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## 'Basses loaded'



"Basses loaded," according to **Marshall Hawkins** (jazz instructor at Idyllwild Arts (IA) Academy, bassist and former music director of Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines), "Four guys on bass." On Friday, May 6, as rehearsal for the IA Academy Orchestra's "What's New" concert began, four bass players pose outside the theatre. From (left), **Peter Askim**, IA's music director and composer-in-residence, Hawkins, **Casey Abrams**, former IA student and American Idol contestant, and **Rufus Reid**, jazz bassist, educator and composer of "Mass Transit." The orchestra premiered this and three other works in concerts Saturday, May 7 in Idyllwild and Sunday May 8 at The Walt Disney Concert Hall in downtown Los Angeles. PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

## ICRC playground on hold

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

**O**n Friday, May 6, Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC) President John Simpson and Vice President Dawn Sonnier told the community, via email, that the scheduled June construction for the playground on the Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) property would be delayed for four to six months.

Simpson indicated that the county Planning Department notified ICRC on May 4 that zoning restrictions require ICRC to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), since the zoning

for the parcel on which the playground is to be built is "Commercial, Scenic Highway," (CPS).

That process, explained Deputy Planning Director Greg Neal, is different from the process that ICRC previously negotiated for its Par Course. According to Neal, the Par Course is on a parcel zoned either R-1 or R-2 (residential) and that the playground is sited "mostly or entirely on CPS."

Neal noted that the planning process begins with the requirements applicable to existing zoning. "That is planning 101, you pull out the zone [before proceeding]," he noted. CPS zoning

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## SmartMeters back in the news

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

*Editor's note: We will continue with more articles about SmartMeter installation, examining issues of safety, privacy, and where applicable, opt-out provisions. The meters are again in the news with a recent recall of 1,600 Pacific Gas & Electric meters.*

**P**acific Gas & Electric (PG&E) said on Monday, May 2, that it would replace 1,600 wireless SmartMeters due to "a rare defect" that causes the wireless meters to run fast and inflate customers' electric bills. However, Southern California Edison (SCE) officials were quick to point

out that their meters come from a different manufacturer and are "defect free."

The PG&E SmartMeters in question are manufactured by a Swiss company, Landis+Gyr (LG), and represent a small percentage of the 1.2 million LG meters already installed in California, according to PG&E. The utility also contracts with General Electric for SmartMeter manufacture.

Because of a cascade of citizen complaints, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) required PG&E to develop and submit to the CPUC a customer opt-out provision. The prospective provision has further stoked customer

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## Improvisation composition

BY J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

*Editor's note: This past weekend, the Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra performed its "What's New" concert. Four different pieces, each a world premiere, were played in Idyllwild Saturday and at the Walt Disney Concert Hall on Sunday.*

*Rufus Reid, renowned jazz bassist and music educator, composed "Mass Transit" for the academy's orchestra.*

**O**n Friday, May 6, the Town Crier had the opportunity to discuss the process of composition with Reid. The following is an abridgement of that conversation, which

Peter Askim, Idyllwild Arts' music director and composer-in-residence, arranged.

### How did you become a composer?

Although he was on the faculty of William Paterson University in Wayne, N.J., as full professor and director of the Jazz Studies and Performance program for 20 years, Reid, a Northwestern University graduate, says he never formally studied music composition.

"When I retired from William Paterson, I joined the BMI composers workshop, that thrust me into composing big time," Reid said. "It took me years to write."

The workshop gave him freedom to explore music in ways that had eluded him as a jazz musician. "I didn't know what I liked," he said.

He had to move from his comfort zone, not only arranging a piece, but creating the entire piece, not just the bass line, from scratch. "My pieces sound different, their sensibilities are different," he added.

### How does it compare to playing?

"People who write memorable stuff are generally good players," said Reid who has been a performer all his life. "I'm hearing more

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## NEWS OF RECORD

### Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, May 2 to May 8, 2011:

#### Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

**May 2** — Walk-in medical aid.

**May 3** — Medical aid, Fairway Drive, Idyllwild.

**May 4** — Medical aid, Delano Drive, Idyllwild.

**May 5** — Walk-in medical aid.

**May 5** — Medical aid, Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

**May 6** — Medical aid, Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

**May 7** — Medical aid, Terwilliger Road, Anza.

**May 8** — Medical aid, Lilac Lane, Idyllwild.

#### Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Log unavailable

#### Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

**May 4** — Traffic collision, 39000 block of Highway 371, Anza.

**May 6** — Traffic collision, 38000 block of Highway 371, Anza.

#### Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Log unavailable.

### CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following call from Monday to Sunday, May 2 to 8. This may not be a complete list of responses:

**May 4** — Single-vehicle traffic collision with one injury, Highway 371 west of Highway 74, Anza.

**May 4** — Two-vehicle traffic collision, Highway 243 west of Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

### Sheriff's log

The Lake Hemet Subdivision of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department responded to the following calls from Tuesday, May 3 to Tuesday, May 10. This may not be a complete list of responses:

**May 3** — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony grand theft auto at the intersection of Howard Road and Highway 371 in Anza. The case remains open but suspended.

**May 4** — A man identified as Arthur Bonificio Olivarez, 30, of Anza is suspected of having committed felony grand theft auto and felony burglary in the 41900

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Sometime around 10:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, vandals threw a rock through the window of the Village Center office of Idyllwild Realty. A police report was filed but the Town Crier has not yet received a copy of the report. Dora Dillman confirmed that she cleaned up the broken glass and debris shortly after 10:30 p.m. "I think it has

nothing to do with this office," she said. "Some people said they saw two kids running toward Village Market [after the incident].

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Hemet Station, recommends reporting any incidents of vandalism so that the department can track crime trends in the greater Idyllwild community.

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

## More vandalism

### Lost hikers rescued on Black Mountain trail

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

On Sunday, May 8, at about 4:30 p.m., Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) deputies responded to a lost hiker call at the trailhead of Black Mountain Trail and Highway 243, north of Idyllwild.

Two hikers, Lucia Terrasas, 27, and Justin Gerard, 36, both of San Diego, used a cellphone to call RCSD when they became lost and disori-

ented after leaving the trail sometime after 11 a.m. The Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU) was mobilized but weather conditions, fog and low visibility prevented use of helicopters. As a result, RCSD advised the hikers to settle into a camp site for the night.

On Monday, May 9, at about 8:20 a.m., RMRU spotted the hikers about three-quarters of a mile north of the trailhead. Neither hiker required medical attention.

block of Apple Lane in Anza. The suspect was arrested and incarcerated at the Southwest Detention Center in Murrieta pending a Monday, May 9 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.*

## Household hazardous waste collection in Idyllwild Saturday

A Household Hazardous Waste Collection event is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, in Idyllwild at the Riverside County Road Yard (first right past the Idyllwild Fire Station). The event will go from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The collection is open to all Riverside County residents.

The event will accept residentially generated household hazardous wastes; business or nonprofit waste will not be accepted.

Typical wastes include used motor oil, paint, antifreeze, household and automotive batteries, pesticides, cleaning products, sharps (needles/syringes or lancets), fluorescent

lamps, and electronic wastes such as televisions, computers, VCRs and telephones. Limit the amount of waste transported to no more than 5 gallons or 50 pounds maximum per vehicle.

The collection will not accept explosives, radioactives, ammunition, asbestos, compressed gas cylinders over 40 pounds and infectious or medical waste other than sharps.

The Collection Event is subject to cancellation during inclement weather or for other hazardous conditions as determined by the county.

For questions or information, call (951) 486-3200 or (800) 304-2226.

### Local DUI saturation patrol Saturday

The California Highway Patrol will conduct a DUI saturation patrol Saturday night, May 14, and into Sunday morning, from 8 p.m. Saturday to 3 a.m. Sunday. The emphasis of the saturation patrol is to detect and arrest intoxicated drivers, as well as to enforce all traffic laws within the unincorporated areas of Banning, Beaumont, Idyllwild, Hemet and San Jacinto.

For further information and/or questions contact Public Information Officer Darren Meyer at (951) 769-2000.

## Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 5/12	Friday 5/13	Saturday 5/14	Sunday 5/15	Monday 5/16
 73/48 Sunny.	 73/44 Sunny.	 64/38 Mostly sunny with a slight chance of rain in the evening.	 55/36 Slight chance of rain in the morning, partly cloudy afternoon.	 58/36 Partly cloudy

Date	Idyllwild this year			Idyllwild last year				
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
5-2	na	na			62	33		
5-3	77	36			70	35		
5-4	83	42			72	38		
5-5	80	45			72	39		
5-6	78	44			71	41		
5-7	70	42			73	41		
5-8	na	na			71	37		

### Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 28.83  
To date last season (Idy): 23.54  
Total last season (Idy): 23.61  
To date this season (PC): 35.38  
Total last season (PC): 30.92  
To date this 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

## Tidbits ...

The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hiking season is now, like the local wildflowers, in full bloom. The hikers are everywhere you look, shopping in the market, collecting mail at the post office, using the computers in the library and walking up and down all the streets in town.



It is very easy to engage them in conversation; just ask where they are from and if this is their first time on the PCT. Most of the hikers are happy to share this information and I have had some pleasant conversations this past week.

Although it is still rare to see young children out on the trail, the hikers seem to come from all age groups between the late teens and up to 70s and even 80s in a few cases. It is always encouraging to see the older hikers out on the trail, including Idyllwild's own Special K, who not only is hiking this year but always takes the time to be a trail angel.

