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Peaked roofs of different hues, newly washed by IFPD, ready for the Idyllwild Community Playground dedication. A sign hung on site expresses thanks to the volunteers who did the work.

PHOTOS BY MARSHALL SMITH AND HALIE JOHNSON

## Hundreds work to complete playground

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

For five days, something extraordinary took place in Idyllwild. Once again from across the community's diverse demographic makeup, volunteers came together to build something, on a scale of effort, integration and cooperation not seen since the community built Town Hall in 1946, in old-fashioned barn-raising fashion.

The resulting environment — "playground" is an inadequate word to describe the interconnected compelling structures and spaces adorned with original art — is beautiful and filled with places for children to experience joy, discovery and wonder.

"I think we've created

a piece of Disneyland right here in Idyllwild," said Ken Dahleen, one of many local volunteers who were there each day from first to last work shift.

Noting the high level of construction expertise and technique, and the unique art that decorates the structures, sometimes in places only little children can access, Dahleen continued, "If we took

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**Claudia Posey** cuts the ribbon, officially opening the new Idyllwild playground and welcoming the children to play.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

## CSA 38 considers ambulance cost and contract

BY J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The County Service Area 38 Advisory Committee is trying to formulate a decision on whether to accept Idyllwild Fire Protection District's proposal to continue providing emergency ambulance service to Pine Cove. On Friday, the committee sent a list of questions to Bruce Barton, the county's director of Emergency Medical Services.

At the conclusion of the Wednesday, June 13, meeting, Idyllwild's interim Fire Chief Mike Sherman said he would re-examine the costs of ambulance service based on response time to Pine Cove longer than the current 12 minutes.

At this meeting, Barton shared IFPD's request to the county. The official contract is between the local fire district and Riverside County,

although the funds for enhanced service to Pine Cove or Zone 2 come from CSA 38. EMS provides supplemental funding for service north of Pine Cove, known as Zone 3.

IFPD has requested an additional \$32,309 to extend the current contract, which provides IFPD with \$94,905 this year. According to Sherman, IFPD makes about 67 calls annually to Pine Cove. If the patient needs transportation to a hospital or medical center, it is the individual's responsibility to pay the cost of the transport. But the 67 trips to Pine Cove cost Idyllwild Fire \$30,835 more than the contract and ambulance fee revenue it collects, according to its financial analysis.

IFPD estimates that each medical call costs the district about \$2,470. Barton described this figure as "absolutely astronomical."

See [CSA 38](#), page 10

## Board focuses on vacation rentals

BY J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

This week, the Riverside County Board of Supervisor's began to discuss the potential of enacting a county ordinance to regulate the rental of private homes for vacation use.

On May 8, the board asked the county counsel

to prepare a report on the potential of an ordinance. The counsel's response was the basis of Tuesday's discussion.

If the board wishes to pursue some regulation, county counsel recommended amending existing land use ordinance 348, which does not include any

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Tuesday to Monday, June 12 to 18, 2012:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

- June 12 — Medical aid, Pine Crest Ave., Idyllwild.
- June 12 — Walk-in medical aid.
- June 12 — Medical aid, Idyllbrook Drive, Idyllwild.
- June 13 — Cover assignment, highways 243 and 74, Mountain Center.
- June 13 — False alarm, Oakwood Street at River Drive, Idyllwild.
- June 15 — Medical aid, Highway 243, Idyllwild.
- June 15 — Public service assist, Maranatha Drive, Idyllwild.
- June 15 — Walk-in medical aid.
- June 16 — Medical aid, Cedar Glen Road, Idyllwild.
- June 16 — Special type

of incident, Lilac Drive and Daryll Road, Idyllwild.

June 16 —Special type of incident, Dickenson and Fern Valley roads, Idyllwild.

June 16 — Special type of incident, Marian and Crest View drives, Idyllwild.

June 16 — Arcing electrical equipment, South Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

June 16 — Service call, Maranatha Drive, Idyllwild.

June 16 — Dispatched and canceled en route, Highway 243.

June 16 — Medical aid, Highway 243, Idyllwild.

June 16 — Brush and grass fire.

June 17 — Unauthorized burning, Idyllbrook and Meadow Glen drives, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Report unavailable.

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Bat captured in Idyllwild

Riverside County Animal Services has impounded a live bat captured in the Idyllwild area, according to John Welsh, senior public information specialist for the agency. The bat will be tested for rabies.

“A man was able to bag the bat using some gloves and some supermarket shopping bags,” Welsh wrote in an email. “Pretty brave if you ask me. ... Bat showed its teeth.”

RMRU executes difficult rescue

By Marshall Smith  
Staff Reporter

On Thursday, June 14, around 5 p.m., Riverside County Sheriff’s Department received a call from two hikers in need of rescue. Sixty-seven-year-old John Wilson of Walnut, Calif., and 21-year-old Evan Boccardi from New York had gotten off the trail and stuck in the Long Valley drainage, area at the top of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway.

Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit responded around

5:30 p.m. The rescuers reached the subjects around 7:30 p.m. and began a difficult technical rescue that did not end until 2 a.m. with the safe return of both hikers to the tram mountaintop station. “They had gotten in way over their heads,” said Les Walker, RMRU volunteer. “Because of where they were it was a full technical. We had to run ropes and harnesses.” On the team with Walker were Lee Arnson and Helene Lohr.

Wilson and Boccardi said they were not injured and refused medical attention.



On Saturday, June 16, Annamarie Padula prepares for her gun training, sponsored the Pine Cove Property Owners Association. After classroom training, the group visited the Beaumont Indoor Shooting Range. PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNAMARIE PADULA

Burglaries continue and vandalism at Town Hall

By Marshall Smith  
Staff Reporter

Two residential burglaries, one on River Drive (June 6) and one on Double View Drive (June 14), continue the spate of criminal activity

that has increased over the last year.

And on Thursday, June 14, vandals cut the lock on Town Hall’s outside storage shed and ransacked the supplies kept inside. Nothing

See Crime, page 26

Kimmerle and Dravenstatt hearing continued

By Marshall Smith  
Staff Reporter

Judge Elaine M. Johnson, at the request of the defense, continued until July 12 felony settlement conferences for Ron Kimmerle and Taylor Dravenstatt. Johnson took the action on Thursday, June 14, when the defense requested more time to review evidence. The prosecution did not object to the defense request.

Kimmerle remains in custody at Southwest Detention Center in Murrieta.

The court executed a federal release for Dravenstatt, for reasons of jail overcrowding. Bail remains set for Kimmerle at \$70,000. Because of the federal release order, the court required no bail for Dravenstatt.

Both are charged in connection with multiple burglaries in the Pine Cove and Idyllwild areas as well as being in receipt of stolen property.

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**Idyllwild Weather**  
From the National Weather Service

Thursday 6/21	Friday 6/22	Saturday 6/23	Sunday 6/24	Monday 6/25
 <b>92/56</b> Sunny.	 <b>91/54</b> Sunny.	 <b>89/54</b> Sunny.	 <b>88/51</b> Sunny.	 <b>88/51</b> Sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
6-11	84	50			72	41		
6-12	84	50			69	40		
6-13	na	na			na	na		
6-14	na	na			na	na		
6-15	81	47			83	45		
6-16	83	57			79	48		
6-17	87	63			73	45		

Moisture in inches		Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	20.01	To date this season (Idy):	42.1
To date last season (Idy):	29.38	To date last season (Idy):	44.9
Total last season (Idy):	29.38	Total last season (Idy):	44.9
To date this season (PC):	22.06	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.



# OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

## In search of the Western azalea ...

The Western azalea is the only native plant that can be found with the nose before you spot it with your eyes. We actually could smell it from about a hundred feet away.



During a phone conversation with my old friend and former Idyllwild resident Gary Stephens on the subject of wildflowers, he asked if I had seen any Western azaleas. I told him that I had not found any in bloom as of yet but promised to get out this week to photograph them and "smell" some for him as well.

So at 7 a.m. last Sunday morning, Sue Briggs and I set out on the Deer Springs Trail to find and photograph the Western azalea. Well, not really find, as I know that they are on the trail about a mile and a half from the start; I wanted to see if they were in bloom.

The day turned out to be a very hot, but the early start made for a pleasant hike. We also stopped frequently along the way to take photographs of other "new to me" wildflowers. We made mental notes about all the things we should have brought along but didn't, like extra batteries for the camera and a magnifying glass.

I am always amazed when I spot so many wildflowers that I haven't seen or photographed but as the season changes from spring to summer different plants bloom. Also as you hike up the mountain, you see plants that have already reached their peak in the lower elevations that are only budding or just beginning to bloom.

Last week I found some beautiful and bizarre milkweed blooms. This week, we found a patch of another species which I believe is the Indian milkweed (*Asclepias eriocarpa*). The main difference between the two species is that the former is completely covered in white furry hairs including the flower buds.

In the twisted limbs of a fallen manzanita tree, we found blue scullcap flowers mixed with golden yarrow and various grasses. The manzanitas created a twisted wooden frame that made the scene look like Mother Nature's art project. On the return trip, the trail scene was even better as a blue-bellied lizard sat, perfectly camouflaged, on one of the same manzanita limbs.

Farther on, we spotted four flower stalks of pinedrops. This heath family member is very similar to its cousin the snowplant, but the color is more a muted brown so it mostly goes unnoticed. Pinedrops is a parasitic plant that lives off of living roots of other plants and has no chlorophyll. The flowers had not yet opened. I will try to photograph them in bloom.



Western azalea



Milkweed plant in bloom

PHOTOS BY BRUCE WATTS

After finding many other small wildflowers, including three species of monkeyflowers, I photographed some for later study. Then we reached a small patch of Western azaleas that were along the trail. We, of course, stopped to smell the azaleas. I got a few macro shots of the flowers as my camera low battery indicator began to glow red.

We pushed on to a spot where the trail cuts right through a large patch of azaleas but they were mostly in bud with only a couple of fully opened flowers.

Next time bring extra batteries.



The driver of this car accidentally parked too close to the Pony Express structure Sunday. The window and the car front were damaged. PHOTO COURTESY OF TODD HOGAN



Early Tuesday morning, this mother doe was seen with her newborn triplets in Mountain Center.

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## Idyllwild Town Hall

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**TUESDAY**

10 a.m.-noon  
**Senior Wii**  
3-4 p.m.

