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Mayor of Idyllwild

ARF embraces campaign finances for local vote.

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Hazardous waste

Household hazardous waste may be taken to County Yard May 19.

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Leaking fuel tanks

Annual reports for both Shell Station and Pine Cove Market.

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Historic District

May 16 meeting on rules and board membership.

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Fire season

Forest Service discusses summer plans.

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Spring Challenge

Annual bike race this weekend.

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Alex Marconi, an Idyllwild Fire Department volunteer, helps a young future firefighter use a hose during the Fire Safe Council's Firefighter Muster on Saturday. Idyllwild Fire was one many local fire and public safety agencies that participated in this year's event. More Muster [photos on page 16](#).

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JEAN LOMBARD

Santiago presents year two of author series

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Eduardo Santiago, celebrating year two as an Idyllwild homeowner, said he enthusiastically jumped into the Idyllwild community with both feet. Part of that jump included founding a free Idyllwild Authors Series last year to try to help preserve a struggling independent bookstore.

"It's really important to me for some romantic reason to keep an independent bookstore in Idyllwild," said Santiago, a successful Los Angeles author and creative writing teacher. "A town without a bookstore is a town without a soul."

Santiago has lined up 10



Eduardo Santiago, author and producer of the Idyllwild Authors Series, sitting on top of the INK Bookstore, host to the series.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

prominent Los Angeles writers from a variety of literary disciplines for the series' second year. He said there is something about each of this year's featured writers

that piques his curiosity. And although the quality of their work is comparable to last year's authors, much has changed for the series.

See [Santiago, page 13](#)

PC search reveals stolen property

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On Friday, April 27, Pine Cove resident Ronald Kimmerle, 49, was arrested at his residence in the 25000 block of Laurel Drive on suspicion

of receiving stolen goods. A day later, he was released after posting bail (\$500 on \$5,000 bail).

The penal code section under which Kimmerle was charged can be either a felony

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Higher speed DSL now available

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

A number of sources, including Verizon West Coast Media Relations Manager Jarryd Gonzales and Verizon technical support, confirmed that Verizon could now provide higher speed DSL (digital data transfer over telephone lines) to Idyllwild customers with existing Verizon DSL accounts.

Gonzales acknowledged that Verizon recently doubled processing capacity at the Idyllwild central office. Verizon has not widely publicized availability of this new upgraded DSL for Hill customers. Speeds of up to 15 megabits per second (mbps) are now available for some customers because of the March upgrade in Idyllwild.

Although higher speed DSL is now available, the quality of the phone line at a residence can affect the speed of digital data transfer, even after central office infrastructure capacity has been increased. Neighborhoods and homes with better copper wiring can achieve somewhat faster DSL speeds. Conversely, those lacking or with poorer copper wiring experience

lesser data transfer speeds. Distance from the phone company's hub or central office can cause signal deterioration. DSL technology is "distance sensitive." Speed of data transmission decreases significantly the greater the distance from the central office. This is an especially important factor. Verizon technical support was able to confirm a 15 mbps speed at one residential address closer to the central office and only 3 mbps at another farther away. Distance was the cause of the slower signal, according to Verizon technical support. Finally, technical glitches within the service provider network at any particular time can affect transmission speed. These factors are ones about which the average residential customer can do little.

Other factors that affect DSL speed over which a customer may have more control include: spyware on the customer's computer; malfunctioning or incorrectly configured wired or wireless customer routers; and older customer computers lacking sufficient processing power or memory.

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, April 23 to 29, 2012:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

April 25 — Walk-in medical aid.

April 27 — Medical aid, Crestview Drive, Idyllwild.

April 27 — System malfunction, Tahquitz View Drive, Idyllwild.

April 28 — Smoke scare, Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

April 28 — Walk-in medical aid.

April 28 — Cover assignment, highways 243 and 74, Mountain Center.

April 29 — Medical aid, Big Pine Street, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

April 23 — Powerlines down, Hemstreet Place, Idyllwild.

April 25 — False alarm, Pathfinder Road, Anza.

April 27 — Traffic collision, Highway 74 at Lake Hemet Campground Road, Garner Valley.

April 27 — Medical aid,

Terwilliger Road, Anza.

April 27 — Structure fire, Monte Rose, Anza.

April 28 — Medical aid, Lake Hemet Campground.

April 28 — Cover Assignment, Station 30, Pinyon.

April 28 — Traffic collision, Highway 74, Pinyon.

April 29 — Medical aid, Highway 74 at Courtesy Drive, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Monday, April 23 to Monday April 30. This may not be a complete list of responses:

April 23 — Two-vehicle noninjury collision, Wellman Road west of Terwilliger Road, Anza.

April 27 — Solo injury collision, Highway 74 east of Apple Canyon Road.

April 28 — Solo injury collision, Highway 371 west of Highway 74, Anza.

April 29 — Solo injury collision, Highway 74 west of Palm Canyon Road, Pinyon.

Lost hiker airlifted out

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On Saturday, April 28, a hiker without gear or a sleeping bag required rescue near Wellman Divide and the Pacific Crest Trail in the Idyllwild area. He had apparently gotten off the trail. The hiker used his cell phone to contact 911. Riverside County Sheriff's deputies responded about 6:15 p.m. and an aviation unit was dispatched.

According to Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit volunteer and Idyllwild resident Lee Arnson, the aviation unit quickly spotted the hiker. He was then lifted into the helicopter and flown to safety. He

was uninjured and required no medical attention.

Arnson said conditions on parts of the mountain remain difficult and could pose problems for hikers. He expects more rescues given the large number of Pacific Crest Trail through-hikers that started the weekend of April 27 through 29. He heard some estimates about double the normal starting number.

The Sheriff's Department advises any hiker to be properly outfitted and aware of weather and terrain conditions in the area of their planned hike.

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

Ramirez arraignment deferred

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Janel Pearl Ramirez, 31, was formally charged with sexual encounters with a minor. Her arraignment scheduled for Thursday, April 26 was moved to May 3 at the request of her lawyer, Virginia Blumenthal.

The Riverside County District Attorney filed three felony charges against the

former Idyllwild student. If convicted, Ramirez faces jail time of four years and four months, according to John Hall, Senior Public Information Specialist for the Riverside County District Attorney's Office.

Ramirez was a ninth grade English teacher, employed with the district since 2007.

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Blooming goldfields paint Garner Valley yellow for a few weeks each spring. PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Monday, April 16 to Monday April 30. This may not be a complete list of responses:

April 16 — Felony assault with a deadly weapon,

Mitchell Road and Jack Trail, Anza. The case remains open but suspended.

April 24 — Felony burglary, 52000 block of Sugar Pine Drive, Pine Cove. The case is open and under investigation.

April 24 — Felony burglary, 53000 block of Marian View Drive, Idyllwild. The case remains open but suspended.

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Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
4-23	74	47			69	35		
4-24	70	38			55	41		
4-25	70	51			67	35		
4-26	na	na			66	46		
4-27	67	33			na	na		
4-28	73	39			73	39		
4-29	na	na			64	47		

Moisture in inches					Snow in inches			
To date this season (Idy): 19.99					To date this season (Idy): 42.1			
To date last season (Idy): 28.83					To date last season (Idy): 44.9			
Total last season (Idy): 29.38					Total last season (Idy): 44.9			
To date this season (PC): 22.05					To date this season (PC): 73.25			
Total last season (PC): 36.11					Total last season (PC): 78.5			

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.idyllwildtowncrier.com> or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

Spring in Idyllwild ...

Once again it is springtime in Idyllwild. This season brings lilac flowers, Pacific Crest Trail hikers, goldfields carpeting Garner Valley, butterflies, rock climbers, nesting and migrating birds, wildflowers, green hillsides, running streams and so much more to the Hill.



An April rain shower freshened things up and washed the panorama all clean. The late snows and rains encouraged a great bloom of California goldfields flowers (*Lasthenia californica*) in Garner Valley, which are particularly beautiful along Fobes Ranch Road. The goldfields also attract millions of bees into the valley.

As beautiful as they are, later this summer the goldfields will eventually yield to the purple flowered four o'clock family member (*verbena*) (*Abronia villosa* var. *aurita*) which is endemic to California.

On April 24, I drove to Garner Valley in order to photograph the goldfields. It turned out to be one of the most beautiful days of my life. The sky was so blue that it seemed unreal and the white clouds stretched across the sky in a rainbow arc. Our mountains rested on the horizon while green hills rose in the mid-ground along with the goldfields and sage brush. A setting that is a photographer's dream.

After walking Fobes Ranch Road with camera in hand, I managed to shoot 114 photos and walk more than a mile to get shots from every angle. Bees were everywhere and made almost every shot look a little "buggie." Fortunately, they were too busy collecting nectar to do any stinging so I didn't mind them.

On the next day, I noticed that the clouds were quite impressive hanging over the summits and surrounding our mountains with some blue skies here or there. I headed out to Inspiration Point around sunset and was rewarded with a spectacular lightshow in the sky. Another sixty or so photos and a five-minute video later, then I realized I was about to go into megapixel overload.

On the next time, I decided not to carry my camera when I ventured outside. My thought was that I would stop taking photos for a day. Then I observed at least eight or nine acorn woodpeckers (*Melanerpes formicivorus*) cavorting in my neighborhood. Thus I changed my mind.

The acorn woodpecker is easy to spot with its black and white face and body and its Pope-like red cap on top of its head. The males and females look the same so if you see the red cap it is the acorn woodpecker. They seemed to be doing some intense "family planning." Pairs were landing on the ground and even on the road as well as chasing each other around a large pock-mocked pine tree and power pole.

When you see a tree covered in holes that is evidence of acorn woodpeckers' work. They also are the main culprits when it comes to pecking holes in houses. Once they start it can be hard to stop them.

Finally, my neighbor Bud Hunt and I began to talk about birds. I asked him if he had ever seen a golden eagle. He said he had and also had a photo.

He produced the photo and there it was: a golden eagle sitting in a redwood tree at Halfway Spring.



A recent sunset seen from Inspiration Point.

PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS



From left, **Robert Liera, Earnest Siva and Gerald Clarke** performed bird songs from the *Cahuilla* people at the inaugural EarthWitness Honoree Reception Saturday afternoon. San Bernadino National Forest Tribal Liaison and Forest Archaeologist **Daniel McCarthy** was the EarthWitness honoree Saturday at the Idyllwild Nature Center.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Duve and Shaver trials resume

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The trials of Chris D. Duve and Angela May Shaver for the murder of Paul Cline have rejoined.

Last week, a new jury for Shaver's trial was empaneled. Now the separate, but concurrent, trials for both defendants resumed Monday, April 30.