Speaking of trail angels, I got a good laugh out of Yogi at the PCT kickoff when I told her that Les and I were trail devils. I told her we try to exploit, take advantage of and use hikers for profit. The reason it is so funny is that most hikers have nothing to exploit other than a good story for the Town Crier.

The PCT is not the only local trail for hikers. A couple of weeks ago, I hiked the Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail. Much to my surprise, I saw five mountain bikes chained to the trailhead sign on the Tahquitz View side of the trail. Right next to that was a sign that had a bike with the international symbol for "No."

Last week, I hiked the Deer Springs Trail to Suicide Rock, which I had yet to complete this year. It was a very beautiful spring day, warm, but not too hot. There were still six streams running across the trail and I was surprised that Marion Creek had nicely flowing creeks on either side. I don't remember if I have ever seen the two smaller creeks before.

I met a couple from Philadelphia who now live in Ventura County. This was their first trip to Idyllwild and they had hiked Devil's Slide Trail on Saturday and then Deer Springs Trail on Sunday. They really liked everything about the town of Idyllwild and were happy to have discovered our mountain village. I told them there is no place like 92549.

Finally, the wet year we are having seems to have made an explosion of not only wildflowers but of all living creatures as I have been seeing lots of rabbits, quail and baby squirrels.

When I went outside yesterday, I saw about a dozen squirrels all running along a PVC pipe fence rail and



Despite the weather this past weekend, the previous weekend offered signs that spring has sprung (or at least is in the process of springing)! A beautiful yellow carpet of flowers was on display along Highway 74 in Garner Valley for the past several weeks. Some called it the "Gold Fields."

PHOTO BY ROBERT HAINES



The bottom symbol says no bikes on the Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail.

PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS



Golden eardrops (*Dicentra chrysanthia*) is a gray perennial, 2-foot-tall with 4-foot spikes of yellow, aromatic flowers that appear in early May and often continue into July. It is one of the species in the "bleeding-heart" genus of plants. It is cold tolerant to 5 degrees Fahrenheit or less. Unfortunately, deer browse this native plant. The seeds usually do not germinate unless desiccated or seared by fire. The Kawaiisu Indians applied dried, mashed roots of *Dicentra chrysanthia* to the chest for heart pains.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HAROLD VOORHEIS

## Free books and computer use for hikers

As a gesture of welcome to Pacific Crest Trail hikers, the Idyllwild Library is giving each hiker a free paperback of the individual's choosing.

The library also has computers available for use, free of charge, to check email or to check on trail conditions.

The Idyllwild Library is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

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### Most Fire Safe Homes on the Hill Contests

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council in partnership with Idyllwild Fire, CalFire/ Riverside County Fire and the U.S. Forest Service is sponsoring a contest to identify the Most Fire Safe Homes on the Hill. Property owners may enter their home in this contest to be judged on its defensible space and ember resistance. The guidelines for defensible space and ember resistance are available on our webpage, [www.mcfsc.org](http://www.mcfsc.org).

To enter your home, complete the application on the back of this card and return it to: MCFSC, PO BOX 507, IDYLLWILD CA 92549 (25380 Franklin Dr.) 951-659-6208. At this time, we are only accepting applications for homes located in the communities of Idyllwild, Mountain Center and Pine Cove. One winner will be selected from each area. All entries must be received by May 31, 2011 and the winners will be announced on June 15, 2011. We look forward to working with you and good luck!

### MOST FIRE SAFE HOMES ON THE HILL CONTEST APPLICATION

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Year home was constructed: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additionally, by if my home is selected as one of the winners; I give permission for my name and a photo of my home to be published in the Idyllwild Town Crier and the MCFSC Newsletter. Property addresses will not be released.

## LILAC GARDENS GUIDED WALK, TEA & ART SHOW

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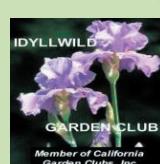
25024 Fern Valley Rd, Idyllwild.

The Public is invited to enjoy a docent guided walk through an acre of rare and beautiful Lilacs. This includes a viewing of art work by members of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild and the opportunity to enjoy a Victorian Tea in the pines.

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## ONLY IN IDYLLWILD

My wife and I live in Pinyon and consider Idyllwild to be our hometown. It's a rare weekend you don't see us at the Red Kettle on Saturday and Sunday morning. Last week, after a great breakfast and great service, we decided to do a little shopping.

As we looked over the goods outside the thrift shop we couldn't help but notice that a guy had taken a break from working on some furniture outside the shop and was calmly working on the hooves of a horse that someone had ridden up on. My wife and I looked at each other and said, nearly at the same time, "Only in Idyllwild."

Annalisa & Roger Hahn  
Pinyon Pines

"Only in Idyllwild" may be sent one of four ways: e-mail to [beth@towncrier.com](mailto:beth@towncrier.com), call 659-2145, Ext. 17, fax to 659-2071 or drop off at the office, 54295 Village Center Drive.



The Idyllwild Firefighters Association's 50th Annual Benefit Spaghetti Dinner was an astounding success, especially the dessert table (above) being supervised by Firefighter **Tammy Wright-Fogle**. Partaking in the goodies are Idyllwild Fire Department Chaplain **Don Hales** and his wife, Lynn. Below, besides consuming spaghetti, attendees had an opportunity to socialize. Here (left to right) **Joyce** and **Ted Cummings** discuss the meat sauce with Paramedic **Jack Peckham** and IFPD Chief **Norm Walker**.

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GOOD NEIGHBOR PHARMACY



Riverside County Third District Supervisor **Jeff Stone** speaks during CAL FIRE's Wildfire Awareness Week event. Also speaking (from left) at Thursday's press conference were Riverside County Board of Supervisors Chairman **Bob Buster**, Riverside County Fire Chief **John Hawkins**, CAL FIRE Director **Ken Pimlott** and Fifth District Supervisor **Marian Ashley**. Not shown is the CAL FIRE's Southern Region Chief **Dale Hutchinson**.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

## MOUNTAIN FOLK

The Town Crier was saddened to hear that young Edgar Hernandez recently passed away after fighting many illnesses following the traffic collision several years ago that left him paralyzed.

For those who feel moved to help the Hernandez family, facing steep medical bills, La Casita is hosting a benefit dinner on May 18 and a social account has been established at BBVA Compass bank.

To get a listing in "Mountain folk," visit [www.towncrier.com](http://www.towncrier.com), click on "News" in the menu at the top and click on "Submit a news item," stop by and fill out a news form or e-mail [beth@towncrier.com](mailto:beth@towncrier.com).



The latest business to join the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce is Village Nail Salon located in Strawberry Creek Square. During Friday's ribbon-cutting ceremony, the ribbon was held by Chamber President **Nick Todd** and Chamber Treasurer **Kim Mueller**, as Salon Owner **Dena Barmore** wields the scissors, accompanied by her first customer, **Ann Castillo**.

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## Wildfire Awareness week ends, preparation continues

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

and the "Ready, Set, Go" policy, which was discussed and featured at the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council community meeting only days before the CAL FIRE event.

Despite uncertainties about the eventual state budget, Pimlott said he was confident CAL FIRE would have the resources to defend against wildfires this year. He stressed he has had meetings with the governor's office and explained that fire season is year-round and not limited to summer and early fall.

"As we moved from Northern to Southern California, we could see signs of how fast the conditions were turning dry," he said. "You must not become complacent." More than 5,000 wildfires occur in California annually.

Pimlott stressed the importance of defensible space

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On April 20, **Barry Shapiro**, president of Idyllwild Pharmacy, and his wife, **Linda**, visited Nashville, Tenn., to see the Anaheim Ducks play the Nashville Predators in the opening round of the NHL playoffs. Between periods, they read and shared the Town Crier website from his iPhone.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

• 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. Jo'An's Restaurant, 25070 Village Center Dr.

• Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.

• La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.

• Community Presbyterian Church Guild, noon. 54655 Falling Leaf Dr.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

• Awareness Meditation Group, 5:50 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

• AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.

• Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Creekstone, Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.

• Public Meeting to provide input for the Mount San Jacinto State Park Long Valley Management Plan, 6-8 p.m. Palm Springs Aerial Tramway Valley Station, Cascade Cafe, 1 Tramway Rd., Palm Springs.

• Observational Drawing class, 7-9 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

• Anza Municipal Advisory Council, 7 p.m. Anza Community Building, 56630 Hwy. 371, Anza.

• CodependentsAnonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

### THURSDAY, MAY 12

• Idyllwild Business Roundtable, 8 a.m. Bluebird Inn, Conference Room, 26620 Saddle Dr.

• Idyllwild Water District

Budget Committee meeting, 9 a.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

• MEMSCOMM, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

• Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.

• Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), noon. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

• Lemon Lily Festival Steering Committee meeting, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.

• CSA36/ICRC joint meeting, 5:30 p.m.; ICRC meeting to follow (approx. 7 p.m.); IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

• ESL class, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School Library, 26700 Hwy. 243.

• Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

• RACES, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

• Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

### FRIDAY, MAY 13

• Idyllwild Water District Personnel Committee meeting, 8:30 a.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

• 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.

### SATURDAY, MAY 14

• County of Riverside Household Hazardous Waste Collection, County Road Yard, 25780 Johnson Rd.

• Stand in Silence Vigil for Peace, Justice and Nonviolence, noon. Town center. Call 659-2718.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

### SUNDAY, MAY 15

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

• Teen Group, 10-11:30 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 12x12 Book Study closed meeting, noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppel Flat, across from CAL FIRE Station 6.

• Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

### MONDAY, MAY 16

• Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Call Betty for location (951) 468-4032.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

• Idyllwild Community Meditation, Session I: 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Session II: 6:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio. Call Val at 659-5750 for information.

• Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Water District board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

• Garner Valley Property Owners Association, 7 p.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.

• Observational Drawing class, 7-9 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

### TUESDAY, MAY 17

• Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. Call 659-5208 for information.

• Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge Rd.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

• International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.

• Healthy Lifestyle Class, 5:15 p.m. optional weigh-in; health talk by Brenda Scherlis, 5:30 p.m. Silver Pines Lodge, 25955 Cedar St.

• Cancer Self-help Group, 5:30 p.m. Call 659-6262,

• ESL classes, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School Library computer lab, 26700 Hwy. 243.

• Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.

• 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.

• Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 659-5228 for location.

• Idyllwild Water District Public hearing re: Water & Sewer Stand-by Assessments, 7 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

• 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. Jo'An's Restaurant, 25070 Village Center Dr.

• Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.

• Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion

Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.

• Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.

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• Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

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## INITIAL THOUGHTS

**Newspapers: founder and subscribers of others ...**

Two announcements today, so if you really need an opinion piece, I apologize.

First, July 7, 2011 is a special day for past and present Town Crier employees and subscribers and, I hope, for many Hill folk, too. It is the 100th birthday of Ernie Maxwell, founder of the Idyllwild Town Crier and noted Idyllwild environmentalist and volunteer.

Thanks to some suggestions and ideas from his family and friends, we hope to offer a week of events honoring him. While a small group has begun the initial planning, there is still much to organize and prepare in the next six to seven weeks. So, if celebrating Ernie and his ideas interests you or you have some ideas about how to do this, contact Grace Reed, Town Crier publisher, at (951) 659-2145.

The cascade of events will begin with the annual Fourth of July Parade. The Town Crier and friends will build and enter a float in the parade in Ernie's honor. Marshall says he has a flat-bed truck committed to carrying an array of current personalities past the holiday crowds.

Exhibitions of Maxwell's art, drawings, articles and personal memorabilia will be on display throughout the week at various venues. The Nature Center will feature artwork focusing on his attention to environmental issues. The Idyllwild Area Historical Society will present a exhibition about Maxwell that they offered several years ago. The Idyllwild Arts' Krone Museum will have another exhibition devoted to his work, including rare carvings. The Town Crier will focus on his drawings and ideas published in his local paper. And, Carol Mills' gallery will exhibit artwork that has been collected from other friends and family.

Friday will be a memorial walk up and down the Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail. Information about Maxwell and his eponymous trail will be available at both the trailhead and end. Hikers are invited to join many of us walking the trail. You may choose your own pace or join a group to discuss the man's amazing life.

Friday evening will cap the week with a community celebration and announcement of the first Ernie Maxwell Award. This will be given to an individual or group that represents his spirit of community and volunteerism that creates a spark sufficient to motivate others to join the cause.

To select the first recipient of the Ernie Maxwell volunteerism honor, we'll use these working criteria:

1. A group or person. While Ernie may have acted alone when wrote his columns, his role with the Izaak Walton League and in Idyllwild was one of promoting community.

2. They should demonstrate a tangible, perhaps physical, effect on the community. It is not sufficient to advocate. The Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail is an example of accomplishment.

3. They should have been in existence or participating for more than two years. Avoid ephemeral urges or temporary issues.

4. Whatever they are doing should be done without compensation, the very nature of volunteerism.

5. It would be good, and maybe this is a tie-breaker, to demonstrate that the idea, recommendation or effort has expanded beyond the initial group or person. That the community has actually adopted or incorporated the actions.

Suggestions for the first recipient and offers of sharing memorabilia (which will be returned) may be given to Grace at the above number.

While on the subject of newspapers, I'd like to let those of you who have subscriptions to other papers such as the Press-Enterprise and Los Angeles Times, that the current delivery force of Kim and Chuck Schlicht believe their problems with a distributor have been rectified.

They realize the past few weeks have been frustrating, but Kim believes they are back to normal and apologizes for the missed papers.

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## READERS

### WRITE

**Vet service****EDITOR:**

It has been years since we have had a local, full-service vet in the Idyllwild area.

When we recently adopted two kittens, we wanted the best for them and so took them to a recommended vet in La Quinta for their first tests, shots, exams, etc. However, she was very expensive and, of course, not convenient. So we were very happy to see the ad for Dr. Susan and her "Vetmobile" in a recent Town Crier.

We wanted to get our girls spayed and so emailed Dr. Susan and got a quick and thorough response to our questions and were told to call her with any other concerns.

Since it is surgery, our main concern was the anesthesia and so we called her and got a full explanation of the type she uses and its safety. We also had a long conversation about her background and experience.

She invited us to just stop in and see her office before scheduling the surgeries, which we did. She is very proud of her fully equipped office on wheels and we were impressed with her facilities.

We had our kittens spayed on Saturday, May 7. We emailed her the night before to confirm the appointments and payment types accepted. She replied that, "We are honored to be of service to you, and are looking forward to taking care of the kittens tomorrow." How many vets do that?

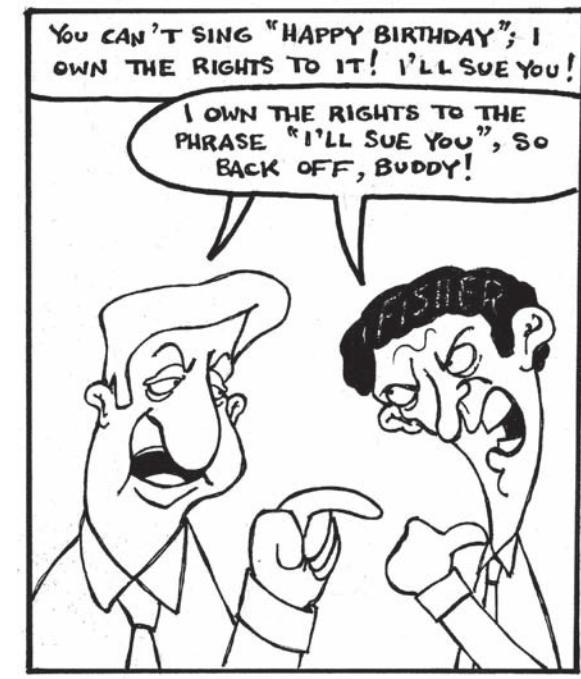
She was extremely busy that day and yet we still felt she gave very personal service. In fact, she even called today (Monday) to see how they were doing. They recovered amazingly quickly from the anesthesia and surgery and our only problem is keeping them from being too active, too soon.

We feel fortunate that Dr. Susan has established her practice in this area and hope Idyllwild pet owners will support her much needed services.

**MARY & STEVE KENYON  
PINE COVE**

## Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher

**Proposed funding  
for MDP**

Johnson told the residents of Pine Cove to take a hike.

Any shell game to fix it is a ponzi scheme to further mislead and abuse the people of Pine Cove.

The only volunteer left will likely not show at all during an emergency, given his current beliefs, no matter what he may say or do publicly.

I suggest we reprogram the parcel assessment to develop disaster and emergency preparedness within Pine Cove. Perhaps such revenue should support the development activities of Mountain Disaster Preparedness within County Service Area 38.

**JEFF SMITH  
PINE COVE**

**Supervisor moves date for meetings**

Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone has changed his May schedule for citizen meetings to noon to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 26. Every month, Stone makes himself available to meet with Idyllwild residents about matters that concern them. The meetings take place at the Idyllwild Fire Station on Maranatha Drive. To schedule an appointment, call his office at 1-866-383-2203.

**How to get a letter published**

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

Exceptions: Anonymous letters will not be accepted. Letters of thanks are not accepted. A special advertising rate is available for thank-you letters. Political letters cost 10 cents per word.

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**J.P., EDITOR**

## TOWN TALK

By CID CASTILLO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

*What do you think about current gas prices? How has this affected you?*



**Shawn Lunney**  
Carpenter  
Idyllwild

"Way overpriced. A lot of it is the tax the state puts on it. I really haven't changed my driving habits. If you have to go somewhere, you just have to go."



**Jerry Buchanan**  
Retired School  
Administrator  
Idyllwild

"I'm not going off the Hill as often as I used to do. However, the grandkids are down there and it's become a \$30 round trip."



**Betty Anderson**  
Artist, Actress, Singer  
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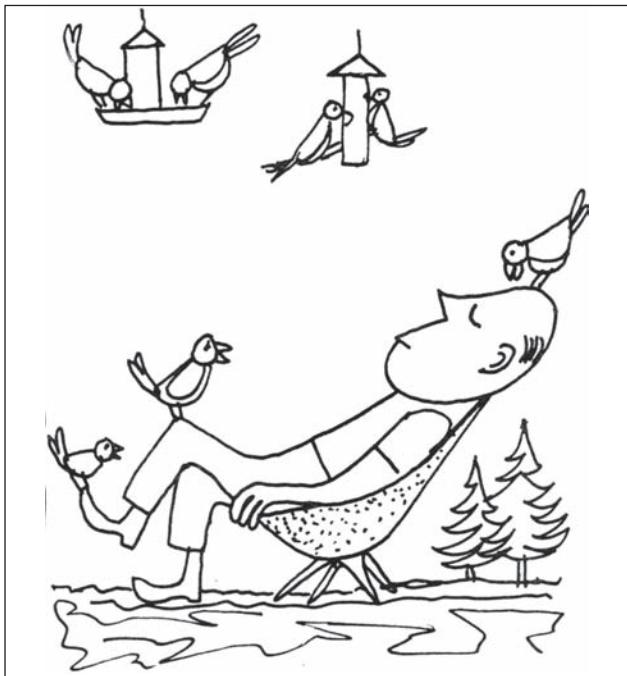
"The price of gas at the pump has nothing to do with the price of gas. It has to do with the Middle East. Living in Idyllwild (instead of San Diego) has helped cut our costs considerably."



