options have been explored," he said.

When some members of the Friends noted that this library expansion has been on the table for many years, Stone assured those present that a final decision would be made by Sept. 1. If neither the Coronet property nor vacant land pans out, the existing library remodel will move forward.

Stone noted the proposed firewall separating the library from Suburban's tank field would be both unsightly and expensive to engineer and build. "It's an eyesore," said Stone, "even with several ways to configure it, not to mention the expense."

"I just want what's best for Idyllwild with the public resources we have," he stressed to the group.

On Tuesday, Aug. 24, the county will provide a van for a small group of FOL members to tour the Sun City state-of-the-art library.

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



As part of a celebration of the Boy Scouts' 100th anniversary, scouts got the chance to tour the post office that had just issued a special Scouting stamp. Here, new Postmaster **Kelly Gates** shows the boys the loading dock. PHOTO BY CAREY POWERS

Women's Guild

Marey and **Ralph Todd** will speak of their missionary work in Idyllwild through Wycliffe at the next **Women's Guild** of the **Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church** meeting Wednesday, Aug. 11.

The group meets in the church's **Fellowship Hall** for lunch at noon and the speaker begins at 1 p.m. Lunch is free. All women on the Hill are invited.

For more information, call **Linda Young** at 659-9603.

High Country Garden Club

Annika Knoppel and **Elizabeth Nagy** will speak on the variety of growing conditions, potential pests and diseases needed for various types of annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees at the next meeting of **High Country Garden Club** at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14 at Lizzy Anne's Garden Center, 56480 Highway 371, in Anza.

For more information, call the garden center at (951) 763-4834, or contact Knoppel, club leader, at (888) 834-9005, ext. 5, or e-mail her at hcgardenclub@gmail.com.

To get a listing in "Clubs," visit www.towncrier.com, click on "News" in the menu at the top and click on "Submit a news item," or stop by and fill out a news form.

MOUNTAIN FOLK



Queen Mother, **Pat Murphy** (standing in back), greeted Idyllwild's Red Hat Mountain Mama's Society. The group met at the Mile High Restaurant for brunch on July 27 and enjoyed singing a Red Hot Mama song to the tune of "She'll be Coming Around the Mountain," with lyrics by member **Pat Parrish**.

To get a listing in "Mountain folk," visit www.towncrier.com, click on "News" in the menu at the top and click on "Submit a news item," or stop by and fill out a news form.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 11.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 4

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Garner Valley Women's Club, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, women only, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- InlandiaCreativeWritingWorkshop (free), 5-7 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 54423 Village Center Dr.

THURSDAY, AUG. 5

- Idyllwild Business Roundtable, 8 a.m. Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

FRIDAY, AUG. 6

- Baby Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Debbi Geisinger, 659-8710 or (951) 966-1094.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-

centered 12-Step program. BBQ 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.

- "Water Above and Below Ground" Workshop, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Hamilton Museum, 39420 Contreras Rd., Anza.

SATURDAY, AUG. 7

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 8:30 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr., Pine Cove.
- Thousand Trails Craft Show, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thousand Trails Campground, 24400 Canyon Trail Drive, Pine Cove.
- Stand in Silent Vigil for Peace, Justice and Nonviolence, noon. Town center at "Girl Reading" monument. Call 659-2718.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Raw foods potluck, 5:30 p.m. Nature's Wisdom, 54235 Ridgeview Drive. Call 659-4300.

SUNDAY, AUG. 8

- Zen Meditation Group, 8 a.m. Call 659-2253.
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Teen Group, 10-11:30 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Drive, Strawberry Creek Square.
- Idyllwild Writer's Guild, 3 p.m. 25685 Big Pine St., Cedar Glen. Call 659-0130.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 12x12 Book Study closed meeting, noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flats, across from CalFire Station 6.

MONDAY, AUG. 9

- Associates of Idyllwild Arts, 10 a.m. Wilson classroom, 52500 Temecula Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Epis-

copal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Pinyon Communities Council, 7 p.m. Pinyon Fire Station, 70080 Hwy. 74, Pinyon.

TUESDAY, AUG. 10

- Zen Meditation Group, 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. Call 659-2253.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. Call 659-5208 for information.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Tai Chi practice group (free), 6-6:40 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn, 26345 Delano Dr. Park on Four Chimneys St.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

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• Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, women only, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
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- County Service Area 38 Advisory Committee meeting, 5:15 p.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness Board Meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 54423 Village Center Dr.

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In memory Scott Campbell

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

Need help — volunteers apply...



Lora Woodhead Steere, does she represent what we think of when there's a discussion of Idyllwild volunteers?

I have read a lot of U.S. history but I have never glazed over her name before. After reading Bob Smith's column and Jenna Hunt's article about the commemorative events for

her on Saturday, I feel that I should learn more about this impressive lady.

She devoted a substantial amount of her later life helping the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts get established. We could substitute "volunteer" for "devote."

She was a sculptress and loved it. Vocation or avocation, she gladly shared her knowledge and skill with new generations of students and future artists. As Bob and Jenna both related, she wasn't paid for more than 15 years. That's devotion to a concept, and volunteering!

I'll bet she also helped in the construction of Town Hall.

We may not have as much time to contribute to community projects as Steere did. But I'm sure Steere was not concerned with the number of organizations that she helped. My impression is quality and joy of contributing were her motivations. As a lifelong sculptress, the Idyllwild Arts effort was surely fun and an extension of her earliest goals.

The success of your volunteer investment will depend largely on the quality of your investment, too. You must find something that appeals to you. Something that is fun regardless of the time you spend.

This weekend, while photographing softball games, I noticed that the umpire, standing there in the bleaching sun, had a game to play immediately after he finished umpiring this game. He didn't care. He ran to cover the plays at first base, crossed the field to watch the slide and tag at third base and turned to see if the runner touched home.

When the next game started, the umpire for that game had just finished playing in the first game. They love softball, so the time spent umpiring or playing isn't a chore.

So now I come to my request. The town, the village, the hamlet has a problem and its resolution has the potential for dividing us in a way that I'm sure none of us expect or want.

The issue is the "Tree Monument." When the first totem finally succumbed to decay and age, it was still beloved near and far. Residents — full- and part-time — were willing to pay in order to own a piece. Visitors wrote the Town Crier about their memories of the Tree Monument.

The chamber conducted a survey and the majority of respondents chose David Roy's design as the replacement monument. Unfortunately, despite the quality of his carving and its aesthetics, it remains uncompleted and on private property a short distance from the town center.

An alternative plan is being formulated to bring Jonathan LaBenne, the original Tree Monument carver, back to Idyllwild to carve a new totem, larger and taller than before. It would also be fashioned in a way to extend its life.

I'm not recommending one or the other monument. I like LaBenne's plan and admire Roy's work. But I do know the decision can become divisive. There are valid and salient points on both sides — some legal issues, some aesthetic and others.

But Idyllwild needs some volunteers who can listen to both sides, ruminate on the question and find the path we all can follow.

Ultimately, this may be an "either/or" choice or perhaps a Solomon-like split the baby decision. In the past, the chamber chose and supported Roy's effort. They were indulgent of an uncompleted work. Now, many wish a different choice had been made. The current chamber seems too fragile and tentative to manage this decision.

Somehow we need a group of Town Fathers and Mothers who can nurse a decision which all of us children can embrace. Who will volunteer? Who has time and wisdom like Lora Steere?

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Coyotes prey on pets

EDITOR:

A warning to those who walk their unleashed dogs around Gail, Ponderosa and Lake View drives.

There are coyotes and other wild carnivores in this forest we choose to call home. Lately, I have seen several coyotes in the area during the day. Two crossed Lake View and I've seen them on the animal path behind our house.

A lady who lives on Ponderosa said she has seen coyotes in the ravine behind her house. Further down on Lake View a friend mentioned hearing a bobcat (or was it a mountain lion?) in the early morning.

Your cute little puffy poo dog, following behind you, stopping at will, out of your sight and reach, is a perfect snack for a coyote. And don't think that your big dog, Max, won't be bothered by them. Coyotes can easily take down a large dog.

Please, keep your dogs on a leash, by your side and within your sight at all times. Otherwise, some wily ones might make a meal out of your best friend.

Do what's right for your dog, not what's convenient for you. If your dog should be mauled or killed by a coyote, don't blame the coyote. Look in the mirror.

KRISTY BAKER
IDYLLWILD

Hey Hollywood, Idyllwild has talent

EDITOR:

From time to time, my son mentioned, "Mom you should enjoy some of the entertainment Idyllwild has to offer."

Two weeks ago, accepting an invitation as a guest of Julie Holmes, I attended the performance "Words and Music of Cole Porter" presented by the Idyllwild Master Chorale and directed by Buzz Holmes.

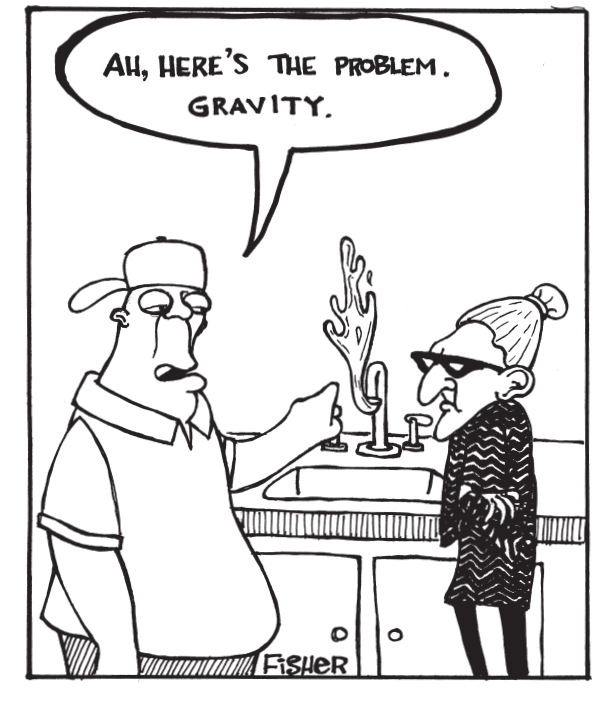
What an entertaining cast with all putting best foot forward; on a scale of one to ten, all would be a ten or more.

The script included a variety of talent for every-

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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



one's enjoyment. There was some serious vocal, comedy, clowning around and, something not very often seen, tap dancing by the son of proud parents Julie and Buzz Holmes. Adding to the script, a "Special Lady" of the cast went among the audience looking for a rich man, and not finding one was content to hug and enjoy the lap of one very surprised gentleman which, of course, bought forth a good amount of laughter.

Upon my exit at the completion of the program, from somewhere in heaven, I could, in my mind's eye, vision my son's smile and comment, "See Mom, I told you Idyllwild had talent."

NANCY CORBETT
LARRY CORBETT'S MOM
IDYLLWILD

Life at Hummingbird Mobile Home Park

EDITOR:

I also live at Hummingbird Mobile Home Park in Pine Cove. I am a senior, disabled and receive just over \$800 per month from SSI to live on. Imagine my shock and dismay when I was released from a two-week hospital stay and was met with June's rent amount of \$1,190, of which \$765 is for supposed past propane charges due to:

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BEFORE OUR TIME

By ROBERT B. SMITH

Lora Steere: Idyllwild artist and pioneer



This coming weekend, Idyllwild will host another public celebration of its past, this one a retrospective program and exhibit on the life and work of Lora Woodhead Steere. Beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, at The Rustic Theatre and continuing at the Krone Museum on the Idyllwild Arts campus, she will be commemorated in speech, film, music, photography and art.

Lora Steere exemplified the sort of pioneer who recurs in Idyllwild history. Celebrities come and go, but I believe much of the uniqueness of our communal character has been due to normal but extraordinary people simply going about their daily routines.

Lora was known throughout the country as an accomplished sculptor, unusual for a woman of her era. She was best known locally as the first instructor at the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts (ISOMATA). Family, colleagues, students and friends knew her as a hardy, resourceful, generous lover of the outdoors, art and family.