On April 19, after a recess following the opening statements, Judge Kelly Hansen announced the court had received an anonymous phone call alleging misconduct within the Shaver jury. Hansen separately interviewed five of the jurors. After a defense motion for mistrial, Hansen decided to declare a mistrial on his own mo-

tion.

The court record stated, "The court finds there is no way to salvage this jury."

In 2006, investigators from Riverside County Sheriff's Hemet Station responded to reports of a theft at the Cline residence. They served a search warrant at the residence on the evening of March 21, 2006.

During a search, evidence supported the search warrant for theft and indicated that Cline had been the victim of murder. Cline's body was found during a nightlong homicide team investigation of his home and a nearby hillside north of Bautista Road in Anza.

Email J.P. Crumrine at jp@towncrier.com.

Thank you for your support of the Firefighters Muster "Ready-Set-Go"

A special thanks to our partners: U.S. Forest Service, CAL FIRE/ Riverside County Fire, Idyllwild Fire Department, Bureau of Land Management, Rotary and Mountain Community Patrol.

We sincerely appreciate the participation of the antique fire engine collectors, the vendors and the Woodies.

We couldn't have done it without the support of our sponsors: Pacific Slope Tree Co., Pearson Wood Service, Pino Tree Service, The Town Crier and Pine Cove Water District.

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Diners observed artist **Dave Graybill** create paper art last Saturday on the deck at the Creek House as part of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Working Artist Tour. PHOTO BY GRACE REED

Far right, New Idyllwild resident, **Karlis Dabols**, picks up an award for his painting Saturday night at the Art Alliance Members show at the Quiet Creek Gallery. He is pictured with Art Alliance president **Lea Deesing**. PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE

And the winners are ...

The winners from the 2012 Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Judged Artist Member's Show held April 28 at the Quiet Creek Inn Gallery.

Mixed Media

First **Brenda Underwood** "What a Hoot"
Second **Colin Smith** "In Between Season"
Third **Scott Finnell** "By the Sea"

Abstract

First **Ross Clunis** "The Smile Within Humanity"
Second **Daniel Fiddler** "Copper Dandelion"
Third **Evelia Nash** "Greens"

Representational

First **Jean Lubin** "Exemplary Endurance"
Second **Jennifer Ali** "Yellow Stallion"
Third **Fariad** "Second Wind"

Photography

First **Kathy Harmon-Luber** "Window Shopping"
Second **Cate** "Tide Pool"
Third **Mark Alan Meader** "Ancient Guardian"

3 Dimensional

First **Kathleen Chaney** "Watch Us Watch You"
Second **Norman Deesing** "Michael"
Third **Marcia Cox** "Forest Mantel"

Honorable Mentions

Gwen Novak "Stillness at Sunset"
Karlis Dabols "Joshua"
Helen Haskell-Molles "The Red Boa"

People's Choice

First **Devin Debowski** "Lichtenstein"
Second **Mark Montante** "Quintessence"

Artists' Choice

First **Fariad** "Second Wind"
Second **Ross Clunis** "The Smile Within Humanity"



Forty experienced backcountry cyclists gathered in Idyllwild Friday morning for the Stagecoach 400, a 374-mile cycling trek and five-day event originating and ending in Idyllwild. The Stagecoach 400 is a part of the Southern California Enduro Series. Each cyclist is carrying a SPOT tracker, which allows one to track the riders on their rigorous adventure. Both **Brendan** and



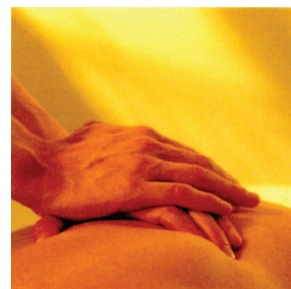
Mary Collier, owners of The HUB Cyclery in Idyllwild, organized and are participating in the event. Left, the first cyclists are crossing over from pavement to dirt on Cowbell Alley, which marks the official starting point of Stagecoach 400.

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Idyllwild's seniors, the Forest Folk, attended the Ramona Pageant in Hemet on April 21.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

- 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. Quiet Creek Gallery, N. 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, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 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.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

THURSDAY, MAY 3

- Alcoholics Anonymous, Women only, Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Idyllwild Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 852-2306 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous,

- noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 6 p.m., The Creek House, 54905 N. Circle Dr.
- English as second language, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., Idyllwild School Library, 26700 Hwy. 243.
- IWD Special Meeting, 7 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

FRIDAY, MAY 4

- Cancer Support Group for women and men, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr., For information, call Deanna (951) 659-8104.
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or e-mail jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
- 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.
- Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243.
- 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 5

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr., Pine Cove.
- Occupy Idyllwild for Peace, Justice and Nonviolence "teach-in" 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town center at "Harmony" monument. (909) 228-6710
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study (closed) meeting, noon, Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flat, across from CAL FIRE Station 6.
- Teen Group, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

MONDAY, MAY 7

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m.

Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.

- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction available by appointment. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

TUESDAY, MAY 8


- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. Call 659-6208 for information.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- 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.

- ICRC board meeting, 5:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
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- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST), 1:30 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
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READERS WRITE

ICC site use and playground availability

EDITOR:

The April 19 issue of the Town Crier reported that the ICRC adopted a policy requesting donations from third parties for use of the ICC site.

At the time, they had "turned down Idyllwild Summer Concert Series promoter Ken Dahleen's request to use the site at no charge for his [really our] upcoming series."

I think this decision is an embarrassment to ICRC and a slap in the face to Mr. Dahleen and the members of this mountain top community. Ken has donated countless hours along with the efforts of many volunteers to bring this very popular event to Idyllwild for many years.

It is enjoyed by literally hundreds of people who live up here. Most people who live here can't afford to pay \$50 to \$200 for a ticket to enjoy comparable entertainment off the Hill.

I've seen 4-year-old children and seniors, even older than me, dancing their hearts out at these events. I've also seen young couples spread a blanket out on the ground and set out a picnic basket and enjoy a \$2 bottle of wine and join the children and seniors dancing up a storm in front of the band.

More Idyllwilders enjoy this event than all the other venues in town put together. I can't help but wonder why the concert series is treated as an afterthought instead of the very first priority of the ICRC.

Secondly, I'm sure that when the citizens of this town came together many years ago as a community to build what we still call Town Hall, no one suspected that it would now be used to run a business out of.

The playground (also volunteer-built) is fenced off and not allowed to be used thanks to the county getting involved. It will now need more than \$30,000 worth of improvements to turn it in to a boo booleess play area. (Thank you, Riverside County.)

This playground has no climbing wall since I suspect

the original designers decided none was needed since we are surrounded by world famous climbing areas five minutes from town.

There are currently four or five playgrounds in the area which see limited use due to red tape, government restrictions, insurance issues, etc.

I'm looking forward to the letters next week.

BOB RAHMAN
IDYLLWILD

Stolen property, yet released?

EDITOR:

What a huge disappointment in our legal system!

Stolen items are found in his house, weapons in his car — stolen weapons.

And yet, he's able to get out of jail like it was a traffic ticket.

I would say innocent until proven guilty, but the fact that they even found stolen items from several burglaries, tells me he's not so innocent.

If our judicial system can't keep him in jail, then businesses on this Hill should refuse service to the thief and maybe if he doesn't have anywhere to shop or spend money, that he's probably stolen, then hopefully he will have no choice but to leave the Hill and the community, where he feels it's OK to steal from and vandalize homes.

BECKY SMITH
PINE COVE

Crime spree?

EDITOR:

No, not that crime spree. I'm talking about the other one, the more insidious one. To put it into perspective:

We had town meetings and a lot of talk went into "what can we do about the burglaries?" The amount of loss was tens of thousands of dollars.

The other crime spree is much more costly and is a case of criminal extortion. One person had to pay \$54,000 to open his business. The same person has to fork over \$10,000 before he can replace a couple of worn-out electrical panels.

Who are the culprits and what's it like to deal with them? One person described it as a "nightmare," another as the "worst experience of

his life." I think you guessed it.

It's the county permit process.

Ten years ago, it was obvious that the process was not fair. I had a conference with the head of Riverside County Building and Safety in which he said, "What we require to get a permit is ridiculous." The last inspector who came to my job said what was being required was "ridiculous."

If you're not trying to build or maintain a property or open a business you may think this doesn't affect you. But what do you think it does to the economy when it costs so much more to build, repair or open a business?

Repairs don't get done. Improvements don't get done. The construction companies, who would be hiring, don't and the employees don't spend money in town. Businesses close or don't open in the first place.

A simple survey of people's experience dealing with the county would show up the sort of "service" they provide. And "nightmare" and "the worst experience of my life" would not be uncommon.

No service. Big price. If we really had a representative government we could fix it.

Maybe a different supervisor?

ERIC TOWNSEND
IDYLLWILD

SCE rate hike

EDITOR:

I'm sure many of you haven't had a chance (or desire?) to read the fine print of the proposed Southern California Edison rate changes, which are described in inserts with your recent bill.

SCE is proposing residential rates to go up 2 percent. What you don't see in their chart is that their application also proposes a lower baseline allowance.

I don't know about your usage, but our family of three rarely uses only the baseline allowance because of space heaters.

The proposal means the kilowatts that no longer are considered baseline, will be billed at 15 cents (tier 3) instead of 4-cent baseline rate. I already use the tier

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



Matter of fact

In an April 19 article about the 2012 Lemon Lily Festival's inaugural Bluegrass concert, we stated that former Idyllwild Bluegrass Festival, which ran from 1974 to 1979, was at the time the only such festival in Southern California.

Several people have pointed out that many Southern California cities were sites of bluegrass concerts throughout the 1970s. For example, Merrie VonSeggern wrote, "How often it is that our mountain ignores our sister farther south. I went to Julian's festival in the 1970s and enjoyed the festival in their park."

Other communities which celebrated with bluegrass music in the 1970s, were Norco, Fullerton and Topanga.

Town Crier regrets the error.

2 amount allotted. That is far more than a 2-percent increase.

This month my usage was the exact amount I used last year. My bill is \$2 higher.

For my home, the smart meter didn't raise my usage, the rates raised my

bill. There will be a public hearing on the proposed rate changes May 15 in Palm Springs, if anyone wants to make the trip down. Otherwise, mail in your written comments to the CPUC on the insert.

MERRIE VONSEGGERN
IDYLLWILD

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SUSTAINABILITY

JOHN R. NEWMAN, DEAN OF STUDENTS

A sustainable journey: A year of implementing new programs at Idyllwild Arts ...

Editor's note: The first part of this article appeared in the April 26 issue.