**Jeanine Stocks**  
Outdoor Education  
Idyllwild

"Somebody has to do something to control it, but honestly, I don't know who that is. I haven't really changed my driving; if I need to go somewhere, I just go."

## A HUNDRED YEARS OF ERNIE



Town Crier founder Ernie Maxwell cartoon originally published in the July 15, 1960 edition of the Town Crier. Maxwell would have been 100 years old this year.

## OFF THE MAIN ROADS

By LES WALKER, RMRU MEMBER

### While hiking, be aware of and prepared for rattlesnakes ...

With spring in full swing, it is time again to explore our local hiking trails. However, the potential threat of rattlesnakes might concern those who are interested in this activity.

"Watch where you sit and where you step," said Department of Fish and Game Lt. Dan Sforza. Snakes are particularly active during spring when they come out of hibernation and warm themselves in the sun, Sforza warned. When aggravated, rattlesnakes give a nasty, venomous bite.

The breed of rattlesnake that inhabits our local trails and mountains is the *Crotalus oreganus helleri* — Southern Pacific Rattlesnake. This snake is primarily nocturnal and active during periods of excessive daytime heat. Even moderate temperatures can bring this snake out. So, this makes it active for most of the time on our trails.

When alarmed, a rattlesnake shakes its tail back and forth. The movement rubs the rattle segments together producing a buzzing sound, which serves as a warning. Juveniles are born with only a silent button at the end of the tail and are less likely to be heard.

Contrary to popular belief, rattlesnakes do not deliberately stalk human beings — their natural diet consists of rats, mice, gophers, small birds, frogs, and even the occasional



meaty insect. Nevertheless, people still get bit. This is mostly due to their own fault.

To avoid being bitten, first, know your snake. Rattlesnakes like summer evenings the best, just as the sun is going down and when it has gone. They are most active during the summer nights. This just happens to coincide with the frailty of human eyesight kicking in as the sun goes down, so take care.

Use a flashlight when walking about and wear good footwear. Rattlesnakes like warm days, period. Be it any season of the year, even winter, a rattlesnake can venture out in search of the warmth. Suitable air temperature for rattlesnakes is between 70 and 90 degrees Fahrenheit (or 21 to 32 degrees Celsius).

Most rattlesnakes are not generally sitting about in the open. If they are in the open, they are usually moving through it to cover or protection. Rattlesnakes want to avoid contact with predators who can easily spot them in the open, including humans and large animals.

Therefore, you will most likely encounter rattlesnakes around rocks, shrub and brush, or wherever there are nooks for them to hide. So again, "Watch where you sit and where you step."

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## RENATE'S THOUGHTS

By RENATE CAINE, PH.D., DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, NATURAL LEARNING RESEARCH INSTITUTE, IDYLLWILD

### Education that doesn't leave this generation behind ...

I am often surprised at how little parents and educators in general actually understand what and who drive the education agenda. Let me give you some examples:

In the 1990s there was an explosion in innovative teaching. Educators were only beginning to acknowledge that teaching needed to be tailored to the student because of their different and often unique abilities.

There was an interest in what is still called "learning styles" or is also known as individual "intelligences." It was during this time also that educators began to realize that students needed a variety of resources instead of relying on only one textbook per subject or grade.

This more complex approach to teaching required real expertise and created a problem because many teachers often did not have that. Those of you who recall whole language probably saw either great results or a real mess. The results depended on the depth of training of the teacher. Teachers doing their own version of "whole language" was often a disaster.

These differences were worrisome and it looked as though teachers were largely experimenting, often leaving them unable



to justify what they were doing. Suddenly, there was the beginning cry for a more direct, controllable approach to instruction, largely because students were not competitive on international math and science exams.

Beginning with the year 2001, the Bush administration, supported by many Democrats, joined with the business community and particularly publishing companies to formulate policies that in much of the U.S. led to the following:

- One prescribed textbook per grade and subject;
- A teacher's guide for textbooks or subjects, often telling teachers where to stand, how to point, and what to say ("Saxon Math"). Other programs were more intelligently scripted ("Reading Recovery") but teachers noticed that they were often forced to move on whether kids were ready or not, largely ignoring individual differences and needs of students.

In fact, the publishing companies acquired immense influence over education because their products led to scripted teaching and they created mandated tests largely tied to their teaching guides. (See "The 500 pound Gorilla," <http://www.alfiekohn.org/teaching/500pound.htm>). This entire effort became

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Darrell & Barbara Salkeld – Owners

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## Lilac Walk adds art

For the first time, a combination of sweet lilacs, displayed art, and a Victorian tea will offer a memorable way to spend a day in Idyllwild.

The Idyllwild Garden Club has annually invited the public to spend a day in scenic Idyllwild touring the Alpenglow Lilac Gardens and enjoying a Victorian tea amongst the pines. However, for the first time, the Art Alliance of Idyllwild will add even more variety and beauty by displaying the works of some of their wonderful local and world-

renowned artists at the lilac garden itself.

On Saturday, May 14th, docent-guided walks will be offered among a large variety of lilacs, including unique types from Europe and Asia, on almost an acre of forested garden. Nestled in this setting will be the displayed art and a picturesque patio where a tea luncheon will be served. Registration is recommended via email ([idygar@gmail.com](mailto:idygar@gmail.com)), or online at [www.idyllwildgardenclub.net](http://www.idyllwildgardenclub.net).

Tickets will also be available the day of the event at the Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, located at 25024 Fern Valley Rd, Idyllwild. The Guided Walk, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., is \$5; the Tea and Walk together, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., is \$15.

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Ken Devore, Southern California Edison's Smart-Meter project chief, said that SCE is under no duty at this time to provide an opt-out provision. With respect to its SmartMeters, Devore said ITron is the manufacturer and that it has received relatively few complaints to date about its SmartMeter rollout.

"Our meters do not have [that LG manufacturer] defect," said Devore. "We've only had one other press inquiry, after the news of the PG&E recall."

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## Meters

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ire, since it requires a one-time payment of either \$270 or \$135 and monthly add-ons of \$14 or \$20, depending on the size of the original payment. The CPUC has not yet ruled on the proposal. Customers are still required to have the meters installed.

The opt-out only disconnects the microwave transmission method. In addition, PG&E is suggesting that, should a customer move, they will have to pay again to have the microwave transmission recon-

## ICRC

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requirements specifically mention "parks and playgrounds" as falling within the CUP extended permitting process which includes an eventual public hearing to be held before the Planning Commission. "The Planning Commission has the final say," he said.

"This was a hard call to make," said Neal, "given that the group (ICRC) are all volunteers, but the zoning requirements leave no choice. I know they were disappointed."

Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone had set up a special meeting with ICRC representatives and Neal to see if the approval process could be expedited, but, as Neal explained, the zoning requirements were clear and left no wiggle room. Olivia Barnes, a member of Stone's staff, confirmed Stone's sympathy with the project and intervention with Planning. "Once Greg Neal looked at the CUP, he had no choice," she said. "What ICRC submitted in March was a site plan with a request for staff to review.

It was not the formal application that the specific zoning [for the playground parcel] required." Neal said that the planner with whom ICRC had been working has been out sick for the last four weeks and, as a result, Neal could not comment on why that planner had not pointed out the zoning discrepancy in March.

Simpson said that ICRC has begun the process of seeking the CUP and that a formal application would be submitted in June, with the application process expected to take four to six months. That would delay the playground construction, assuming all approvals are obtained in a timely manner, until early fall.

At this point, there was no mention of the future of the Community Center intended for the site as part of the land donor's requirements. Neal said, however, that if ICRC intends to build a community center, it will have to repeat the CUP process for each modular component unless one master plan for the site were approved.

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## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



*Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week are first-grader Fiona McMullen and kindergartener Preston Pino. Idyllwild School bus driver Rachel Haynes chose these two students because they follow the bus rules and are always courteous on the bus.*

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## IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

### IWD Mission Statement -

*To provide reliable water & sewer service in a safe, cost-effective & environmentally sound manner in accordance with the community needs.*

**\$75,000 GRANT FUNDS** — The District has been working through each phase of the State's Recycling Water program. Last month, IWD received an official letter of approval for our State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) application for \$75,000 in grant funding. These approved funds will be used to cover 50% of the facility planning phase. Last month, we submitted a revised Facility Planning Report that addressed all the comments from the SWRCB's Division of Financial Assistance. We are waiting for the State's approval so we can proceed to the next Construction Grant Funds phase. We will submit an application to build the proposed Recycled Water Treatment Plant. Based on receiving a letter of approval for the funding, the board will consider constructing the Recycled Water Treatment project.

**ENGINEERING REPORT** — The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is considering approval of our Title 22 Engineering Report. This approval is needed for the District to construct and operate the proposed recycled water treatment plant. Based on approval of this report, we will be issued a recycled water operating permit.

**CONGRATULATIONS NICK!** — Nick Iliev has received a letter from the California Department of Public Health that he passed his exam to receive a Grade II Water Distribution Operator Certificate. IWD's water system is rated as a Class II system that requires a Grade II Water Operator to oversee the system. The District is fortunate to have qualified certified water distribution and treatment operators for our water system. Staff who attend classes along with additional hands-on experience provides us with proficient operators. Nick has acquired the needed work experience under his Grade I Wastewater Treatment Operator guidelines. Last month, he applied for his Grade II Wastewater Treatment Operator certificate. Our wastewater plant is rated as a Class II system. The District will recognize Nick at our May board meeting.