Her mountain roots ran deep. Lora first visited Strawberry Valley in 1890, before Idyllwild even existed. All of two years old, she reached the top of San Jacinto Peak riding on her mother's saddle. Idyllwild became a lifelong second home, as her parents, Charles and Ida Woodhead, were among Claudius Emerson's very first customers for a cabin site on Strawberry Creek.

Lora's attachment to nature drove her to earn a biology degree at Stanford and a graduate degree in paleontology from George Washington University. She believed her knowledge of living things enhanced her art, giving life to her sculptures and scientific illustrations.

The recognition she acquired as a sculptor during the 1920s and 1930s attracted commissions for bronze portraits of such varied figures as U.S. Senators, President Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, her distant cousin, astronaut Buzz Aldrin and Olympic athletes. One of her 1932 Olympics figures will appear in the Krone Museum exhibit.

Lora accomplished all of this while raising four children as a single mother, her marriage to Thomas Steere having been derailed early on by his shattering World War I experiences.

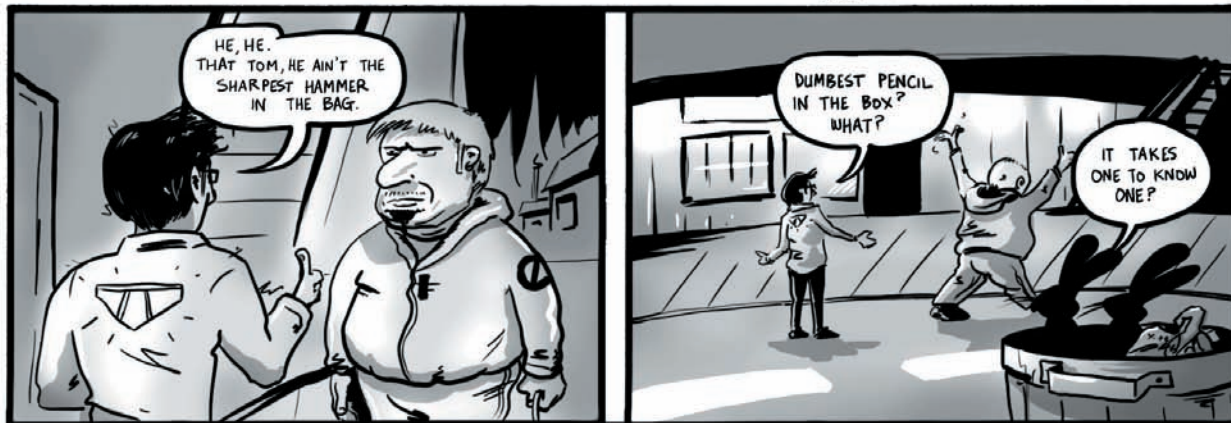
But her Idyllwild identity really solidified after Dr. Max Krone recruited her as a local artist to help realize his dream of the mountain art school that would become ISOMATA. Lora provided funds to construct one of the first buildings on the new campus, a sculpture studio. In 1949, a year before ISOMATA officially opened, she taught its first class outdoors on the site of the future studio.

Teaching without salary through ISOMATA's first 16 years, Lora also served on the Idyllwild Arts Foundation Board of Trustees. Settling just across Strawberry Creek from campus, she became legendary for her potluck dinners, where crowds of up to 125 people gathered each week for many years. The tradition was so strong that the dinners went on uninterrupted even when Lora herself had to be off the Hill.

See Our time, page 21

ON THE FRINGE

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TOWN TALK

By CAREY POWERS, NEWS INTERN

What could we do to make Idyllwild a cleaner place?



Barbara Rayliss
Retired
Idyllwild

"Everybody needs to be responsible for what they see on the streets. They need to pick up what's not theirs."



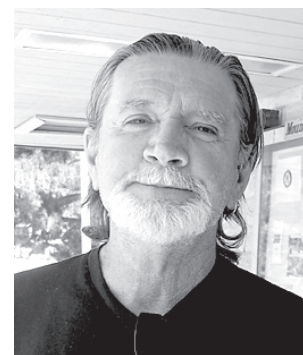
Bruce Kintz
Building contractor
Idyllwild

"It's mostly clean. I believe Idyllwild is very clean, except for Lake Hemet. I really don't see a problem."



John Schmid
Retired plumber
Idyllwild

"Talk to people and say, 'Stop throwing that stuff around!' Education is a big step forward. However, I do believe it's pretty clean up here."



Bill Guy
Retired
Idyllwild

"If you're going to the dump and a piece of trash flies out of your vehicle, stop and pick it up. Also, clean your yard."



Above left, at the July 21 Rotary meeting, District 5330 Governor **Cherie Curzon** presents Idyllwild Rotary member **Steve Espinosa** with the Governor's Generator Award pin for his dedication and volunteer work for the Rotary Club and his community. Above right, Idyllwild Rotary President **Danny Richardson** welcomes Idyllwild Community Recreation Council



members **Emily White** (left) and **Dawn Sonnier** (right) and Recreation Administrative Director **Claudia Posey** to the July 28 Rotary meeting. They discussed the plans for the ICRC Community Center Playground and fundraising for the site. Approximately \$75,000 is needed to make this happen. Donations will be matched 100 percent. PHOTOS BY DAN SLATTERY

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Hill voter turnout high in June election

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Once again, Hill voters exercised their franchise at a greater percentage than other county precincts. County turnout after officials counted all ballots stood at 31.03 percent. The Hill's overall turnout was 46.7 percent. It ranged from Mountain Center's high of 56.9 percent to Lake Riverside's 41.3 percent. In between were Garner Valley at 51.1 percent; Pinyon

at 47.6; Idyllwild at 44.9; Pine Cove at 44.38 and Anza at 41.2.

Republicans turned out countywide in far greater numbers than did Democrats or Non-Partisans — 40 percent turnout for Republicans, 28.19 for Dems, and 11.2 for Non-Partisans. Republican top of the ticket competitive races, especially for governor and senator, may have increased Republican voter turnout.

Voters statewide passed

two of the five ballot propositions: Proposition 13, Seismic Retrofitting; and Proposition 14, the "top two" election candidates. Pine Cove voters split narrowly in favor of Proposition 14. Idyllwild turned it down. Pine Cove voters approved Proposition 17, History of Insurance Coverage, as did Mountain Center, Lake Riverside, Anza and Garner Valley. Otherwise, the Hill voted with the rest of the county on the propositions.

In the primary for Congressional District 45, Republican incumbent Mary Bono Mack easily prevailed over challenger Clayton Thibodeau in all Hill precincts. In total, 58 percent of registered Idyllwild Republicans cast ballots in the Republican 45 primary. But in a sign of possible trouble for Bono challenger and Palm Springs Mayor Steve Pougnet, who faced no primary opposition, fewer Hill Democrats (34.9 percent) cast ballots for him

than in other Democratic races. It could be the lack of primary opposition, or local name recognition or both, that affected Pougnet vote totals. Bono and Pougnet will debate on Thursday, Aug. 19 (time to be announced). It will be carried by CBS affiliate KPSP television, Palm Springs.

In the county race for

District Attorney, surprise winner Judge Paul Zellerbach carried all Hill precincts except Mountain Center, Garner Valley and one precinct in Anza.

Statewide races played out as predicted with no major differences in Hill voter preferences.

E-mail Marshall Smith at marshall@towncrier.com.

Carlson apparently dismisses Town Crier libel suit

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Local attorney Ken Carlson's libel suit against the Town Crier and corporate parent, Tindle Newspapers, Ltd, of England, took a twist late last week.

After several back and forth responses in the past month, on Thursday, July 29, Carlson apparently told the Federal District Court for the Central District of California that "Plaintiff [Carlson] hereby voluntarily dismisses this action without prejudice."

In a brief explanation, he wrote, "Initial responses from defendant [the Town Crier's attorney, James J. Manning, Reid and Hellyer of Riverside] reveal the existence of additional defendants whose inclusion would terminate the diversity jurisdiction under which this action was filed."

Carlson indicated that he could not discuss this action with this reporter as long as legal counsel represents the paper.

Originally the "diversity jurisdiction" was an argu-

ment to file the suit in a federal court, rather than state court, because Tindle is a foreign entity.

In filings earlier in the week, Manning argued that Carlson's opposition to Tindle's anti-SLAPP motion "fails to provide any specific evidence of how the gist or sting of the two articles is false. Rather, plaintiff implicitly admits their essential truth, i.e., their essence, to wit, their gist or sting. He merely quibbles over word choice, as lawyers often do," Manning told the court.

Within days and about a week before the scheduled hearing, Carlson apparently requested that his litigation be dismissed so that he may re-file in state court.

In another twist, while Manning received a copy of the dismissal notice, as of Tuesday morning, the federal court does not have a filed copy. It remains to be seen if Carlson will need court permission to dismiss his case, Manning told the paper.

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



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Water grab or water plan? Proposition 18

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Proposition 18, the "Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act," an \$11 billion water bond backed by Governor Schwarzenegger, is the largest water bond ever floated before the voters. It contains a panacea of infrastructure-heavy projects. Its aim is to provide safe, clean and reliable drinking water throughout the state, but detractors note the bill attempts too much during a fiscal emergency and needs to be stripped to the critically needed fixes that accomplish what the title implies. Critics cite problems with policy priorities, state budget and pork as reasons for retooling or rejecting the proposal.

First, the policy priorities: Supporters say the bill sets its priorities correctly. "The water bond represents a truly comprehensive solution to fix the problems in the [Sacramento] Delta, increase conservation and recycling, and expand the

availability and quality of water supplies in every region of the state," said Allan Zarremberg, president and CEO of the California Chamber of Commerce and co-chair of the coalition to pass the water bond.

Opponents say set-asides for conservation (\$250 million) and recycling (\$1 billion) are a small portion of the bill's total earmarks and that the bill does not make water available in places it's most needed. In fact, only \$438 million, less than 4 percent of the \$11.14 billion water bond price tag, is directed to supply safe water infrastructure to disadvantaged communities most in need.

By contrast, the measure proposes to allocate nearly \$4 billion for dam construction projects that opponents say perpetuate outdated and inefficient technology leading to annual evaporation of 500,000 acre feet, the same amount of water that construction of two new dams envisioned by the project would produce. Opponents

maintain that building two more large reservoirs will only increase evaporative water loss and that more efficient storage options, such as groundwater management and recycling, are preferable and less expensive. The last time voters approved a general obligation water bond for major new water storage was in 1960. That bond required repayment from water users, not from the General Fund that supports many state services and is funded mainly by taxes.

Recent Republican gubernatorial candidate and serving Assemblyman Chuck DeVore (R-Irvine) suggests the bond will spend billions on projects "with little or no connection to California's water supply. Tax dollars spent by this bond could go towards a golf course in Los Angeles, water taxis and bike trails in Lake Tahoe and horse trails along the San Joaquin River," he said.

Secondly, State budget: With the state's finances in meltdown, many, includ-

ing those who think water supply must be improved, believe this is not the time to add such sizeable new debt. Since 1996, California voters have approved over \$14.3 billion in water-related bonds, of which \$7.1 billion has not been spent. As a consequence, the Legislature's Joint Legislative Audit Committee on May 5 unanimously approved an audit to determine whether the Department of Water Resources has "demonstrated an ability to manage the significant amount of bond funds entrusted to it by California voters," according to a press release from Senator Lois Wolk (D-Davis). Also raising eyebrows is the fact that bond debt repayment (\$800 million per year for 30 years) would come from the state's General Fund, further depleting the same desiccated trough that is having trouble funding critical state services such as schools, parks, social services and public safety.

The "water grab" talk comes from bill language

potentially paving the way for a Sacramento Delta peripheral canal to bring more water to urban areas. Opponents say a canal could worsen water quality for the 450,000 acres of farmland in the delta and would not bridge the gap between a finite water supply and an ever-increasing population. Canal advocates, including Republican gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman, say a canal is necessary because of urban population growth.