Completed projects

This winter we completed a comprehensive energy audit, sponsored by Southern California Edison, and have retrofitted close to 100 percent of the campus with compact fluorescent light bulbs and motion sensors, including the pathways and exterior "barn" lighting, which were formerly high pressure sodium bulbs.

This project alone has reduced electrical usage more than 30,600 kilowatt hours each school year. Prior to retrofitting outdoor lighting, electricity usage was 42,000 kWh each school year, equating to 64,700 pounds of carbon into the atmosphere. After retrofitting, usage is 11,400 kWh annually, or 17,600 pounds of carbon. Retrofitting the outdoor lights therefore saves approximately 47,100 pounds of carbon from being emitted into the atmosphere.

We have instituted new "shut-down" protocols during extended vacation periods. All classrooms and dormitory thermostats are set to 60 degrees; 95 percent of all barn lighting is turned off; dormitory hallway lights are turned off; and the Troy practice rooms and area to the east of campus are "blackout."

We began an initial energy audit for our ceramics program with kiln expert/conservationist and former Idyllwild Arts Summer faculty member, Bruce Dehnert, and have begun a full-scale weatherization audit for all buildings.

We have purchased and installed programmable thermostats in 70 percent of all classrooms and in our biggest residence hall, Pierson Dormitory.

Planned or soon to be implemented projects

We have plans to upgrade other dorms with locked, programmable, centrally-located thermostats to monitor and control energy usage.

In order to be more fuel efficient in our transportation and plant vehicle fleet, we have contracted with a fleet management firm to acquire, maintain, and cycle new passenger vans with considerably improved fuel economy and lower mileage to accommodate a huge demand for student transportation. We are exploring options for introducing highly efficient "mini trucks" to the Maintenance fleet, and possibly some electric and/or hybrid vehicles on campus.

We have been researching a variety of programs to improve campus recycling efforts. We have always had a basic recycling program, encouraging students and staff to be responsible about separating trash and recyclable

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BEFORE OUR TIME

BY ROBERT B. SMITH

Betty Maxwell ...

The attention Idyllwild lavished on Ernie Maxwell during his centennial last year was well deserved. But it left his wife, Betty, the other half of the Town Crier's founding editorial duo, in the shadows.



Born in Missouri in 1906, Elizabeth Beeman grew up in luxury in New York City. By her own account a born actor, she appeared professionally at age ten and later studied drama at Bennett College, an exclusive two-year girls' school, graduating in 1926.

After seven more years on stage in New York, she headed west to California with her husband in a marriage that didn't survive the land of sunshine.

Then she met Ernie by chance when mutual friends offered him a ride in their rumble seat and Betty happened to be sitting there, too. That encounter led in due time to a 1938 wedding embellished by orange blossoms (one flower to which she happened to be allergic). At the time she was 32, he was 27.

The Maxwells settled into Los Angeles. Betty continued her career in acting and directing. But her life was gradually moving in a new direction, as she found herself serving as general-purpose secretary to friends, composing letters for job applications, to mend broken love affairs, or to hit up their families for loans. This drive to help others would blossom into a career as a "metaphysician," as her business card put it, lecturing, teaching, and counseling.

The Idyllwild Area Historical Society archive has obtained a voluminous collection of handwritten notes and printed programs from Betty's lectures and courses in Hollywood and San Francisco during the years 1939-1951. She first joined the teaching staff of the Unity Metaphysical Center in Hollywood, then became director of the Hollywood Truth Foundation.

After Ernie shipped off to the Army Air Force in 1942, Betty moved for a time to San Francisco, where she counseled and taught regularly at the Metaphysical Library and Book Shop.

At war's end, our mountains seduced the Maxwells into settling in Idyllwild. But Betty continued her career with seminars in San Francisco and talks to Los Angeles area women's clubs and the Institute of Religious Science.

Affiliating with the Association for Research and Enlightenment, an organization created to spread the teachings of reputed clairvoyant Edgar Cayce, she was a featured speaker at the group's Western Conference in 1950 and 1951. She worked briefly with Cayce's son, Hugh Lynn Cayce, on reincarnation and extrasensory perception.

Subjects of her teaching ranged from the ethereal (reincarnation, ESP) to the practical (meditation, healing,

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FIRE AND FOREST

BY MIKE ESNARD,
MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

A beautiful day, a successful muster ...

Our community day of fire awareness, also called the Firefighter's Muster, held this past Saturday, was gorgeous. Despite the cold rain earlier in the week, the sun was brilliant and warm, the temperature perfect.



Equally perfect was the recreation site, which was large enough for all the booths, a great deal of firefighting equipment, and offered participants a mix of forest and mountain views. It is hard to imagine a more beautiful setting.

The central location also made the event impossible to miss from Highway 243, since fire engines lined the highway, creating a panoply of polished white, red and green trucks. A huge American flag, hanging from Idyllwild Fire's ladder truck, waved to all motorists driving through town. Fragrant smoke from the Rotary Club grill was another compelling invitation.

Like last year's event, we aimed to make it interesting for children, so we were glad to see lots of families with their kids fully engaged. There were interesting trailers (BLM and Forest Care) and booths with all sorts of fascinating displays, including a surprising number of live snakes (State Parks and the Forest Service), and knowledgeable people who could talk about the plants and animals that live on the mountain. And of course, a great deal of fire expertise was present.

Smokey Bear made a grand entrance to start the day, and reappeared later to walk the grounds and have his picture taken with lots of kids. Smokey brings a warm face to the issue of fire and its victims. Children would never want Smokey or his forest fellows to be harmed.

There was a lot to see and do. CALFIRE and Forest Service firefighters did a hose lay around the site, local contractors took down a tree and went frighteningly high in a bucket, and kids scrambled over wonderful vintage fire engines as well as the current ones in use. (There was an astonishing modernistic truck from Beverly Hills Fire Department that no one will forget.)

Idyllwild Fire was giving out red fire hats and after a couple of hours just about all the kids were wearing one as they climbed engines or held hoses with the help of firefighters.

The surprise hit of the day was the Forest Service's demonstration of K-9 patrol dogs. Shelley Murrell and Mark Snyder brought their dog partners Marco and Fonzie, who found planted drugs and disabled bad guys, had played in safety suits with Shelley and Mark. A sizable crowd gave the teams their total attention, followed by many questions and interesting answers.

All in all, it was a happy day. More people came than last year, probably because of the more central location and greater space. More families came, and it was delightful

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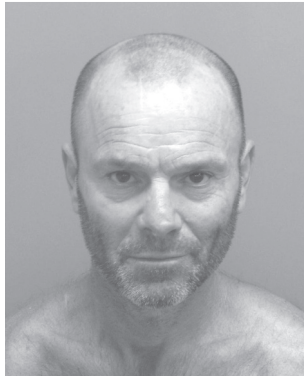
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or a misdemeanor based on the value of stolen goods received and the discretion of a grand jury or district attorney. If value is under \$950, the charge can be reduced to a misdemeanor.

Hemet Station Special Investigations Supervisor Wallace Clear said that articles in Kimmerle's possession are still being inventoried and he estimates the value will exceed \$950. He also indicated the case was filed with the strongest evidence available at time of filing, but as additional items are inventoried the case and the charges are likely to grow.

No evidence exists at this time directly linking Kimmerle to any burglaries but that investigations continue, according to Clear. He added the stolen articles are unusual in their variety. Some, such as appliances, weapons and a pristine collection of sequenced \$2 bills had obvious value. The presence of others such as an urn con-



Ronald Kimmerle in his booking photo.

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taining a deceased's ashes with the deceased's name on a plaque and a wedding dress seemed odd, as if taken indiscriminately.

Riverside County Sheriff's Department had conducted a warrant search of Kimmerle's residence and several adjoining cabins on Thursday, April 26, in response to an investigation of a previous Pine Cove burglary as well as tips from the public regarding the particular stolen property.

Kimmerle was not at his residence at the time of the



warrant search but returned the next day at which time deputies arrested him.

Clear said investigators were able to return some of the stolen property to rightful owners and will continue to return more as soon as they inventory all items and locate additional owners. "It appears that items in Kimmerle's possession were from at least 6 to 8 burglaries in the Idyllwild area including the recent Pine Cove burglary of the home in the 52000 block of Sugar Pine Drive," said Clear. "There was stolen property in each of the cabins searched [contiguous cabins to which Kim-

merle had apparent access as caretaker or handyman, according to Clear]."

Anyone with any additional information regarding this investigation is encouraged to contact Investigator Robertson of the Hemet Station at (951) 791-3400. Clear said that information and tips from the community were invaluable in the investigation leading to the warrant search and Kimmerle's arrest. He said his team and Hemet station had no control over Kimmerle's bail release and that it was a court matter.

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



Above, Riverside County Sheriff's deputies arrive in heavy fog in Pine Cove to begin a warrant search of several cabins on Laurel Trail. Above left, sheriff's deputies cordon off the residence of Ronald Kimmerle while conducting a warrant search of his home and adjoining cabins. PHOTOS BY MARSHALL SMITH

County will collect hazardous waste

Riverside County Waste Management Department will hold a household hazardous waste collection day on Saturday, May 19. From 9 a.m. until noon, Hill residents may bring household hazardous waste to the entrance of the County Yard

on Marantha Drive.

Deposits will be limited to five gallons of liquid waste or 50 pounds of solid waste for each load. However, multiple trips are permitted.


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Latest reports on leaking fuel tanks

By J.P. CRUMRINE
Editor

The Annual Reports regarding activity at the underground fuel tanks in Idyllwild and Pine Cove were submitted to the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health last month. Monitoring at both sites indicates gradual improvement of contaminant concentrations.

Idyllwild — Shell Station

Since March 2002, Sandlin and Sons, has been conducting quarterly groundwater monitoring on behalf of the owners and submitting results to the county for oversight.

Although the concentrations of total hydrocarbons, benzene and toluene were higher in March than 2011, the recorded level of methyl-tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE), which has historically been the highlighted chemical, was not recorded at the station site. No MTBE

was detected at monitoring well no. 4 for the first time since 2009.

Concentrations of MTBE were recorded at three other sampling sites, including one just south of the Chevron station. But at 8.14 micrograms per liter (µg/L), this was the first measurable recording since March 2011, which was 1,130 µg/L.

MTBE was found in two other well sites, but concentrations were more than one-third of the 2011 levels and substantially less than the peak in 2009.

Nevertheless, the report recommends investigation of the Chevron site to determine the extent of a possible hydrocarbon plume, which may be drifting south and across Highway 243 from the Shell station.

Station owner John Friemoth confirmed the state has approved the site for investigation, but funding has yet to be allocated for the work.

