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Members of the American Legion Post 800 Honor Guard stand at attention and the crowd salutes the flag during Monday's Memorial Day service.

PHOTO BY TRACY MAHOLLAND

Idyllwild Water OKs 12-percent rate increase

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Idyllwild Water District customers will begin paying new rates in July following the Board of Directors' unanimous approval of a 12-percent increase for both water and sewer at its May 22 meeting.

For the average residential user, the new water rate will be \$27.07, a \$2.90 increase from the current level of \$24.17. The new rates will be applied to all customer categories — base rates as well as the tiered usage rates.

The base rate increase will be effective on the July bill, but the usage increased rate will appear on the August bill, applied to July water use.

Hosny Shouman, IWD chief finance officer, in explaining the reasons for two 6-percent increases, said operating expenses have been growing faster than water sales revenue for several years.

Through April, the district's water operating expenses exceeded water revenue by nearly \$200,000.

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Art Alliance's summer kickoff takes artists outdoors

By BETTY BAILEY
CORRESPONDENT

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild is welcoming summer 2013 with a weekend celebration of art in the great outdoors. It's the AAP's Annual Plein Air Festival, which takes place June 7, 8 and 9. The free event brings artists and art lovers together in the scenic mountain town of Idyllwild.

On Friday, June 7, the festivities begin with an artists panel featuring renowned California plein air painters Richard Stergulz and Erich Neubert.

Stergulz, a former commercial artist, is known for touches of Russian impressionism in his realistic style. He has won numerous awards for his paintings, which can be found in gal-



Elaine Mathews of Rancho Mirage paints a scene at the Village Center in 2012.

FILE PHOTO

leries throughout Southern California.

Neubert gave up a career in the computer field to pursue his passion for art. His plein air work frequently focuses on great American landscapes, including Mammoth Lakes, Zion National Park and Laguna Beach. He is an active member of the

See Art outdoors, page 11

Town Crier office moving Clarks new owners

Tindle Newspapers, the owner of the building in which the Town Crier is presently leasing space, has asked all of its tenants, including the Town Crier, to leave by July 1.

Also, Tindle has announced that its subsidiary, Idyllwild Publications Inc., has reached an agreement in principle to sell assets, including the Town Crier, to a new close corporation that Jack and Becky Clark of Idyllwild have formed. That sale is expected to close shortly.

Mrs. Clark was publisher-editor of the Town Crier from 1996 to 2009, and has worked at the Town Crier since 1984 under three ownerships. The move to the new location will be her third with the Town Crier.

She will return to her position as publisher-editor, as well as president and CEO of the new corporation.

Mr. Clark is secretary/treasurer and CFO of the new corporation. He will continue to follow Idyllwild pro golfer Brendan Steele and contribute these reports to the newspaper.

The new Town Crier office will open Monday, June 24, and be located in the front suite in the Oakwood Village center at 54425 North Circle Drive. The office will be closed Friday, June 21, for the primary move.

The Town Crier will continue publication uninterrupted.

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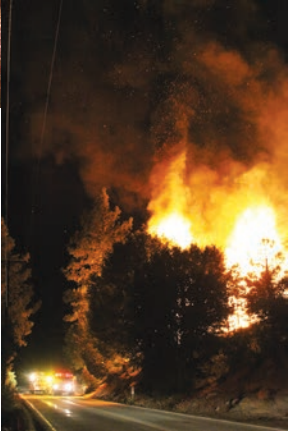




Hoses and fire trucks take over Highway 243 late Wednesday night after reports of a fully involved residential structure fire. Idyllwild Fire and Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire were on scene through the early morning hours of Thursday extinguishing the flames.

A two-story, 4,000-square-foot home was fully involved in flames at 25000 Highway 243 near Foster Lake Road. Flames shot sky high as firefighters worked to get it under control.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Idyllwild Fire personnel talk with **Andrew Philips**, 29, (center) of Idyllwild after he rolled his Honda CRV down an embankment about 120 feet about 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 22, according to California Highway Patrol Officer **Chris Blondon**. Philips was driving north on Highway 243 near Saunders Meadow when he lost control of the vehicle that subsequently went airborne and rolled down the embankment. Philips had an abrasion to his shoulder, but refused to be transported to the hospital. Idyllwild Garage removed the vehicle Tuesday, May 28, midday while Idyllwild Fire personnel directed traffic.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Idyllwild Fire Protection District and Cal Fire crews responded to a tour bus fire on Highway 243 at South Circle Drive across from Idyllwild Storage around 11 a.m. Friday. Captain **Patrick Reitz** said there were flames coming from the back sides of the bus when IFPD arrived. A large “boom” heard in town was the bus’s airbags exploding. Crews were working to extinguish the fire. Traffic was being diverted up South Circle to Bicknell Lane to Marion View and up Saunders Meadow back down to Highway 243.