**NEW MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN I** — The District received more than 30 applications for this vacant position. After several interviews, Bill Rojas was selected. He began work on April 25th. Bill has completed six water/wastewater classes. He is scheduled to take his Grade II Water Treatment Operator exam this month and is scheduled to take his Grade II Water Distribution Operator exam this September. Bill grew up in Idyllwild and he and his wife are looking forward to moving back.

**OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE MAY 17th AT 7:00 P.M.  
PLEASE VISIT US AT THE EARTH FAIR ON MAY 21ST.**



# Casey discusses Idol experiences

By Marshall Smith  
Staff Reporter

**Editor's note:** Idyllwild's Casey Abrams gave an exclusive interview to the Town Crier, arranged through Fox Television, on Friday, May 6.

American Idol top six finalist Casey Abrams came home to Idyllwild after his April 28 elimination. At an all school meeting at Idyllwild Arts (AI) on Friday May 6, Abrams, dressed in his trademark casual scruff, talked about his AI run with candor, humor and humility, and showed no trace of being impressed with his present celebrity status.

This article combines Abrams' answers both to Town Crier questions and to ones raised at the Idyllwild Arts school meeting:

You're primarily a jazz instrumental musician and Idol is a pop singing show. What made you decide to audition?

"I watched Adam Lambert and Crystal Bowersox shake up the show with different genres and approaches. And that was good. I thought if they could do it so could I. The audition process was rough — four auditions in front of producers before you even got to meet the [AI]



Returning from American Idol, **Casey Abrams**, center, met with students and faculty at the Idyllwild Arts Theatre. Casey is flanked by **Howard Shangraw**, left, head of the Academy's Theatre Department and his father, **Ira Abrams**, right. Casey's mom, Pam Pierce, was also present at the homecoming gathering.

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judges. It's rougher than you think."

**Jazz is improvisational.** I had heard that you didn't like to over-rehearse your AI tunes. If so, why? How did you prepare before the telecast?

"I'd rehearse my tunes a couple of times. I liked to mix it up [on the show]. Some of the others [James and Scotty] rehearsed and rehearsed. For the show telecast, I really didn't do anything [to prepare]. That's my jazz background. I'd go into the bathroom [before the show], sing a couple notes to make sure I had them, then go out for the performance. I wanted to keep it fresh. In

performance I did improvise moments, especially in "I Put A Spell On You," [during the final performance]."

**How did being an instrumental musician help you in your AI singing performances?**

"As a singer, if you're also going to be a good musician, you have to know where the notes are [in the chord structure]. Since I did, that helped me. Being a musician also helped me have a connection with the band on [the AI] stage."

**How much time did you have to prepare for each show?**

"Not a lot. It was horrible, but I hear that real life is probably worse. We chose our tunes at a Friday rehearsal. Saturday we recorded them. Sunday we did interviews. Monday we rehearsed the group [or duet] performances. Tuesday we did an onstage rehearsal with cameras and Wednesday we had a dress rehearsal before the show."

**How much of your own arranging did you do on the tunes you sang?**

"Initially they [coaches and producers] discouraged me from doing it [my own arranging]. But I held out for how I wanted to do the tunes. On some, like [Elton John's] "Your Song" it was pretty straight ahead, very simple. But on others, "Nature Boy," "Harder to Breathe," and "I Put A Spell On You," that was completely me — weird chord changes, different."

**What was your most exciting moment on the show?**

"Singing 'Moanin'' with Haley [Reinhart]."

**What was the biggest challenge during your Idol run?**

"Struggling between being an artist and being what voters wanted me to do. But I stuck to my guns figuring that if I

got kicked off, I've gone out with integrity."

**What was it like being part of the top 11? You seemed like a family.**

"Yeah, it definitely was so. We just liked being together. That seemed more important than the competition. Every body was talented."

**Idyllwild came together in a big way to support you during the competition. Did you have any idea of the level of support at home?**

"I had no idea of the support. So, I want to say thanks for being there for me. I would

have done the same for someone from my hometown."

**What's next after the [AI] national tour?**

"I want to try acting. I saw what Jennifer Hudson did with that. Maybe that. We'll be talking with some people [in the industry]."

**Finally, what are your values as a musician and a performer?**

"First, never take yourself too seriously. But always take the music seriously."

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**Bill Lowman**, founder of Idyllwild Arts Academy, conducted a question and answer session between **Casey Abrams** and the Idyllwild Arts students.

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# New resident brings authors series

By Marshall Smith  
Staff Reporter

Some new Idyllwild residents bring their dogs, cats, furniture, and their city predilections and expectations to this deceptively somnambulant mountain hamlet. Eduardo Santiago brought an authors series, with an elevated objective — to save, or at least enliven, a local independent bookstore.

"A town without a bookstore is a town without a soul," said Santiago, a published writer, a Cuban immigrant and a man who believes that the written word is what civilizes us, gives us meaning and knits us together as a literate, informed and thinking people.

With no money or independent support, Santiago enrolled an impressive cadre of eight edgy and provocative authors to import the vital independent Los Angeles literary scene to Idyllwild at B's Mountain of Books beginning Sunday, May 15. The series

will feature eight published authors on select Sundays, May through July. Author David Francis, whose book "Stray Dog Winter" has earned broad-based critical accolades, opens the series.

Australian by birth, cosmopolitan by choice, Francis will discuss "Stray Dog," his novel of intrigue, sexual innuendo, politics and espionage that traverses a landscape from Australia in the 60s to the Soviet Union in the 80s. Francis infuses "Stray Dog" with sharp literary and political intelligence to craft an engrossing and darkly fascinating love story.

Australian Book Review calls "Stray Dog," "An impressive political thriller, beautifully crafted with a spectacular climax."

IndieBound: Indie Favorites says, "Filled with suspense, intrigue, and a good deal of sexiness, 'Stray Dog Winter' is a novel of breathless moments, passion, politics and atmosphere so thick you can feel it." Audiophile Magazine says, "David Francis



Eduardo Santiago visits B's Mountain of Books

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

echoes all the best attributes of Graham Greene's classic novel 'The Third Man' — the brooding atmosphere, the unrelenting sense of wariness that abounds in the curious protagonist, and the romance that brews against the backdrop of the Cold War."

Santiago, who convinced the A-list authors to come to Idyllwild, has an impressive backstory himself. Santiago and his family emigrated from Cuba by way of Spain on Christmas Eve when he was 9 years old. "I fell in love with reading when I

was [age] 7, suffering from hepatitis," he remembered. "I read 'Tom Sawyer' in Spanish. I idolized writers."

The trajectory of his first published novel, "Tomorrow They Will Kiss," was, said Santiago, "miraculous." "Once, every two weeks I send out a short story to 20 literary agents," said Santiago. "I got an e-mail from Little Brown and Company [the eventual publishers of 'Tomorrow'] asking if I had a novel. I thought it was friends playing a joke. It wasn't. Two or three months later I had a contract. A year later it was published."

As a struggling writer, Santiago understood the importance of independent bookstores in promoting the work of new authors. "My model is the Skylight

Bookstore in Los Feliz [Los Angeles]," he said. "Almost daily there were appearances by authors. I was introduced to the major writers coming into Los Angeles.

"As a writer, when you come into a new place, the first thing you look for is a bookstore," he said. "I wanted to help B's Mountain to succeed as Idyllwild's independent bookstore. That's the reason for the series. And, I have a profound affection for Idyllwild and how it makes me feel up here — peacefully energetic."

See [eduardosantiago.com/authors](http://eduardosantiago.com/authors) and the back page of this edition for more information about Santiago's series.

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# IA films win film festival awards

By Marshall Smith  
Staff Reporter

Idyllwild Arts (IA) Moving Pictures Department students Kai Krause and Brit Wiginton are members of two teams that took gold and silver in a recent student film competition.

Honored at the Colorado Springs Dominique Dunne High School Film Competition sponsored by Fountain Valley School, Wiginton (writer and producer) and Krause (cinematographer) took first and second place for their films "The Other

Side" and "Prima Ballerina Assoluta." Other members of the "Other Side" team included director Ben Goodwin and cinematographer Jordan Kreimerman. Director and screenwriter Dhaivat Mehta helmed "Prima Ballerina."

Both Krause and Wiginton are seniors who are moving forward toward promising careers — Krause to light and shoot commercials in Europe (he is from Germany) and Wiginton to script and direct features. Krause will attend the Met Film School in London and Wiginton hopes to attend

Sarah Lawrence College in New York.

Krause, raised in a film industry family in Germany, knew from an early age that he wanted to be a cinematographer. "It's helped me focus," he said.

He talked about "Prima Ballerina," noting one surrealistic dream sequence that he particularly enjoyed lighting and shooting. Krause also said he'd like to shoot a musical, and mentioned "Chicago," director Rob Marshall's cinematic reimagining of the Broadway hit, as his favorite.

Wiginton wrote and produced her sci-fi romance film, "The Other Side." Originally a creative writing major, Wiginton came to IA's Moving Picture Department in her junior year. "I came here when I was 15," she remembered. "I've grown up here. I've learned so much about collaborating. With all these artists, in different aspects of the arts, if I needed anything or anyone to help complete my project, they're here."

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## Rufus

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music now. I think about things differently."