**Tap Dance**

**Annika Kay**  
4-5 p.m.

**Ballet/Tap**  
**Annika Kay**

**WEDNESDAY**

9-10 a.m.  
**Adult Yoga**  
**Trine**

**Adult Softball**  
**Meeting 6 p.m.**

**Friday 6/22**  
**At Town Hall**

**WEDNESDAY (cont.)**

4-4:45 p.m.

**NEW! Kid's**

**Movement**

**Lucianna LoPresto**

7-8 p.m.

**Adult Dance**

**(Cha Cha)**

**Connie Wolfe**

**THURSDAY**

4:15-5 p.m.

**Children's Yoga**

**Trine**

**FRIDAY**

5-6 p.m.

**Adult Yoga**

**Trine**

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**Open Recreation**

**Monday-Friday 12:30-5:30 p.m.; ages 5-13**

**Upcoming Activities**

7/11 - Birch Aquarium

7/18 - San Diego Zoo

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# Idyllwild raises API score again

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Idyllwild School's Academic Performance Index (API) for the recently completed 2011-12 school year improved to 873 from 844. For the first time, Idyllwild is in the top statewide rank of schools with similar size and demographics.

Idyllwild's improvement of 29 points was the best in the Hemet Unified School District. Helen Hunt Jackson Alternative gained 28 points and Hamilton Elementary was up 24.

Within HUSD, Cottonwood Elementary maintained the highest school score again this year. Cottonwood's students improved from 877 to 895.

Overall, HUSD, in a district wide average of its schools, lost a point, dropping from 754 to 753. Within the district, Hemet High School had the highest rating for a high school

of 762, a seven-point improvement.

The state's goal is for all schools to earn an 800 score. HUSD had six school with scores greater than 800 and nine more school with scores greater than 750.

The API is a single number, ranging from a low of 200 to a high of 1000, which reflects a school's or a school district's performance level, based on the results of statewide testing. Its purpose is to measure the academic performance and growth of schools. The California's Public Schools Accountability Act of 1999 created a new academic accountability system for kindergarten through grade twelve public education in California. The API was established to help measure school's performance and accountability.

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# Barney Brause to train Neighborhood Watch groups

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station has certified Reserve Deputy Barney Brause, Hill resident, to train neighborhood watch groups in the Idyllwild and Pine Cove area.

Administrative Sgt. James Wilson confirmed that Brause's appointment would assist the formation of citizen crime monitoring and reporting groups. With downstaffing at Hemet station, administrative deputies who had been previously tasked with conducting the Watch trainings were no longer available. That had been a stumbling block to forming groups in Idyllwild to help combat a marked increase in property crimes over the last year. The first meeting and training, with a citizens group from lower Fern Valley, takes place this week.

Neighborhood Watch is a program of mutual assistance among neighbors aimed at reducing crime in the community at the grass roots. As Hemet Station



Neighborhood Watch trainer Reserve Deputy **Barney Brause**.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Commander Scot Collins noted, "Local residents are an effective crime deterrent. They're the eyes and ears of a community."

Neighborhood Watch groups get to know residents in particular neighborhoods, know when they are to be gone for extended periods, record license plate numbers and descriptions of suspicious persons and, in general, are familiar with the pulse of the neighborhood. And with many Idyllwild neighborhoods being com-

# Idyllwild Community Fund expands online capability

Dave Pelham, president of the Idyllwild Community Fund Advisory Board, has announced the availability of an online donation option through PayPal. With just a few "clicks," members of the community may securely and privately complete a donation to the fund that is committed to helping nonprofit organizations in Idyllwild and adjacent mountain communities.

Past president Bronwyn Jones, who is delighted by this efficient and paperless means of receiving donations, reported that "with the determination and technical abilities of Board President Dave Pelham, we now have a website that enables people to learn about ICF, keep in touch and make donations whenever they choose."

She also attributes the success of the first fundraising campaign to Chris Maxson,

"whose design talent and passion for promotion was instrumental in the creation of a bi-monthly newsletter." The newsletter keeps recipients informed about the grant making process and updates everyone on the activities of grant recipients.

The ICF Advisory Board will be conducting site visits over the next two weeks to meet with all of this year's grant applicants.

Grant awards will be made in September at the annual Celebration of Giving reception.

To date, ICF has awarded more than \$145,000 to Idyllwild nonprofit organizations that support the community in important ways. To receive the ICF newsletter, email: [info@idyllwildcommunityfund.org](mailto:info@idyllwildcommunityfund.org) or visit the website at [www.idyllwildcommunityfund.org](http://www.idyllwildcommunityfund.org).

There is special message box for Brause at the station. Neighborhood Watch packets are also available at the Town Crier front office. At least three additional neighborhoods have expressed interest in forming Neighborhood Watch groups.

posed of part-time residents, having Neighborhood Watch captains who are full time residents is important.

Contact either Brause or Deputy Walter Kurtz at Hemet Station, (951) 791-3406, to set up a familiarization session or training.

HUSD API Scores by school		
School	2011	2010
Hemet Unified District	753	754
<b>Elementary Schools</b>		
Bautista Creek	820	844
Cawston	804	809
Cottonwood	895	877
Family Tree Learning Center	715	742
Fruitvale	792	795
Hamilton	734	710
Harmony	829	838
Idyllwild	873	844
Jacob Wiens	766	791
Little Lake	833	824
McSweeny	783	782
Ramona	759	747
Valle Vista	779	789
Whittier	746	771
Winchester	757	761
<b>Middle Schools</b>		
Acacia	694	741
Dartmouth	772	777
Diamond Valley	743	754
Rancho Viejo	743	729
<b>High Schools</b>		
Alessandro	561	627
Hamilton	736	727
Helen Hunt Jackson Alternative	672	644
Hemet Academy for Applied	730	755
Hemet	762	755
Tahquitz	704	705
West Valley	727	732

A local Neighborhood Watch notice in the area of South Circle Drive and Bicknell Lane.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 14.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

- 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.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m., Call 659-6049 for location.
- 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).
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- CSA 38, 5 p.m., To discuss and recommend in support of ambulance coverage for Zones 2 and 3 of Mountain Plateau, PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- 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.
- "This is This conversation and letter writing," 6 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

### THURSDAY, JUNE 21

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview

Dr., Contact Betty.

- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Lemon Lily Festival planning session, 1 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, Hwy 243.
- Lake Hemet Municipal Water District meeting, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
- Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
- High Valleys Water District, 6 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

### FRIDAY, JUNE 22

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or email 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.
- County Supervisor Jeff Stone, noon-3 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr. Call 1-866-383-2203 for appointment.
- 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, JUNE 23

- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, special meeting, 9 a.m., (closed session) Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- 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, JUNE 24

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town center at "Harmony" monument. Call Sue at (909) 228-6710
- 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, JUNE 25

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. 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 Val-

erie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 26

- Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.
- 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).
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

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

## Chamber President Blake attends last meeting

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

From being part of rebuilding a Chamber on its deathbed to presiding over the election of a new invigorated board and membership, Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce President Richmond Blake has maintained a calm and steady presence. This was Blake's final board meeting, since he decided not to run for re-election.

In the past few years, he and former President Mimi Lamp were instrumental in expanding the Chamber from 37 to 120 business members. Although membership has fallen somewhat in the last year, the incoming board that will take its seats in July will face fewer challenges than did Blake and Lamp.

Their most impressive accomplishment was in restoring a sense of fairness and cordiality to the conduct of meetings and creating a welcoming atmosphere that helped to bring in new members.

Director Lanny Hardy thanked Blake for his service, on behalf of the

Chamber board and membership.

Chamber Secretary David Jerome noted the pressing need for a second vice president to take over the job of rebuilding Chamber members, statistics of which he said had been inflated by membership trades.

Director Lanny Hardy responded that once a new board is seated and officers elected next month, that need would be filled.

At the June 18 general meeting, the Chamber acceded to Marge Muir and Karen Doshier's request to take full responsibility for managing the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

"This returns the management of the event to the organization that had long run it," said Muir, who, with Doshier, presented the Chamber an organizational template, broken out into committees and duties to assist the Chamber in managing the long popular event.

Marshall Smith can be reached at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com)

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- Idyllwild Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave., 10 a.m.-6

p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.

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## INITIAL THOUGHTS

### Do we care about healthcare? Its cost and its delivery



Much gratitude is due Dawn Sonnier for conceiving of the playground project, finding the money and organizing the construction.

Many "Thank yous" to all the people who helped complete this project, thousands of youngsters today and tomorrow will be very happy because of your contributions.

As noted last week, Idyllwild's civic duty extends in many directions. Although the water and fire special districts are official public agencies, much of the civic work on the Hill is organized and done through private organizations, such as the Associates of Idyllwild Arts, and their volunteers.

ARF is currently in the forefront (with the mayoral election), MDP and the Woodies are active year-round. All the festivals are other examples.

This interest and commitment is manifested in a variety of ways. Just one is the community's willingness to vote in elections — national, state, county or local.

Last week, the primary election had a dismal statewide and county turnout, but once again, the turnout on the Hill exceeded the county and state's percentage of voters by nearly 10 percent.

Whatever the reason, Hill residents participate, contribute and care about the quality of life here. Whether it's a playground or a seniors' project, we have neighbors who can form a group to fund and complete almost any project.

This same interest and care seem to be missing when the County Service Area 38 Advisory committee or the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission discuss the extension or renewal of the current ambulance contract with the county.

Riverside County contracts with IFPD to provide a 12-minute or less ambulance response to Pine Cove residents instead of the less than 30-minute response, which is the standard in the county's contract with American Medical Response. This is the reason Pine Cove residents pay IFPD nearly \$100,000.

Despite what some say, I believe that everyone involved in this decision cares about what is best for the Hill. Emergency medical care is too important for personal agendas; nevertheless, I also believe the answer to what is best for the Hill is more complicated than a single number.

The 12-minute response was negotiated years ago. Since then, Riverside County Fire Department has implemented a policy that places at least one paramedic on each of its engines. Station 23 has a paramedic on every shift who can arrive at an incident sooner than IFPD.

If AMR places an ambulance on the Hill, the Master County Contract requires them to respond in less than 30 minutes.

The actual time will depend on where AMR stations its ambulance. Station 23 is a possibility, but there is no assurance now. If the ambulance were housed there, AMR could station it elsewhere on the Hill during the day.

But this would then be a third ambulance on the Hill, assuming IFPD continues to always staff two ambulances. That's a requirement of the contract with Riverside County, not a department policy. Interim Chief Sherman would not confirm what IFPD might do if the contract were terminated.