PHOTO BY HALIE JOHNSON



According to California Highway Patrol Officer **Mike Murawski**, at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 26, three cars and a total of five occupants were involved in a collision on Highway 243 near Mountain Center. **Francisco Gutierrez Filadelfo** (center), 22, of Thousand Palms, was driving his orange Nissan pickup truck north on Highway 243 when he crossed the double-yellow line, side-swiping a silver Toyota Sequoia and then hit a green Mitsubishi Montero Sport traveling behind the Toyota. Filadelfo was checked for injuries, but denied transport to the hospital. The driver of the Montero also denied transport.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



On Wednesday, May 22, a large truck lies on its side blocking traffic for several hours on Highway 74.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

The merry, merry month of May ...

May has been a very interesting month for sure. May saw the annual Pacific Crest Trail migration, the Idyllwild Earth Fair, the wildflower show at the Nature Center, the return of Dr. Michael Hamilton for a visit, Memorial Day weekend yard sales and many other art and cultural events.

May also saw a trip to the emergency room for yours truly and another complete computer breakdown that took two weeks to fix.

During those two weeks I shot more than 900 photographs, which all needed editing when I finally got my computer back Memorial Day.

For the past month, I have photographed flowers almost seven days a week. Now I have enough material for about 10 columns; but I will just use this column to hit a few highlights from the last two weeks.

I attended Michael Hamilton's lecture Friday evening. As usual I was blown away by his encyclopedic knowledge of all ecological subjects pertaining to our local mountains. The lecture itself was about 10 scientists and their studies in Idyllwild. As is typical, Hamilton filled the talk with wit and charm turning what could have been a dry lecture into an enjoyable look at the history of our mountains.

Not to be one to pass up an opportunity, I asked Hamilton to help me identify a white flower, which I had spotted in Garner Valley near Fobes Ranch Road. After he looked at my picture, he identified it as blue flax, *Linum lewisii*. After further study I discovered that sometimes the blue flowers are so pale in color they look white.

On Saturday, I drove all over Idyllwild looking for yard sales while keeping my eye out for wildflowers along the roadsides and in the open areas around people's yards.

I picked up seven used picture frames and took about 40 pictures of lupines, lotus, slender cinquefoils and numerous tiny blue butterflies.

Speaking of butterflies, I have had some success with photographing four species of the "blues." Most of the blues have about 1-inch wingspans that make them difficult to photograph.

They do tend to perch on plants once in a while so if you are careful you can get close enough for a shot or two. This week I took photos of marine blue, acum blue, lupine



By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The U.S. Forest Service is seeking public comment on the proposed May Valley non-motorized trail project for the San Jacinto Ranger District.

"The May Valley area is an important area for non-motorized trail recreation users on the San Jacinto Ranger District. May Valley contains approximately 50 miles of both unauthorized non-system and authorized

blue and Boisduval's blue butterflies.

Reptile encounters were also numerous these past two weeks. The most noteworthy happened when I was out walking along Idyllwild Creek and came upon a large garter snake right in the middle of the trail.



A Boisduval's blue butterfly takes a rest while foraging for food.

PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS

Something seemed to be wrong with its head so I put on my glasses and realized the snake had a large lizard in its mouth. While it slithered off the trail with its prey, I snapped a few photos before it disappeared into the brush.

On Sunday, I returned to look at the wildflower display at the Nature Center. I saw many interesting species including a beautiful stream orchid.

After seeing and photographing all the wildflowers, I began to feel as if I had been lobotomized. In a day or two, after my camera and personal batteries have been recharged, I will be back on the hunt for wildflowers and butterflies.

Forest Service plans trail changes in May Valley

National Forest System (forest system) roads and trails that are popular with mountain bikers, equestrians and hikers," begins the agency's planning proposal (available on the Town Crier website at www.towncrier.com).

The San Bernardino National Forest proposal analyzes adding non-motorized trails to the National Forest Transportation System, and closing and rehabilitating unauthorized trails on the San Jacinto Ranger District.

The area is limited to

Hurkey Creek County Park north to Idyllwild and west to McCall County Park.

The proposal would expand the existing 3.2 miles of authorized forest system trails to include 23.6 miles of currently unauthorized trails or roads and another 2.6 miles of reroutes or new construction.

The resulting action would provide about 10 miles of class 2 trails (used by mountain bikers and hikers) and 20 miles of class 3 trails (wider and used by pack and saddle stock, as well as mountain bikers and hikers). Nearly 24 miles of these trails are not currently authorized as system trails.

Some do not view the pending changes as totally positive. Simon Barnes of Idyllwild said, "If this is passed, we will lose about 40 of the current 50 miles of single-track trails that are being ridden by locals and visitors to town. Thirty miles of the 50 will be widened to 4 feet using a small bulldozer. These are designed for horses. Of the remaining 20, 10 will be closed. If this does go through, it will effectively impact our economy and the viability of promoting

Idyllwild as a mountain biking destination."

The availability of these trails could take up to 10 years depending upon the funding, according to the Forest Service. In addition, the agency implementation is also dependent upon partnerships for construction, maintenance and management.

Electronic comments may be submitted in common doc, pdf, rtf or txt formats to: comments-pacific-southwest-san-bernardino-san-jacinto@fs.fed.us with Subject: May Valley Trail Project. Comments may be mailed to: San Jacinto Ranger District, P.O. Box 518, Idyllwild, CA 92549, or delivered to 54270 Pine Crest Ave., Idyllwild, during business hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.).