Reid's wife, Doris, was more succinct. "There are two different lives. When he performs, there is one style and when he composes there is another style. Composing he's at home, but not available," she said smiling. "When he's playing, he's at home and available."

### Can you explain the process of composing?

"Music is a huge palette, like a painting. The question, which I grapple with, is whom do you give the line to?" Reid said.



Rufus Reid

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

"Sometimes I play it on my bass to see how it feels," he said elaborating on his personal style. "I'll experiment with the rhythm and intervals."

### Jazz is known for its improvisation while orchestral composition is structured. How do you juxtapose these opposites?

"I'm not trying to work a jazz piece for orchestra," he began. "But more and more over the years, I've

been drawn to classical. But Peter told me, 'In the classical world everything is by the minute.' They'll search for a 4-minute piece."

"In jazz, you can have 10 notes and flip them anyway you want," he said, "and think uninhibitedly. I bring a contemporary sensibility as a jazz musician."

### What's next?

"I have no clue," he said. "To compose on a large scale takes a lot of time. But I can't wait to write for my big band, it feels like a piece of cake now. I'd like to write for strings, something pretty and contemporary."

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**Brit Wiginton**, Idyllwild Arts screenwriter and producer of "The Other Side." PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

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## SPORTS

### Town Hall Youth Baseball

Danny Richardson reported on Town Hall Youth Baseball games for the week of May 2.

#### T-Ball League

The Idyllwild Career Firefighters Association Pirates clashed with the Shaves Barbershop Dodgers. Luke Carlson played an outstanding game on defense for the Dodgers. Pirates' Timmy Lowe had an awesome game hitting the ball.

Later in the week, the Idyllwild Pines Padres played Shaves Barbershop Dodgers. Seth White, of the Padres, had an excellent game on defense fielding the ball; Dodgers' Ruby McKeller hit some line shots past the infielders.

#### Minor League

In the first game of the week, the Sacco Dining Angels took on the American Legion Orioles. The Angels tied the Orioles in the second inning when Michael Stroud and Zach Gray crossed the plate. The Orioles came roaring back with six runs in the third inning and never looked back. Stand-out for the Orioles was Lainie Wilke who crossed home plate three times. The final score was favored the Orioles 12-8.

On Thursday, May 5, the Idyllwild Shell Blue Jays squared off against the Sacco Dining Angels. In the first inning, the Angels exploded for seven runs. Preston Pino and Toby Posey led the Angels hitting attack. Blue Jays' Cody Fogle scored three times to help his team, but the Angels' big inning tipped the game, 11-7.

#### League Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
American Legion Orioles	2	0
Sacco Dining Angels	2	1
Idyllwild Shell Blue Jays	0	3

#### Majors League

The Town Hall Braves played the Idyllwild Rotary Angels to start the week. In a big scoring game, both teams came ready and blasted the ball beginning in the first inning when each team scored seven runs. In the



The action was fast and furious during the Thursday, May 5 Minor League game between the Blue Jays and the Angels.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

second inning, the Angels scored another six runs. The Angels' Zach Fogle crossed home plate three times and the Braves' Justin Nunn scored twice. The game ended 15-9 in favor of the Angels.

The week's final game was a battle between the Creekstone Inn Pirates and the Idyllwild Rotary Angels. In this exciting game, the Pirates led until the fifth inning when the Angels tied the game. Cody Espinoza, Evan Biley and Zach Fogle each crossed home plate that inning. But the Pirates responded and Edgar Santiago scored the winning run when the Angels' pitcher walked the batter with the



Angel's Zack Fogle scores a run as Pirate's catcher Edgar Santiago applies the tag too late. Referee Danny Richardson is very definite about his call.

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bases loaded. The Pirates won a squeaker 10-9.

#### League Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Creekstone Inn Pirates	3	0
Town Hall Braves	1	2
Rotary Angels	1	3

Send sports reports about locals to [itc@towncrier.com](mailto:itc@towncrier.com) or drop them off at the Town Crier by 10 a.m. Mondays. Photos are also welcome. If sending by e-mail, resolution must be at least 300 dpi.

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# Candidate statements for local elections available

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Registrar of Voters has announced five local special districts will conduct board member elections on Aug. 30. The District and number of seats to be elected are below:

<b>District</b>	<b># seats</b>	<b>Phone number</b>
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Idyllwild Water	3 full term	(951) 659-2143
Pine Cove Water	2 full term	(951) 659-2675

The terms of the incumbent directors will end at noon, Dec. 4, and elected officials will begin new terms the same day.

Fern Valley directors whose terms expire this year are Diane Johnson and President Ron Korman. The Idyllwild Water District directors who must stand for re-election are President Allan Morphett, Vice President Warren Monroe and Jim Billman. Pine Cove directors President Thomas McCullough and Mike Esnard also have terms expiring this year.

Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) commissioners Pete Capparelli, president, and Paul Riggi, vice president, are also ending their current terms. In addition to electing two commissioners, IFPD voters will vote to accept or reject the District's proposed unit fee increase.

The nomination period is now open. Candidates must file a declaration of candidacy with the Registrar of Voters by 5 p.m. June 3. If an incumbent chooses not to run for re-election, the deadline will be extended five days to 5 p.m. June 8.

Additional information is available at the district offices or by contacting the Registrar of Voters Office at (951) 482-7200 or (800) 773-VOTE (8683).

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## COUNTY CORNER

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

### E.R.A.C.E.

Last month, 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone requested Board of Supervisors concurrence to have county counsel prepare an ordinance that would limit registered sexual offenders' access to Riverside County property where children may congregate.

In his proposal, Stone would limit access to all county parks, recreation centers, aquatic centers and other facilities where children may be present. This would include all county-sponsored public events on county property, such as the Date Festival and the Temecula Balloon and Wine Festival.

In addition, the proposal would prohibit any dwelling housing a registered sexual offender from participating in Halloween or any other holiday, which might attract children to the residence.

Stone has named his proposed ordinance Eliminate Registrant Attendance at County Entities or E.R.A.C.E. The proposed ordinance should be ready for Board consideration in the next 30 to 45 days, according to Stone, who said an Orange County ordinance was the idea's inspiration.

### IFPD and county fire agreements

The Board of Supervisors was asked to approve a Cooperative Agreement with the Riverside County Fire

Department (RCFD) to provide dispatch and communication services to the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD).

IFPD will reimburse the county based on the number of calls. The first-year cost of the agreement will be about \$40,000. However, RCFD has agreed to credit IFPD with \$10,000 for the use of its FCC licensed radio frequency. For the first year, the parties estimate the number of dispatch calls will be about 325. The initial term of the agreement is for three years, beginning July 1, 2010.

In addition, RCFD and IFPD signed an agreement for the county to provide IFPD with mobile data computers to be installed in its vehicles. IFPD will pay for hardware, software, licensing installation and maintenance of equipment. This 3-year agreement assumes an annual connectivity fee of \$725.

### Hazardous fire areas

With the arrival of spring and onset of warmer and eventually hot temperatures, the RCFD is proposing to close several hazardous fire areas. These areas will be closed to the public except for public roadways and inhabited areas.

These areas were chosen because of the hazard of potential dangerous fires due to the availability of substantial fuels caused by winter's precipitation.

The request to the Board of Supervisors identified seven specific areas: Avery Canyon (Gibbel Road east of State St.

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# Library construction planned for summer

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

After a series of meetings between the Friends of the Idyllwild Library (Friends) and the new library project architect, HMC Architects, construction of the new facility is now likely to begin in August, according to HMC lead architect Dan Brenner.

The meetings, which were designed to provide HMC and the county with community input about overall library design and components, were originally scheduled for one month, February. They actually took over three months and were very beneficial according to Brenner.

"The Friends were offering very detailed suggestions," said Brenner. "They know how a library should operate. The process has been very collaborative." Noting the extra couple of months of consultation, Brenner said, "This has been well worth the last couple of months. The project is now 10 times the project it would have been had we stuck to the original plans."

Adele Voell, Friends chair, expressed satisfaction with HMC's openness to her group's suggestions. "They [HMC and the county] have listened to us and done what we asked," she said.

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## Local racers post place well

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Local racers posted impressive finishes in Idyllwild's premiere cycling event, the Idyllwild Spring Challenge. The seventh edition of this locally produced event took place on Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1.

According to race organizer Katie Hedrich, the following local residents or locally connected riders scored well:

In the Cross Country major event, Misty Hitchcock took 1st place in Category 2 women 40-49; Marlin Harris (racing as "Mudpack Slim"), 3rd place, Category 2 men

55-59; Troy Vanderwende took 4th place, Category 2 Men Single Speed; Oscar Mejia took 5th place Category 3 Men 30-39; Kenny Gioeli, 2nd place, Open Men 35-44; Don Sutton, 2nd place, Open Men 45+; Freddie Espinoza, 3rd place Open Men 35-44; David See, 5th place Open Men Single Speed; and Sage See, 6th place, Jr. Men 11-12.

In addition, Espinoza, took 3rd place in the Open Men Time Trial, 2nd in the Open Men Stage Race, and 6th in the Open Men Super D.

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# County budget still in the red

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

After the third quarter of the current fiscal year (ending June 30), county officials still anticipate a budget shortfall. But the estimate is \$24.8 million, \$3 million less than the mid-year estimate.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department's projected deficit of \$10 million represents 40 percent of the total and the largest single agency loss. Additional budget deficits are \$5.6 million in social services, \$5.5 million in the District Attorney's office

and \$3.7 million in the fire department.