A new contract with IFPD will cost more for Pine Cove. Is the faster response time worth it, or is the response less important because of proximity of paramedics and will there be additional emergency medical resources on the Hill or will IFPD have to trim and live with a \$100,000 reduction?

Riverside County EMS Director Bruce Barton told the CSA 38 committee these were the questions to weigh.

But few citizens have come to the meetings to express their opinion or to learn more.

J.P., EDITOR

## READERS WRITE

### Leash laws

#### EDITOR:

On Thursday morning [June 14], a friend and I were walking our leashed dogs on the Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail, when an aggressive dog with no leash came toward us growling and threatening our dogs.

Although the owner grabbed hold of his dog, the dog continued to lunge toward us. My seven-month-old dog tried to get out of the way by heading over a steep slope on the side of the trail, and when I lunged to catch her, I slid down the embankment, injuring my ribs and scraping my arms.

I yelled to the owner to put his dog on a leash, but he said that he did not have a leash and that it would make no difference anyway. He yelled this as I was hanging to the side of the steep embankment with my dog under my arm.

I responded that having an unleashed dog is against the law to prevent just this type of occurrence.

I just want to remind dog owners that leash laws exist for a good reason, and there is no excuse to take a dog on a public trail such as the Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail or any others in our area without a leash.

Even if you believe that your dog is well-behaved, interactions with other dogs are unpredictable, which is why our leash laws exist [Riverside County Ordinance 630].

My dog and I will both have bruises for a few days, but we will heal. Someone else might not be so lucky.

**RON KRULL**  
**PINE COVE**

### Our town

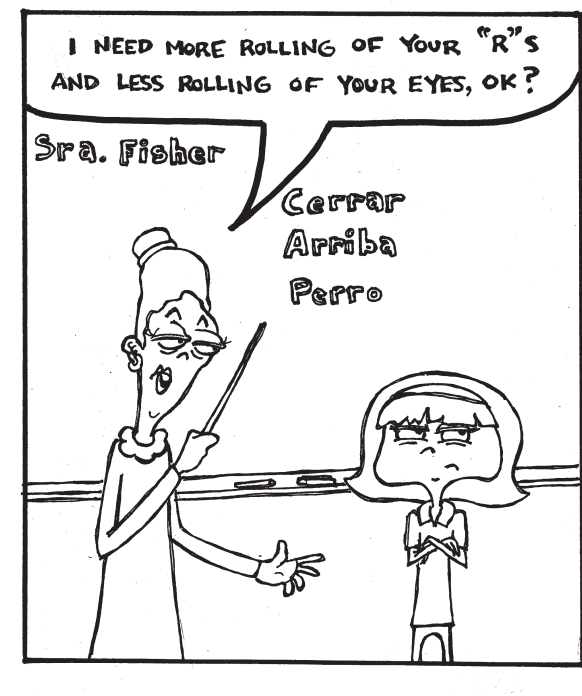
#### EDITOR:

In the last few weeks, there have been some events that make me even more proud to be a part of Idyllwild than usual.

First, the editorial written about our Idyllwild Pharmacy and how the insurance companies are making it harder to stay competitive. We all depend on the pharmacy for, at

## Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



the very least, emergency toothpaste or cards even if we do not have medications. Like all our local businesses, our support as members of the community is vital. I believe that this editorial helps us recognize that what may appear to be making it easier for us in the short run could end up costing us far more in the long run.

Second, though I have been unable to assist physically in the construction of the new community playground, I have been hear-

ing many positive reports about the organization and efforts of those who have.

Hats off to ICRC, Dawn, and all the volunteers for such an outstanding example of our coming together to create something for the whole area. It is wonderful to see that when we work together anything is possible.

With the world full of negative news, how great to hear of efforts that are supportive in nature.

**CAROL MCCLINTIC**  
**IDYLLWILD**

## Matter of fact

The Pine Cove Property Owners Association gave \$1,000 to both Mountain Disaster Preparedness and the American Legion Post 800. The gift to the American Legion for a heater for the Warming Center was omitted.

Town Crier regrets the error.

## How to get a letter published

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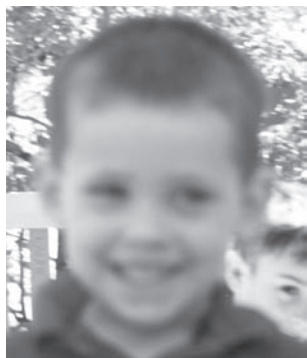
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## TOWN TALK

By DOLORES SIZER

*What do you like best about the playground?*



**Brody Mason**  
Five years  
Pine Cove

*"I just like all the stuff"*



**Jack Howard**  
Seven years  
San Diego  
*"Climbing stuff."*



**Wolfgang Hannah-Diaz**  
Seven years  
Idyllwild

*"I like everything about it!"*

## Record

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### Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

**June 12** — Medical aid, Highway 74 at mile marker 74.57.

**June 13** — Traffic collision, Highway 74 near Station 53, Garner Valley.

**June 14** — False alarm, highways 74 and 243, Mountain Center.

**June 15** — Traffic collision, Interstate 10 at Bob Hope Drive, Palm Desert.

**June 17** — Traffic collision, 52900 block of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

### Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

### CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Tuesday, June 12 to Monday June 18. This may not be a complete list of responses:

**June 12** — Solo, injury crash, Highway 243 north of Poppet Flat Road, Pop-

pet Flat.

**June 13** — Solo, non-injury crash, Highway 74 west of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

**June 14** — Two-vehicle, noninjury collision on Johnson Road east of Pioneer Way, Anza.

### Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Saturday May 25 to Monday June 18. This may not be a complete list of responses:

**May 25** — Vehicle burglary, 58000 block of Kaweea Road, Anza. Case is open but suspended.

**June 6** — Burglary of a residence, 54000 block of River Road, Idyllwild. The case is open but suspended.

**June 14** — Burglary of a residence, 52000 block of Double View Drive, Idyllwild. The case is open but suspended.

**June 15** — Commercial burglary, 56000 block of Highway 371, Anza. The case is open but suspended.

## LIFELINES

TED EWING, PH.D.

### The need for hope ...

Five years ago, when our current president was campaigning to become the first African-American president in U.S. history, I read his book, "The Audacity of Hope." I loved it, because it touched something deep within me — my need for hope.

His book explained and illustrated what Barack Obama was trying to sell America: hope. Times were bad. The economy was spiraling down. The real estate market had crashed and many hopes and dreams along with it.

As he campaigned, Obama gave hope to the hopeless. He fueled their belief that things could get better. The economy could improve. Jobs could be created. Volatile markets could be stabilized. War could end. Peace could be achieved through dialogue rather than destruction.

The night he was elected, the president spoke from Grant Park in Chicago. A huge crowd, intoxicated with hope, was cheering wildly. Many sang the words from the old Sam Cooke anthem, "Change is gonna come." They were believers witnessing the fulfillment of that prophetic lyric. Change had come. Or so they thought.

As a new election approaches, pundits continue to argue — incessantly it seems — the efficacy of Obama's proposals, actions, and policies. The blame game has kicked into gear. Emotions are running high. The booming voice of vitriol has drowned out reason. Condemnation has replaced dialogue.

Sadly, it sucks the life right out of me. I find myself caught between the proverbial rock and a hard place. On the one hand, I love my country. I want to keep informed. I want to be engaged in public dialogue. On the other hand, at this time of year — every four years — I become embarrassed by our nation, our leaders, and the sometimes insane process that guides elections. My laptop news updates, headlines, video clips, and sound bites begin to sound like Charlie Brown's teacher, "Wah-wah, wah-wah, wah-wah."

In the midst of all this, one thing remains constant: my need for hope. Is the same true of you? Do you recoil during political campaigns while at the same time refusing to give in to hopelessness? Do you, too, continue to hope that things will get better, while at the same time being exasperated with the inane monologues of our leaders?

There's an ancient Jewish proverb that addresses our dilemma: "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life." That ancient adage captures our modern predicament in 15 words. When fulfillment of our hopes and longings is deferred or delayed, we become heartsick. When they are fulfilled, we gain renewed energy, motivation, life. Hope deferred makes us sick. Hope fulfilled is a lifeline.

However, while each citizen hopes their vote will bring about change, while each party hopes their candidate will be elected, while each candidate hopes he can deliver on his promises, those hopes are only secondary manifestations of a deeper human longing.

We are hopeful at our core. Human nature constrains us to believe things will get better. Everyone hopes because

*See Lifelines, page 26*



## OFF THE LEASH

By CONOR O'FARRELL

### Artist versus narcissist ...

Last week, I had the pleasure of seeing a performer at the McCallum Theatre that both humbled and elevated me at the same time. The performer was Susanna Hamnett, performing a one-woman show she co-wrote called "Nearly Lear."



In it, she told the story of King Lear through the eyes of his close confidant Noreen, the "fool," in addition to playing every other part, from the three daughters to Osmond. This tour de force was played with minimal props or sets, without a costume change.

Using acting techniques like psychological gesture, movement and voice, Ms. Hamnett transitioned from one character to another with skill and grace, infusing each with humor and, at times, heartbreaking truth.

Hamnett is an artist in the truest sense of the word. Her show made me proud of the human race, to see what one person could achieve with some courage, creativity, hard work and a passion for communal expression. In the words of Bach, "the sole purpose of my music is to the glory of God and the inspiration of the soul." Ms. Hamnett inspired my soul that afternoon.

I began to think of other artists, and I do not use that word lightly, whom I know who leave my mouth agape and my heart full of awe, artists that live among us here in Idyllwild.

I thought of my friend Barnaby Finch who plays the piano like he was hardwired into it, or Marshall Hawkins whose musical skill is only matched by his open and generous heart, or Frank Ferro who takes bare ingredients and turns them into a party of the palate, or Paul Carman and his smoky sax, or my wife Holly who can break your heart with a single graceful gesture, and of course I think of Susanna Hamnett and what she gave me to chew on all week long. These people and others like them bring nobility to our otherwise mediocre race. They challenge and inspire us to remember and nurture the best parts of ourselves.

In an age when the cult of celebrity has hijacked and cheapened our culture, isn't now the time to start venerating the real artists among us?

While driving through Las Vegas on the way to Utah last year, I saw a huge billboard advertising Kim Kardashian's appearance at one of the big hotels. Besides making a sex tape and being a celebrated narcissist, what has she done? What talent does she have to offer a Las Vegas audience? And yet, she reportedly made in the ballpark of 20 million dollars last year.