"A peripheral canal, first and foremost, will not make more water," said Bill Loyko, president of the steering committee for Restore the Delta, an advocacy group for the communities in the delta. "The present problem with California's water system is that it is short 5 million acre-feet of water annually to meet current state needs. Rerouting water will not solve that problem."

Finally, the pork: The bill contains up to \$1 billion in projects to benefit legisla-

tors' districts — projects that may not even produce or improve water quality, such as \$40 million to educate the public about California's water; \$100 million for a Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program focusing on watershed restoration, bike trails and public access and recreation projects; \$75 million for public access, education and interpretive projects for the Sierra Nevada Conservancy; \$20 million for the Baldwin Hills Conservancy to be used to buy more land; and \$20 million for interpretive projects for visitors at the Bolsa Chica Wetlands in Huntington Beach.

Of note, the bill enables, in a precedent-setting move, private ownership and management of dams constructed with public funds. This provides a scenario whereby those private companies could mark-up state water for profitable commercial sale. The bill also proposes to use taxpayer money to offset adverse environmental

[See Prop. 18, page 23](#)

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT AUGUST 2010 NEWSLETTER

RECYCLED WATER PROJECT — IWD has submitted an application to the U.S. Dept. of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation for construction funding. Another funding application is in process for the State Water Resources Control Board. The District is seeking Federal and State grant funds to pay for nearly all of the project costs. Based on receiving these funds, the Board will consider approving the recycled water project.

PROTECTING GROUNDWATER — Natural water sources can become polluted. Use and care of your septic system can help guarantee that Idyllwild's groundwater stays pristine. When a septic system fails, plumbing backs up or slows down and wastewater in the leachfield may be forced to areas (above and below ground) where its presence causes a potential health hazard. Also, the homeowner may have a substantial expense associated with having to install a new leachfield. It makes good economic and environmental sense to take care of your septic system. The most important step in maintaining septic system operation is to inspect and pump if necessary before you begin to observe signs that your system is failing. Once the leachfield is clogged, cleaning the tank will do little good — you will probably need a new leachfield. Tanks should be routinely cleaned — every three years for single family homes and every year for commercial businesses is recommended. Here are some suggestions to maintain your septic system and prevent premature system failures:

WATER CONSERVATION — *Minimize liquids into system — repair leaky fixtures, only full loads for washers and dishwashers, take short showers and turn off water when lathering, and install low use washers and toilets (the District has rebates). Installing a graywater system will help you conserve water and irrigate your landscape. Next month we will have additional information regarding graywater.*

MINIMIZE SOLIDS — *Minimize using the garbage disposal (and for example, compost food scraps), collect grease rather than pouring it down the drain. Minimize disposing of paper products. Non-degradable items, such as disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tissue paper, kitty litter and paper towels are especially harmful. Do not use your system to get rid of oils, paints, insecticides or other poisonous liquids. (NOTE: septic tank additives, chemicals, yeasts, bacteria, enzymes, etc. do not increase the bacterial solids breakdown in the tank and will not increase the time needed for routine pumping. Experiments with chemicals to unclog absorption fields have not been proven reliable.)*

ADDITIONAL PROTECTIONS — *Do not plant large trees over the leach field. Large roots may displace the drain line or enter the leach field and form a mat within the line, rendering the remainder of the line unusable. Trees with a trunk diameter of nine inches should be at least 10 feet distance from leach fields. Leach fields should be placed in a sunny location; and large trees overshadowing it will slow the evaporation of rainwater. Do not construct walkways, patios, swimming pools, permanent structures or parking lots over or within the leach field area. Keep vehicles off the leach line, which could be damaged by driving over them repeatedly.*

(Much of this information was gathered, with minor changes, from the Homeowner Maintenance Guide for septic systems from the County of Riverside. If you would like further information, please pick up a copy of the guide at our office.)

A NOTE FROM OFFICE STAFF — For customers who use automatic banking for their IWD water bills, could you update the IWD payment profile to include the new base water rate and sewer rate? Many payments are being received with the old rates. We are also updating our phone records. Many of our records are from previous residences, and also many of you now have cell phones that you use for your primary contact number. We may need to contact you in the future regarding a leak at your property.

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING — AUGUST 17TH @ 7:00 P.M.

May Valley fuels reduction proposal ready

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The U.S. Forest Service has announced that planning documents for a fuels reduction project in the May Valley area is now available. The agency has requested that the public submit any comments on the proposal by Friday, Aug. 27.

This area is considered "at risk" for wildfire and insect outbreaks, according to the planning document. The Forest Service's objectives are community protection, a healthier ecosystem and less risk of severe wildfire.

The area included in the proposal is between Idyllwild and Mountain Center on the north side of Highway 74 and east of Highway 243. Of the total 2,816 National Forest acres, 864 (slightly more than a quarter) are included in the proposed treatments.

About 664 acres (three-quarters of the proposed treatment area) of mixed oak and conifer with chap-

arral habitat, and 166 acres within proposed fuel breaks will be treated using hand or mechanical methods and prescribed burns. Thirty-four acres are part of a meadow habitat; consequently, mechanical treatment will not be used in these areas.

The planning document provides details about the design features that will be incorporated in the implementation plan. For example, the Forest Service will not use equipment within 30 feet of the centerline of trails within the project area. Vegetation treatments will not be excluded, but mechanical equipment, which might leave tracks or impinge on the trails, will not be used.

Fire protection is the principal impetus for the project. The project area, with large patches of old and dead chaparral, offers significant fuel for a fire. This danger, coupled with the terrain and dry climate, creates the potential for extreme fire behavior.

This potential directly af-

fects several small and larger communities from Mountain Center to Idyllwild. The post-fire analysis of the 2007 Grass Valley Fire near Lake Arrowhead has contributed significantly to current fire protection in the San Bernardino National Forest.

The results of that fire's review show that fuel treatment areas exhibit lower flame lengths, slower rates of fire spread, less transition to crown fire and less spotting than outside the treatment areas. Consequently, treatment areas and fuel breaks are important tools to prevent or limit fire threats on the San Jacinto Mountain according to the May Valley planning documents.

The Forest Service requests that written comments go to: Becky Riegle, 5298 E. Clark Road, Harrisville, MI 48740; or email: rriegle@fs.fed.us.

If you have questions on this proposal please contact Harold Carey at 909-382-2946; or haroldcarey@fs.fed.us.

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

After nearly five years, Kate Kramer, Forest Service botanist, has navigated the labyrinth of agency planning and proposing. In September or early October, she will lead a small team to Palm Canyon to begin implementation of the tamarisk removal project.

On June 2, Forest Supervisor Jeanne Wade-Evans signed the decision document that will actually permit the botanist to push herself away from her desk and pencils in order to conduct field work.

Over the next several years, Kramer's team will attempt to remove all tamarisk from the Palm Canyon watershed. Tamarisk, a non-native plant with very deep roots, consumes water then releases it through evapotranspiration. Consequently, the tamarisk, an interloper, reduces the already low water level of the watershed.

Tamarisk removal begins this fall

The project will treat approximately 83 acres over a 4-mile section of Palm Canyon. The removal plan includes hand pulling, cutting and applying the herbicide imazapyr. But Kramer and crew cannot simply march into tamarisk territory and begin eradicating the foreign invader.

In response to public comments about the plan, Kramer's execution window is essentially limited to September through the middle of October. Tamarisk is protected during the rest of the year because it hosts breeding and nesting native birds during the potential rain season. The breeding season for the Bell's vireo and Southwestern willow flycatcher is February through August. In addition, the crews will be instructed to "Leave No Trace" of their foray into the Palm Canyon habitat.

When she volunteered to chaperone this project, Kramer had no idea that it would take five years for

the planning stage to be completed. After initial study, she learned that imazapyr is a very efficient weapon to use against the pesky tamarisk. But using the herbicide significantly complicated the planning.

For example, she had to take courses on herbicides and their use and application. She also had to become certified to use imazapyr. "It's the optimum tool for this project. The benefits are greater than the risk," she said in summary.

The original story announcing the commencement of planning the tamarisk removal was in the July 28, 2005 issue of the Town Crier.

In June 2010, after learning of Wade-Evans signature on the decision document, Kramer said, "I was numb. Laurie [Rosenthal, San Jacinto District Ranger] and I went out for ice cream cones to celebrate."

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



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On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment



Arts & Entertainment Calendar

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Submittal forms can be picked up at the Town Crier.

Wednesday, Aug. 4

Della Rose, 5-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.
Peter Curtis, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Inception," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Student Recital: Instrumental Music, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, Aug. 5

Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.
Masters (55 & Over) Co-ed Softball League, 4 p.m. Town Hall.
Barry Lawrence, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Idyllwild Summer Concert Series: The Girlz, 6:15 p.m.; **United Blues Band**, 7 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center Park.
"Inception," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Student Recital: Instrumental Music, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Friday, Aug. 6

Children's Center Open House: Multi-Arts, 2:45 p.m.; **Young Harpists Recital**, 7 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; **Student Chamber Music Recital**, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; **Youth Performance: Creating the Character**, 8 p.m. TBA, Idyllwild Arts.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Sam Smith, 6-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.
Paul Carman Jazz, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
The Girlz, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
"Salt," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, Aug. 7

Drum Making & Native American Drum Song Workshop, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center Park.
David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon;
Robin Adler & Dave Blackburn, 1-3 p.m.; **Jamie and the Hillbillies**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Junior Culminations: Making Modern Art/Nature Arts; The Magic of Art; Textiles, 9:30 a.m.; **Mini-Musical**, 10 a.m. Children's Center; **Com-**

puter Animation, 10 a.m. Krone Library; **Student Art Exhibit**, 10 a.m. Parks Exhibition Center; **Poetry Reading**, 10 a.m. TBA; **Fiction Reading**, 10 a.m. Todd Squad; **Dance Culmination**, 10 a.m. Fisher Dance Studio; **Acting/Directing for the Camera**, 10 a.m. Ryan Soundstage; **Creating the Character**, 11 a.m. Junior Players Theatre; **Symphonic Band**, 11 a.m. IAF Theatre; **Junior Culminations: Theatre Adventures**, 11:30 a.m. Children's Center; **High School Wind Ensemble**, 1:30 p.m. IAF Theatre; **High School Symphony Orchestra**, 4 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Joe Baldino, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

Junior Naturalist Program: It's All About the Beak, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Nature Center.

Lora Steere Retrospective, speakers, film, music, 11 a.m. The Rustic Theatre; **Exhibit & Reception**, 1 p.m. Krone Museum, Idyllwild Arts.

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

"Salt," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Sandii Castleberry & Kevin Hamby, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Faultline Folk Music, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Sunday, Aug. 8

Drum Making & Native American Drum Song Workshop, 7:30-9 a.m. Idyllwild Community Center Park.
Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; **Sandii Castleberry**, 1-3 p.m.; **Skelton Crew**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Historical Museum.
"Salt," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Sandii Castleberry, 5-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

Monday, Aug. 9

Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Swift Pony, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Salt," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Pacific Trio Concert, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Aug. 10

Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Parks Exhibition Center Opening, 7 p.m. Idyllwild Arts.
"Salt," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Aug. 11

Desert Rose, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Salt," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Aug. 12

Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.
Masters (55 & Over) Co-ed Softball League, 4 p.m. Town Hall.
Dan Papaila, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Idyllwild Summer Concert Series: Mountain High Swamp Rockers 6:15 p.m.; **Lisa Haley & The Zydekats**, 7 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center Park.
"Salt," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Chamberfest Master Class: Winds, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; **Chamberfest Master Class: Brass**, 8 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

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COLONEL BO'S EARLY INSPIRATION



In 1927, America was between wars, and it was the early days of flying. The Army had only six total airplanes assigned to the Signal Corps. When Colonel Billy Mitchell pressed for more, President Coolidge told him: "Six planes is a large enough flying force for America. The pilots can take turns flying them." To demonstrate the possibilities of flight, Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic alone. Then later that year, three

early enthusiasts: Billy Mitchell, Charles Lindbergh and Tooey Spaatz organized a three-plane flight to Alaska. They planned to fly west from Minneapolis down the Great Northern Railroad to the Rocky Mountains, then up the mountains to the Yukon River land cut through to land at the ice covered lake at Fairbanks. When they landed for gas at Chinook, Montana, my sixth grade teacher got Lindy to talk to our class. Result: All 32 of us students became pilots — both boys and girls. You can hear the whole story including Lindbergh's talk at B's MOUNTAIN of BOOKS — Read my WESTWIND WHISPERS, then Look Out!