Final community meeting set for historic district

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

County officials plan to present design guidelines and recruit board members for the Idyllwild Historic Preservation District at an Idyllwild community meeting. County Preservation Officer Keith Herron will lead the meeting planned for 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 16 at Town Hall.

The county board of supervisors authorized the district in July 2011. At this meeting, representatives hope to finish preparation for launching the historic district.

Herron will explain design draft guidelines for the Idyllwild district drawn by LSA Associates, the same firm that conducted the

initial survey and mapping of Idyllwild's North Circle Drive business corridor.

Herron will also explain duties of the five member local board that will have jurisdiction over the district. The board is responsible for reviewing and approving the final design guidelines. Once the board begins to operate, it will review all applications for changes to facades and exteriors of buildings within the district. The board will also adopt a district plan that establishes goals for the district including maintaining original historic qualities of buildings, structures and facades; retaining distinctive stylistic features; and encouraging alterations that don't compromise significant historical or architectural materials and designs.

As of this writing, only three people have submitted applications to sit on the appointed board. Five are needed. Applicants need not have backgrounds in design, building or construction, although Herron noted those qualities are weighed when considering applicants. Applicants must live within three miles of the district.

The impetus for the district began with 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone's concern over two issues confronting Idyllwild's mostly older commercial buildings — how Idyllwild's business core could comply with current county building codes and parking requirements adopted primarily for mostly newer construction in off-Hill communities, and for potential suits over Ameri-

cans with Disabilities Act suits that had previously targeted Julian in San Diego County. Historic district status carves out certain compliance and timeline flexibility for both issues.

With approval of the guidelines by the community and installation of the five-member board, the Idyllwild Historic Preservation District would become the only district in the county's unincorporated areas. Old Town Temecula had been previously designated before Temecula's incorporation as a city. The April 16 meeting is open to all members of the community.

To view the design guidelines, go to www.rivcoparks.org/2012/05/01/idyllwild-historic-preservation-design-guidelines-drafts/.

Pine Cove — Pine Cove Market

January readings of hydrocarbons were detected in only well no. 2. Some results such as total hydrocarbon, benzene and ethylbenzene were higher than August 2011, but toluene and xylene had declined.


"Based on the results of current and previous groundwater monitoring and sampling results, concentrations of petroleum hydrocarbons in groundwater have been assessed in all directions from the source area. The plume of dissolved phase petroleum

hydrocarbons appears to be stable and restricted to the immediate vicinity of well MW2.

"Frey Engineering recommends conducting a Sensitive Receptor Survey and preparing a site conceptual model and request for no

further action for the site during the second quarter 2012," wrote Sawyer Jones, the senior staff environmental scientist, and Joe Frey, the certified engineering geologist.

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



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Where: Caine Learning Center
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Time & Date: 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15th



Robert Corbin

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For those wishing to attend, please call 1-800-490-6236 or email the reservation line at rcorbin200@aol.com so that we can ensure seating for everyone. Thank you.

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, May 2

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. **Ballet & Tap Dancing K-4 grade with Annika Kay**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. **Fox Trot with Connie Wolfe**, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall. **Sandii Castleberry**, 6-8 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro. **"The Lucky One,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **Jazz Night with Paul Carman & Marshall Hawkins**, 6-8:30 p.m. The Creek House. **Theatre One-Person Shows**, 7:30 p.m. Rush Hall.

Thursday, May 3

Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4:15-5 p.m.; **Wii games for all ages**, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall. **Mixed Level Yoga**, 4-5 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft. **Sandii Castleberry**, 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Creek House. **Tequila Night**, 6 p.m. The Creek House. **Folk Music by John King, Elaine Latimer & Bill Shepard**, 6-9 p.m. Jo'an's. **"The Lucky One,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Theatre One-Person Shows, 7:30 p.m. Rush Hall.

Friday, May 4

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall. **Prime Rib Dinner**, 5-7 p.m. American Legion Post 800. **Visual Art Senior Show III**, Opening Reception, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through May 11. **Don & Dennis Reed**, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House. **Live Entertainment**, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant. **"The Avengers,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **Change Required**, 7-10 p.m. Jo'an's Restaurant. **"Mother Out Loud,"** presented by Isis Theatre Co., 7:30 p.m. Quiet Creek Gallery. **IAM Spring Fashion Show**, 7:30, 8 & 8:30 p.m. IAM Hall.

Saturday, May 5

Mixed Level Yoga, 9-10 a.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft. **"Climbing Tahquitz Rock,"** Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum. **Open Auditions for Isis Theatre Company**, 11 a.m. Caine Learning Center.

"The Avengers," 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **Book Signing with Steve Lech**, 2 p.m.; **Benefit Dinner to Help Save the Lemon Lily**, 4 p.m. The Nature Center. **Abacus**, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House. **"Hojo" Reynolds**, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro. **Live Entertainment**, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant. **Change Required**, 7-11 Jo'an's Restaurant.

Sunday, May 6

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum. **David Jerome**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant. **"The Avengers,"** 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **Willy B.**, 6-8:30 p.m. The Creek House.

Monday, May 7

Childrens Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library. **Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbreten**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall. **Mixed Level Yoga**, 4-5 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft. **"The Avengers,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Theatre. Senior Recital, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall.

Tuesday, May 8

Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m.; **Beginning/Intermediate Tap with Annika Kay**, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall. **"The Avengers,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **Senior Recitals**, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall.

Wednesday, May 9

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; **Ballet & Tap Dancing K-grade 4 with Annika Kay**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. **Fox Trot with Connie Wolfe**, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall. **Celtic Night Open Music Session**, 5:30 p.m. The Creek House. **"The Avengers,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **Student Choreography**, 7:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio.

Thursday, May 10

Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4:15-5 p.m.; **Wii games for all ages**, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall. **Tom McNeary**, 5:30 p.m. The Creek House. **Folk Music by John King, Elaine**

Latimer & Bill Shepard, 6-9 p.m. Jo'an's. **"The Avengers,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **Senior Recitals**, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall. **Student Choreography**, 7:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio.

Friday, May 11

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall. **Skeleton Crew**, 6 p.m. The Creek House. **Live Entertainment**, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant. **Change Required**, 7-11 Jo'an's Restaurant. **"The Avengers,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **Student Choreography**, 7:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio.

Saturday, May 12

Intuitive/Holistic Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Merkaba. **"Climbing Tahquitz Rock,"** Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum. **"The Avengers,"** 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **51st Annual Benefit Spaghetti Dinner**, 5-7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp. **Art Installation: Phantasmagoria**,

5 p.m. Behind Meadows 9. **Sandii Castleberry with Anne & Barnaby Finch**, 6 p.m. The Creek House. **Live Entertainment**, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant. **Change Required**, 7-11 Jo'an's Restaurant. **Mother Out Loud Presented by Isis Theatre Co.**, 7:30 p.m. Quiet Creek Gallery. **Electronic Music**, 7:30 p.m. Rush Hall.

Sunday, May 13

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum. **David Jerome**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant. **"The Avengers,"** 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **Swift Pony**, 5:30 p.m. The Creek House.

Monday, May 14

Childrens Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library. **Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbreten**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall. **"The Avengers,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **Senior Recital**, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall.

IdyllwildARTS EVENTS

Wednesday & Thursday, May 2 & 3

Theatre One-Person Shows, 7:30 PM, Rush Hall.

Friday, May 4

Visual Art Senior Show III. Opening reception, 6 PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through May 11.

IAM Spring Fashion Show, 7:30 PM, 8 PM, 8:30 PM, IAM Hall.

Monday, May 7

Senior Recital: Tiffany, cello. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Tuesday, May 8

Senior Recitals: Shen, clarinet, Camille, oboe. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Wednesday, May 9

Student Choreography, 7:30 PM, Fisher Dance Studio.

Thursday, May 10

Senior Recitals: Bohan, piano, Jasmine, piano. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Student Choreography, 7:30 PM, Fisher Dance Studio.

Friday, May 11

Student Choreography, 7:30 PM, Fisher Dance Studio.

Saturday, May 12

Art Installation: Phantasmagoria, 5 PM, Behind Meadows 9. (Sponsored by the Arts Enterprise Laboratory).

Electronic Music, 7:30 PM, Rush Hall. (Sponsored by the Arts Enterprise Laboratory).

Monday, May 14

Senior Recitals: Lake, Walker, Jazz guitar. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Wednesday, May 16

Dance: Anatomia and Espiritu, 7:30 PM, Fisher Dance Studio. (Sponsored by the Arts Enterprise Laboratory).

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On The Town



Sara Karloff speaks about her father, actor Boris Karloff, to the students of the Sci-Fi Horror class at Idyllwild Arts Academy and local residents on Thursday evening.

PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE



Debbie Sheppard was one of many who participated in the fashion show. All clothing and accessories were from The Prairie Dove Boutique.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Critically acclaimed songwriter and musician **Richard Thompson** performed with the Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra in the world premiere of "Interviews With Ghost" which consisted of three songs, "Weak Signal," "Forgive and Forget" and "I'll Take All My Sorrows to the Sea." Thompson wrote all three. Below from left, **Jason Treuting, Doug Perkins, Eric Beach and Josh Quillen** are So Percussion.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER



AUDITIONS

Isis Theatre Company is holding AUDITIONS for general casting, (all ages) as well as parts for the upcoming staged reading of *5th of July* by Lanford Wilson. Looking for men and women in their mid thirties to early forties. Also looking for young actress to play a 14 year old. Please bring picture and resume (if available) and a one minute monologue.

Auditions will be held at the Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave., on **Saturday, May 5th** at 11 a.m.

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Santiago

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Last year Santiago created his series from nothing, with no funding and no guarantees of support. He launched his enterprise as a gift to the community, fueled solely by his commitment to the printed word, his infectious imagination, and his energy and belief in his purpose. Many A-list Los Angeles authors made the trek to Idyllwild just for the joy of discussing their work, promoting literature and supporting Santiago's goal of saving the bookstore. "They were paid nothing, not even gas money," said Santiago, amazed that so many recognized writers would respond to his invitation.

Santiago said this year builds on last year's success. "I now have enormous and faithful support from the Idyllwild community," he said. That support takes the form of strong attendance at each author event and donations from local businesses that help promote the series and house and feed featured authors.

Also this year, thanks to donations from Los Angeles nonprofit PEN Center USA, and unflagging enthusiasm for the series from PEN's Executive Director Adam Somers, Santiago will have money to fund small author stipends and transportation expenses. "He [Somers] sees such growth potential [for the series]," said Santiago.