This document and others associated with the project may also be accessed on the San Bernardino National Forest website (http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=15568).

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PCWD president dies unexpectedly

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Thomas McCullough, 74, of Pine Cove, unexpectedly passed away Monday night at a Los Angeles hospital.

McCullough was there for some neck surgery, but incurred breathing problems

and eventually could not be resuscitated. His wife, Joan, survives.

McCullough was born Nov. 18, 1938. After settling in Idyllwild, he was elected to the Pine Cove Water District Board of Directors in 2002. He had been serving as board president since 2005.

He was also treasurer for the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, where he has served since 2005.

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Tom McCullough photographed earlier this month.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



Four candidates for HUSD seat

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Four people have submitted applications to replace Bill Sanborn, Area 1 (Idyllwild) trustee, on the Hemet Unified School District Governing Board.

The interviews to fill the

position will be held at an open and public meeting of the Governing Board at 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 4, at the Professional Development Service Center Room 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.

Action will be taken at that meeting to make the

appointment.

The eligible candidates who filed their applications by the established deadline are John W. Graham, Robert S. Righetti, Victor J. Scavarda and Charles A. Schelly.

Sanborn announced his resignation, effective July 1,

earlier this month.

The board anticipates the successful candidate will be provisionally appointed, and will be sworn in on or before the scheduled board meeting for July 16.

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County issues abatement notices

After more than 66,000 annual parcel inspections, the Riverside County Fire Department Hazard Reduction Office has issued about 9,500 Notices of Violation and Order to Abate to vacant-parcel owners within recurring targeted unincorporated areas in Riverside County.

Supported by Riverside County Ordinance 695.4, those parcel owners that received a NOV are required to clear their parcel(s) of weeds and hazardous vegetation as per the requirements set forth in the notice.

As an additional fire safety measure, Riverside

County Fire Chief John R. Hawkins has implemented a proclamation suspending open burning in all state and local responsibility areas within the county. The order was effective 6 a.m., Saturday, May 25.

The Riverside County Fire Department website, www.rvcfire.org, provides a multitude of resources for proper parcel clearance, including:

- Hazard abatement guidelines
- County contractor list for abatement
- Proper equipment use
- County ordinances pertaining to hazard abatement

ment

In addition to suspension of open burning, these areas are also subject to the following restrictions:

- Campfires are restricted to within established campfire facilities located in established campgrounds open to the public.
- Agricultural burning in the Palo Verde Valley and Coachella Valley is authorized as required for

agricultural rehabilitation.

- Cooking fires with a valid permit are permitted when no alternative means of cooking is available and require an on-site inspection prior to the issuance of a permit.

- Warming fires are permitted after an on-site inspection prior to the issuance of a permit when weather conditions exist to justify the request.

Strange but true

The shamrock is often associated with Ireland, so you might be surprised to learn that it's not the country's national symbol. The official symbol is actually a Celtic harp, which makes Ireland the only country in the world to have a musical instrument for its national emblem.

Obituary Lucas Alan Dunn

Lucas Alan Dunn, beloved son of Al and Kathy and brother to Ian, Maureen and Jillian, passed away Friday, May 17, in Idyllwild, Calif. while rock climbing on Lily Rock.

Lucas was 21 and had just completed his last final for a history degree at California State University, San Marcos. He was celebrating his accomplishment by rock climbing, which is his passion.

He had been accepted into the International Study Aboard program where he was to double major in French. Lucas was to leave in August for Aix-en-Provence, France, and would wait to walk at graduation next year.

He attended Idyllwild school K-8th grade and graduated from Hemet High in 2009.

He worked two summers at Camp Maranatha as camp staff and had been employed by Nomad Ventures since his senior year in high school.

He knew nothing but success and we could not be more proud of our son.

His memorial service will be 5 p.m. Sunday, June 2, at Camp Maranatha, 54162 Maranatha Dr., Idyllwild. The service will be in the amphitheater and all are invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted to Camp Maranatha, P.O. Box 1736, Idyllwild, CA 92549, in his honor.



Thought for the Day

"Most people would sooner die than think; in fact, they do so." — Bertrand Russell

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 10.

THURSDAY, MAY 30

- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Ave., Persons interested may show up or phone (951) 659-4910.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

FRIDAY, MAY 31

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or e-mail jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. BBQ 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr., Pine Cove.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, Zen-style from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Loft in

the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Contact Valerie Kyoshin Velez for more information at (951) 392-6507 or kyoshinvelez@gmail.com.

- 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 2

- 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.-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 3

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Loft in

the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

- Mountain Nonfiction Writers Group, 7 p.m. For information and address, call Larry Kueneman (951) 659-2567.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income) & Senior Food sharing (anyone over age 60 qualifies), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mormon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.
- Idyllwild Garden Club, noon, "Garden Water Features," Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Anza Valley Citizens Patrol, 6 p.m. Call Brian, (951) 763-5324.
- Hilltop Horsemen, 6 p.m. Call Chuck Streeter, 659-2167.
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

- 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., Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Pain Without Meds Group,

10 a.m., Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

- Lemon Lily Festival planning session, 10 a.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, Highway 243.
- Garner Valley Women's Club, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Chamber of Commerce, 54325 North Circle Dr., 12-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 659-3259.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, noon-8 p.m. Tuesday, noon-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Historic Preservation board organizing

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The new Idyllwild Historic Preservation District Local Review Board is working hard to establish operating procedures so it can soon begin the essence of its purpose — reviews of proposed alterations to local historic properties within the district.