Idyllwild Summer Concerts

Aug. 5
7:00 pm

United Blues Band

6:15 – The Girlz
 Concert Sponsored by The Idyllwild Inn

Aug. 12
7:00 pm

Lisa Haley & The Zydekats

6:15 – Mountain High Swamp Rockers
 Concert Sponsored by Rush Strong

Aug. 19
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Led by director and conductor **Stephen Piazza**, two students of the clarinet play **Adam Gorb's** "Eine Kleine Yiddische Ragmusik."



In a quirky and hilarious piece examining "that funny puckered feeling you get in your mouth right before you taste a lemon," dancer **Ashley Handel** combines vocals with movement.

PHOTOS BY
CAREY POWERS



On Saturday evening, the Wind Ensemble performed at Idyllwild Arts. Here, three students of the bassoon play Percy Grainger's "County Gardens."



In a piece entitled "Survival," **Annika Kay** scattered paper messages across the stage and is shown here staring ironically at one. Her show, "Only Human," had a very good turnout.

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Evan Mills, Nobel Laureate; World Premiere of "When Art Met Idyllwild: A Tribute to Lora W. Steere" by IA Academy film student, Paris Deesing; Robert B. Smith, author "Idyllwild and the High San Jacintos"; Calvin Levels, Tony-Award nominee, Bob Krone, son of ISOMATA founder Max Krone. Folk music performances by Carol Merrill-Mirsky, former musical partner of Marais and Miranda; and the Golden Grotto Group, with Bruce Ryan Jeremy Toback, Kent Weishaus, Amy Fogerson, and Peter Ryan. Special Guests: Jim Steere, Lora's son John Steere, Jr. and Diana Wiley Steere, grandchildren.



Exhibit and Reception 1 p.m., Krone Museum, Idyllwild Arts

Lora's sculptures, illustrations, archival photos and letters. Co-curators: Sydney Cosselman, and Carol Mills, Exhibit runs through September 3rd.

These events are open to the public and admission is Free.
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Honoring Lora Woodhead Steere

BY JENNA HUNT
CORRESPONDENT

Lora Woodhead Steere arrived in Idyllwild on horseback in the late 1800s, sitting on the front of her mother's saddle when she was two years old.

"Lora's stories make history come alive in Idyllwild," said family friend Karen Pomer. "She witnessed Idyllwild being founded. It is quite a legacy that this family has in Idyllwild."

A true pioneer, Steere spent her early years exploring Idyllwild. She then went on to become Idyllwild Arts Academy's beloved first teacher, and a famous sculptress, known for her work in bronze, stone, porcelain and clay.

A retrospective devoted to the art and life of Steere (1888 - 1984) will open with speakers, film and live music and a continental breakfast at The Rustic Theatre at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7. Later, at 1 p.m., a ceremony and exhibit at the Krone Museum on the Idyllwild Arts campus will follow. The events are free and open to the public.

Speakers at The Rustic Theatre event will include Dr. Evan Mills, Lora's protégé and Nobel Laureate



Lora Woodhead Steere,
1982.

FILE PHOTO

winner for the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; Robert B. Smith, author of "Idyllwild and the High San Jacintos" and member of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society board; Bob Krone, son of Idyllwild Arts founder Max Krone; and Marjorie Quandt Goodwin, who grew up on the Woodhead Ranch in San Jacinto.

Steere continues to touch and influence students at the academy. Current film student Paris Deesing edited the short film, "When Art Met Idyllwild: A Tribute to Lora W. Steere," which premieres at Saturday's morning

event. The work presents never-before-seen archival home movies of the Woodhead family at their Idyllwild cabin from the '20s and '30s.

Pomer, who selected Deesing to put the film together, said she is thrilled with Deesing's work.

"I thought it was completely appropriate to have an Idyllwild Arts student do the film," Pomer said. "I think one of the highlights of the day is the film."

Deesing had just under a month to complete the film, but she said she loves the end result.

"I think it's really awesome and it will be great on the big screen," said Deesing, who hopes to study film editing at the University of Southern California or the University of California, at Los Angeles when she graduates from Idyllwild Arts. "I didn't know about Lora before, but I learned a lot about her life making this film. I really liked the creative aspect of making this film and choosing the music."

Music will be provided by Carol Merrill-Mirsky, former music partner of Idyllwild Arts musical group Marais and Miranda, and the local talent of the Golden Grotto

Group.

Steere, who was born in Los Angeles, was always an outdoors enthusiast. Even her education focused on nature. In 1911, she earned an advanced degree in zoology from Stanford University.

Steere studied sculpture in Berlin, at the Boston Museum School of Art, and at the California School of Fine Arts. She taught sculpture in Los Angeles high schools and was active in the local art scene.

Although being an accomplished sculptress was the source of her fame, her interest in science never waned. She returned to school to study paleontology and earned her master's degree from George Washington University in 1927.

For the 1932 Los Angeles Olympics, Helms Bakery commissioned Steere to commemorate the games with a series of sculptures of the participating athletes. These sculptures are currently in the gardens of the LA84 Foundation on Adams Boulevard near the USC campus. One of her Olympic figures will be displayed in the Krone Museum exhibit.

In 1914, she married Lt. Thomas Laqua Steere.



Newlyweds: Lora Woodhead Steere and husband Thomas Steere head to Dark Canyon for their honeymoon.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KAREN POMER

Always connected to the Hill, Lora and Thomas honeymooned in Dark Canyon near Idyllwild, traveling to the area with horse and old wagon. They had four children, Florence, Charles, John and Jim.

Steere never truly left Idyllwild. She returned to her spiritual home in 1949. Then, she taught the first class at the famous Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts (ISOMATA), now known as Idyllwild Arts. Steere donated the money to build the first building on the campus. She taught sculpture for 16 years at the Lora Steere Sculpture Studio

and, according to Pomer, never took a salary from the art school.

"She really loved life and she was such an inspiring person to be around," Pomer said, remembering her time with Steere. Pomer's mother took art classes from Steere while she was growing up.

"My mother called her the pied piper of Idyllwild Arts," Pomer said. "Lora had a huge influence and she was very wonderful with kids and a very patient teacher with adults. Lora was really the heart and soul of Idyllwild Arts."

Steere was also legendary
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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Crafts Show & Sell

Thousand Trails, a private preserve, located at 24400 Canyon Trail in Pine Cove, opened to nonmembers effective Feb. 1, 2010. Doing so has created **opportunities** for all Idyllwild and Pine Cove residents to rent a table at our monthly **vendor craft tables** for show and sell. The Show & Sell will be the first Saturday of the month. Please contact **Chris Reed**, Recreation Director, at **(951) 659-0698** for further details. This is a first come, first served basis so call ahead to reserve your table. We are looking forward to meeting all of you and to seeing your crafts and talents.

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Storm warning: Lisa Haley and Kats moving in

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Hot, humid, electricity in the air, flashes of light, intimations of thunder, perspiration building, impossible not to dance — Lisa Haley and the Zydekats blow into Idyllwild on Thursday, Aug. 12 with all the combustible elements of a fast moving summer storm.

One of the most popular acts to play Ken Dahleen's Idyllwild Summer Concert Series (ISCS), Haley and her Kats, celebrating their 15th year together, return sporting new foot stomping, dervishly danceable tunes and a new "Diva" of the accordion, Gigi "Gee" Rabe.

All you need to know about Zydeco, as a music form, is that it is irresistibly danceable. It comes from the simmering Cajun swamps and Delta regions of Louisiana, and like a mosquito bite that you can't quite reach, it makes you itch and tingle until it drives you slightly mad.

Oh, and yes, it produces a malady called Zydecosis that, once contracted, can't be cured. Symptoms: even the poorest dancer becomes animated, righteously rhythmic and is uncontrollably



Idyllwild favorites **Lisa Haley** and the Zydekats return Aug. 12. Expect musical lightning, thunder and humidity.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LISA HALEY

drawn to the dance floor.

Haley and Kats have it all: Grammy nomination, featured artists for the Grammy Museum program "What is Zydeco?", Zydeco Band of the Year, chart topping Billboard status, world tours and seven sizzling CDs.

Haley sports an impeccable Cajun bloodline: her ancestors arrived in Roddy

Bayou, La., in 1718; she is kin to some of Louisiana's first families; and she's also related to Bill Haley, Francis Scott Key and E. Scott Fitzgerald. She earned the ultimate accolade from "The King of Zydeco" Clifton Chenier, "That girl plays as good as a man!" and from the "fifth Beatle," Sir George Martin, "enormous fun ... makes

people want to get up and enjoy!"

Joining Haley are Rabe on accordion, former local Chuck Alvarez on guitar and vocals, Andy Anders on bass and vocals, and Maria Martinez on drums and percussion.

"If we succeed in making music to make your heart sing, heal your hurts, and sow the seeds of joy into your soul, we have done our duty," said Haley. So, if you want to have your heart glow, your hurts heal, and your body dance and gyrate with passion and joy, sashay on over to the Idyllwild Community Center site at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12 for an experience that will stick in your craw.

Opening for Lisa Haley and the Zydekats at 6:15 p.m. are the Mountain High Swamp Rockers. Admission is free although donations are welcomed. Producer Dahleen's revised cost for the series, \$18,400, down from last year's \$21,670 still leaves \$5,022 to break even with three groups left to play. Send donations to Idyllwild Summer Concerts Inc., P.O. Box 1542, Idyllwild, Ca. 92540-1542.

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IdyllwildARTS EVENTS

Thursday, August 5

Student Recital: Instrumental Music.
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Friday, August 6

Children's Center Open House. Multi-Arts.
2:45PM, Children's Center.

Young Harpists Recital. 7PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Student Chamber Music Recital. 8PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Youth Performance: Creating the Character.
8PM, TBA.

Saturday, August 7

Junior Culminations: Making Modern Art/Nature Arts; The Magic of Art; Textiles, 9:30AM, Mini-Musical, 10AM, Theatre Adventures, 11:30AM, Children's Center.

Computer Animation. 10AM, Krone Library.

Student Art Exhibit. 10AM, Parks Exhibition Center.

Poetry Reading. 10AM, TBA.

Fiction Reading. 10AM, Todd Quad.

Dance Culmination. 10AM, Fisher Dance Studio.

Saturday, August 7 continued

Acting/Directing for Camera. 10AM, Ryan Soundstage.

Creating the Character. 11AM, Junior Players Theatre.

Symphonic Band. 11AM, IAF Theatre.

High School Wind Ensemble. 1:30PM, IAF Theatre.

High School Symphony Orchestra. 4PM, IAF Theatre.

Monday, August 9

Pacific Trio Concert. 8PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Tuesday, August 10

Parks Exhibition Center Opening. 7PM.

Thursday, August 12

Chamberfest Master Class: Winds. 8PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Chamberfest Master Class: Brass. 8PM, IAF Theatre.

Friday, August 13

Children's Center Open House. Multi-Arts, 2:45PM, Children's Center.

Chamberfest Master Class: Strings. 8PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

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All that jazz: past to future

By J.P. Crumrine
Editor

The First Idyllwild Jazz Festival occurred in August 1994. The music began at 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The Sweet Baby Blues Band with Jeannie and Jimmy Cheatham took the stage at 6:15 p.m. and wrapped the day and the festival.