Santiago chose to make two changes this year regarding selection of authors. For

the first time, a local author, Sabrina Verney, will be featured discussing her book "Xtul." In another change, Santiago has scheduled self-published author George Snyder to discuss his book "On Wings of Affection."

Santiago decided to include Verney because of the premise and quality of her book. With Snyder, he wanted him to discuss his experience of self-publishing his works. "Self-publishing used to mean generally lower quality, maybe some editing omissions, but the publishing industry has changed dramatically and self-publishing is on the rise, following the route of indie films, recordings and YouTube," said Santiago. "I thought it might be interesting to get that author point of view."

"I love this series, every single moment of it. It's been pretty much a waking dream."

Asked if he would again close the series as an interviewed author, he demurred. "The [series] regulars conspired to make that happen [last year]," he said. "But this is not about me. It's about the authors and the public and the bookstore."

The Idyllwild Authors Series begins at 2 p.m. every Sunday from May 20 through July 22 directly in front of the INK Bookstore on North Circle Drive. Admission is free to the public. Oscar nominee Quinn Cummings opens the series talking about her book, "Notes From the Underwire."

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

Money to buy local election, ARF barks

By J.P. Crumrine
Editor

Politics is notorious for fundraising and the involvement of money in elections. Usually this is the elephant in the room, the unspoken reality.

In Idyllwild, our Animal Rescue Friends are willing to face and embrace this issue. In fact, ARF hopes to make plenty of money from the next election in Idyllwild.

ARF will organize, handle and conduct the election for the Mayor of Idyllwild. Each vote will cost the voter \$1, which will go to ARF's coffers, and similar to a

populous Midwestern state, multiple voting is encouraged. The election's ballot boxes, available for stuffing, will be in front of the post office from Monday, June 11 through Wednesday, June 13 — just place the appropriate denomination in your favorite candidate's box.

Nominations for the Mayor of Idyllwild must be submitted to ARF by Saturday, May 19. Qualifications are exclusive — only members of the canine or feline parties are eligible.

Candidate packets are available at the ARF House, 26890 Highway 243, or at the Town Crier office on Village Center Drive.

If your candidate prefers the great indoors, contact info@idyllwildarf.org or Janice Murasko directly at janicemurasko@yahoo.com.

Hill residents from Mountain Center north to Pine Cove are eligible to nominate their favorite dog or cat. If necessary, a run-off may be used to determine the victor, according to Murasko.

The election victor will be inaugurated on June 30 and honored at a reception ceremony and barbeque at ARF. They will also appear in the 2012 Fourth of July

parade.

The idea has been percolating through the ARF membership for several years, according to Murasko. Sheila Boynton had heard of this fundraising project several years ago.

Murasko has heard from several potential canine candidates, but very little has been heard from the feline party. She agreed that dogs, which often cooperate by forming packs, are the natural leaders.

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

Trivia test

Movies: What 1997 movie starred actors Helen Hunt and Jack Nicholson?

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Max Swanson (left), 8th-grade student, and **Fernando Maldonado Alvarez**, 1st-grade student, were Idyllwild School Students of the Week for March 26. Physical education teacher **Holly Guntermann** chose them for their positive attitude and enthusiasm for P.E. activities. PHOTOS BY CAREENA CHASE



Phoenix Serrato (left) and **Tony Badger**, both 6th-grade students, were Idyllwild Middle School Students of the Week for April 30. Instructional aide **Michelle Akins-Johnson** chose them for always doing their personal best.



Kyah Gracia (left) and **Kubrick Hannah-Diaz**, both 8th-grade students, were Idyllwild Middle School Students of the Week for April 23. Science and math teacher, **Ms. Sazer** chose them for the leadership and initiative to organize a guitar club which is now meeting every Wednesday.

DSL

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In the U.S., the median download speed for telephone-provided Internet is 2.3 mbps. In Japan that capacity is 30 times greater or more than 60 mbps. With the upgrade to the Idyllwild Verizon central office, Verizon customer Gregg Williams confirmed he had received download speeds of 15 mbps. He said it took a number of

conversations with Verizon but that he was able, after some persistence, to get the desired upgrade. Williams said that although speed occasionally dipped, he had received the maximum speed available. Verizon technical support verified the available top speed at Williams' address.

"In early 2012, I heard that Verizon was finally making the necessary [capacity] upgrades to the DSL equipment and [in March] I was finally

able to upgrade to a higher speed of DSL, 15 mbps," said Williams. "The issue of the lines dropping in speed has not gone away however. The speed can drop from 15 mbps to close to 0 intermittently still, but that may now be something that the repair department can resolve."

On its website, Verizon advertises high speed "enhanced" DSL in the 92549 area with download speeds from 7.1 to 15 mbps with one price for those who already

have a Verizon home phone and a higher monthly price for those currently without a Verizon home phone.

Other DSL providers include Time Warner Cable and Green Café Internet. Time Warner advertises availability for 15 mbps for a premium price. Satellite provider DirecTV stated that it can't bundle DSL through any provider in area code 92549.

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Fire season is coming

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Federal officials held a special conference Thursday to announce their preparation for the 2012 fire season.

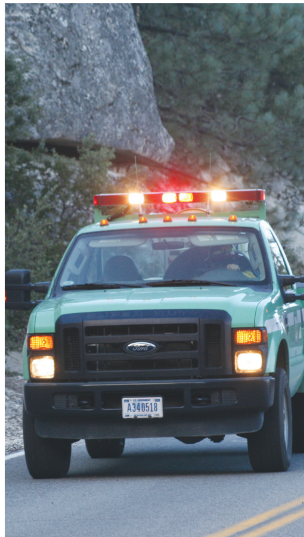
"The fire season is upon us," said Tom Vilsack, secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "We average 10,000 forest fires per year and respond rapidly and thoroughly when they do occur."

"We expect a similar fire season to what we saw last year and a similar level of activity," said Forest Service Chief Thomas Tidwell.

"In addition to work we're doing to decrease the hazardous fuels in the national forests to reduce threats to communities, private land owners need to do a better job around their property," Tidwell advised Forest residents.

Federal agencies and firefighting agencies rely on sophisticated wildland fire forecast technology, he said. This intelligence allows them to mix and pre-position their firefighting assets including air tankers, helicopters and engines.

This technology allows the Forest Service to "forecast accurately where fires will occur and how severe they'll become," Vilsack



Forest Service vehicle responding to Lawler Fire in January.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

emphasized. Tidwell also credited the cooperation between federal agencies and state and local firefighting units.

The 2012 budget has funding to begin re-building the Service's air tanker fleet, according to Vilsack. Tidwell hopes the current contract request will enable the Forest Service to expand the current air tanker fleet from 11 to 14 for this season and eight more next year.

Meanwhile the Air National Guard has indicated its willingness to cooperate if a major fire occurs this year, Tidwell added.

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FS seeks public comments for land management plan amendment

Forest Service officials are seeking public comments on a proposed amendment to the land management plans for the four Southern California National Forests (the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino).

The proposed amendment would modify existing land use zone allocations in selected inventoried roadless areas to include more back country non-motorized and recommended wilderness areas. An alternate monitoring framework is also proposed. The full details of the proposed action can be found on the project

webpage at www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=35130

This proposed amendment to the land management plan is part of the settlement agreement approved Jan. 3, 2011, in the case of California Resources Agency, et al vs. United States Department of Agriculture, and Center for Biological Diversity, et al vs. United States Department of Agriculture.

The four national forests will be hosting multiple open houses during the 45-day scoping period that began April 27. The con-

tent and format of each meeting will be identical; however, each forest will be presenting information specific to what the proposed amendment means locally. Forest Service staff officers will be available to answer questions, and maps of the proposed changes will be available for viewing. The only meeting scheduled is 4-7 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at the San Bernardino National Forest Headquarters, 602 S. Tippecanoe Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92408.

Comments should be received within 45 days of the publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register. The notice was published on Friday, April

27 and the comment period closes on Monday, June 11. Send written comments to: Cleveland National Forest, 10845 Rancho Bernardo Rd., Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92127-2107, ATTN: LMP Amendment.

Comments may be sent via email to socal_nf_lmp_amendment@fs.fed.us, or filed through the project web page at http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=35130.

For further information, contact Project Manager Bob Hawkins at socal_nf_lmp_amendment@fs.fed.us or visit the project website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php?project=35130>.

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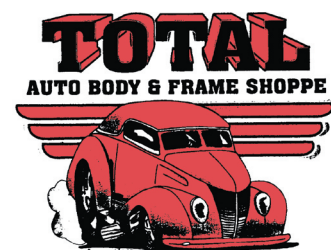
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Fonzie goes after, “bad guy” officer **Shelley Murrell**, in a bite suit, as officer **Mark Snyder** gives **Fonzie** commands. **Murrell** is a canine handler with the U.S. Forest Service in the San Jacinto Ranger District. **Snyder** is a canine handler in Big Bear Ranger District.

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A hands-on sawing demonstration at the Firefighter Muster on Saturday at the Idyllwild Community Center Site.

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A future firefighter?

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Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council President **Mike Esnard** emcees the event.

PHOTO BY DORIS JEAN LOMBARD



Smokey the Bear attended the Fire Safe Council’s 2012 Firefight Muster.

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This is the new Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council’s “What’s wrong puzzle?” What’s wrong here?

1 Clogged chimney spark arrester, 2 Branches over roof, 3 Pine needles on roof, 4 Needle pile near deck, 5 Evergreen juniper fire ladder leads to deck, 6 Packrat nest under deck, 7 Hot ash bucket on deck



Retired equipment were part of the muster too.

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One of the Fire Safe Council’s contractors demonstrates tree trimming and defensible spacing.

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Trail closures affect 2012 Spring Challenge

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

This homegrown race with a personal touch, as lead organizer Katie Hedrich calls the Idyllwild Spring Challenge mountain bike event, has always faced challenges. Since its inception in 2005, weather and course maintenance issues have been surmounted while the event continues to grow in reputation and popularity.

This year, Forest Service closure of parts of the May Valley trail system, has forced race organizers to make course alterations, turning two short courses into point-to-point races rather than a loop format.

Course Director Doug Kelbert said the practical effect of the course changes is that organizers will shuttle junior racers (14 and under) back from the race terminus at Living Free to the Hurkey Creek campground start.

"But as a racer, it's not as interesting as a loop course, because you're repeating what you've already ridden," Kelbert said. Parking will be available at the Living Free terminus for anyone wanting to be at the new finish line for those races.

Hedrich hopes next year the Forest Service May Valley issues will not impact the race and that all permits can be obtained in a timely manner. Over the years, race participants have dubbed the May Valley cross-coun-



An exultant rider crosses the finish line at the 2011 Idyllwild Spring Challenge event.