At its May 23 meeting, the board adopted the County's policy A-21, "Advisory boards, commissions and committees," as guidelines for conducting business.

Then it recommended a set of design guidelines to the County Planning Department for use with future permit applications associated with his-

toric properties within the Idyllwild district.

The board also reviewed the Historic Preservation Plan and a draft historic alteration permit, which it has worked to reduce from 14 pages to four.

"The plan has to be approved by the Board and then adopted by the Planning Department to use with permit applications," Board President Warren Monroe said and County Historic Preservation Officer Keith Herron confirmed.

The board also is considering a tour of the Historic District before a future meeting.

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CHAMBER WRITES

Disposition of the Chamber's assets

Editor's note: The following letter, dated May 28, was received just before the paper went to press.

It explains how the Chamber plans to dispose of its assets, including "Harmony," the monument.

EDITOR:

We, the undersigned members of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce, in light of the absence of a Board of Directors and a lack of nominees or volunteers to fill the empty seats, and following a Special General Membership Meeting at which the vote was unanimous for dissolution, have formed a Dissolution Committee and informed the membership of this decision.

On the subject of dissolution, the Chamber bylaws

state only:

"In the event of a dissolution of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce, any funds or property remaining shall be distributed to one or more regular organized and qualified charitable, scientific or philanthropic organizations to be selected by the Board of Directors."

We propose the following dispersal of the Chamber's assets to local 501(c)3 non-profit corporations:

- The Town Monument and the remaining funds in the monument account to the **Art Alliance of Idyllwild**, with the Idyllwild Rotary Club agreeing to take care of maintaining it.

- The shuttle van to the **Art Alliance of Idyllwild**.

- Historical documents, memorabilia, folding tables, file cabinets and vacuum cleaner to the **Idyllwild Area Historical Society**.

- Computer, printer and office supplies to the **Seroptimists International of Idyllwild**.

- Four-panel convention back-drop to the **Friends of the Idyllwild Nature Center**.

- EZ-Up tent to the **Idyllwild Community Center**.

- One case of emergency kits Chamber defibrillator and margarita machine to the **Mountain Disaster Preparedness**.

- Remaining furniture and assorted items to the **Idyllwild HELP Center**. Any remaining cash in the general account after the Chamber's final expenses have been paid will also go to the **Idyllwild HELP Center**.

DAVID JEROME
STEVE MOULTON
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CHRIS SINGER

READERS WRITE

GSOB: Other thoughts

EDITOR:

I am aware of my passion for trees when discussing their care, and particularly in this case, trying to save them from sure death.

In "Pest Notes" at www.GSOB.org in the "Biological Control" section, it states, "Three primary natural enemies have been associated with GSOB [Goldspotted Oak Borer] ..."

But your article on the front page of Homes & Land Improvement 2013 states "... no native California predator ..." I feel those phrases are contradictory to each other regardless of the use of phrases like "currently believed," "significant levels" and "no defense."

Also, I have heard from several people that the Town Crier article is causing them confusion because of the insecticidal options.

They want to save their trees and will invest the money to do so if there is even a chance it will work. Each individual must be given the opportunity to decide if it is cost-effective as that is a subjective decision. And in reality, the cost is a lot less than most people think.

Of course, this depends on the integrity (and overhead) of the professional they talk to.

While the language in the article is technically correct, there is no scientifically proven treatment for 100-percent control for this particular pest. This is why Kevin Turner, Goldspotted Oak Borer program coordinator, UC Cooperative Extension, University of California, Riverside, and others cannot legally tell you there is because their study on the GSOB is not complete. It could take years for that research to be complete and then it may be too late.

The article comes across as being fatalistic — there is no hope, don't even try. Most people are not going to wait around for their trees to die until a certain study is complete.

The research proving success in treating other tree-killing insects with similar physiology and behavior, such as the Emerald Ash Borer, are basically the same. The biggest difference is the "cook following the recipe."

Of course it works more effectively on trees that have not been affected yet or have been only moderately affected. Again, is this "no defense"?

The GSOB.org website under "Pest Notes, Chemical Control" explains all the options, albeit with numerous disclaimers in the wording that legally and ethically they are obligated to do until they have the definitive results, which it sounds like you are looking for.

I totally understand that we want to protect the community from unscrupulous vendors capitalizing on people's fears. And I know I am biased, but certified arborists have the most knowledge when it comes to trees and their care.

So, from my perspective, we can't say definitively there is a treatment that will work 100 percent every time, nor can we say that there is no treatment that will work.

We have a wonderful community filled with honest and caring people (as I believe we both are) and another opportunity to work together to solve a common problem. If we have success in saving at least some of our oaks, the ramifications of passing on this information to other communities so they can save some of their oaks would be awesome.