The inaugural event was about six hours and divided between two venues. Today, the Jazz Festival begins Friday night and continues through Sunday. On Saturday and Sunday, musicians begin about 10:30 a.m. and play their last notes about 6 p.m. The venues have expanded to three and some-

times a fourth when the IAF Theatre is needed.

According to an Aug. 25, 1994 Town Crier story, Marshall Hawkins, "a teacher at ISOMATA [Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts, currently shortened to Idyllwild Arts] was responsible for booking the festival's performers."

Only two days before the festival, this story was on page 2. The next week, the Town Crier had a two-page spread about the festival with five photos. In 2009, four stories preceded the festival, a festival program with 10 stories was published two weeks ahead of the festival, and after the festival the page 1 story was about the weekend, accompanied

by three pages of photos.

Besides the Cheathams, other recognizable inaugural performers included Pat Rizzo, Harry Pickens, the Jazz Lite Octette led by Ken Dahleen, and Seahawk, "a unique band of musicians and educators, which included Bob Boss, John Harris, Roy Gonzalez and Hawkins. Many of them are still contributing to the festival's continuing success.

The organizers chose jazz because they liked it. The 1994 Jazz Festival took more than a year to plan and produce. After that memorable day, organizers were not sure a Second Annual Jazz Festival would occur. But the 1,000 attendees, along with the beautiful music,

convinced the Associates and the school that the Jazz Festival would be a valuable contribution to the scholarship fund and the academy's public reputation.

In 1995, attendance swelled to 2,500 people. Hawkins emphasized that the festival and the academy are linked. He told the Town Crier that he invited mostly clinicians to perform. "I'm not just bringing a musician here because he's great," Hawkins said 15 years ago.

But who was, and is, great made his first appearance at the second jazz festival. Jason Jackson, an Idyllwild Arts graduate, and renowned trombonist was there at the beginning and continues to support the festival. He was building his reputation then

and returns this year as a two-time Grammy winner, composer and accomplished alumnus.

This is Hawkins' dream. The Jazz Festival entertains people. People pay to hear excellent jazz, learn about the institution, money flows to the school, students who need scholarships have the opportunity to study music, graduate and become life-long jazz aficionados or perhaps, as Jackson, a consummate professional who is willing to give back to the school's future.

The French Quarter first appeared in 1996, year three, and not until 1997 did the Jazz Festival expand to two days. In 1999, the first true "headliner," Lee Ritenour, appeared on the Holmes stage. He returned in 2004 and again in 2008.

David Benoit, one of the 2010 headliners, first played in the festival in 2002 and again in 2004. Familiar faces but new sounds continue to define jazz.

This summer, we'll see and hear Jackson, Pickens,

Boss and Hawkins again. They'll be soloists, members of various groups and with the Seahawk — for the seventeenth year. The initial jazz quartet has evolved into a complete jazz orchestra — a unique opportunity.

The 17th Jazz in the Pines will be a special and unique opportunity to hear several performers such as Tom Scott, Kenny Washington and Oscar Hernandez making their Idyllwild debut.

But the festival's foundation and roots started and continue with Hawkins and his coterie of jazz teachers — Boss, Mason, Pickens and Rizzo. These musicians, and their protégées such as Jackson, Evan Christopher, Graham Dechter and Daniel Sazorkrebbers, will be here again for future generations of IA students.

Next week, we will continue our review of how the past and present intersect with an interview with Marshall Hawkins.

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A&E

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Friday, Aug. 13

Children's Center Open House: Multi-Arts, 2:45 p.m. Chamberfest Master Class: Strings, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Karma Dogs, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

Saturday, Aug. 14

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; The Girlz 1-3 p.m.; Bill Saitta, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Butterfly Daze, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Live music by DoRojo, noon-3 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," His-

torical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

Sandii Castleberry & Kevin Hamby, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Sunday, Aug. 15

Ernesto Ale, 9 a.m.-noon; Swift Pony, 1-3 p.m.; Skeleton Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

Monday, Aug. 16

Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Tucker vs. Elvis, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

Tuesday, Aug. 17

Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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School field lead free

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

There is no lead in the artificial turf, which was manufactured by Spinturf, on the softball and soccer field at Idyllwild School. The possibility and concern arose last week after the announcement that California State Attorney General Jerry Brown reached settlement in July with the two leading producers of artificial turf. He had them ensure that their products contained no harmful lead levels.

Sprinturf is not named in the suit. The 2010 suit settlement requires both Beaulieu, LLC, the country's largest supplier of artificial turf and Field Turf, to reformulate their products

and remove lead levels in excess of long-standing California standards. The fear among regulators is that scuffs, wounds or abrasions, especially of children, could come into contact with the lead in turf and have negative health consequences. Mainly used to keep turf colors vibrant, lead content in products of the Beaulieu and Field Turf exceeded permissible California standards and would have required a warning label to market their products within the state.

This is of local interest since Idyllwild School's athletic field, also referred to as "Top Field," is made of artificial turf and is a primary Idyllwild sports playground for young and

old alike. Installed in 2005, Top Field's turf is manufactured by Pennsylvania-based Sprinturf.

"Lead is not present within our synthetic turf fibers," Amy Brackin, Spinturf vice president of marketing, said, in answer to a query. "Spinturf's primary green fibers making up more than 99 percent of our athletic fields are free of measurable heavy metals and have been throughout our entire 10 plus year history."

Lab tests of Beaulieu and Field Turf's products found some lead concentrations of 5,000 parts per million, which is more than 10 times permissible federal and state guidelines.

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Saturday's Children's Storytime was visited by a pirate, Captain Barbarossa (Michael Rider), and a parrot named Ripley. The children had fun learning pirate talk and dressing up as pirates.

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Steele scores in top-20 again

By JACK CLARK
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele continued to advance on the Nationwide Tour money list last week. Playing in the Cox Classic on the Champions Run course in Omaha, Neb., Steele scored his fourth consecutive top-20 finish and his seventh of the year. It was the seventh consecutive tournament that he made the cut for the final two days of play.

The native Idyllwilder posted rounds of 66-67-68-68 for a 269 total. He finished the tournament in a tie with eight other golfers for 19th place, earning more than \$7,900. His driving was strong this week. His distance averaged 330 yards, enabling him to hit 70 percent of the greens in regulation, which contributed to his three eagles.

Two of Steele's eagles came on the ninth hole, a 315-yard par 4. On Friday, his drive was off the green, and he chipped in for an eagle two. On Sunday, Steele drove the green and made the pressure putt.

Both eagles drew appreciative roars from the crowd because the ninth hole

is the "beer hole" at this tournament. When a player eagles the ninth, anyone can buy a beer for a dollar during the next 45 minutes. A huge clock above the beer sales area counts down the time.

Idyllwilder Keith Froehlich, a Steele family friend, has friends in Omaha who read about Brendan and his first beer-hole eagle on Friday. They e-mailed Froehlich about it and he forwarded the information to Kent and Jana Steele, Brendan's parents in Idyllwild.

Steele currently stands 37th on the money list and is less than \$25,000 behind the player in 25th position. The top-25 players in the final standing on the Nationwide Tour money list will be promoted to the PGA Tour next year.

This week, Steele will pass up the Nationwide tournament in Wichita, Kan. But next week he'll play in the \$625,000 Price Cutter Charity Championship in Springfield, Mo., on the Highland Springs Country Club course where he has enjoyed his greatest success on the Nationwide Tour, a fourth place finish in 2008. The winner next week takes home \$112,500.

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Steere

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for her huge potluck dinners with up to 125 guests and her hikes to Tahquitz Peak. The last time she went to Tahquitz Peak, she was carried in a sedan chair. She died the next year at 96 years old in Idyllwild on June 17, 1984.

Pomer said that Idyllwild has been the creative home to so many generations of the Steere family. "It's remarkable to see how many generations of Lora's family have spent summers in

Idyllwild," she said.

Steere's grandchildren have enjoyed the taste of Idyllwild's artistic flair. Her grandson, John Steere, said that Lora Woodhead Steere "sculpted lives as consciously and creatively as she molded clay.

"It's so fitting and so overdue to pay tribute to her life and myriad contributions as a pioneering artist, naturalist and community builder," he added, happy about the retrospection on her life and art.

The exhibit, which runs until Sept. 3, will be a selection of Steere's prized scul-

tures, illustrations, archival photos, films and letters from the Krone Collection or on loan to the museum from the Steere family, her patrons and students.

"The Woodhead family was really good at documenting everything," said Pomer, who is assisting with the event. "I think of Lora as a true renaissance woman. She was well loved in Idyllwild and well known. I hope this event will capture people's attention about Lora."

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Lora Steere walking in an Idyllwild meadow.

PHOTO BY EVAN MILLS

You may contribute to the Lora Steere Memorial Summer Program Scholarship Fund to sponsor an Idyllwild resident child/adult attending the 2010 Summer Program, by sending a check to Idyllwild Arts Foundation, Attn: Development, P.O. Box 38, Idyllwild, CA 92549.



City Beat's lead singer, **Jonny Walker**, Los Angeles Police Department, fronts a sizzling rhythm and horn section at the Thursday, July 29 Idyllwild Summer Concert Series.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Monthly raw food potluck

A raw food potluck is held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at Nature's Wisdom, 54235 Ridgeview Drive. On holiday weekends, the potluck will be scheduled for the second Saturday.) Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. Just bring a raw food dish to share. For more information, e-mail Lori Alexander at music@greencafe.com.

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Town Hall sports

On Monday, July 26, the Cafe Aroma Meatballs played the Forest Lumber Pirates in a tight contest from the start. The Meatballs' **Saundra McKimsom** had a good game including solid hits; but the Pirates pulled away and beat the Meatballs 5-2 thanks to **Jeremy Potter**'s hitting.

On Tuesday, July 27, Ajax overwhelmed Whitman Physical Therapy More Cowbells. The Cowbells' **Eric Van Dien** had a nice game, getting on base three times and scoring half of the team's runs. Ajax, led by **Freddie Espinoza**'s three hits and three runs, trounced More Cowbells 29-2.

The next day, July 28, Ajax hosted Pacific Slope. Ajax slipped by Pacific Slope 13-12 in extra innings. Pacific Slope raced to an early 3-0 lead thanks to key hits from **Justin Lehr** and **Danielle Whitney**. Ajax fought back with four runs from **Franco Elelielson**'s triple and **Courtney Sukaria**'s base hit. The contest ended tied after seven innings. In the 8th inning, **Janny Espinoza** drove in Ajax's 13th and winning run.

On Thursday, July 29, Whitman Physical Therapy More Cowbells played the Forest Lumber Pirates. For four innings, this was a close game but then the Pirates began creating separation and won 20-10. More Cowbells' **Bill Sanborn** pitched and hit well. The Pirates were just too much behind **Meghan Carey**'s pitching.

On Friday, July 30 Creekstone Inn played the Cafe Aroma Meatballs. The Meatballs' **Lance Fogle** and Creekstone's **Jeff Sherman** crafted a scoreless pitching dual for four innings. Then, in the top of the fifth inning, Creekstone Inn's **Brennan Priefer** tripled and scored the first run of the game. The Meatballs could not even roll across the plate as Sherman completed the shut out and Creekstone won 3-0.

Three games were played Saturday, July 31. In the first, the Whitman Physical Therapy More Cowbells hosted the Cafe Aroma Meatballs. After the previous night's shutout, the Meatballs had plenty of sauce on this day. Despite the Cowbells' **Bill Whitman** single and double, but the Meatball bats finally came alive in the seventh inning. **Craig Wills** ripped a single, and the Meatballs pulled away to beat More Cowbells 15-3.

In Saturday's second game, Creekstone Inn hosted Ajax. Creekstone jumped out to an early 7-0 lead behind **Dawn Sonnier**'s hits and a walk. Ajax tried to recover back when **Maria Loutzenhiser**'s key base hit trimmed the lead to 7-4. Even the first triple play of the season by Ajax's **Janny Espinoza** was not enough. They still lost to Creekstone 9-4.