"The Board has shown true grit and determination to close the structural budget deficit. ... Had the Board not taken this action, our situation would be more dire," wrote County Executive Officer Bill Luna. "It is crucial, therefore, to continue this budget discipline and not rely on additional use of reserves to extend the deficit."

Luna did report that building permit volume was 1 percent higher during the first eight months of fiscal 2011 compared to a year ago. In

addition, the auditor-controller is projecting property tax receipts would be about \$269 million, or \$5.3 million more than the original forecast.

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### Public hearing on health cuts

On May 16, proposals to cut health care will be heard before the Board of Supervisors. Notices describing the cuts and announcing the public hearing were posted on May 2 at the affected county public health facilities.

Based on county projections, the proposed cuts would reduce funding to the California Children's Services (CCS) Program and deny new applications for service to 436 children who do not qualify for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families. The cuts will also cause the fund that pays medical providers to be exhausted before the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2012. Payment could be delayed until the following fiscal year.

## County corner

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in Hemet); North Mountain and Indian Canyon (San Jacinto); Whitewater Canyon (Cabazon and N. Palm Springs); Nuevo/Lakeview (East of Menifee Road and San Jacinto Ave.); Minto (Sage); Reinhardt Canyon (north of Highway 74 and California Ave. in Hemet); Ramona Bowl and Bautista Canyon (Southeast of Hemet).

### State and federal redistricting

At its May 3 meeting, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution asking the state commission responsible for redrawing boundaries for the state Senate, state Assembly and federal Congressional districts to consider Riverside County as a single jurisdiction in order to eliminate district overlaps into other counties. Many of the current seats overlap with populations in San Diego and San Bernardino counties.

"Fractionalizing Riverside County would diminish local

agencies' effectiveness in seeking coordinated assistance from legislators; in protecting access to communication relevant to the election process for, in many instances, a poor minority population; and in addressing health, transportation, education and safety issues that affect the quality of life for every resident," declared the Board's resolution.

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# Steele has game; 'The Players' next

BY JACK CLARK  
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele made his fifth consecutive cut on the PGA Tour in the Wells Fargo Championship in Charlotte, N.C., last week. He posted a two-under-par 77-66-72-71 — 286 and resulting in a tie for 55th place. Steele won \$14,755 and but slipped slightly to 22nd place on the money list and 21st place in FedExCup points.

Steele's performance was mixed. His 20 birdies showed he had game, but they were largely offset by 14 bogeys and two double bogeys.

Because Steele won the Valero Texas Open last month, he is entered in this week's The Players Championship on the TPC Sawgrass course in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. The Players is spoken of as "the fifth major" with a huge purse of \$9.5 million with \$1.71 million going to the winner.

## A&E

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American Idol telecast, 8 p.m. Café Aroma.

### Thursday, May 19

Walk the Lilac Gardens, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.

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

Willy B., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Good-times Pub & Grill.

22nd Annual Idyllwild Earth Fair, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Town Hall.

Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican restaurant.

Don Reed & Chuck Alvarez, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Theatre Production: "The Spitfire Grill," 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Live entertainment, 9 p.m.-close, Bone Daddy'z.

American Idol telecast, 8 p.m. Café Aroma.

### Friday, May 20

Walk the Lilac Gardens, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.

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

Idyllwild Authors Series: Hope Edelman, "Motherless Daughters," 2 p.m. B's Mountain of Books.

Theatre Production: "The Spitfire Grill," 2 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Bill Saitta & Dan Papaila, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

Sandii Castleberry & Friends, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Idyllwild Earth Fair Dessert Reception w/Greenwood Award presentation, 7 p.m. Town Hall.

Karaoke Night, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone Daddy'z.

### Saturday, May 21

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon. Café Aroma.

Jr. Trail Guides Explorer Program: Cahuilla Indian

Culture," 9 a.m.-noon National Monument Visitor Center, Palm Desert.

Walk the Lilac Gardens, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.

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American Idol telecast, 8 p.m. Café Aroma.

### Sunday, May 22

Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon. Café Aroma.

Walk the Lilac Gardens, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.

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Idyllwild Authors Series: Hope Edelman, "Motherless Daughters," 2 p.m. B's Mountain of Books.

Theatre Production: "The Spitfire Grill," 2 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Patricia Welch, "Diva of the Desert," 6-8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Bill Saitta presents Black Swan, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall.

Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

Real Estate Section, contact

# Still the American Dream

BY LARRY BISCHOF  
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Home ownership! A recent Fannie Mae study discloses that the majority of Americans still want to own a home. Despite the recent housing market upheaval, the vast majority of Americans still consider homeownership to be an important aspect of the American Dream.

According to a recent national survey by the Pew Research Center, an American think tank based in Washington, D. C., the

past 5-year drop in home prices has done little to shake the confidence of the American public in the investment value of homeownership. Eight in ten (80 percent) adults feel that buying a home is the best long-term investment a person can make.

The good news for dreamers, according to analysts at Moody's Analytics, a leading independent provider of economic analysis, is that housing is more affordable today than it has been in decades. Nationally, home values have declined an average of 27 percent since the market

peaked in 2006. More locally, according to Lawyers Title representative Frank Zintzun, the median price of a home in Idyllwild in 2006 was \$346,301. This year, 2011, the median price through April has been \$225,913, a drop of almost 35 percent.

To further assist dreamers, mortgage rates are near all-time lows. Larry Lest, loan consultant with Hemet Mortgage, reports that current mortgage rates are this year's lowest and have not been at the current levels since early December 2010. The present 30-year fixed loan rate is

4.875 percent, with excellent credit and 20 percent down payment, well below the 30-year fixed rate average in 2006 of 6.41 percent, per the Freddie Mac weekly survey rates.

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1	5	7	2	3	8	4	6	9
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8	3	6	4	1	7	9	5	2
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**Answers to Sudoku**  
(Puzzle on next page)

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S	H	O	P	P	E	O	N	S
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I	S	N	T	R	U	M	P	U
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I	M	P	E	A	C	H	A	G
R	E	A	R	H	O	E	D	W
O	R	S	O	E	U	R	N	I
N	E	S	S	D	R	A	W	P

**Answers to Crossword**  
(Puzzle on next page)

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## Classifieds

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**2 BR, 2 BA** Pine Cove cabin. \$945/mo. 52820 Sugar Pine. (951) 452-0840.

## SUDOKU

(Answers on previous page)

1				3			6	
2	6				4	1		
		9	1					5
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9			6			4		

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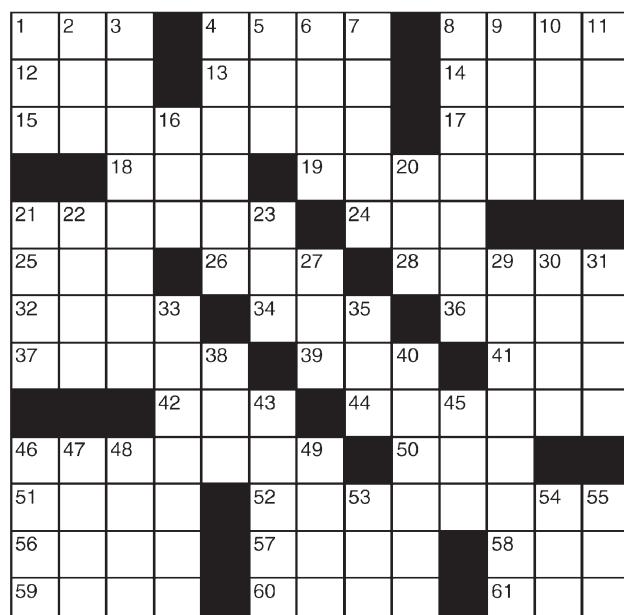
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## CROSSWORD

(Answers on previous page)



**ACROSS**  
1 Every last bit  
4 Marine of old TV  
8 Instances of wordplay  
12 Shelter  
13 Picnic spoiler  
14 On  
15 TSA checks  
17 Eastern princess  
18 Poorly lit  
19 Action-movie sound  
21 Boutique, perhaps  
24 Quite some time  
25 In what way?  
26 Bill  
28 Marionette  
32 "It Roman-

**tic?"**  
34 Mojito ingredient  
36 Green stroke  
37 Man of morals?  
39 America's uncle  
41 Chesapeake, e.g.  
42 Actor Stephen  
44 Tease  
46 Bring charges against  
50 Long-  
51 Back  
52 Square dances  
56 Approximately  
57 Mark replacement  
58 Zero  
59 Loch - Mon-ster  
60 Sketch

**DOWN**  
1 Matterhorn, e.g.  
2 Place to graze  
3 Disappointments  
4 Immediate  
5 Deviate off course  
6 "The View" alumna Lisa  
7 Follow  
8 Carrot cousin  
9 Hexagonal  
10 Admonition to Nanette  
11 Skewer  
12 Long -  
13 Man of morals?  
14 Tease  
15 TSA checks  
16 Zero  
17 Eastern princess  
18 Poorly lit  
19 Action-movie sound  
20 Present  
21 Actor LaBoeuf  
22 Stockings

## HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Home conditions still demand attention. Also, keep an open mind about a sudden question of trust involving a close friend. All the facts are not yet in.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) With summer just around the corner, travel begins to dominate your sign. Make plans carefully to avoid potential problems in the first half of June.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A romantic Libra sets a challenge that your "sensible" side might question, but your idealistic self finds the prospect too intriguing to resist. The choice is yours.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Those tense times in your personal life are just about over. Concentrate on reaffirming relationships. Your love of travel opens a surprising new opportunity.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat usually loves to be in the center of things. But this week it might be wiser to watch and learn from the sidelines. A Pisces wants to make you purr.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) "New" is your watchword this week. Be open to new ideas, both on the job and in your personal life. A romantic Aries or Sagittarian beckons.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Some difficult family decisions have to be

faced, but be sure to get more facts before you act. Be careful not to neglect your health during this trying time.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You still need to support a loved one through a difficult time. Meanwhile, things continue to work out to your benefit in the workplace.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Aspects continue to favor expanding social opportunities. A Gemini reaches out to offer a chance for re-establishing a once-close relationship.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) There's a potential for misunderstanding in both your job and your personal life. A full explanation of your intentions helps smooth things over.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might be feeling restless on the job, but delay making any major moves until all the facts are in. A Scorpio has a surprising revelation.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your business sense works to your advantage as you sort through the possibilities that are opening up. A Libra is Cupid's best bet for your romantic prospects.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for being open-minded about people. This helps you make friends easily. You do very well in public service.