DEBORAH GEISINGER
ISA CERTIFIED ARBORIST
IDYLLWILD

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



How to get a letter published

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Over-pay not firefighters' fault

EDITOR:

In a recent letter to the editor and in editorial comments in this paper, one of Idyllwild Fire's firefighters has been criticized for 1) making too much money, 2) playing too active a role in the affairs of the department and 3) failing to properly oversee the department's budget and expenditures.

The firefighter in question is Acting Captain Mark Lamont. For well over a year Lamont has served as "administrative captain" while receiving an engineer's salary.

If there's one thing I learned during my 3-1/2 years serving as a fire commissioner it's that Mark Lamont is one of, if not, the most valuable member of Idyllwild Fire Protection District and we should thank our lucky stars we have someone like him working for us.

Mark's basic salary is the same amount received by the other engineers. The rest of the \$143,000 he was paid last year was overtime pay and much of that was the result of him volunteering to take part in what is called a strike team.

Most fire departments belong to Mutual Aid Agreements, meaning that when one fire department needs help the other members of the agreement send strike teams to wherever the fire happens to be. The team may be kept on scene anywhere from one to several days and they are on duty 24 hours a day. During that time they are paid time-and-a-half. The good thing is that IFPD is fully reimbursed for those expenses.

As it turns out, very few of our fire captains and engineers are interested in being part of a strike team, so Lamont fills in whenever he's needed. As for doing too

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Covered California announces 2014 health plans

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Covered California announced on May 23 the 13 diverse health insurance plans that will offer millions of Californians affordable, quality health care coverage beginning in 2014. Thousands of doctors and more than 300 hospitals are part of the plans' networks. The tentative selection of health plans is subject to state regulators' rate review.

In Riverside and San Bernardino counties, seven plans will compete for customers (see the accompany-

ing table). The plans reflect a mix of large nonprofit and commercial plans, along with well-known Medi-Cal and regional plans.

Covered California health plans will be offered in a tiered format with a choice of plans in each tier. The "metal levels" — bronze, silver, gold and platinum — define the level of coverage you pay as a patient compared to what the plan pays. The Affordable Care Act defines the metal levels that specify how medical costs will be apportioned between the individual and the insurance provider:

The actual monthly premiums will depend on the individual's age, income level, region and whether the family is included.

In 2014, the ACA requires nearly all citizens to have health insurance or pay a penalty.

Health officials say it's impossible to make a direct comparison of the proposed rates to existing premiums in the commercial market. In 2014, new standard benefits will be designed under the Affordable Care Act. Also, the actual change in an individual's premium will

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Covered California coverage levels

Metal level	Paid by health plan	Paid by consumer
Bronze	60%	40%
Silver	70%	30%
Gold	80%	20%
Platinum	90%	10%

The seven health insurance plans Covered California will make available in Riverside and San Bernardino counties

Anthem Health Maintenance Organization
Anthem Preferred Provider Organization
Blue Shield PPO

Health Net HMO
Health Net PPO
Kaiser Permanente HMO
Molina Healthcare HMO

Locals join in Monsanto protest

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The national protest against Monsanto Company and its genetically modified food products touched Idyllwild, as well as the nation.

Local protest organizers began assembling around 11 a.m. Saturday to prepare signs and placards. About noon, the march of several dozen people started on North Circle Drive and continued to Strawberry Plaza, the location of Harvest Market, a supporter of natural

and untampered food products.

Nationally the protest occurred in nearly 400 cities, according to various news reports. While dozens participated locally, observers of the Coachella Valley march felt the heat dampened the protesters' spirits.

Rick Barker of Idyllwild and one of the march's organizers shared these comments: "Our march was instigated by a local group of concerned citizens, named simply Idyllwild Conversations (our Tuesday night

meetings are usually listed in the Town Crier as This Is This Conversation).

"Idy's own Pedro 'Pete' wrote and performed two original songs to close the event.

"The worldwide march has already inspired a big step forward: The largest health food chain, Whole Foods Market, announced that they will no longer be carrying any brands that do not voluntarily label their products as to whether they include GMOs or not."

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Locals take part in a national rally against the Monsanto corporation, which is drawing heavy protest across the nation for its genetically modified food designed to feed a growing population.

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Readers

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much in the way of serving our fire department and community, Mark deserves our gratitude, not our criticism.

And then there's the administration of the budget, and what some people refer to as "that mess in the fire department," referring to the health insurance payments that weren't deducted from the firefighters' pay.

About a year-and-a-half ago our in-house certified

public accountant at the time correctly determined that health care benefits should be added to the firefighters' gross pay amount, then deducted from the net amount shown on the their pay checks.

The problem was that it was added to the gross, but not deducted from the amount of the pay checks, at least not in all cases. Apparently, there was a breakdown in communications with the company that prepares the checks.

So why didn't Lamont or the board spot the error?

First of all, the net amount shown on each firefighter's pay check fluctuates on an almost monthly basis due to overtime along with recent changes in their salaries and retirement contributions.