In the final game of the day and week, the Forest Lumber Pirates played Pacific Slope. In their second extra innings contest of the week, Pacific Slope won this time, beating Forest Lumber 9-8. The Pirates built a four-run lead thanks to **Jamie Gooch**'s key base hit going into the last inning, but Pacific Slope came roaring back with four runs of their own as **Casey Johnston** ripped a double to tie the score. In the 8th inning, Pacific Slope's **Justin Lehr** scored the winning run.



Alethea Geges, of the Whitman Physical Therapy More Cowbells (above), slides safely into third base during Saturday's game against the Café Aroma Meatballs, who won 15-3. Top right, not only does he pitch, but **Lance Fogle**, of the Café Aroma Meatballs, plays defense. Here, he is seen chasing down a fly ball to the pitcher's mound. Fogle led his team to victory Saturday over the Whitman Physical Therapy More Cowbells. At right, **Dave Kenyon** (left) of the Café Aroma Meatballs, and **Chad Moeller**, third baseman for the Whitman Physical Therapy More Cowbells, both look up for the safe or out call during Saturday's game. The Meatballs defeated the Cowbells.

PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE



	Wins	Losses
Creekstone Inn	5	1
Pacific Slope	5	2
Café Aroma Meatballs	4	3
Forest Lumber Pirates	3	4
Ajax	3	4
Whitman Physical Therapy Cowbells	0	6

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What readers think and say about the Town Crier

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

In the Apr. 29 issue, we requested readers complete a survey about their experiences and opinions reading the Town Crier. We promised to publish the results and the accompanying tables show you what the 47 people who

took the time to respond said about the paper.

The first 29 questions asked your opinion about specific columns, features or parts of the paper. The responses were “don’t read” (on the survey this was recorded as zero (0)), “don’t like” (or 1), “good” (or 2) and “excellent” (or 3).

As you can see, we have published the average score for each question and the count of responses. While almost every respondent was willing to share their views of our newspaper, three people tired and did not submit comments about how they might change the paper.

The most popular feature is the “Arts and Entertainment Calendar.” Its average score was 2.62. The A&E was followed closely by the “Only in Idyllwild” feature, stand alone photos and “Past Tense.”

Our columnists were generally well received, although “Tax Tips” low popularity

must be the result of many readers employing their own preparer rather than completing their tax forms themselves. And Shirley Schraff’s column about the incident between Christopher and the owl was fresh in your minds when the survey was completed.

A list of respondents’ fa-

vorite sections of the paper and the number of times each was mentioned is also provided.

Finally, we have also provided a representative sample of the comments received to the open-ended questions.

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Survey results by category:

	Average response	Number of respondents
Regular columns and features:		
Readers Write	2.40	47
Mr. Funny Guy	1.04	47
On the Fringe	1.07	46
Only in Idyllwild	2.48	46
Clubs	1.72	47
Mountain Folk	2.21	47
A&E Calendar	2.62	47
Community Calendar	2.26	47
On the Town Section	1.96	47
Sports	1.21	47
Fishing Report	0.85	47
Weather	1.94	47
Past Tense	2.43	47
News of Record	1.77	47
Town Talk	2.02	47
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Tai Chi practice group

A free Tai Chi practice group coordinated by Trudy Levy welcomes all individuals to gather together to experience the benefits of Tai Chi.

The practice group will meet every Tuesday in August, from 6-6:40 p.m. at the Quiet Creek Inn. Participants are asked to park on Four Chimneys Road, behind the inn.

At the sessions, participants will practice the 24-movement Tai Chi short form several times.

For more information, call Trudy Levy at 659-9548.

Individual comments:

What would you like to see more of?

Reports on service organizations;
Interviews in spring of PCT hikers.
More about Pine Cove.
Pictures of Amanda & Steve Taylor
Pinyon news!! Please?
Community interest & individual interesting persons living in Idyllwild

What would you like to see less of?

These two inserts — “Strange but True” & “Joke of the Week”
Engagement, weddings and deaths of people who do not live on the Hill
Pictures of Kunkle
Photos of people traveling with the Crier.
Water company meetings
County & state [articles]
Idyllwild Arts

What would improve the paper?

Reformat Calendar to read “At a glance” on one page and able to put on fridge
Include both community & art events.
Give everyone a 25% raise!
Articles featuring local organizations or clubs — what they do, how to join, etc.
Shorten length of letters, how about 100 or 200 word limit.
Food recipes.
I really love this paper just as it is. Don’t you think it could use some Pug Humor? PS — This survey helped me discover stuff I never realized was even in the TC
I’ve given up reading any other paper.

Free diabetes education available

Free diabetes education is now available at Hemet Valley Medical Center for patient, family members, friends, and anyone interested in better management of diabetes.

Diabetes mellitus is a condition in which a person has high blood sugar, either because the body doesn’t produce enough insulin, or because cells don’t respond to the insulin that is produced. For at least 20 years, diabetes rates in North America have been increasing substantially. The Center for Disease Control has termed the change an epidemic.

The program will cover meal planning, meter training, medications, blood sugar numbers, and adjusting to living with diabetes.

The classes will be held at Hemet Valley Medical Center, Conference Room 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling (951) 660-5547. More information is available online at www.ValleyHealthSystem.com/Calendar.

The diabetes education series is sponsored by Hemet Valley Medical Center and Ramona VNA & Hospice.

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Respondents who returned the survey with their name were entered into a drawing for a gift certificate from a local business. The winners of the drawing are:

Lisa Dunn — Café Aroma

Chris Austin — The Restaurant Gastrognome

Maureen Farrell — The Rustic Theatre

Crystal Leach — La Casita Mexican Restaurant

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who participated in our survey.

Earthquake class at Hamilton Museum

Geologist Harry Quinn will hold the second in a series of geology classes from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6 at the Hamilton Museum in Anza. The topic will be “Water Below and Above Ground.” There is no charge for the class, but donations will be accepted to help with Harry’s expenses. Bring a pencil and paper to take notes.

The Hamilton Museum is located at 39420 Contreras Road in Anza.

Celebrate Recovery in Mountain Center

A Christ-centered, 12-step addiction recovery program called Celebrate Recovery meets twice a week at the grounds of the former Morning Sky School in Mountain Center.

On Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. there is a 12-Step Study meeting. Fridays the group meets from 6 to 7 p.m. for a barbecue, followed by a 7 to 9 p.m. Open Share meeting.

Celebrate Recovery began as a Saddleback Church program, and has now expanded nationwide. The Mountain Center meetings are sponsored by Chapel in the Pines. For more information, call Pastor Wally Boer at 659-0097.



Dawn Miller couldn't go on Zipline adventure in Skagway, Alaska without the Town Crier.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DAWN MILLER



Marcia Krull read and relaxed with the Town Crier when she visited Tahiti, which was a stop on her adventure to see the July 11 total solar eclipse several hundred nautical miles out to sea.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MARCIA KRULL



Robert Hewitt and Janice Murasko (second from left) of Pine Cove, **Sandii Castleberry** (second from right) and **Kathy Halkin** (right) of Idyllwild camped, fished and canoed at Ellery Lake in the Tioga Pass in the Eastern Sierras. Sandii and Kathy caught their first fish with the help of the Town Crier.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JANICE MURASKO



At left, while staying in a Buddhist Monastery on a recent trip to Japan, local tax preparer **Stephen Pepler** ponders the wisdom of the Idyllwild Town Crier.

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Deadline for the Labor Day edition of **Homes on the Hill** is 8/18/10. In print 9/2/10.



FIRE AND FOREST

BY MIKE ESNARD, FSC PRESIDENT

Citizen Jim Taylor ...

Four years ago, the Fire Safe Council began giving a "Citizen of the Year" award, in order to recognize outstanding service during the year. This year the award went to Jim Taylor.

Our first year's award went to Janice Fast, and our second to Viv Larson; last year's award went to Ron Bowles, who, to our sorrow, passed away this spring. Each of these people is admirable in many ways. They are people we, as a community, should celebrate in all times — and certainly in these difficult ones. These people are alike in many of their admirable qualities, and it is interesting to think about what they share.

Jim, Ron, Viv and Janice all gave hundreds of hours of their time to the Woodies, the group that fire abates homes and prepares firewood for people who really need the help.

As part of the Woodies they rake leaves, limb trees, cut brush, take green waste to the transfer station, cut and split wood and deliver it to the HELP Center.

They do this on Fridays, when the Woodies work, but also on other days, as needs arise. They are all extremely generous with their time and effort for the good of those who need it, and for our community.

They are all great to work with and incredibly responsible. They do what they say they will, and they do it well. If they can't, they'll ask for help. They can all give useful advice without needing to control. They are considerate of others, and pay close attention to others' safety and well-being as much as their own. They are all good natured about the work, and they

are all funny.

They all have a great sense of humor, laugh easily and often, and make friendly banter and wit a part of the work. As you can guess, the work gets a lot easier when everyone is laughing, and they are all good at creating laughter.

One other thing they all share is that they love dogs. I am not sure why it worked out that way, but irrelevant coincidence or meaningful characteristic, they do love dogs.

As I noted earlier, Ron passed away this spring, but Janice, Viv and Jim are all very active, along with the rest of the Woodies, clearing property, splitting wood and making jokes.

There are many volunteer organizations on the Hill, and I know there are lots of people like these four out there giving their time and effort towards some worthy community goal. I attended the fundraiser for Mountain Disaster Preparedness recently and marveled at how much time and effort goes into the great work they do and into their fundraiser events.

I know that if we have an earthquake that isolates us from the rest of the world, a lot of people are going to be helped by Veronica Alt, Dick Goldberg and many others who spend time preparing for the event. And when communication breaks down, as it always seems to do in disasters, people like Bill Baker and other skilled radio operators are going to provide an essential service.

We have lots of terrific people around here. We're fortunate.



ICRC and recreation in Idyllwild

EDITOR:

Congratulations to Ken Dahleen and the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series for what is already their finest season yet! The Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC) is thrilled to see upwards of 500 people out every Thursday evening to the Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) Park enjoying this magical tradition of great music among the pines. We couldn't be happier to play a role in helping bring the summer concerts to Idyllwild by donating use of the venue completely free of charge to our community!

As the ICC continues toward becoming a vibrant epicenter for hilltop recreation, ICRC has been wholeheartedly engaged in building a network with area organizations and individuals dedicated to enhancing the very fabric of our community for everyone. Recently, we partnered with groups including Idyllwild Rotary, CalFire, Idyllwild

Our time

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Even in her 80s, she continued to hike to the Tahquitz Peak lookout before breakfast. When she finally became too frail to hike, family and friends rigged her wheelchair as a kind of sedan chair to carry her to the peak twice in 1982-83. Thus, at the age of 95, she earned her 81st and final Squirrel

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Fire Protection District and dedicated volunteers who literally carved out of a hillside the amazing new Idyllwild Fitness Trail. If you haven't been to visit this spectacular installation, do yourself a favor and treat yourself to this special place. (Map available on ICRC's website: www.idyllwildrecreation.org.)

We are especially grateful to the Idyllwild Community Fund (ICF) which funded ICRC's grant request for a new community arts program at the Park. Managed by local artist Judith Schonebaum, the program will provide a variety of hands-on arts and crafts workshops for everyone. Judith has already hosted dance workshops at what has been dubbed the Park's "Art Pad" with more on the way.

As fall nears, ICRC is partnering with the Idyllwild School PTA in bringing you the Haunted Ghost Town at the Park during October. Funds raised will benefit PTA activities and services throughout the coming year.

ICRC will host a Drum Making Workshop this weekend at the Park with

Card, the Forest Service's recognition of hikers who reached its lookouts.

Lora Steere died at home in Idyllwild in 1984. Her memory lives on in the Lora Steere Sculpture Studio and in the lives of countless former students. As a key force shaping our village's identity as an arts town, Idyllwild Arts reaches its 60th anniversary this year, and the time is ripe to honor its first teacher.