In America money is equated with credibility. Where is her credibility; what does she bring to the table? Yet we honor her, and others in the world of reality TV, with wealth and fame. What a sad commentary on American culture, when the gifted struggle in obscurity while the talentless are celebrated and adored.

So this month I honor the real artists, those who bond us together through music, movement, the spoken word, the stroke of a brush, those who inspire us to do better, to be better. I honor the creative climate, that fair weather that cajoles us out of our dark places and beckons us to bask in the glorious sun. So, thank you, Susanna Hamnett

*See Off the leash, page 26*



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# May Valley Fuels Project highlights

The San Jacinto Ranger District is proposing hazardous fuels reduction activities in the May Valley area. The project area includes approximately 2,816 acres of National Forest System land. Approximately 864 acres are proposed for treatment within the project area.

The project lies between and incorporates additional treatment on the Southridge fuel break and Bonita Vista fuel break. These prior fuel break projects, combined with the May Valley Fuels Project, are part of a larger strategy to reduce fuels and protect communities, critical infrastructure, and economic stability.

Once completed, an effective fuels reduction buffer would be in place east of Highway 243 and south of Idyllwild, east to the Bonita Vista community and south to Highway 74. A key portion of the Southridge fuel break would be completed,

providing significant protection for the Idyllwild community and filling a current "hole" in the district's strategic fuel break system.

Strong evidence supports the efficacy of fuels reduction treatments in southern California and on the San Bernardino National Forest. Scientists (Conrad and Weise 1998) have documented previous examples of effectiveness in fire and landscape planning and implementation on the San Jacinto Ranger District. The 1996 Bee Fire and the 2009 Grass Valley Fire in the San Bernardino mountains are two examples of how strategically placed fuel treatments can affect the outcome of large fires in vegetation comparable to that of the May Valley project area.

### Need for Action

The project area is dominated by dense, continuous expanses of chaparral av-

eraging 20 to 85 years old, and mixed-conifer and oak forest. The older age-class chaparral is very flammable because of its resinous foliage, woody stems, and accumulated dead branches. The extensive brush in the understory of conifer stands creates ladder fuels, which allow a ground fire to climb into the lower branches of the trees, and spread into a crown fire.

These conditions, along with average slopes of 40 percent, the dry climate, and unstable atmospheric conditions typical of the area, contribute to the potential for extreme fire behavior across large portions of the project area.

The project will reduce fire-line intensity, flame length, and rate of spread in wildfires in chaparral and mixed-conifer stands in the wildland-urban interface on National Forest System lands. Creating and main-

taining fuel breaks and areas where fuels are reduced will enhance firefighters' ability to suppress fire safely and effectively, and protect infrastructure such as roads, homes and other facilities.

### Proposed Action

Within mixed oak and conifer and chaparral-dominated units, excluding designated fuel breaks, hazardous fuels would be reduced yielding healthy and productive forested stands within the wildland-urban interface. Approximately 664 acres of mixed oak and conifer forest and chaparral would be treated using hand or mechanical methods and prescribed fire.

Within designated fuel break units, approximately 166 acres of chaparral and mixed oak and conifer stands would be treated using hand or mechanical methods and prescribed fire.


Within the meadow-dom-

inated unit, approximately 34 acres of mixed-meadow and conifer would be treated using hand treatments and prescribed fire. Hand treatments would be used to cut and pile trees and brush. Pile burning and broadcast burning would be employed to reduce slash, return fire to the landscape, and maintain the meadow in an open condition.

No changes to road or trail density or travel management are proposed as a part of this project. The existing road system is generally adequate for proposed project treatment activities.

### Alternative

The only alternative to the proposed fuels project is taking no action.



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# Fern Valley adopts budget

## Rate increase takes effect July 1

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

The Fern Valley Water District Board of Directors approved a \$1.5 million budget for fiscal 2012-13, which starts July 1. For income, the budget anticipates a slight decline in tax income and a marginal increase in water sales (\$42,000 more than fiscal 2011-12). The budget also plans more for engineering for a Fern Valley Road Pipeline Improvement Project and increases in employee benefits to account for a retiring employee's post-employment benefits as well as estimated benefits for a new employee.

A previously approved water tier rate increase helps the district return to the black for fiscal 2012-13. The rate increase was originally approved in 2009 and provided for incremental price increases over a five-year period. The penultimate increase is scheduled to kick in for fiscal 2012-13. For example, in tier one (0-1,400 cubic feet used),

pricing increases 18 percent from \$3.12 to \$3.70 per 100 cubic feet. In the second tier (1,401 to 3,000 cubic feet used), the increase is from \$7.60 to \$9.00; and for tier three (more than 3,001 cubic feet), from \$12.05 to \$14.00, a 16 percent increase.

Fiscal 2011-12 anticipated a net loss of \$126,000 because of a \$450,000 pipeline replacement project. Next year's fiscal budget anticipates a net positive of \$257,000.

The board also voted to conditionally approve a grant of easement to Director Jim Rees, conditioned upon seeing the grant language and property description. Rees was absent when the conditional approval was issued. Rees will pay all costs.

General Manager Steve Erler in his report said that well production is up from last year because of the need to begin diverting to long-term storage.

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

### Trivia test

**Television:** What was Norm's last name in the sitcom series "Cheers"?

*Answer: Peterson*

# Legislators working to keep state parks open

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Last month, in a rare display of bipartisanship, Democratic and Republican members of the state Assembly endorsed legislation to save the California State Park System from the brink of financial collapse.

On May 30, within weeks of a major news conference, the California Assembly passed AB 1589 on a vote of 78-0. On Thursday, June 14, the bill was referred to the Senate's Natural Resources and Water and Transportation and Housing committees.

AB 1589, The State Parks: Sustainability and Protection Act, embeds the California State Park Stewardship

Act of 2012. This legislation is key to keeping existing parks open and to helping the system begin to flourish again. Local Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries (R, Lake Elsinore) is one of five authors of the bill.

Building on last year's efforts, AB 1589 proposes both long and short-term strategies for keeping open many of the state parks that had been slated for closure as a result of funding reductions to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

"This proposal is an important and logical next step in creating a steady funding source for California's state parks that is less reliant on unpredictable state revenue," said Jeffries. "Particularly



California State Parks is kicking off their third consecutive season of trail work along Fuller Ridge Trail. This collaborative effort involves staff from State Parks, CCC, and the PCTA equestrian volunteers. PHOTO COURTESY OF GARRATT AITCHISON

in my own district, I'm proud that through community support, we are on the verge of keeping Palomar Mountain State Park off the closure list. With this bill,

we'll hopefully pave a path to keep other parks across California open as well."

AB 1589 calls on the Department of Parks and See [State park, page 26](#)

# PCWD grants Idyllwild Water's request

## Waives four parcel standby fee

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

By board vote, Pine Cove Water District granted a request from the Idyllwild Water District General Manager Terry Lyons and Director Jim Billman to waive standby fees on four Dutch Flat parcels, which IWD owns. The total aggregate

annual fee for the parcels is \$240.

In Lyons' letter to the board, he stated, "As you know, IWD has never used, nor is there any plan in the future to use PCWD water on any of these parcels as any water which may be needed in the future would be provided by IWD." In a spirit of comity and coop-

eration, the PCWD board approved the request.

The board also approved the budget for fiscal year 2012-13, which starts July 1. Total income of \$760,000 is an increase \$10,000 from the previous year. In 2011-12, the district projected a \$30,000 surplus, but not this coming year.

Operating expenses of

\$187,000, up \$17,000 from 2011-12, salaries and benefits of \$425,000 are also \$15,000 more than the previous year, with increases coming from overtime, taxes (FICA, SDI, ET, UTT), worker's comp, medical and life insurance and training costs. Improvements are budgeted at \$128,000, \$18,000 more.

See [PCWD, page 26](#)

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## CSA 38

*Continued from page 1*

compared it to AMR cost per call which is about half or \$1,200.

"We have the absolutely best ALS [advance life support] service. And we can't afford to give it away," Sherman said after the meeting.

If CSA 38 were amenable to a multi-year extension of the contract, IFPD has offered to reduce the single year figure 75 percent. This would cost CSA 38 an additional \$24,232 annually or about \$120,000 total, plus an annual four percent increase.

If CSA 38 were unwilling to increase the annual payment, IFPD is not in a position to continue its current service, according to Barton.

CSA 38 residents already pay a special fee for the contract cost. This year it is an additional \$57 per parcel and generates about \$87,500 annually, in addition to the basic share of county property fees.

### Options

If the contract were not renewed, Barton told the committee, there were two other options. But he stressed, as did County Fire Chief John Hawkins, an ambulance would be available to Pine Cove residents on July 1 regardless of the



County Service Area 38 Advisory committee members (from left) Chair **Jerry Holldber**, **Robert Hewitt** and **Lou Padula** discuss the ambulance contract.

status or decision of these negotiations.

Barton confirmed that he has had preliminary talks with American Medical Response (the ambulance service with the overall county contract). And they have agreed to locate an ambulance on the Hill.

AMR's cost for serving Pine Cove would be about \$650,000 according to Barton. However, CSA 38 residents would not be responsible for paying this cost. Instead, AMR would have to raise their overall county rates to recover this additional cost and the Board of Supervisors would

have to approve it.

This cost might be less if RCDFD permitted AMR to locate the ambulance at Station 23 in Pine Cove.

The county contract for the unincorporated area requires AMR to respond to an incident within 29 minutes and 59 seconds. IFPD is required to respond in less than 12 minutes.

It is this faster or shorter response time that costs Pine Cove residents about \$100,000 annually.

Since this service requirement was negotiated nearly 15 years ago, County Fire now staffs each engine with a paramedic, not just an

emergency medical technician. The engine at Station 23 could respond to the same call and the patient would begin receiving paramedic care until an ambulance arrived and, if necessary, transport the individual to a medical center.

"You have a paramedic on scene now regardless of the transport agency," Hawkins said.

"Is the 12-minute response time still important?" Barton asked the committee.

The third option would have Riverside County Fire provide the ambulance service. Hawkins told the



**Bruce Barton** (left), director of Riverside County Emergency Medical Services agency, and Riverside County Fire Chief **John Hawkins**.

committee that RCDFD provides this service to several communities in the desert, including Indian Wells and Palm Desert.

Implementing this option would require six to 12 months, according to Hawkins. They would need to acquire the ambulance and staff. But he said it could be done.

Although Barton seemed anxious for a recommendation from the committee, he said they had time. On Friday, June 15, the committee met and formulated a list of questions for Barton, which included "Would a longer response time cut costs?" and "What can AMR offer in the way of a shortened response time and what would the proposed cost be?"