Making it even harder to notice is the fact that not all of the firefighters participate in the basic health plan arrangement. Some are paid the money and then use it to buy their own insurance at a lower cost, or maybe their spouse has insurance that covers the whole family so they receive the money legitimately under what is

called the Cafeteria Plan.

Add to that the fact that several firefighters have their checks deposited directly into their bank accounts and in some instances their spouses handle the finances.

And one thing is for sure: If you had been on the board or were the administrative captain, you wouldn't have noticed the error either.

Kudos to Jerry Buchanan for figuring it all out, but even he would tell you that it wasn't easy.

BEN KILLINGSWORTH
IDYLLWILD

Lil' Bruisers graduate

EDITOR:

Does anyone remember the Lil' Bruisers?

Back in 1997, I returned to the U.S. and Idyllwild from Vienna, Austria, with my 2-year-old daughter Bethany. There was an ad in the Town Crier for a (toddler) playgroup.

The amazing thing about this group was that they were all kids born between February and September 1995; 12 toddlers all my daughter's age.

This group of parents met every month. Our kids played together, we celebrated birthdays, we went to a play, picked apples, went to Sea World, a museum, were visited by Santa and were in the Fourth of July parade.

Now these kids are graduating and Bethany is one of them.

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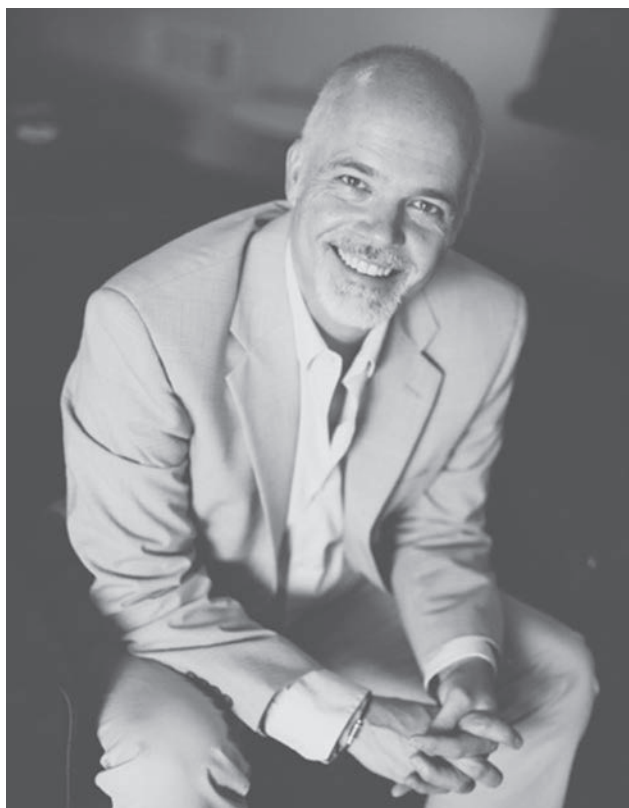
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Doug Ashcraft takes helm of Idyllwild Arts Academy



Doug Ashcraft

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By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Doug Ashcraft is now officially head of the Idyllwild Arts Academy. Since the former school president left in July 2012, Ashcraft had been interim head and dean of the school. Last week, the school's Board of Governor's decided to make Ashcraft's position permanent.

While Idyllwild Arts serves two separate, somewhat overlapping functions, the Summer Program has long had an executive director — Steve Fraider — who is also serving as interim executive director of Idyllwild Arts.

The arts school will now have a comparable leader to the Summer Program. "This now reflects that structure," Ashcraft said. Now the board will begin to focus on finding a new president for

the institution.

Meanwhile, at the Academy's helm, Ashcraft plans a thoughtful and deliberative approach. "We have the challenge to make sure we stay current and continue to look at the program and stay competitive with other schools, not just other art schools," Ashcraft stated.

Ashcraft has been at Idyllwild Arts since 1993, when he came from graduate school (the University of Southern California) as the staff accompanist. He became full-time piano faculty in 1997, chair of the Music Department in 2002 and dean of the arts in 2008.

He's not adverse to change, but "change" is not his goal, rather only a means to providing the type of educational experience unique to Idyllwild Arts. His definition of the school's mission is creating "independent thinkers and

life-long learners."

But leading a private school in the mountains has not isolated him from current events. He is quite aware of the trends in the educational arena, and the effort to quantify output raises concerns.

"I hear about the debate in public schools about developing people versus taking tests," Ashcraft said. "It's important to me as an independent school that we would stay away from that."

As an example, Ashcraft described how the school consciously chose to stop teaching Advanced Placement courses because it wasn't part of its mission. Ashcraft still plays the

piano but regrets the lack of time to devote to practice. "Without the obligation of a performance, I can't find two hours a day," he said, then quickly added that the students practice much more each day — four to five or more hours. After more than 20 years playing, he needs less practice when he prepares.

But this concern about enabling Idyllwild Arts students to have the time to learn skills, improve their talents and become independent thinkers explains why he is concerned about the quantification of the education discipline.

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Health plans

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depend on the person's current insurance coverage.

However, Covered California believes that a valuable frame of reference for its premiums is comparing them to the small employer market in California. That market and Covered California are competitive and offer insurance for which a person cannot be denied because of a pre-existing condition.