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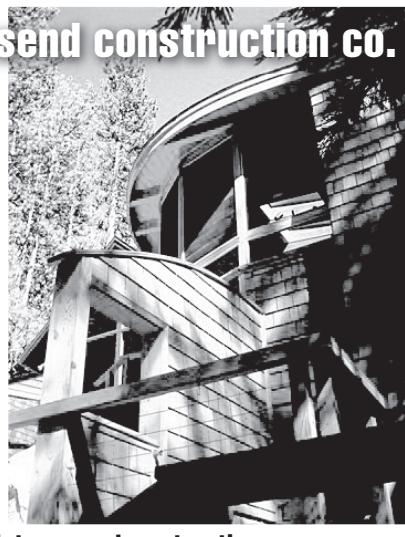
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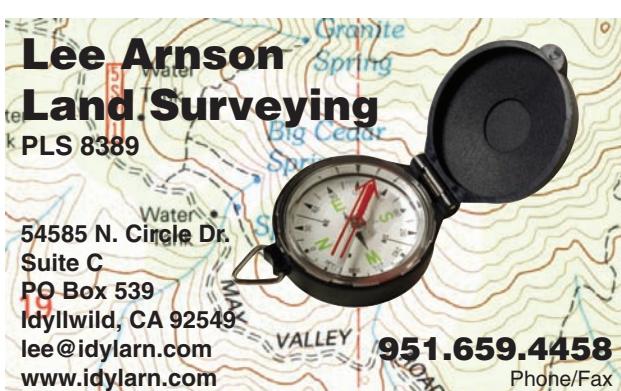
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You can also protect yourself with proper clothing. The majority of bites occur on the hands, feet and ankles. So, apart from not sticking your hands where they shouldn't be, clothing becomes important protection.

The key protection is to wear long, loose-fitting pants, thick hiking boots, and decent socks or gaiters if possible, especially if you choose not to wear long pants. Now you have some good insight on how to avoid getting bit.

But if you do get bitten, what should you do? Look for symptoms. If the area of the bite begins to swell and change color, the snake was probably poisonous. Keep the bitten area still. You can immobilize the area with an improvised splint made from a stick or other stiff material tied to the limb. Don't tie it too tight — you don't want to reduce blood flow. Do not cut open the wound and try to suck out the venom. Remove any jewelry or constricting items near the affected area in case of swelling. Keep the area of the snake bite lower than the heart. Go to a hospital immediately. If you cannot get to a hospital on your own, call 9-1-1 and a Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit will be dispatched.

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the foundation of what is now known as "No Child Left Behind."

Now, almost 10 years later, it has had several devastating results. Teaching has largely been reduced to prescriptive direct instruction, resulting for the first time in recent history, as Newsweek reports, the decline of creativity in the U.S. We may not have done so well on international exams but our creativity and initiative were the envy of many nations.

Secondly, learning has been reduced to memorization of facts and basic skills at the cost of ignoring thinking, problem solving, creating, planning, working well with others (social skills), developing independent initiative and following through on goals.

Finally, "No Child Left Behind" focuses almost entirely on math, reading and writing. Other subjects, such as civics, history, science and art, are largely ignored. These did not receive federal funding and were, therefore, left behind.

So, where does that leave education in the U.S.? We have another mess. Because research on how students learn has been ignored, learning tied to a script bores many of our kids. For that and other reasons, they spend more than 50 hours a week on often violent video games, television, social networking online and making unsupervised Web searches.

Is there hope? Oddly enough, this entire scenario could develop into a fantastic age for education. The focus has to change from too much testing to educating teachers to teach for powerful learning. They have a lot of catching up to do in order to bring their teaching into this century. They need to provide a more project-based type of teaching that allows students to choose how to study a subject based on their own interests, and then to conduct research by going to all kinds of experts in school, in the community, online and on the Web.

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*In this 1963 photo, at the Tahquitz Golf Course at Dutch Flats, Idyllwild's **Bob Oates** is shown with Miss World (**Miss Holland**) and the local Junior Miss Idyllwild contestants. Can you name any of the youngsters?* FILE PHOTO

### 25 years ago - 1986

The Riverside County Planning Commission issued a conditional use permit for a mini-storage warehouse on Highway 243.

### 20 years ago - 1991

The 2nd annual Idyllwild Earth Fair was held at Town Hall. This year's event will be held May 21.

### 5 years ago - 2006

The Pine Cove Water District held its 50th Anniversary celebration, inviting customers to tour the facility and enjoy a free barbecue lunch.

### 1 year ago - 2010

It was announced that film director and Idyllwild Independent Festival of Cinema producer Steve Savage's film "Legacy" would have a red carpet showing at Palm Springs' Camelot Theatre, the primary venue for the Palm Springs International Film Festival.

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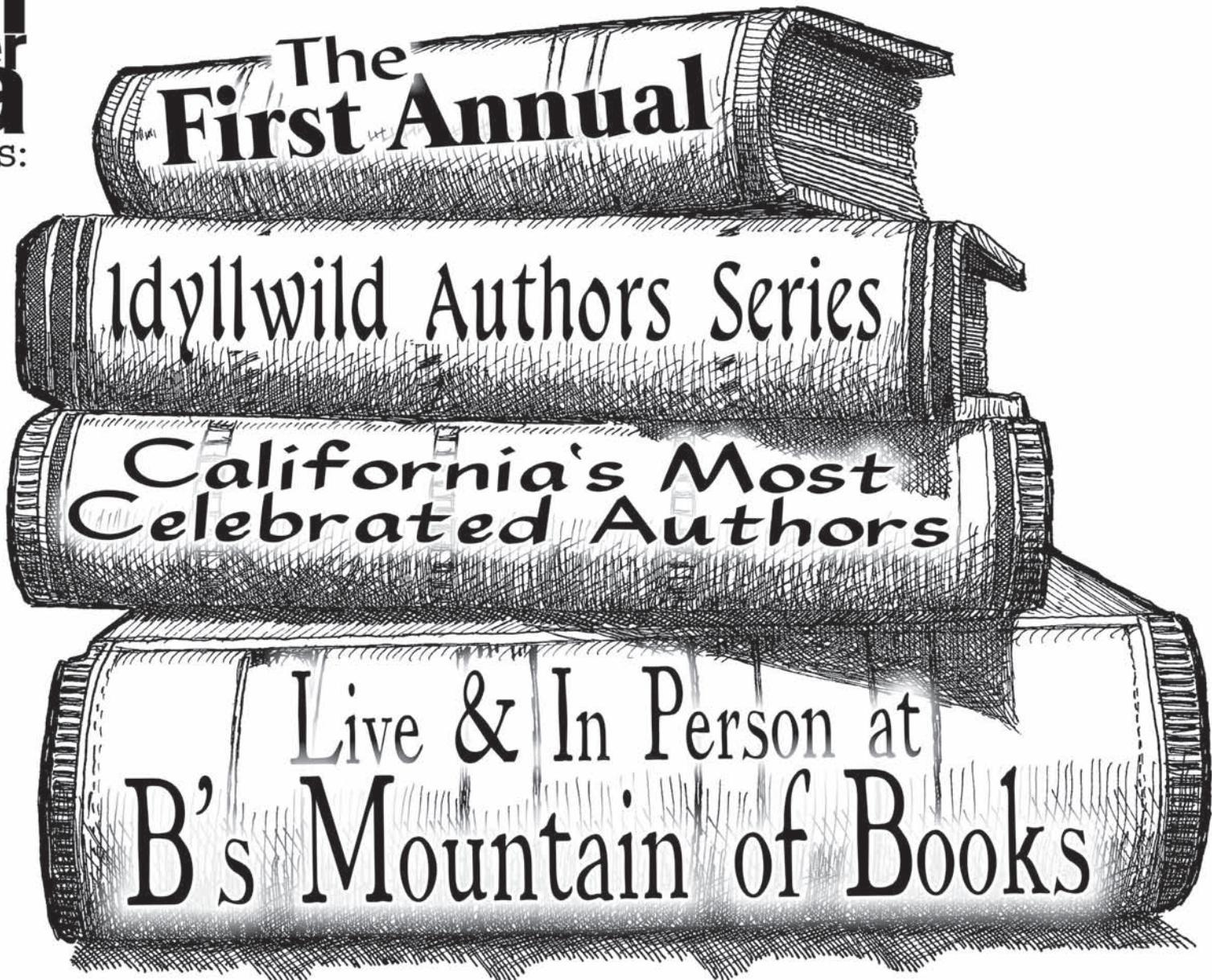
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