FILE PHOTO

try course as one of the most beautiful in the country.

The Spring Challenge has steadily gained stature as a major mountain bike event both nationally and internationally. After 2006, it made the cut as one of four new venues approved and added to the American Mountain Bike Challenge's (AMBC) collection of 40 well-regarded U.S. venues. In 2007, the Challenge was listed on the National Mountain Bike and Cross Country Calendar and also became an International Cycling Union (UCI) event.

The latter kudos allowed Challenge participants to accumulate points to advance to Olympic trials. In 2009, the race added a Junior Olympics event for riders under 18, giving strong

finishers opportunities to attend specialized training camps.

The Spring Challenge offers something for every racer from 14 years and

under to 50 years and older, from unicyclists to tandem riders, and for riders using single to multiple geared bikes. The 2012 race features 27, 22, 18, 8 and 6.5-mile

races. Racers participate in the various races based on their ages and levels of proficiency.

As the race has grown in popularity and size, race organizers credit Idyllwild's small-town hospitality, the natural beauty of the race setting and the personal way all riders are treated by organizers and townspeople. "What's important to me is that riders enjoy their experience here," said Hedrich. Idyllwild Cycling, the race parent organization, continues to see growth in local sponsorships, volunteer support and assists from other Hill organizations in planning, promoting and staging the race.

Meeting on Monday night, race planners Hedrich, Kelbert, Wayne Sleme, Wayne Ford and Richard Schwartz were upbeat about

numbers of race participants this year. Hedrich said there were already 100 preregistrations and based on past years, that would mean total riders of over 300.

"What I'm proudest of is that our race is 'old school' — not the same big 18-wheelers and vendors you see at large corporate events," said Hedrich. "We have many volunteers about whom we get so many compliments from race participants each year."

The Idyllwild Spring Challenge starts on Saturday, May 5 and runs through Sunday, May 6 at Hurkey Creek Campground. For more information on the race see <http://www.idyllwildcycling.com/the-race>.

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Town Hall Youth Volleyball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on Town Hall Youth volleyball for the week of April 23, including the the previous Saturday, April 21.

On Saturday, April 21, a day full of youth volleyball games began with Tee's Tiger Sharks meeting the Rotary Silver Strikers. The Silver Strikers played great in the first game as **Josh Gray** served great. The Tiger Sharks came back in the second game. **Aaron Potter** hustled and got nice bumps for several points. In the third game, the Silver Strikers held on to win the match (25-15, 16-25 and 15-11).

The second game matched the Rotary Silver Strikers and the Muirs Mountain Realty Green Dragons. The Silver strikers stayed hot from the previous match and won all three games in this match. **Adam Smith** for the Green Dragons and **Odin Johnston** for the Silver Strikers played great for their teams. (25-14, 25-22 and 15-10)

The Muirs Mountain Realty Green Dragons played a second game against the CVC Contractors Hot Shots. The Hot Shots played well in the first game as **Destiny Mikroulis** and **Grace Pavon** hustled all over the court. **Maggie McKimson** and **Gracie McKimson** led the Green Dragons by being aggressive and going after the ball the entire match. In the end the Hot Shots were too much as they won all three games in the match. (25-20, 25-18 and 15-4)

The final game of the day was between the CVC Contractors Hot Shots and Tee's Tiger Sharks. The Tiger Sharks started off hot as **Jadon Meskimen** played great serving and bumping for some big points. The Tiger Sharks won the first game. But the Hot Shots rallied and won the final two games and the match. **Jessica Chavez** served great for the Hot Shots to help lead the comeback (20-25, 25-22 and 15-7).

On Thursday, the CVC Contractors Hot Shots took on the Rotary Silver Strikers. The first game was close the whole way and necessitated an overtime. **Maraja Kelly** played great for the Silver Strikers as they won the first game. The Hot Shots stayed together and came back to win the next two games and the match. **Allyah Bride** played great for the Hot Shots in the win. (24-26, 25-18 and 11-15)

The second game on Thursday pitted the Muirs Mountain Realty Green Dragons and Tee's Tiger Sharks. The Tiger Sharks won the first game as **Olivia Hernandez** hustled for the ball all over. The Green Dragons didn't give up. **Seth Clowers** led the Green Dragons' rally as they won the next two games and the match. It was their first win of the year. (22-25, 25-19 and 15-11)



Grandfathers for Golf President **Tony Viola** (center, holding check) poses with coaches and intermediate-level players at the Valero gas station in San Jacinto. The Valero Energy Foundation, on behalf of the Valero Texas Open golf tournament and pro golfer **Brendan Steele**, awarded the check to the youth program.

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Final League Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Rotary Silver Strikers	4	1
CVC Contractors Hot Shots	3	2
Tee's Tiger Sharks	2	3
Muirs Mountain Realty Green Dragons	1	4

Golf

Jim Crandall, Palms to Pines Golf Association handicap chair, provided this report on the Friday, April 20, golf tournament played at the Palm Desert Resort Country Club.

George Kretsinger, a co-founder of the club, joined the group and played the first nine holes. This was his first golf outing since he suffered health issues last year.

Bob Stearns (course handicap 23) came in first with a net 70. **Dan Slattery** (24) and **Wayne Sleme** (29) tied for second with net 71s. **Les Widerynski** (15) took fourth with a net 75, and **Pete Capparelli** (18), **Crandall** (10) and **Robert Priefer** (23) tied for fifth with net 76s.

Of the four closest to the pin contests on the four par 3s, **Greg Piersol** won on holes 4 and 16, while Crandall won on holes 6 and 12.

Here are the year-to-date point standings for the 2011-2012 season:




Lauren Badger of the Muirs Mountain Realty Green Dragons leaps off the ground to return a volley to Tee's Tiger Sharks in Friday night's game.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

Place	Golfer	Points
1	Stearns	18.75
2	Gary Leong	18
3	John McAndrews	17.50
4	Chuck Alkire	16.50
5	John Brower	15.25
6	Capparelli	13.83
7	Priefer	13.33
8	Widerynski	12
9	Bill Sanborn	11.75
10	Bill Ragland	11
11	John LoGiudice	10.25
12	Slattery	9.50
13	Crandall	8.33
14	Sleme	6
15	Gary Brown	3
16 tied	Mona Gutierrez-Portales	1.50
	Piersol	1.50
18 tied	Dale Calderon	.5
	Mike Feyder	.5
	Deborah Gmeiner	.5
	Ryan Righetti	.5

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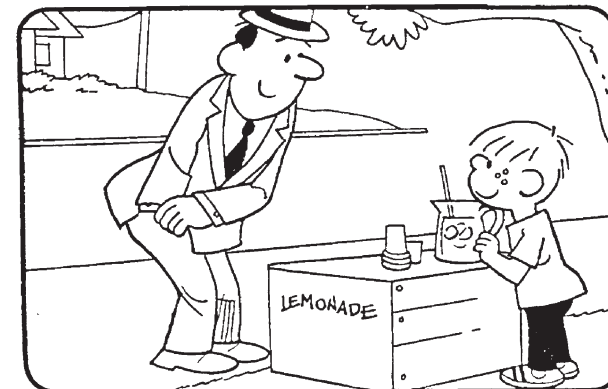
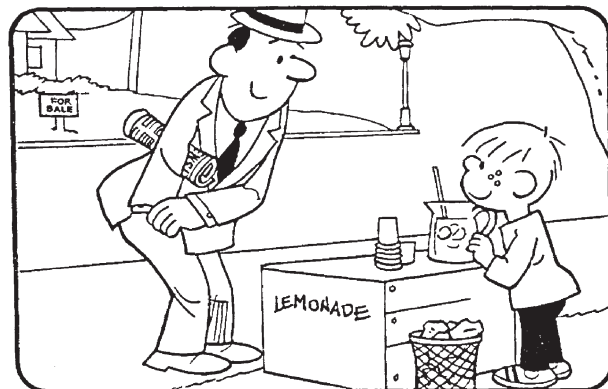
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Solar water heater. Rooftop, stainless steel with 50 gal. capacity and heat tube technology. Used one year. New \$1,000, pick it up for \$600. See example at www.shadesales.com. (714) 969-7628.

MOVING SALE. Everything must go. Antiques, china, collectables, books and more. Visit the site below. New items added daily. http://www.watsonguitars.net/estate_sale.html or tiffany@rardon.com (951) 852-9661.

Commercial Ridgid table saw, fully assembled, loaded. Brand new and never used. \$550 OBO. (951) 659-9509.

It's DIFFERENT



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.
Differences: 1. Sign is missing. 2. Paper is missing. 3. Lamp post is missing. 4. Cup stack is lower. 5. Trash basket is missing. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

For Sale

Stackable WASHER/DRYER. This unit has been in a vacation rental and has hardly been used. Like new!! \$425. (858) 525-1896.

Kenmore washer and electric dryer, white. Runs good. \$50 for both. (951) 570-1913.

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- Pre-Sale Checklist
- Sales Record Form

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Answers to Sudoku
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
(Puzzle on next page)

It's that time again . . . the Town Crier's super . . . Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale Bargain!

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Classifieds

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MANTIS Deluxe Tiller. NEW! FastStart engine. Ships FREE. One-Year Money-Back Guarantee when you buy DIRECT. Call for the DVD and FREE Good Soil book! 888-815-5176. (Cal-SCAN)

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Wanted to Buy

WANTED - UNEXPIRED DIABETIC TEST STRIPS. Up to \$26/Box. Prepaid Shipping Labels. Hablamos Espanol! 1-800-266-0702. www.SellDiabeticStrips.com. (Cal-SCAN)

Yard Sale

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 3, 4, 5., 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Lots of misc. Plus hand made jewelry. 24918 Fern Valley Road.

25630 Oakwood. Go upper Pine Crest past Forest Service Station. 2 weekends. Fri., Sat. & Sun., May 4, 5, 6, & May 11, 12, 13. Lots of items.

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Autos Wanted

DONATE YOUR CAR, truck or boat to Heritage for the Blind. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. 888-902-6851. (Cal-SCAN)

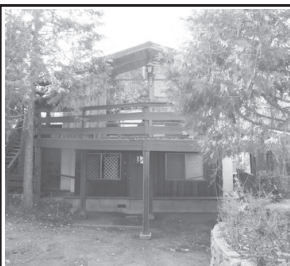
I BUY ANY JUNK CAR - \$350 Flat Rate *Includes Pick-Up. 1-888-366-7662 (Cal-SCAN)

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For Rent or Lease



1,224 sq. ft. view home + 1,216 sq. ft. rec room/ 2-car garage on 14,810 sq. ft. wooded lot. \$1,175/mo: Views w/fenced yard. Rec rm has 2nd kitchen + 2-1/2 baths, tons of storage, stone FP. Main home has big deck, wood stove, room for large home office + 1 bed, 1 bath. W/D, fridge, stove/oven, dishwasher. Quiet. May 1. Clay/Marilee (760) 613-8774.