The rates submitted to Covered California for the 2014 individual market ranged from 2 percent more to 29 percent less than the 2013 average premium for small employer plans in California's most populous regions. The 2014 products

include requirements not necessarily included in the 2013 plans, such as doctor visits, prescriptions, hospital stays and more essential benefits.

Also, financial protection is offered, such as the maximum out-of-pocket cost of \$6,350 that will dramatically reduce the chance of someone going bankrupt because of medical bills not covered by insurance.

Once state regulators approve plan rates, Covered California looks forward to signing final contracts and beginning the work of enrolling millions of Californians in the following 13 health plans: Alameda Alliance for Health, Anthem Blue Cross of California, Blue Shield of California, Chinese Community Health Plan, Contra Costa Health

Services, Health Net, Kaiser Permanente, L.A. Care Health Plan, Molina Healthcare, Sharp HealthCare, Valley Health Plan, Ventura County Health Care Plan and Western Health Advantage

Covered California is charged with creating a new insurance marketplace in which individuals and small businesses can get access to health insurance. Financial help will be available from the federal government to help lower costs for people

who qualify on a sliding scale. Small businesses will be able to purchase competitively priced health plans (to be announced in June) and offer their employees the ability to choose from an array of plans and may qualify for federal tax credits.

The governor and Legislature appointed a five-member board to oversee Covered California.

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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.

Thursday, May 30
Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck featuring "Peace, Love & Misunderstanding," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"The Great Gatsby," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
"Destination Night, Latin America Theme," Hosted by Scott Foster, 7 p.m. Jo'An's.
"Star Trek, Into Darkness," 10 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, May 31
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
"Star Trek, Into Darkness," 4 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.
Working Men Band with Mark Huston on front patio, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.

Saturday, June 1
Idyllwild 5K & 10K, Registration, 6:15-7 a.m. Races begin, 7:15 a.m. Monument in Town Center, Awards & Pancake Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m. Town Hall.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Scott Foster, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jo'An's.
Live entertainment, 1-4 p.m. Lumber Mill.
"Star Trek, Into Darkness," 2, 5 & 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Pedro Anderson, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Higher Grounds.
Isis Theatre Company Presents "Love, Loss & What I Wore," 7:30 p.m. Rainbow Inn.
Rock Star Karaoke with Scott Foster, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jo'An's.



The Stratford players (from left, sitting), Zora Schoner, Julie Labagnara and D.D. Calhoun, (standing from left), Roberto Carrillo, Christopher Morse, Meg Wolf, Donald Stuart, Josh Somers, Gina Kraut, Marsha Kennedy and Michael Owen, a recently organized community theatre group in Idyllwild, staged a reading of George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" Sunday at the Rainbow Inn. PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Sunday, June 2
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Jerome Robinson, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jo'An's.
Live entertainment, 1-4 p.m. Lumber Mill.
Tiffany Brannan's Vocal Recital,

2 p.m. St. Margaret's Church Hwy. 74, Palm Desert.
Farewell Party for Esther Kennedy, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
"Star Trek, Into Darkness," 2, 5 & 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Idyllwild Author Series Featuring Lisa Teasley, Author of "Dive," 3 p.m. Café Aroma.

Monday, June 3
Adult Yoga with Trine, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.

"Star Trek, Into Darkness," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, June 4
Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall
"Star Trek, Into Darkness," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, June 5
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Modern Dance with Wendy Watts, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
"Star Trek, Into Darkness," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, June 6
"Star Trek, Into Darkness," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, June 7
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.
AAI Presents Plein Air Art Festival, Artists Panel & Demonstration, 7-9 p.m. Idyllwild Living Room Gallery.

Saturday, June 8
AAI Presents Plein Air Art Festival, Plein Air Experience, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Living Room Gallery and throughout the village.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock" Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.



The Idyllwild Arts Jazz Choir performs a number of songs during a Tuesday evening, May 21, jazz performance at the academy. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Live entertainment, 1-4 p.m. Lumber Mill.
Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Pedro Anderson, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Higher Grounds.
Rock Star Karaoke with Scott Foster, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, June 9
AAI Presents Plein Air Art Festival, Reception, Awards & Art Sales, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Idyllwild Living Room Gallery.
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Live entertainment, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Mountain Center Cafe.
Live entertainment, 1-4 p.m. Lumber Mill.

Monday, June 10
Adult Yoga with Trine, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.

Tuesday, June 11
Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.



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WITH MARK HUSTON on the front patio, 7-10pm
Saturday: ROCK STAR KARAOKE with Scott, 8-11pm

Art outdoors

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Southern California Plein Air Painters Association.

The artists panel includes a live demonstration and a question and answer session, which offers a chance to learn more about the history and process of plein air from artists themselves.

The panel discussion will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Idyllwild Living Room Gallery (54300 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild). Refreshments are included.

On Saturday, June 8, head out early as artists scatter through the town to choose their plein air locations.

From 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., follow the progress of the plein air artists as they create their paintings and sculptures in the open air. Discover, firsthand, the techniques that set your favorites apart from the crowd.