Strange but true

It was famed fashion designer Coco Chanel who made the little black dress a popular item; before that, most women wore black only when they were in mourning.

hands-on instruction on how to create a hand drum also teaching traditional drum songs. (Please see page 15 for more details.)

An exciting project on the horizon is something Idyllwild parents and visitors have long asked for — a public playground! Development and fundraising are ongoing with more details soon. Also approaching is the Speaker's Series that ICRC hosts starting in the fall and an idea from the Art Alliance of Idyllwild President Darcy Gerdes about a "Sawdust Festival" event at the Park.

These are some of the programs that ICRC is responsible for above and beyond the activities managed by Bob Lewis and his dedicated staff at Town Hall. Now that ICRC has successfully negotiated an extension of our recreation contract

with the Riverside County, we are hard at work with a renewed vision of community for Idyllwild.

I want to thank those who have expressed their faith in me as I assumed chairmanship of ICRC. Some have asked why I would even consider such a thing. My response has been "If not now, then when? If not me, then who?" I have been the recipient of tremendous heartfelt generosity and kindness since we moved here five years ago. I am willing to take on these challenges in an effort to pay this special gift forward for the benefit of all now and for future generations of Idyllwild. I welcome your comments which can be emailed to me at info@idyllwildrecreation.org.

JOHN SIMPSON
ICRC PRESIDENT



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County groundwater monitoring continues

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Since 2000, the Riverside County Environmental Health and Safety Department (DEH) has been monitoring the underground migration of petrochemicals, which escaped from an underground storage tank at the Idyllwild Shell station. After a remediation effort in 2007, the levels of most chemicals are virtually nondetectable.

However, one particular chemical — methyl-tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) — has persisted in the subsurface soils, although its volume

has significantly declined. In the past two years, DEH has begun investigating whether the MTBE persistence is due to a second potential leak emanating from the Chevron station on the opposite side of Highway 243 and slightly north of the Shell location.

The 2010 second quarter monitoring report of the potential leaking underground storage tank (LUFT) is available and indicates a generally improving condition; however the MTBE levels are persistent but declining. Since March, the reported MTBE decline is quite noticeable at well nos.

13 and 15, which are the monitoring wells closest to the Chevron station.

In March, the recorded MTBE volumes were 5,470 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$) and 10,600 $\mu\text{g/L}$, respectively. Three months later, the MTBE volume had fallen to 328 $\mu\text{g/L}$ and 1,750 $\mu\text{g/L}$. For the fourth consecutive month, no MTBE traces were detectable at monitoring well no. 1, which is on the Shell site.

“The samples from down-gradient well MW-10 indicated the highest concentration of MTBE (5,790),” the report’s authors wrote. Monitoring

well no. 10 is about 200 feet southwest of the Highway 243 and Ridgeview Drive intersection.

No MTBE was detected in four of the six monitoring wells on the Idyllwild Community Center site. At well nos. 5 and 7, closest to the Shell station, MTBE readings were 3.24 $\mu\text{g/L}$ and 1,170 $\mu\text{g/L}$, respectively. The well no. 5 recording was about a quarter of the March value, significantly lower than historic results and the lowest recorded yet. The well no. 7 reading was about two-thirds of the March reading, and also the lowest recorded yet from

that well.

DEH will continue to monitor the Shell site and plans to locate monitoring wells on the Chevron site to help determine if that is a second source of these chemicals.

The consultant, Robert C. Manning, head of RM Environmental, the engineering

firm performing the sampling, recommended that DEH repeat the soil vapor extraction process (applying a vacuum underground to pull the volatile hydrocarbons out of the subsoil) later this year.

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Business

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opened in Mountain Center at the intersection of Highways 74 and 243. Her Mountain Center Antiques offers collectibles and antiques in a rustic store setting reminiscent of an old-time general store. The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

In back of the antique shop is the new Mountain Center Firewood Service. Albertini and her partner, Rudolph Nuñez, held a grand opening celebration for the business two weeks ago. The wood yard holds over a thousand cords of wood, most of it cut and stacked by Nuñez. All the wood is local, except for avocado, eucalyptus and citrus. The business is open seven days a week. Albertini said that since she lives on the property, someone wanting to purchase wood can call her at (951) 659-5652 or (951) 323-1309 and she will open the wood yard.

Business moves

Three businesses have or are moving from the Vil-

lage Centre shopping plaza. Wooley’s has moved across North Circle Drive to the old Idyllwild Mercantile location. Owner Pam Allen said the move is prompted by the need for a bigger shop. Wooley’s features hats, western wear, Australian dusters, sheepskin products, cowhides and gloves. The shop is open seven days a week.

B’s Mountain of Books and Tara Insurance Agency are both moving to the Mile Hi Plaza on North Circle Drive just before Cedar Street. Tara Insurance, owned by Nick Todd, plans to move this week and B’s will move in mid-August.

Tara Insurance offers personal and business insurance services, including home, car, life, medical and supplemental policies. Todd can be reached at (951) 659-3212 or (951) 500-7910.

B’s Mountain of books, which opened less than a year ago, specializes in gently used books, but also sells and rents new books. Owner Lausen Devore said she’s excited about the new, more spacious location because, “We get to start from scratch and decorate how we want to.” The new shop,

she said, will be homey and rustic with more places to sit and read than her present location offers. She said many locals have offered to help her move, which won’t be easy since the thousands of books need to be kept in alphabetical order. B’s grand opening will feature a ribbon cutting by the Chamber of Commerce, live music and a visit by the Idyll Beast.

Moving to the Fort from the Village Lane this week is Himalayan Treasures. Owner Hem Rai said the new location will give his business better exposure. His shop features Himalayan handicrafts including handmade paper, jewelry, wall tapestries and clothing. Rai has operated his shop for three years.

Finally, moving from her home to a studio at 54445 North Circle Drive, next to Oakwood Village, is Judy Way’s Idyllwild Pilates and Massage. At her studio, Way offers Pilates instruction in one-on-one and small group settings. Nature lovers may want to check out her “Pilates in the Wild” classes held from 9 a.m. to noon every Friday. Way and her students take a hike on

a different trail each week and find a good spot to do Pilates.

Way also offers massage therapy at her studio. She specializes in CranioSacral work, but also offers other modalities, including Swedish and hot stone massage.

Way works by appointment. She can be reached at (951) 659-6042 or (760) 535-3852.

Reopening business

One of Idyllwild’s oldest businesses, the Grey Squirrel, which closed for a short time for renovations, has reopened with a new look and a return to a focus on selling apparel. According to co-owner Patrick Lippert, Grey Squirrel features “on trend” clothing and Sketchers footwear, including the Shape Ups toning exercise shoe. The shop also has humorous gift items. You might want to check out the squirrel underpants.

Beth Nottley can be reached at beth@towncrier.com.

Editor’s note: Information on future business changes can be submitted to J.P. Crumrine at 659-2145 or by e-mail at itc@towncrier.com.

County Web site tells of furlough days

A website with a searchable database will help residents determine which days county buildings are closed because of furloughs, and the hours and locations where some services are available when other offices are not open.

Many county buildings close every Friday as a result of furloughs implemented to help cut costs.

Visit www.check-here-first.com before going to a county office to check the schedule for that office.

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Letters

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the statement, "Oh, we had to estimate amounts because the meter was not read right."

I do not feel the residents of this park should be held responsible because the management company can't get it right.

I have to depend on the HELP Center and church on Tollgate Road [Latter Day Saints] to eat regularly, to have money for gas to doctors' appointments, and for help paying electric bills.

How can I afford a lawyer or take a stand against this obvious effort to wring money from this small family park? The answer is, I can't. I am too broke and too broken to deal with a 3-day Pay or Quit notice or worse, the dreaded eviction notice.

What can be done? Is it legal what they are doing? If you're in my position, you become leery of rocking the boat; you make extra payments to your owner in terror of losing a 45-year-old, 8-foot by 40-foot mobile home and you try to choke back the verbal anger that rises like bile in your throat. I'll keep trying. What else can I do?

KATHLEEN DAVIS
PINE COVE

Prop. 18

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impact of new water infrastructure projects, rather than have those costs shouldered by project construction companies.

In support are: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Meg Whitman, Silicon Valley

Tree Monument

EDITOR:

The residents of Idyllwild and Pine Cove have given their hard-earned money for the new "Roy" tree monument. The artist has previously stated that the monument could be moved.

With that in mind, the sculpture should be moved immediately and carefully to the location of the previous monument — for everyone to enjoy as long as it lasts.

The Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce has paid \$11,000 for this sculpture. That is \$11,000 of the Pine Cove and Idyllwild hard-earned money. The artist should not be allowed to keep the sculpture, much less make money off it by selling T-shirts, etc.

We paid for this sculpture. The alternative is to legally sue the artist for all costs with full punitive damages and legal fees.

JAMES B. HILL
PINE COVE

Haiku

EDITOR:

I enjoyed Shirley Schraff's column on haikus in the July 22 issue of the Town Crier.

It reminded me of my first visit to Idyllwild in 1978, two years before my husband and I decided to make it our permanent

Leadership Group, Bay Area Council and the California Chamber of Commerce. In opposition are: The Sierra Club of California, United Farmworkers, the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen, Planning and Conservation League and Restore the Delta.

E-mail Marshall Smith at marshall@towncrier.com.

home. We were driving down the Banning side of the mountain on our way to the Ontario Airport for a flight back to our home in Allentown, Penn.

Unbidden, a haiku materialized to express my feelings about leaving this mountain paradise. I never wrote it down, but I remember it to this day, 30 years after moving to this poetry-inspiring forest.

Blue unbroken skies,
Words unspoken asking,
"Why
Do I have to leave?"

MARCIA KRULL
IDYLLWILD

In memoriam

EDITOR:

Pine Cove has been fortunate to have had for many, many years our tiny Pine Cove Post Office. It has been a Godsend for many people who have enjoyed the camaraderie of others like themselves. Thank you United States Postal Service.

Whenever we go to the dear little Pine Cove Post Office, it is a joy to notice so many people walking to the post office to get their mail. We see old soldiers (who have been through so many wars — their own — or representing our nation in conflicts), older Americans — accompanied by their grandchildren, widows or widowers who proudly keep up their routines, young parents with their kids, and sometimes absentee owners of second homes. Why do we have to succumb to change and drive into Idyllwild to get our mail? To expedite our federal postal system that is insistent on modernizing our existence? Pooh.

SUSAN MOORE AND
HELEN CALDWELL
PINE COVE

Déjà vu

EDITOR:

I don't know which is worse, the apparent misplacement of IFPD payroll earnings by its former Chief Steve Kunkle and former non-accountants, the Coopersmiths, or their continued influence upon this community with Kunkle heading up recreation oversight and the Coopersmiths preparing numerous non-profit organization and private tax returns.

Is it incompetence or something else? Just when you thought it was safe to take a breath, another skeleton falls out onto the street. This town sure likes its good ole boys, local boards and spending our tax dollars.

Maybe they shouldn't be given the keys to the safe. Oops, I forgot you keep giving them the keys. There is a point when enough is enough, when grand juries have made their recommendations and it's time to fold up shop.

IFPD should contract with CalFire to run this department. We will get better service, better trained staff and more for the dollar instead of the newest misappropriation headed our way.

JEFF SMITH
PINE COVE

Ambulance costs

EDITOR:

Paul Riggi was quoted to say, "Who pays the ambulance fees? The insurance companies!" Well, I'm here to wake up the government employees and retirees with HMO plans. That is no longer true.

Companies that offered HMO and PPO plans are now pushing employees to have a high deductible HSA [Health Savings Account] plan. Just as retirement plans are gone, except for the

government, fire, and other public employees, we in the private sector are lucky to get a matching amount in our 401(k).

Wonder how high the deductible is on the new HSA plans? For a family of three, [it's] \$6,000 to \$8,000! And even though my husband's employer is putting \$1,000 into our HSA account, it will take over three years to save up to the \$6,000 we need to cover that high deductible, which will probably be higher in three years. HSA also covers dental and the all important eyecare costs.