2 BR, 1 BA duplex, W/D hookups, appliances, deck. No pets. 53810 Country Club Dr., #A. \$600/mo. Call Yolanda at (619) 276-9800, junopm.com.

For Rent or Lease

Great views & lovely sunsets. Sunny 1 BR apartment, spacious, private setting adjacent to National Forest and hiking trails. Carport. No smoking/pets. \$700/mo., includes satellite TV & all utilities. (951) 659-7785.

Two BR house. All utilities paid, includes WiFi, W/D, stove & fridge. Located in a quiet & scenic area. New carpet, freshly painted inside and out, all new curtains. \$900/mo. Call (951) 500-4705 or drop by 54221 Marian View Drive, anytime between 6 a.m. & 8 p.m.

Fern Valley, charming 3 BR log cabin with spacious lot and privacy. Cathedral ceilings, River rock FP, W/D, Wi Fi. Walk to town. \$1,700/mo. or vacation rental for \$700/week. Pictures available. Call (858) 354-8036.

Modern 2 BR, 2 BA, terra cotta tile throughout, FP, fridge, stove, microwave, skylights, deck, fenced yard, gated, detached storage. Pet considered. \$995/mo. + security deposit required. All utilities paid by tenant. Call (310) 722-6464.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be a bit shaken by a friend's request. But before the Lamb leaps to conclusions, insist on a full explanation. You still might say no, but at least you'll know what you're saying no to.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Seeing red over those nasty remarks by someone with an ax to grind? Of course you are. So get out there and give your supporters the facts they need to get the truth out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A changing situation should get you to reassess your vacation plans and make any adjustments as soon as possible. And don't fret -- the change most likely will turn out for the better.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't put off dealing with any negative feelings that might be left over from a recent confrontation. The sooner all is resolved, the sooner you can move forward with fewer complications.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas might feel the urge to redecorate their dens, and that can turn into a good opportunity to strengthen family ties by putting the whole pride to work to make it happen.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Look for the most efficient way to get a job done quickly and well. Taking more time than you need to make it look more challenging is a short-sighted move you might regret later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Travel remains strong in your aspect. And this time, it could involve someone traveling

a great distance to come to see you. Meanwhile, an important matter suddenly could need your attention.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A workplace situation becomes a lot more bothersome than you'd expected. Be careful not to be pulled into all that anger. Look for support among others who also want to avoid trouble.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up, lonely lovers, wherever you are. Just when you thought you'd been deleted from Cupid's database, the chubby cherub proves that's just not so. Congratulations.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A casual relationship could take a more serious turn. Are you ready for it? Your stars say you are. Paired Sea Goats also will find a renewed richness in their relationships.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Meeting a collaborator with new ideas seems to be a dream come true. But for both your sakes, be sure all your legal i's are dotted and t's are crossed before you start working together.

PISCES (February 19 to March 21) A romantic overture flatters the usually unflappable Fish. But since it's a sincere from-the-heart gesture, go ahead and enjoy it. A minor health problem responds well to treatment.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the warm heart of a Taurean and the sensitivity of a Gemini. You would make a wonderful leader. So go ahead: Run for office.

CROSSWORD

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- 13 Jubilation
- 14 Disposition
- 15 Where salmon go to spawn
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- 18 Gazing one
- 19 Chart format
- 21 "Guinness Book" suffix
- 22 Transmission to a spacecraft
- 26 Rural buildings
- 29 "No seats"
- 30 Dress in
- 31 Supplemented, with "out"
- 32 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
- 33 - gin fizz
- 34 Dead heat
- 35 Happiness
- 36 Public squabble
- 37 "You betcha!"
- 39 Spring mo.
- 40 Smokestack output
- 41 Shamelessly bold
- 45 Dixieland music
- 48 Entry on a team's schedule
- 50 Bassoon's cousin
- 51 Wine's aroma
- 52 Yank
- 53 Implement
- 54 Active one

DOWN

- 1 Piece of work
- 2 Sobbed
- 3 Houston acronym
- 4 Exit
- 5 On the qui vive
- 6 Poseidon's realm
- 7 Deep-fried recipe
- 8 Urge
- 9 Neither mate
- 10 As well
- 11 Peculiar
- 16 Pollster's find
- 20 Wall St. debut
- 23 Between jobs
- 24 Lunchtime, often
- 25 Banjo sup-
- porter
- 26 - carotene
- 27 In the same family
- 28 50-Across need
- 29 Agent
- 32 Rancher
- 33 Raw-boned person
- 35 Alcott book, "- Boys"
- 36 More agile
- 38 The Baxters' maid
- 39 Humiliate
- 42 Fill till full
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SUDOKU

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Office: (951) 659-4200
53756 Country Club
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24800 Fern Valley Rd.
1 BR, 1 BA, loft cabin, W/D. View of Lily Rock, partial furnished. \$750/mo., includes electric only.
52171 Acorn Lane
2 BR, 1 BA, large yard, W/D, wood burner. \$725/mo.
54055 #6 Pine Crest
2 BR, 1 BA, near creek, FP. \$700/mo.

2 BR, 1 BA house, W/D hook-ups, deck, FP. No pets. \$670/mo. 52715 Middle Ridge. Call Yolanda at (619) 276-9800, junopm.com

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Quiet, newly remodeled 2 BR, 2 BA + office. New appliances and W/D. Includes electric and water. F/A and woodstove. Watch the deer from the kitchen with peek-a-boo views. No pets/smoking. \$975/mo. + deposit. Please call Martha at (951) 659-5444.

Newly remodeled 1 BR apartment, quiet, great views. \$525/mo. + \$100 sec. dep. Stove & fridge. 23285 Hwy 243 in Pine Cove. Call Mark at (951) 766-6961.

2 BR, 1 BA FURNISHED home on Scenic Dr. in Fern Valley. Front/back decks, inset FP, FA heating, W/D. Quiet & private. No smoking/drugs. Pet upon approval. 12 mo.+ lease required. \$850/mo.+ utilities. First/last mo. rent required. Avail. now. (949) 310-2781.

1 BR, 1 BA, 400 sq. ft. with full kitchen on quiet 2 acres, easy access, \$700mo., utilities included + \$700 sec. Good references a must. Wildwood Dr. & Fern. (951) 966-1094.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as SIMPLY FETCHING, 54230 So. Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 193, Idyllwild, CA 92549. MIRIAM DUNHAM ANDREWS, 54230 So. Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Oct. 1, 2011.
Signed: MIRIAM D. ANDREWS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 30, 2012.
FILE NO.: R-2012-03839
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MARCH 30, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MARCH 30, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).
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: M. Meyer, Deputy
Pub. TC: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2012.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as ROSLYN APARTMENTS, 23815 Hemlock Ave., Moreno Valley, CA 92557, Riverside County.

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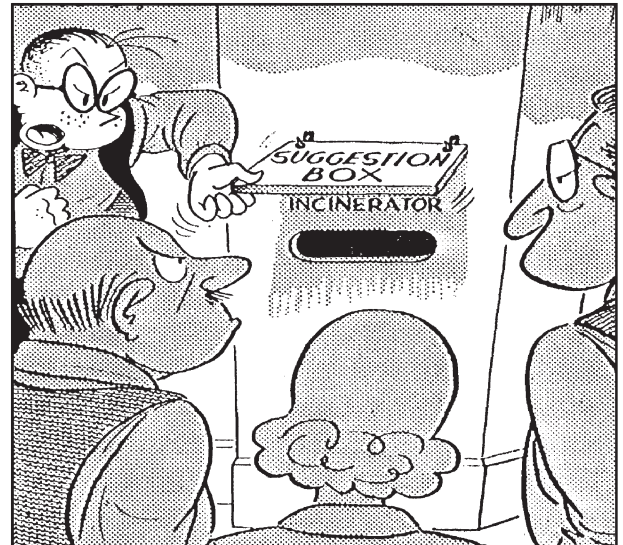
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Mailing address: 2666 Washington St., Eugene, OR 97405. RICHARD LAURENCE NULL, PHYLLIS KNIGHT NULL, 2666 Washington St., Eugene, OR 97405; and DAVID HOWARD NULL, 5821 Acorn Dr., P.O. Box 1954, Wrightwood, CA 92397.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Jan. 1, 1985.
Signed: RICHARD L. NULL
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 4, 2012.
FILE NO.: R-2012-04050
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APRIL 4, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO APRIL 4, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).
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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk
By: M. Meyer, Deputy
Pub. TC: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2012.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
INC1201840
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The following person is doing business as R&P GALLO TRASHOUT, 59325 Highway 74, Mountain Center, CA 92561, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 162, Mountain Center, CA 92561. PEGGY ANN GALLO and ROBERT EUGENE GALLO, 59325 Highway 74, Mountain Center, CA 92561.
This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 2, 2012.
Signed: PEGGY ANN GALLO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 2, 2012.
FILE NO.: R-2012-03917
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APRIL 2, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO APRIL 2, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).
CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk
By: D. Plunket, Deputy
Pub. TC: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2012.

FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 46-200 Oasis Street, Indio, CA 92201.
PETITION OF SARAH SALAMONE FOR CHANGE OF NAME.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: SARAH SALAMONE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:
a. Present name: SARAH SALAMONE changed to Proposed name: CERA SALAMONE.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 5-15-12 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 2H
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: March 19, 2012
RANDALL D. WHITE
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as AMD ENGINEERING, 11043 Beth Ct., Moreno Valley, CA 92557, Riverside County. ELOISA ROCIO SANCHEZ, 11043 Beth Ct., Moreno Valley, CA 92557.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed: ELOISA ROCIO SANCHEZ
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 11, 2012.
FILE NO.: R-2012-04381
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APRIL 11, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO APRIL 11, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).
CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk
By: T. Vargas, Deputy
Pub. TC: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 2012.
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- Deadline for new ads: 5 p.m. last Thursday of month
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Sustainability

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materials in clearly-marked receptacles around campus and in the dorms. We are working with the Idyllwild School recycling and fundraising projects to collect electronic recyclables such as cell phones, batteries and computer parts.

We are converting to a fully paperless student record-keeping system in our health center and main administrative office to conserve paper and comply with state and federal privacy mandates. We have written two letters of support for Idyllwild Water District's proposed water reclamation project, and have met with representatives from Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council regarding ideas as far reaching as a biomass generating station that would address issues of fire abatement and "gasification" for renewable energy.