### Consequence

Regardless of the deci-

sion, EMS has urged IFPD to raise its ambulance fees. According to Sherman, this projected eight percent increase reduced their request for the contract amount.

CSA 38 Chair Jerry Holldber has stressed that if AMR stationed an ambulance on the Hill, along Highway 74, that this third ambulance would benefit everyone, not just Pine Cove or Zone 3.

Separately, IFPD is asking the county for \$57,700 more to serve Zone 3 or \$43,300 for a multi-year extension for Zone 3. Riverside County would have to provide this funding.

IFPD is evaluating how they will staff its ambulances if the contract is not extended.

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# Fire commission adopts smaller budget

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission adopted a \$1.6 million budget for 2012-13, which begins July 1. The overall budget is about \$92,000 less than the current budget.

However, actual expenditures for 2011-12 will be about \$100,000 less than the approved budget, according to IFPD. Interim Fire Chief Mike Sherman said there are no reserves remaining in 2011-12. The only funds carrying over to next year will be the cash balance on June 30.

While the department has about \$380,000 in its checking account, monthly expenses will deplete that balance. IFPD will have to rely on ambulance collections and some tax revenue until the next major property tax receipts appear in December.

Although the property tax and special assessment revenue are projected to remain stable, the district does expect ambulance income to decline \$48,000 to \$287,000 next year. Also mutual aid reimbursement funds drop \$30,000.

Another revenue component is very uncertain at this time. IFPD has as-

sumed the current contract with Riverside County to provide emergency ambulance service to Pine Cove would be renewed and continue to provide the district with about \$100,000.

This amount could change and substantially affect the revenue column. Sherman said the figure was "a place holder until we know whether the contract is extended."

IFPD has requested, at minimum, a \$24,000 increase if County Service Area 38 would accept a new multi-year contract. If CSA 38 does not want to extend the contract, IFPD might lose the \$100,000 in annual revenue. (See CSA 38 story on page 1.)

The budget includes a 5.8 percent (nearly \$38,000 total) reduction in the salary account for the career firefighters. Overall the payroll and benefits account drops nearly \$100,000 or 7.6 percent.

Other significant reductions include \$12,000 less for radio and equipment repair, although this is somewhat offset with a \$6,000 increase for vehicle repair and the mechanic accounts.

No funding for future capital projects, such as

a new ambulance, is included in the proposed budget.

When asked about the proposal to refinance the loan and lease agreements for the department's new vehicles and equipment, Sherman replied, at the June 12 meeting, that the new loan was unlikely. Later in the week, he said he had just received a very positive phone call about the request and now was optimistic the refinancing will be approved, which will provide some one-year saving to the district's costs.

The preliminary budget was adopted unanimously (4-0), Commissioner Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly was absent. A final budget must be adopted before Oct. 1.

Commission President Jeannine Charles-Stigall said recruitment of the new fire chief is underway. The district has received five applications and will likely conduct interviews

soon. If possible, she hopes the commission can make a decision at its June 26 meeting.

Sherman said he's planning on June 28 as his last day, unless the commission needs additional time through July. Commissioner Jerry Buchanan recommended the next board meeting include an item to extend Sherman's contract.

In other business, the board adopted a dozen new policies, primarily governing board action, such as quorums, votes and vacancies. The contract with the San Bernardino accounting firm of Rogers Anderson, Malody and Scott was extended for two more years, through fiscal year 2013.

The board also approved a one-year contract with Nancy Layton to provide bookkeeping and accounting services each month.

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Everyone gathers around the table at the Father's Day Barbecue at Town Hall on Friday afternoon. Hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni salad and more was served up for the hungry kids and adults. The Town Hall Summer Program organized and sponsored the event.

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Madison Watts and her dad, who wore his DADD ("Dads Against Daughters Dating") shirt, on the way to the Father's Day Barbecue at Town Hall.

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# On the Town

## Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

# Arts & Entertainment Calendar



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

### Wednesday, June 20

**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m.; **Kid's Movement with Lucianna LoPresto**, 4-4:45 p.m.; **Adult Dance (Cha Cha) with Connie Wolfe**, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.

**ICRC Speakers Series with Plein Air Artist Rick Stergutz**, 5:30 p.m. Quiet Creek Gallery.

**"SnowWhite & the Huntsman,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

**Hojo Reynolds**, 7-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

### Thursday, June 21

**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.

**Hojo**, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.

**Folk Music by John King, Elaine Latimer & Bill Shepard**, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.

**"SnowWhite & the Huntsman,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Friday, June 22

**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 5-6 p.m., Town Hall.

**Don Reed & Friends**, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

**Live Entertainment**, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

**Sandii Castleberry**, 7-10 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

**Change Required**, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

**"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Saturday, June 23

**Mixed Level Yoga**, 9-10 a.m. Quiet Creek Inn.

**Healing Arts Festival**, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Gathering Place.

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

**Paul Carman**, noon-2:30 p.m. The Creek House, On the Deck.

**All Girl Band**, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Jo'An's.

**Presidents' Wives Presented by Friends of the Library**, 2 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church.

**"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter,"** 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

**Keith McCabe**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

**Swift Pony**, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

**Live Entertainment**, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

**Change Required**, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

### Sunday, June 24

**"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.

**Jerome Robinson**, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jo'An's.

**Idyllwild Author Series with Tod Goldberg**, 2 p.m. INK Book-gathering.

**"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter,"** 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

**Metals Week, Slide Show**, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

### Monday, June 25

**Cribbage**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Town Hall.

**Childrens Story Time**, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

**Mixed Level Yoga**, 4-5 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft.

**"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

**Hot Clay Lecture**, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

**Artists Reception & Visiting Faculty Show**, 8 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts. Show runs through July 1.

### Tuesday, June 26

**Seniors' Wii activities**, 10 a.m.-noon.; **Tap Dance with Annika Kay**, 3-4 p.m.; **Ballet/ Tap with Annika Kay**, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.

**"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.



Sunday the INK bookstore hosted its first double bill at the weekly Idyllwild author series. **Eduardo Santiago** (left), organizer, led a lively and informative interview with **Amy Friedman** and her husband **Dennis Danziger**. Amy teaches writing at UCLA and will be teaching a "Memoirs" writing class at Idyllwild Arts in July.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

**Hunter,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

**Artists Lectures**, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

### Wednesday, June 27

**Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m.; **Kid's Movement with Lucianna LoPresto**, 4-4:45 p.m.; **Adult Dance (Cha Cha) with Connie Wolfe**, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.

**"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Thursday, June 28

**Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 4:15-5 p.m.; **Wii games for all ages**, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.

**Willy B.**, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House, Deck Party.

**Folk Music by John King, Elaine Latimer & Bill Shepard**, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.

See A&E, page 28



The Peter Sprague Trio played Saturday night during the Café Aroma Jazz Festival to an overflowing restaurant of jazz fans. **Peter Sprague** (left) is playing a double necked guitar. The top neck is classic and the bottom neck jazz. Accompanying Sprague are **Leonard Pattern** on percussion with a Cajon box drum and vocals and **Gunner Biggs** playing a stick bass.

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# George Snyder next at Authors Series

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

If you like early Truman Capote and Armistead Maupin's "Tales of the City," that particular ease, voice, style and literate sophistication, you'll like Los Angeles author George Snyder.

Snyder, who next appears for Eduardo Santiago's Idyllwild Authors Series on Sunday, July 1, will discuss his critically praised novel, "On Wings of Affection." Touted as a novel of "Murder, mayhem, cocktails, kept boys, rehab and redemption in the City of Fallen Angels," "Wings" captures the "noir" in crime writing while adding titillating humor and edgy asides in a cutting first-person narrator voice. It is the first in a series that will follow the same characters through their own evolution, much as Maupin did with his "Tales of the City."

Witty, well-read, verbally adept and a keen observer of Hollywood and West Hollywood's varied communities and coteries, both authentic, faux and superfaux, Snyder was born in Pittsburgh, Ohio-raised, and California-evolved, by his own admission. Remarking on his

Midwest birth, rearing, and undergraduate education at Methodist based Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, Snyder said, "We're not the kind of people who go to Hollywood to write."

But like many of this year's series authors, Snyder has had an interesting and varied career prior to becoming a writer that he credits with informing his writing and contributing to his personal growth. "I crashed and burned in New York and then came to California for the weather," he said.

Among many professional stops along the way to writing professionally, Snyder worked as personal assistant to writer and director Joss Whedon ("The Avengers," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Toy Story," and "Serenity"). In that capacity he worked closely with other writers and development people, initially for the Buffy television series. "In meeting the writers for the show I learned how they work, how they approached their craft," he said. "I think it's all about finding the voice, your voice, for your own writing. It is for me a process of self-revelation, in writing, finding my voice, I am finding out who I



George Snyder

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am. From it I derive great joy."

Snyder said he began to find his voice as an author when he started his blog five years ago. "1904, The Year Everything Important Happened," www.georgesnyder.org, is built on the conceit that, at least for Snyder, much that he loves, beginning with James Joyce's "Ulysses" that takes place on June 16, 1904, is associated with that date. The blog discusses those links and relates them to the present, referencing in the process "The Cherry Orchard" by Chekhov, James Barrie's "Peter Pan," Henry James' "The Golden Bowl," Gra-

ham Greene, Cecil Beaton and many other connections. "I thought if I do this it will be good discipline," said Snyder. "If you seek meaning you will find it."

Snyder recounted that the blog connected him to historical periods, language, personages and publications that helped him discover his writing style. "A lot of writing ends up being about the process of writing, moving me into deeper waters where I've become more aware of where I've been and where I'm going. And, as we [writers] all do, at the end of the day we're writing about richly interesting communities."

Snyder said that he publishes his own work so that he is guaranteed to find an audience. His choice has met with success, both with critics and fans. In an advocate.com article, "How to Self-Publish and Not Perish in the Process," Snyder discusses why he chose this avenue and how he has succeeded. He will also discuss that at the Idyllwild Authors Series. Santiago interviews Snyder at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 1 at the INK Bookgathering on North Circle.

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

## Senior health forum next week

A special Health, Wellness and Safety Forum specifically for seniors begins at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at the Idyllwild Nature Center. County 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone, in partnership with the county's Office on Aging, organized and is sponsoring the forum.