To answer Paul Riggi — Wrong! I will be paying the ambulance cost up to \$6,000, then the insurance company pays 80 percent. Many PPO plans only cover 80 percent of the ambulance.

Unfortunately, this means my family will drive an ailing member down to a hospital to avoid the ambulance cost — yes, putting that person at higher risk. But this goes along with the health care we must delay until we can afford it.

This triggers a memory of my mom telling the paramedics, "If you put my husband into that ambulance,

he will have a heart attack," because he doesn't like to spend money and knows how much the deductible is for his Medicare plan. The paramedics in Chula Vista complied and allowed my mom to drive him to the hospital 10 minutes away. We don't have the luxury of being that close to a hospital.

MERRIE VONSEGGER
IDYLLWILD

A beautiful fitness course

EDITOR:

I just returned from the new ICRC Fitness Course. What a wonderful way to start the day. Whether you do all or part of the course, or just walk laps, it is wonderful. The sound of the creek and the tall trees and ferns remind me of childhood vacations in Lake Tahoe.

ICRC members and volunteers did a first class job of setting it up. If you haven't been yet, please do yourself a favor, and go.

I feel so lucky to be part of this very special community!

NICKIE WATTS
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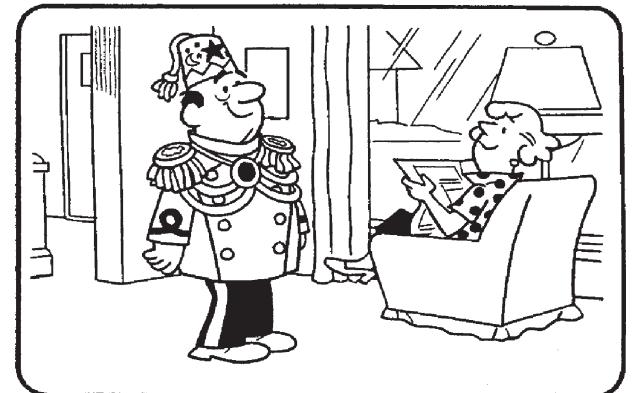
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Answers to Sudoku
 (Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Relinquish
- High tennis shot
- Prickly heat symptom
- Mimicry specialist
- Rage
- Pop flavor
- Caboose's place
- Erupt
- Change the title
- Groups of lions
- Body powder
- Slithery fish
- Escape
- Clarinet insert
- Family
- Blackbird type
- Rowing need

DOWN

- Singer Vikki Anais
- Duel tool
- University bigwig
- Mistakes in print
- Defamatory
- Bobby of hockey
- Road Runner's sound
- More gross
- "Bye"
- Hint
- Chapeaus
- Exist
- Shark variety
- Points
- Go
- Diary writer
- Train driver
- Shun liquor
- Water, in Paris
- "The 5,000 Fingers of..."
- Den
- Fly a plane
- City in Poland
- Tibetan critter
- Doubtful
- Sandwich cookie
- Eggy drinks
- "Forget it," at
- NASA
- Bullfight injury
- out (supplements)
- "- Lazy River"

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A previous misunderstanding continues to taint the atmosphere to some extent in the early part of the week. But cooler heads prevail, and the situation eases by week's end.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While the artistic aspect of the Divine Bovine is well-served this week, that practical side is also getting the sort of recognition that could lead to a new and well-deserved opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) With home-related matters taking on more importance this week, now could be the time to make some long-deferred purchases. But shop carefully for the best quality at the best price.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations. While that family problem still might rankle, it should be easing, thanks to your efforts to calm the waters. Also, a workplace situation seems to be moving in your favor.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat's energy levels should be rather high these days, and you might do well to tackle any tasks that still need doing. This will clear the way for those upcoming projects.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone's criticism might not be as negative as you perceive. Actually, it could be helpful. Discuss the matter with your critic, and you both could learn something valuable.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A business matter could cause some friction

among your colleagues. But once again, that logical mind of yours comes to the rescue. And the sooner it does, the better!

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There might still be some heated temper flare-ups out there. But your sensible self should advise you to stay out of these situations until things cool down and calm is restored.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Changing your mind could be the right thing to do if you can't resolve your doubts. You might want to discuss the matter with someone whose advice you trust.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The Sea Goat's merrier side dominates this week, and this means that, despite your usual busy schedule, you'll be able to squeeze in parties and all sorts of fabulous fun times.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An educational opportunity could lead to something other than what you had planned. But keep an open mind, and before you decide to turn it down, check it out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The Piscean wit and wisdom helps you work through a situation that might have been accidentally or even deliberately obscured. What you unravel could prove to be very revealing.

BORN THIS WEEK: Loyalty is important to you. You demand it, but you also give it generously and lovingly.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PREMIER PACKAGING & DISTRIBUTION, 5515 Inner Circle Dr., Riverside, CA 92506, Riverside County. NINA PISCITELLI DALLAS, 5515 Inner Circle Dr., Riverside CA 92506.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed: NINA P. DALLAS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 30, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-07096

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CERTIFICATION

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk

By: C. Leyva, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as ABLE-1 SERVICES, 63 Rocio Court, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County. BILL VINCENT SAITTA, 63 Rocio Ct., Palm Desert, CA 92260.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:

BILL VINCENT SAITTA

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 17, 2010.

FILE NO.: I-2010-01623

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk

By: V. Boyzo-Saucedo, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as NOSTALGIC AUTO AND BIKE, 26855 Canyon Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549-1557, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1557, Idyllwild, CA 92549-1557. DENNIS CARL GERDES, 26855 Canyon Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549-1557.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:

DENNIS CARL GERDES

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 9, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-07424

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk

By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 22, 29, Aug. 5, 12, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as MOUNTAIN VIEW PROPERTIES, 32-806 Rancho Vista, Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside County. JOHN OCHOA and JOSE RUIZ, 32-806 Rancho Vista, Cathedral City, CA 92234.

This business is conducted by Co-partners.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:

JOSE RUIZ

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 9, 2010.

FILE NO.: I-2010-01828

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk

By: V. Boyzo-Saucedo, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SIMPLY UNIQUE, 40695 Apple Lane, Anza CA, 92539, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 390796, Anza, CA 92539. SONIA DINKEL SIMMONS, 40695 Apple Lane, Anza, CA 92539.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:

SONIA SIMMONS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 21, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-07910

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk

By: A. Garrett, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as JEAN'S TIME FOR TEACHERS, 24769 Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 723, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JEAN ANN WAGGONER, 24769 Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:

JEAN ANN WAGGONER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 22, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-06795

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk

By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 1, 8, 15, 22, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010.

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Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at the hour of 2:30 PM, Aug. 17, 2010 at Lockaway Storage, 1181 N. State St. in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, misc. tools and equipment.

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Manager/Cathie Brogdon
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Name: Neisha Deanda
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Lockaway/Hemet
Cathie Brogdon - Manager
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Pub. TC: Aug. 5, 12, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as THE LEMON LILY, 26824 Crestview Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 579, Idyllwild, CA 92549. SHAWNA ROCHELLE GUSTIN and MELISSA JANE CARVER-DAVIS, 26824 Crestview Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on July 17, 2010.

Signed:

MELISSA JANE CARVER-DAVIS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 28, 2010.

FILE NO.: I-2010-02017

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk

By: A. Tengco, Deputy

Pub. TC: Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SWEETIMATES, 36387 Mimosa Tree Road, Winchester, CA 92596, Riverside County. GERALIN GERON REYES and DWAYNE ALBANO REYES, 36387 Mimosa Tree Road, Winchester, CA 92596.

This business is conducted by Husband & Wife.

Registrant not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:

GERALIN G. REYES

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 29, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-08231

Hummingbird

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charges issued by Advanced Billing and Management Solutions in Brea. Residents pay electricity separately. Davis stated her past propane bills averaged less than \$100 a month. Davis noted she, and other residents, had received what seemed to them artificially low propane bills for the period in question. When they called Focus to question the amounts, Davis said they were told to just pay what the statement indicated, even though the amount seemed too low.

Selkirk said her conversations with the Riverside County Agricultural (AG) Commissioner's Office, division of Weights and Measures, yielded an agreement with Zorn and Focus that revised bills for only six months of overcharging would be sent out to residents.

"We haven't seen the revised bills yet," said AG representative Dean Gottlieb, "but we encourage owners, in situations such as this, to permit a payment

schedule for as long as the billing errors had continued [in this case six months]."

AG issued Zorn and Focus a notice of violation (Business and Professions Code 12024.2) for overcharging with a request to revise. "We were told the revised bills went out last week," said Gottlieb. "Eleven of the 16 spaces had overcharges. In setting the 6-month limit, we did what we thought was fair, by going back to what our investigations, including an audit of the billing company statements, showed was the last accurate reading in December 2009."

Zorn, in a telephone interview, corroborated AG's understanding. "We apologize to residents for any inconvenience this may have caused them," he said. "We'll work with everyone to resolve this in the least disruptive way to residents' monthly budgets. But I do encourage residents to pay this off prior to the coming winter when propane bills will be higher."

Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com

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July 21 — Man identified as Thomas Robert Firth, 22, of Anza, arrested on suspicion of committing felony assault with a deadly weapon in the 38500 block of Garner Road, Anza.

Aug. 1 — A man identified as Benjamin James Egan, 22, of Pine Cove was arrested on Aug. 1 on suspicion of felony violation of probation in the 25300 block of Hotei Lane in Pine Cove. Suspect detained at Southwest Detention Center awaiting Aug. 4 court date.

All people identified here are presumed innocent of these preliminary charges pending court actions. Only the names of suspects charged with felonies will be printed.

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By: N. Garrett, Deputy

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PAST TENSE

60 years ago - 1950

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55 years ago - 1955

Ladies of the Guild were hard at work getting booths ready for their annual Bazaar. The benefit included a buffet with a complete ham loaf dinner for \$1.25.

50 years ago - 1960

The Hill's unofficial permanent population was estimated at 2,500 people, according to the 1960 census, which covered the area from Mountain Center to Stone Creek.

45 years ago - 1965

In a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce, the Idyllwild County Water District director reported the area included in the proposed sewer system would be larger than originally envisioned.



Volunteers pouring the foundation for Town Hall in 1946.

FILE PHOTO

40 years ago - 1970

An attempt by the San Jacinto Mountain Conservation League to have R-1-5 (single family, 5-acre minimum) zoning placed on 2,200 acres in Garner Valley was thrown out.

35 years ago - 1975

The Pine Cove Water District board of directors approved new water rates. Domestic users would be paying \$5 a month for their first 2,000 gallons of water.

30 years ago - 1980

Local U.S. Forest Ser-

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25 years ago - 1985

Six more bins were placed at the Idyllwild dump to handle the excess garbage being deposited.

20 years ago - 1990

During the Idyllwild Water District's declaration of a stage three water shortage, Riverside County Third District Supervisor Kay Ceniceros said she wanted to

examine if current zoning was creating drought.

15 years ago - 1995

The County Board of Supervisors approved the use of \$4.9 million from the previous year's federal crime bill, part of which would be used to place more sheriff's deputies on the streets.

10 years ago - 2000


A meeting of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) saw the appointment of new commissioner Earl Parker, who took the place of Eugene Stegelmeier.

5 years ago - 2005

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library were raising money for a \$175,000 building expansion after a 74-percent drop in library funding from the state, which the governor was trying to cut further.

1 year ago - 2009

Three locals, Bill Whitman, Brad Rechtfertig and Lee Piche, qualified for the triathlon world championships to be held in Queensland, Australia.




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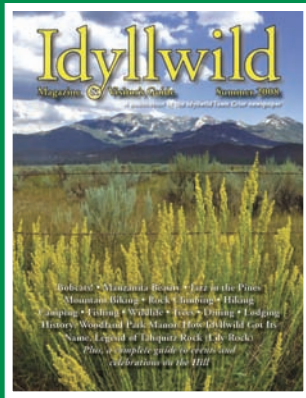
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