Curriculum

The substantial savings from the outdoor lighting retrofitting is a concept which we are trying to establish throughout the school's activities, including our curriculum.

The extraordinary teaching and learning our school is experiencing this year is serving the community from a financial and educational standpoint. The educational piece is hugely important for us, not only because we are a school, but because we want to instill values and

Fire & Forest

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to see the kids involved and having fun. The goal of the day was to share important information with the community and to motivate people to prepare their homes for fire season. All the planners adopted the strategy of "make learning fun and interesting", and I think it worked. Many useful discussions took place about fire suppression and fire abatement, and what it protects in the biology of the forest.

Finally, there was the great experience of so many different groups working successfully for the public interest. Edwina Scott of the Fire Safe Council coordinated with the government agencies, the nonprofits (Fire Safe Council, San Bernardino Forest Association), and the service organizations (Community Patrol, Radio Club, Rotary), and together they all made it a very good day for the community.

Editor's note: See photographs of the event on page 16.

Before

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"Developing Dependable Intuition," "Preparing for Plenty and Managing Your Wealth"), with all manner of "living metaphysics" in between.

She offered individual counseling for "wholeness of mind, body, and affairs." Some of her topics appear a bit obscure ("World Blessing Class," "Victory Singing"), but testimonial letters from students and clients were effusive in their praise.

Here in Idyllwild, Betty resurrected her experience editing a school newspaper to team with Ernie as co-editors of their newly launched Town Crier. Beyond that, she was a Chamber of Commerce officer, directed the community campfire program and a little theatre group, and offered spiritual living classes for Hill residents.

But she loved nothing more than getting away on horseback to back-country spots like Tahquitz Meadows. And when Ernie got stressed out and would inevitably launch into a few mournful bars of "You Always Hurt the One You Love," Betty would cut him off, intoning "Thank you, dear, that will be quite enough of that."

Sadly, death took Betty Maxwell from Ernie and the Hill community in 1977. But her memory lives on as one who helped give Idyllwild its extraordinary character.

habits that allow us to continue to grow and prosper.

We are exploring curriculum design for a new course, tentatively called "A Sense of Place," focusing on our school's connection with the land, the rich history of Cahuilla culture in Idyllwild, principles of sustainability, and the history of environmentalism as a cultural movement.

Our environmental studies class, led by Martha Ellen Wingfield, conducted extensive analysis of the campus lighting use. This work helped inform operational decisions. The class has undertaken several other projects, too.

The environmental studies class has spearheaded plans for the proposed new campus garden. Students have developed a planting schedule, maintenance plans, and design schematics for an 8x8 plot with raised beds divided into four equal sections, each holding three plant varieties. It will be centrally located on campus and will also include a greenhouse, a tool shed and storage space, an "outdoor classroom," and a compost heap.

Staff and students' investigations have not been limited to the Academy's campus. We sent a staff member and four students to the National Green Schools Conference in Denver in February. Another group of faculty and students took a field trip to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in March to facilitate "a sense of place."

Other campus opportunities

The work and future prospects of the food subcommittee is enticing students and staff. This group works closely with our contract food service provider to implement greater purchases of local, organic produce and other foods. We are seeking community partners to identify local farms and wish to continue to reduce ours and others' carbon footprint by partnering for food delivery on the Hill.

This year we initiated a "trayless" option in the dining hall to help reduce food waste and save water. We are laying the groundwork for a food composting system to lessen food waste in landfills, and we are recycling waste cooking oil — about 250 gallons a year — which is reused for energy.

In our marketing, we have done extensive public and internal messaging about our school's sustainability efforts, again as a way of garnering support and energy, and generally educating the community. We are coordinating the information gathered from each of the six sustainability subcommittees to publicize our goals through social networking channels such as Facebook, Twitter, and the Idyllwild Arts Academy online publication, "Centerstage."

For example, there is an Idyllwild Arts "Greenies" group page on Facebook to raise awareness and serve as a platform for discussions, ideas and projects related to sustainability. The community of Idyllwild is welcome to join and participate. Please feel free to contact me at jnewman@idyllwildarts.org, or contact our sustainability guru, Shannon Jacobs, at sjacobs@idyllwildarts.org.

Library

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vision of sitting by that fireplace, reading a book with snow falling outside," Stone said.

Hamel explained, in answer to questions about the community room, that it and adjacent bathrooms were designed and built so that they could be open even after regular library hours. That would facilitate use of the room and bathrooms by community groups for meetings and events.

Brown explained that a county employee would still have to be present during times of use by community groups, in keeping with similar provisions at other county facilities, "But use by non-profits would be free," Brown said.

The community room is to be equipped either with a screen that comes down from the ceiling or a large projection television, according to current plans.

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By MIMI AND HOOTCH

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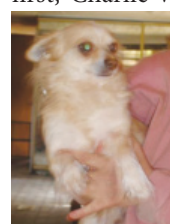


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55 years ago - 1957

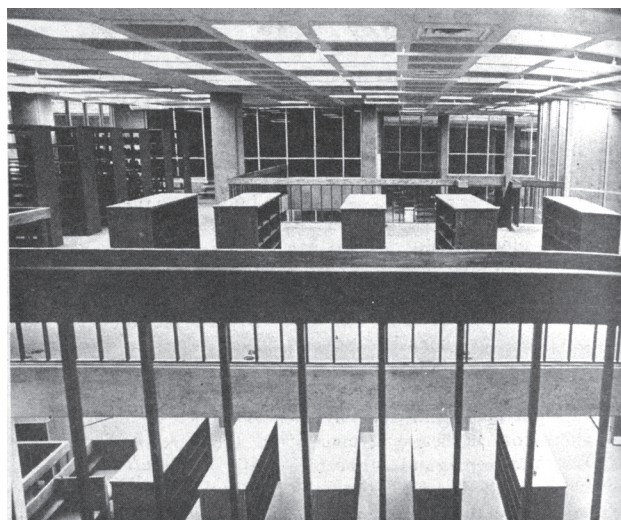
It was the wettest May anyone could remember. The season's total rain and snowfall was 5 inches under normal, but the late rains and snows were extremely beneficial as summer approached. A good crop of wildflowers was assured for June and July, and the storms delayed fire duty for the Forest Service.

50 years ago - 1962

The Brankovs wrote from Jelsa na Hvaru, Yugoslavia: "This island is noted for its perfect climate, and the hotels do not charge their patrons if there is freezing weather, rain for three hours, or one hour of fog."

45 years ago - 1967

Roberta Gray won a \$500 scholarship for her junior year at UCR.



Thirty-five years ago, the public was given a preview of the new Hemet High School at two open houses. The high school was built with an "open-walled library on three levels." This photo was published May 5, 1972.

FILE PHOTO

40 years ago - 1972

The Bear Flag Festival, Idyllwild Chamber officials announced, would be scaled down and not tourist-oriented — due to water shortage.

35 years ago - 1977

Faced with an unusual number of highly qualified candidates, trustees of the Idyllwild Scholarship Fund

appealed to the public for additional donations.

25 years ago - 1987

Gene Schneider was presented a cash award and plaque from the U.S. Forest Service in appreciation of his nine seasons as the Tahquitz Peak lookout.

20 years ago - 1992

The Riverside County

Board of Supervisors upheld a denial of a public-use permit that would have allowed a single-family home in Idyllwild to hold religious conferences for married couples.

15 years ago - 1997

A plan to replace the Idyllwild Transfer Station with community drop-off centers was being proposed. The plan preserved an arrangement where trash bins would be positioned at several spots around the village.

5 year ago - 2007

Southern California Edison crews had tagged the historic A.C. Lovekin cedar tree, across from the Fern Valley Inn, for removal.

1 year ago - 2011

A small group of women, led by Reba Coulter, had begun meetings to plan and develop more recreational activities for adults and seniors as part of the County Service Area (CSA) 36 recreational program.

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Long Valley plan approved

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

After several years of preparation, the California Department of State Parks and Recreation has approved the management plan for Long Valley, in the Mount San Jacinto State Park and Wilderness.

This plan is the result of the overall Mount San Jacinto State Park General Plan adopted in 2002. At that time, State Parks felt a more detailed plan would be appropriate for Long Valley.

Long Valley is found in the northeastern corner of Mount San Jacinto State Park, at the base of a short pathway leading from the Mountain Station terminus of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway (the Tram). Long Valley sits near the edge of one of the steepest escarpments in the nation, which takes a dramatic north-eastward plunge from the nearby Mountain Station toward Palm Springs.

"The approval of the Long Valley Management

Plan is the latest of a long line of recent accomplishments for the park, despite economic hardship for our Department," said Garratt Aitchison the sector Superintendent for Mt. San Jacinto State Park. "Although the LVMP prescribes multiple improvements in and around Long Valley, our initial focus will be on improving both the nature and desert view trails. Improvements will revolve around resource protection, accessibility, and an improved visitor experience."

Work will involve moving existing trails away from the fragile meadow area, providing additional stream crossings and extending portions of the trails. These projects will protect resources and provide a valuable recreational experience. Improvements will be gradual and largely dependent on available statewide trail funding, Aitchison said.

Two significant trail projects continuing this summer are phase II of

A copy of the plan can be downloaded at idyllwildtowncrier.com

Fuller Ridge (PCT) as well as Round Valley trail improvements around the meadow and among the campsites. The park is also hosting an advanced trails class this June, according to Aitchison. More than 40 participants from around the country are expected to attend and focus on bridge construction and trail improvements in Long Valley.

"Other notable improvements in the works are the installation of electrical hook-ups at several campsites at both the Idyllwild and Stone Creek campgrounds," Aitchison said. This project will generate revenue for the park, he added. "It not only has the potential to increase camping revenue, but also provides a service that many

RVer's keep asking for."

Aitchison has also received a \$350,000 grant for improvements to the park's interpretive program.

"With the recent completion of the Interpretation Master Plan, the timing on this was perfect," he stated. "Considering we are finishing up on an extensive exhibit contract atop the Tram, I am devoting a majority of this money for the Idyllwild side of the mountain."

A new visitor center will replace the singlewide modular building. Interpretive space can expand from a 4-by-8-foot piece of slat wall to approximately 500 square feet of displays, exhibits, and a sales area for the nonprofit partner, Mount San Jacinto Natural History Association.

The Management Plan further defines the types of facilities that will be offered in Long Valley and where they will be located.

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



Members of the Idyllwild Garden Club, (from left) Antje Banks, Club President Antoinette (Toni) Berthelotte and Wendy Read groom the Town Hall grounds. Monday, May 14, is the club's next work day (volunteers needed), also at Town Hall.

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