The speakers include Michele Wilham, assistant director of the county Office on Aging, who will discuss aging well and living long; Ryan Uhlenkott, regional manager, Riverside County Adult Protective Services CARE Program, will address preventing and reporting fraud, abuse, and neglect of older adults; and Gina McGough and Zuzzette Bricker from the county Office of Emergency Services, will discuss and present suggestions for disaster preparedness on a budget.

Supervisor Stone will also attend, along with his Chief of Staff Verne Lauritzen and Legislative Assistant Opal Hellweg.

Stone has also arranged for some free onsite health

checks. Prime Care will provide cholesterol screening and blood pressure checks from 12:30 until 3 p.m.

Complimentary starter disaster preparedness kits for seniors will be available, but they are limited to one per household.

"Your health, wellness, and safety are important so please join us for a free senior forum for more information on taking care of yourself, your friends and your family," said Stone, who initiated the idea for the forums. The Idyllwild forum will be the fourth in the Third District. Other forums have been held in Homeland, Temecula and San Jacinto. In the future, a fifth will occur in Murrieta.

The forum will take place at the County's Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, Idyllwild. For information about the site call (951) 867-3800 or rcaging@rcaging.org. If you require ADA accommodations please contact Lynette Worrell at (951) 867-3800 or (800) 510-2020 or TDD to (951) 697-4699.

## Trivia test

**General Knowledge:** What would a vexillologist study?

Answer: Flags



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**Metals Week. Slide Show:** Karen Christians, Charity Hall, Tom McCarthy, Deborah Jemmott, Harold O'Connor, Pauline Warg, Carol Webb. 7 PM, Krone Library.

#### Monday, June 25

**Hot Clay Lecture:** Jeff Oestreich, *Soda Firing*. 7 PM, Krone Library.

**Artists Reception & Visiting Faculty Show.** 8 PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show continues through July 1.

#### Tuesday, June 26

**Artist Lectures:** Brian Cohen, Ray Roberts Peggi Kroll-Roberts. 7 PM, Krone Library.

#### Wednesday, June 27

**Hot Clay Lecture:** Posey Bacopoulos, *Majolica*. 7 PM, Krone Library.

#### Thursday, June 28

**Hot Clay Lecture:** Linda Ganstrom, *The Figure*. 7 PM, Krone Library.

#### Sunday, July 1

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# Summer Concert Series starts with parade and a big band

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

The 13th annual Idyllwild Summer Concert Series begins with a musical preview in the Fourth of July Parade. Six float-borne members of Ken Dahleen's Big Band Staff, this season's opening act, will send out an instrumental invitation along the parade route. As the series' pied pipers, Dahleen's combo will use its music to entice attendees to the July 5 concert at the Idyllwild Playground and Community Center site. "People often aren't clear when the series starts," said Dahleen, "with so much going on each summer. We thought a musical reminder in the parade would be a good thing."

Next week we'll highlight Dahleen and his band as the series' opener, offering a taste of what the maestro has cooked up for this post Fourth of July special.

Returning popular acts include Grupo Bohemio with its Santana Tribute (July 12); the Louisiana delta-bred, foot-stomping musical contagion known as Lisa Haley and the Zydecats (July 19); the Coachella Valley Symphony under new maestro, Broadway conductor and pit orchestra veteran Wayne Abravanel (July 26); City Beat Rock and Roll,

composed of serving or retired police officers (Aug. 2); Rick Grady and the United Blues Band (Aug. 9); and popular jazz song stylist Sherry Williams with the Keith Droste Quartet (Aug. 16).

The United States Marine Corps San Diego Recruit Depot Band is new this year, replacing the long popular 29 Palms-based Combat Center Band that was deactivated in January of this year. The San Diego Recruit Depot Band, under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Stephanie Wire, band officer, and Master Sergeant Stephen Jeremiah Jr., bandmaster, plays on Saturday, July 21 from 3 to 4:30, the only day they were available, noted Dahleen.

Following the Marine Band concert, the Lemon Lily Festival moves from the Nature Center to the center of town with "A Little Bluegrass" concert starting at 4:30 p.m. between the Fort and Jo'An's Restaurant. The street will be closed, tables will be set, and food and beverages will be available.

With the two events, Idyllwild will be filled with a rich mix of live music and musical styles.

Dahleen noted the difficulty that faces him and his board each year is fundrais-



**Ken Dahleen**, Idyllwild Summer Concert Series organizer and lead man for the opening act, assembles a park bench on Thursday during the Idyllwild Community Playground build.

PHOTO BY HALIE JOHNSON

ing. With a roughly \$20,000 budget for the summer concert series, Dahleen begins each year on a wing and a prayer with marginal money on hand, relying on the generosity of the commu-

nity and series donors and sponsors to put the series in the black before the season is over. Potential donors and sponsors can contact Dahleen at kdahleen@dc.rr.com.

## Mayoral results to be announced July 1

By MONK  
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

The ballots have been cast for the election of Idyllwild's first mayor. A lot of treats and kibble were being exchanged last week, according to my olfactory system.

"The overall result and response was beyond our wildest expectation," said Janice Murasko, election organizer.

Jeri Sue Haney, manager of the BBVA Idyllwild Branch, has the results in a sealed envelope. They will be announced 4 p.m., Sunday, July 1, at a barbecue at ARF on Highway 243.

"When voting, many people asked about ARF and expressed great concern about supporting the town's homeless cats and dogs," Murasko said.

At that time, not only will the new mayor be recognized, but ARF will announce the vice mayor (number two in the results) and three Council members (the next three

runners-up).

The other candidates have been promised appointments in the next mayor's cabinet, as departmental commissioners or other significant roles.

The inaugural ceremony will include much more than the usual celebratory barks or meows. Will Bonner will provide music for the new council. Bailey Wines and Boar's Head Food donated food and wine for human spectators.

For those who wish to attend and meet or sniff the newly elected officers, there will be a \$3 fee, which will include the food.

In an exclusive, this reporter has already sniffed out plans that may affect the town's new executives. Murasko has heard that campaigns are already afoot, being planned for 2013. I can confirm this from messages, which were reported on several IWD hydrants.

Monk can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).

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Volunteers are ready to work from day 1 on Wednesday, laying the foundation for the playground.

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On Thursday, **Kerry Campbell** (left) and **Kelly Clark** create texture on some wood for the Community Center Playground.

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The posts start going up for the maze on the first day of the playground build at the Community Center site. At right, the structure steeples are constructed.

PHOTOS BY BARBARA REESE



**Allison Baldwin, Melinda St. Pierre, Terry Richardson, Jane Huddleston and Karen Johnston** paint fence posts on Wednesday. At left, a volunteer brings a wheelbarrow to haul away dirt as post holes are dug out.

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The maze transforms into structures on day 2, Thursday, as platforms are built.

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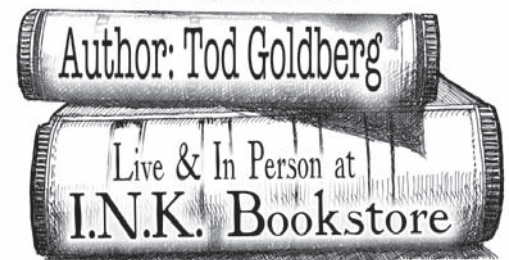
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**Jeri John** (right) with the assistance of **Richard Schwartz** (center) are securing the pickets for the new playground structure at ICC on Friday. **Cid Castillo** (left) assists with guiding the placement of the pickets.

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The Idyllwild Mountain Quilters designed a quilt out of tiles that will become one of the tabletops for the picnic tables at the playground. The quilters (from left) are **Penny Bottomly, Carolyn Hall, Dawn Miller, Judy Lawler, and Carmen Terrazas.**

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**Tiki Rickard** is creatively adding her artistic touch to the mural at the ICC playground on Saturday morning.

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At Friday's playground build, **Gemini Anderson** (left) and **Zora Schoner** help paint one of the structures for the new playground.

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**Joe Esparza** (right) and **Keith Shirley** camp director of Camp Maranatha, grill hamburgers and hot dogs to help feed all the volunteers of the community at Friday's playground build. All of the food for Friday's dinner was donated by Camp Maranatha.

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## Playground

*Continued from page 1*

this entire thing down to Disneyland's parking lot, their art department would take it in and install it as is. The quality and hand-rubbed finishes are up to Disney standards."

But it was the process of the community coming together to build the playground, as much as the end result, that caused many, including some fairly hardened and burly men, to tear up when discussing what they had experienced. "The level of this is amazing," said Rick Foster. "All the people who showed up, the good feeling, the cooperation." And trying to recount more, Foster, who managed the tool dispensary among many other responsibilities, had to turn away with tears welling in his eyes.

And over the five days from Wednesday, June 13, to Sunday, June 17, the story really was about the diverse cross section of those who showed up, to pitch in and serve. Regina, who

helped a saw and swung a hammer every day of the build; Christian, 16, who had come up from Fontana to spend time with his dad and apologized for being a little grumpy as he painted one of many structures.

"I had to get up so early," he said. He had been there with his dad Robert every day of the build from early morning to evening. "Here [Idyllwild] you can be yourself," he said. "There are so many different kinds of people, but they're nicer than people down below."

Another father and son, these two from the desert, who had come up to go hiking for an extended Father's Day weekend, stopped by the site to inquire what was going on and stayed to build for each of the five days; Ann, whose husband Cid worked in the construction crew, and had stated she was not into building, found a job signing people in and serving food. "I've never lived anywhere where the community was so involved," she said.

Volunteers including couples and singles, gay

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On Saturday Idyllwild's new playground is taking shape quickly thanks to all of the volunteers that generously donated their time; Love in Action!

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and straight, old and young, residents and visitors, Army enlistees, Target and All-state Insurance employees, nonprofit groups (the local Rotary, quilters, PTA, smARTS, Art Alliance of Idyllwild and others), as well as playground supporters and initial doubters. All got caught up in the excitement of creation and cooperation required to build a playground and, in the process, helped to bridge some of the community's divisions.

"This was the vision of three women," said lead organizer and playground advocate Dawn Sonnier at the Sunday dedication. Sonnier, Claudia Posey, Emily White and their families, along with the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council, believed the community needed a place for children to play and old and young to congregate.

"Children are our community and that's why we did this," said Sonnier at the dedication, tears welling as she thanked her 10 construction captains and the many critical volunteers, local business people and organizations who showed up to make the women's vision a reality. "This was an event that brought our town together. May you all be safe and may God bless all the children who play here."

Claudia Posey acknowl-



Many local families and businesses bought pickets for the playground as part of a fundraiser and now have their name displayed at the new ICC playground.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

edged Sonnier's lead role in bringing their shared vision to a perfected reality. "What you've done has meant the world to everyone involved, to the children to their parents and to generations to come," she said.

Sonnier summarized that weekday mornings saw 150 to 175 volunteers on site, afternoons averaged 125 and evenings from 50 to 75 volunteers. "We met our goals for sure, especially since we finished with everything at 1 p.m. on Sunday, well ahead of schedule," said Sonnier. On Monday morning, June 18, Leathers and Associates inspected and certified the playground as being safe for use.

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Jason Sonnier is putting some of last screws into the playground structure at ICC Sunday morning, Father's Day.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE



The children present flowers to Dawn Sonnier in gratitude for her fortitude in the building of their playground.

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Below, from left, Emily White, Rick Foster and Dawn Sonnier, a time of celebration with tears of gratitude

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At left, Geneva Dagnall, being pushed by her dad Bohan, is among the first to try out the new swingset just after Sunday evening's ribbon cutting.

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At right, Jan Jaspers-Fayer's butterfly sculpture hangs high above the park on dedication day.

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The Championship Wooley's Orioles with their statues are: (front row) **Brian Mabery, Nicole Cochrane, Lauren Badger and Nicola Sabin;** (middle row) **Seth Clowers, Jake Mabery, Alia Teeguarden, Maggie Mckimson, Ty Bride, Lainie Wilke, Destiny Makroulis and Tobin Ale.** The Orioles' coaches standing in the rear are **Robert Sabin, Jeremy Teeguarden and Jimmy Mabery.**

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE



**Cody Espinoza**, pitcher for the Higher Grounds Rays, winds up during last week's championship game against the Wooley's Orioles.

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At left, **Lilliana Sorensen**, playing for the Astros, bats against the Rangers in the Town Hall Minors Baseball Championship. The Town Crier apologizes for misidentifying **Lilliana** last week.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Above, the Astros proudly hold their trophies high after winning the Town Hall Minor Baseball game last Monday at Idyllwild School. It was a close game, 5-4 against the Rangers. Pictured team members are: (front row) **Lance George, Lillianna Sorenson, Jessa Smith, Manuel Guzman, Johnny Fuentes, and Layton Teeguarden;** (second row) **Odin Johnston, Henry Mendoza, Breanna Sheppard, Cody Fogle, Fatima Guzman, and Ethan Teeguarden.** The coaches, standing in the rear, are **Jeremy Teeguarden and Lance Fogle.**

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**Seth Clowers** hit a home run in Tuesday night's championship game, scoring the first run for Wooley's Orioles.

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SPORTS



Nicole Cochrane scores for the Oriole's, an RBI hit by teammate Ty Bride, at Tuesday night's championship game.

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Town Hall Youth Baseball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teegarden** reported on Town Hall Youth baseball for the week of June 11.

T-Ball League

Tuesday, June 12, was the last game for Idyllwild's littlest baseball players. The American Legion Dodgers played the Rotary Padres. Both teams played great and made a bunch of good plays. **Carter McLean** hit the ball really well in both of his turns at bat for the Padres. The Dodgers **Ethan Sheppard** played great in the field. Following the game the players from all three teams recieved their trophies.

Minor League

The championship game was Monday, June 11. The Suburban Propane Rangers won the playoff game to earn the opportunity to meet the Shell Astros in the Cchampionship game.

Both teams showed how much they had improved during the year as they got outs at all the bases. The Astros took the lead in the first inning as **Ethan Tee-guarden** knocked in **Johnny Fuentes**. The Rangers came back in the third inning with three runs as **Lilah Whitney** and **Emma Righetti** each scored a run and **Michael Stroud** drove in another run. The Rangers tacked on another run when **Fernando Maldanado** scored. Trailing 4-2 in the fourth inning, the Astros got big hits from **Cody Fogle** and **Layton Teegarden** to tie the game at four runs each. As the game entered the last inning, the Astros held the Rangers scoreless in the top of the inning. With the bases loaded and two outs, **Fatima Guzman's** hit scored **Lilliana Soren-son** with the wining run. The Astros won the Minor's Championship 5-4.

Major League

On Monday June 11, the Higher Grounds Rays and the Green Cafe Cubs had a one-game playoff to deter-mine which team went to the championship game. The Cubs scored right off the bat as **Aaron Potter** and **Aly Fogle** each had nice hits and **Zach Fogle** knocked in a

run. The Rays came right back with two runs in the next inning as **Josh Gray** and **Sierra Barnett** each got nice hits and scored. The Rays' **Noah Rutherford** settled down after the first inning and pitched a great game. For the rest of the game, the only run he gave up was Jake Gurlings' home run. The Rays kept tacking on runs as they went on to win 12-3 and advance to Tuesday's championship game.

The championship game pitted the Wooley's Orioles against the Higher Grounds Rays. The Rays struck first in the second inning. After **Rylan Hardy's** hit, **Cody Espinoza's** home run plated two runs. The Orioles came back the next inning. **Seth Clowers** got a leadoff home run to help propel the Orioles. **Lauren Badger** scored the last run in a big five-run inning. The Orioles' **Ty Bride** pitched awesome the rest of the game and only gave up one more run.

The Orioles added some late-inning runs and went on to win the championship game 10-3.

Thanks to all the sponsors, coaches, scorekeepers, um-pires and most of all the players on a great season.

Anyone interested in playing adult softball should contact Town Hall. There will be a coaches meeting 6 p.m., Friday, June 22 at Town Hall. The adult softball season will begin after the 4th of July.

Golf

**Jim Crandall**, Palms to Pines Golf Association handi-cap chair, provided this report on the Friday, June 15, golf tournament played at the Red Hawk Golf Club in Temecula.

The cool, cloudy morning gave way to a sunny afternoon. The course was in good shape with tiered greens.

**Bill Ragland** (course handicap 15) and **Bob Stea-rns** (22) tied for first place with net 71s; **Gary Leong** (16) took third with a net 74; **Jim Crandall** (11) took fourth with a net 76; and **Chuck Alkire** (11) and **Dan Slattery** (26) tied for fifth with net 77s.

Of the closest-to-the-pin contests on the four par 3s, **Chris Kramer** won on hole no. 4, Stearns won on no. 8, Alkire won on no. 12, and Leong won on no. 17.

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

Place	Golfer	Points
1	Stearns	25.25
3	Leong	21.5
2	Ragland	19
4 tied	Alkire	17.50
	John McAndrews	17.50
6	Crandall	17.33
7	John Brower	15.75
8	Slattery	15
9	Pete Capparelli	14.83
10	Robert Priefer	13.83
11	Bill Sanborn	12.75
12	Les Widerynski	12.5
13	John LoGiudice	10.75
14	Wayne Sleme	9.5
15	Gary Brown	3.5
16	Greg Piersol	2
17	Mona Gutierrez-Portales	1.50
18	Kramer	1
19 tied	Dale Calderon	.5
	Mike Feyder	.5
	Deborah Gmeiner	.5
	Mike McGerr	.5
	Ryan Righetti	.5

The competition will be fierce in next month's tournament, as players scramble to get into the top eight to qualify for the playoffs for club champion. The match play playoffs are held in August, September and October. The club champion goes on to play in the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) Tournament of Club Champions in December.

Points are awarded at each tournament as follows: first place, 6 points; second place, 4 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 2 points; fifth place, 1 point. In addition, one-half point is awarded to everyone who participates.

The club is a member of the Southern California Golf Association and is sanctioned to establish SCGA handicaps for members.

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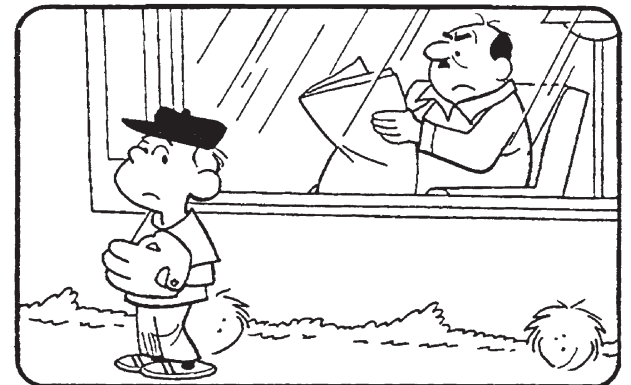
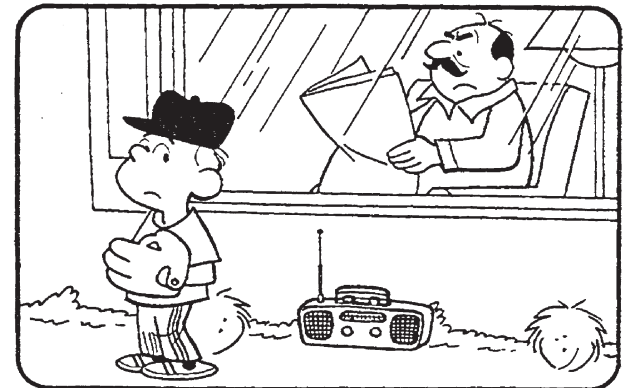
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**Answers to Sudoku**  
(Puzzle on next page)

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



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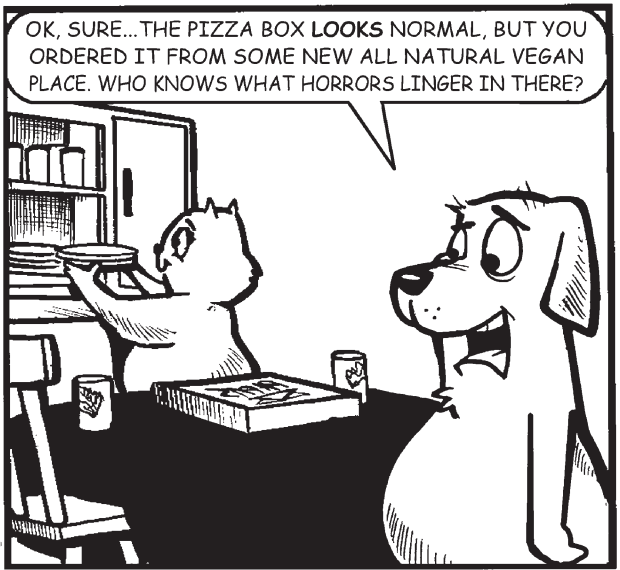
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**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Having an optimistic attitude is fine, as far as it goes. But don't be lulled into a false sense of confidence. There are still problems to deal with before you can totally relax.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel somewhat "crabby," as you fuss over plans that don't seem to work out. Maybe you're trying too hard. Ease up and let things happen without forcing them.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Heed that keen Leonine instinct. It's trying to tell you to delay making a decision until you're sure there are no hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to reach out to those who might be nursing hurt feelings over recent events. Best advice: Ignore any pettiness that could delay the healing process.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your understanding helps a colleague

get through a difficult period. Although you didn't do it for a reward, be assured that your actions will be repaid down the line.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You score some high marks in the workplace, which will count in your favor when you face the possibility of changing direction on your current career path.

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CROSSWORD

(Answers on previous page)

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- ACROSS**

1 Restroom, for short

4 Upper limit

7 Common ailments

12 "The Greatest"

13 Flamenco cheer

14 Refuge

15 Snapshots

16 Got really mad

18 Rushmore face

19 Angle on a gem

20 Galvanizing matter

22 Solidify

23 Poi base

27 Weeding need

29 Courtroom VIP

31 Kiddie-lit elephant

34 Portion

35 Online book-
- seller

37 Driver's license datum

38 Bronx cheer

39 "- Blue?"

41 Cab

45 Second president

47 X rating?

48 Linda Ronstadt hit

52 Moreover

53 Supermarket section

54 Inseparable

55 Golf position

56 To the rear, at sea

57 Roulette bet

58 Remiss

**DOWN**

1 Bolivia's capital

2 Out, of sorts?
- 3 Prancer's yokemate

4 - salad

5 Claim

6 Cause of annoyance

7 Brat's stocking stuffer

8 LummoX

9 Fighting Tigers' sch.

10 Bad-mouth (Sl.)

11 Away from NNW

17 Healthy

21 Actor Palmin-teri

23 'Mid, poeti-cally

24 Sailor's assent

25 Fun and games

26 Raw rock

28 Acapulco gold
- 30 Mimic

31 Prevent

32 Doc's org.

33 Director

36 Zilch, in Xochimilco

37 Author de Beauvoir

40 City boss

42 In any way, shape or form

43 Ohio city

44 Alphabetical listing

45 Help a hood

46 Sought damages

48 Ovine comment

49 Canadian pol. party

50 G8 member

51 Sprite

SUDOKU

(Answers on previous page)

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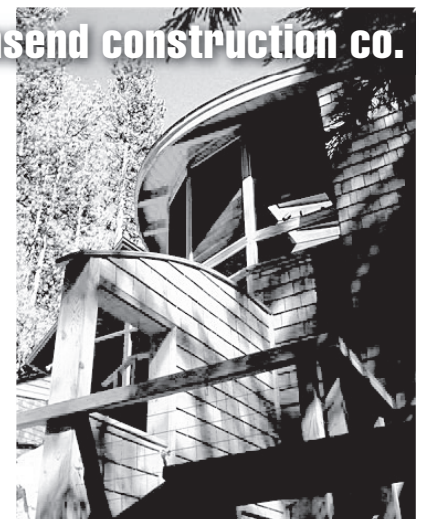
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Increases are planned for main line replacement and structures and paving and concrete.

General Manager Jerry

### Crime

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was stolen. Disorder and disruption seemed to be the motivation according to Bill Brown, CSA Operations Manager.

Three days later, Sunday, June 17, someone cut down the new parachute that provides shade over the children's play area in the rear of Town Hall, rendering the environment a lot hotter during these recent high temperature days. On the same day, someone broke one of the

picnic tables behind Town Hall and vandalized several others. Town Hall recreation uses those tables for children's arts and crafts sessions.

"This kind of behavior ultimately hurts the children," said Brown, who confirmed the Sheriff's Department had been notified and a report made.

In addition, 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone is offering a \$1,000 reward for any information that could lead to arrest and conviction of those responsible. "The county takes this issue very seriously and refuses to allow the perpetrators to intimidate children and families," Brown said.

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## State park

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## Lifelines

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## Off the leash

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During its 2011-12 budget preparation, DPR said the proposed funding cuts might result in the closure of 70 parks. Since then, several private organizations have negotiated agreement with DPR that would keep those parks open. AB 1589 goes further. It limits the number of parks subject to full closure during the 2012 to 2016 calendar years to 25 unless the Legislature authorizes a larger number after Jan. 1, 2013.

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## CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

Paws up to our Anza Gang for living in the moment. We continue to train, socialize and medically care for a few.

**Sydney**, the mini Aussie and the oldest of the rescue was the first to be scooped up into someone's arms. He spoke right up and his human listened. Sydney now lives in perfect harmony with **Chloe**, our ARF Chiweenie. Sydney needs extensive dental care, but will be loved and cherished through it all.

**Whisper**, our long-haired Chihuahua, has found his forever family too. Still a bit shy, he is learning to love the leash. And sometimes he gets to visit the beach.

**Lil Stevie**, our long-haired Chihuahua, sits on his pillow with a friendly greeting to all visitors. Partially blind, Stevie is self-sufficient. His gorgeous blond hair and soft demeanor makes him wonder why he is still living at the ARF house.

**Charlie Brown** and **Chip**, the teacup Chihuahuas have shown their own personalities. Charlie will bow, especially when food is being prepared, and then twirl faster than a top when dinner is served. He likes to give a few kisses, and is happiest in your arm or your purse. Chip is just a pistol. Chip the Skip is the alpha of the cups, but alone has a heart of gold, looking for that special someone.

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### 65 years ago - 1947

Fred Patton revealed he was smuggled into this area. "Back in 1895," he recalled, "a man stole me from my folks up in Sonoma County. He was interested in gold mining over by Kenworthy and he hijacked me along to help him." The mining experience didn't amount to much, but Fred stayed on.

### 60 years ago - 1952

The new Rustic Theatre finally opened. First attraction was "Red Mountain," starring Alan Ladd and Elizabeth Scott. "Skirts Ahoy," with Esther Williams, was to follow.

### 55 years ago - 1957

Deputies were investigating a mysterious dynamiting incident that occurred at 3:30 a.m. Evidence showed that someone set off some dynamite among boulders in Strawberry Creek near Peak and Pine Camp. It shook up the town.

### 50 years ago - 1962

The county asked local residents to place numbers



*In this photo published June 22, 1962, summer school teacher Jo Oddus put to use the new outdoor science lab built by the Izaak Walton League.*

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on their houses.

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Mr. and Mrs. Rod Welch announced the opening of the first unit of their Alandale Pines subdivision.

### 35 years ago - 1977

Five graduating high-school students received a record \$2,400 in awards from the Idyllwild Scholarship Fund at a Hemet High School awards assembly. The awards went to Marcus Clark, Steve Friemoth, Jeff Jones, Brett Miller and Anne Weverka.

### 25 years ago - 1987

Lilburn Swisher Barksdale, founder of the Barksdale Foundation, an organization helping individuals develop greater self-esteem, died at Hemet Valley Hospital.

### 20 years ago - 1992

The Idyllwild Lions Club and the whole town were gearing up for the third-annual Timber Fest.

### 15 years ago - 1997

Major construction was going on at Idyllwild Arts Academy. The school broke

ground for the Rena and George Pierson Hall. The dormitory was designed to hold 80 students.

### 10 years ago - 2002

Locals carried signs around the village center calling the Adventure Pass a "Fee-Asco" as part of the National Day of Protest Rally Against the U.S. Forest Service's Adventure Pass.

### 5 years ago - 2007

The Chamber of Commerce secured a bus, Beulah, to use for moving people around town. A licensed driver was still being recruited.

### 1 year ago - 2011

For the third time in three years, a Riverside County grand jury investigated and issued a report about the operations of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District. The general themes of the jury's report were how the board conducts its business, the board's oversight of operations, and the employment status of one of the board members.

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Scott Fisher of the Idyllwild Nature Center admires the first 2012 lemon lily blossom.

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Last week, at Diamond Valley Lake, Jesse Mena from Hemet caught a 24.52-pound striper by the East Dam.

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## Rentals

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provisions allowing the use of single-family dwellings as vacation rentals.

This ordinance identifies boarding, rooming and lodging house, bed and breakfast inns, motels and hotels, all of which are separate from single-family dwellings.

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Some of the issues related to regulating vacation rentals include the definition of a vacation home, including guest quarters, occupancy limits, parking availability, on-site special events, contact numbers, and the applicability of the transient occupancy tax.

Counsel shared with the board information about vacation home ordinances adopted in Sonoma and San Bernardino counties and the cities of Palm Springs and Laguna Beach.

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## A&E

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"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.  
Hot Clay Lecture, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

### Friday, June 29

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.  
Change Required, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.  
Hot Flash, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House  
"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Saturday, June 30

Arts & Crafts Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church.  
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.  
A Panegyric to Trees, Presented by Anne Kellogg, Expressive Arts Therapist, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.  
"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.  
Abacus, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.  
Keith McCabe, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.  
Change Required, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

### Sunday, July 1

Family Picnic & Outdoor Church Service, 9:30 a.m. At the Buchanan home.  
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.  
Lenny Hansell, noon-2:30 p.m. The Creek House, On the Deck.  
Jerome Robinson, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jo'An's.  
Idyllwild Author Series with George Snyder, 2 p.m. INK Bookgathering.  
"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.  
Hot Clay Lecture, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

### Monday, July 2

Cribbage, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Town Hall.  
Childrens Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.  
"Abraham Lincoln Vampire Hunter," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.  
Native Artists Demonstration, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.  
Artists Reception & Visiting Faculty Show, Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

### Tuesday, July 3

Seniors' Wii activities, 10 a.m.-noon; Tap Dance with Annika Kay, 3-4 p.m.; Ballet/ Tap with Annika Kay, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.

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### The Rules

Contest is open to everyone. Submit up to three 8" x 10" glossy color images. If images are digital, they must be submitted on a CD or DVD, be at least 300 dpi when scaled to 8" x 10" and must be accompanied by high-quality glossy color prints for judging. Include your name, address, phone number, e-mail and location on the back of each print (make sure you use a pen that doesn't smear or bleed onto other prints). Also, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for safe return of your work. **New this year: Limit 3 submissions per person.**

You can drop off your entries at the Town Crier at 54295 Village Center Drive, or mail to Town Crier Photo Contest, P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Sorry, no email submissions.

While the Town Crier will reserve the right to publish the photos and use them in promotional material, photographers will still own the rights to their work. Questions? E-mail: [halie@towncrier.com](mailto:halie@towncrier.com)

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