All artists will create at least one piece of work in or near the Idyllwild Community Center park, on Highway 243, to celebrate its 1-year anniversary.

Sunday offers a chance to take home these one-of-a-kind pieces of art at the awards reception and art sale at the Idyllwild Living Room Gallery. Enjoy music and champagne at the reception, which takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All of the plein air work will be showcased and the



Patricia Rose Ford of Loma Linda during the 2012 festival.

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judge's cash awards will be presented. Winners receive \$200 for first place, \$125 for second and \$75 for third place.

Be sure to cast a vote for your People's Choice or Artists' Choice favorite. All plein air artwork, as well as other pieces by the plein air artists, will be on sale at the reception. All Plein Air events are free to the public.

This year marks the 12th anniversary of the Art Alliance's annual Plein Air Festival, which the Idyllwild Town Crier sponsors this year.

AAI is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization with a mission to promote art and artists in Idyllwild and foster the town's reputation as one of the top 100 art towns in America. Other AAI events include the Judged Artist Member's Show and Gallery Working Artist Tour in July, the Art and Treasures Weekend in late August and the celebrated Art Walk and Wine Tasting in October.

For more information about the annual Plein Air Festival or other AAI events, visit the website at www.art-inidyllwild.org or call toll-free 877-439-5278.

Exploring the commonality of the dark side

By MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

Author Lisa Teasley, the third in this season's Idyllwild Author Series, has been called fearless, unafraid to inhabit and explore her characters' dark psyches and discover what each of us has in common with those whose wounds are gruesome and raw.

She'll discuss her debut novel, "Dive," the story of a love affair between two lost souls, a construction worker and a Hollywood animator, with an accompanying cast of oddball outcasts. It is a journey set in place after the animator, Ruby Falls, witnesses a murder and sets out for Alaska as a rite of personal purification.

"I write from a perspective of a wondering naiveté," said Teasley. "When a person does something awful, the only

act left to them, I wonder how everyone around them missed the opportunity to love them, and to see and understand.

"We are all this particular person," she said. "That's what I want in my writing to demonstrate — how this seed of separation in an individual becomes larger and larger until it becomes a gaping wound that the person can only address through some negative action. We could all do this."

Teasley began her exploration of what's wondrous and wicked in everyday life very early. Asked how she became a writer, she recounted that in kindergarten her class would be taken to the library. She routinely checked out 10 books, not eight, not seven, always 10. And each week she read them. "I could get into anyone's mind through the pages in a book," she



Lisa Teasley

COURTESY OF LISA TEASLEY

remembered. "I began writing stories and stapling them together. I have always wanted to be a storyteller."

Teasley tells stories in many ways — short stories, poems, novels and painting, for which she receives commissions. "I paint portraits," she said. "My painting is an extension of my fascination with human nature, the rendering of relationships." She described how she is often commissioned to paint two people — brothers, lovers, friends — and how the painting is also writing, just in a different medium.

Asked about her novel and short-story writing process (some write the ending first, some begin with the details of surroundings and space in which the action happens), Teasley said she begins with the central character.

"I picture and then begin to feel him or her until they

become the one making the choices that drive the action. It feels like an act of channeling — how does this person enter and take a room, who are their parents, what does their environment look and feel like?" Teasley said it can take a week to a month getting to know the character that will determine what happens in the book. Then she begins, the character makes choices, encounters others and the story unfolds.

Teasley is known as an accomplished performer who reads her own work compellingly, so completely inhabiting her characters that listeners are swept up and enthralled. "When I'm reading from my work, I get swallowed up by the character."

Next for her is a novel written in first person from a man who has committed suicide, his experience of those in his life, what drove him to do what he did, his pain.

"I started writing in third person, as an observer, but it did not work. It began working when I made the change to first person, but it also became more emotionally difficult to write," she explained.

Teasley appears at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 2, on the upper deck of Café Aroma. Admission is free.



Eduardo Santiago speaks with author **Reyna Grande** Sunday afternoon on the top deck of Café Aroma during the Idyllwild Author Series.

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Local artist to honor LA artist, children's author

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Local artist John Cook's transition to mosaic art from stain glass was serendipity. But his new talent will honor Leo Politi, renowned Los Angeles artist and children's author. Cook's mosaics, patterned after Politi's sidewalk mosaics, will be placed in the Leo Politi Garden outside the Henry Madden Library at California State University, Fresno.

Politi, whose art celebrated the cultural diversity of Los Angeles and particularly the city's children, is the father of Suzanne Bischof of Mountain Center.

Politi was a very good friend with former CSU, Fresno professor Arne Nixon, which is why the university opened phase 1 of the garden in 2010 after the centennial and celebrations honored Politi in 2008.

But Bischof ensnared Cook before that. Many stain glass windows adorn his Idyllwild home. Nearly six years ago, during a dinner party, the beauty of Cook's stain glass works compelled Bischof to ask if Cook worked with mosaics. Politi had made several mosaics in front of his Angeleno Heights home and Bischof was hoping Cook could reproduce them for the Fresno garden.

"Maybe if you can cut glass you can cut tile," Bischof asked. "It will be



These two panels ran together, a cat and a dog.

exciting; we can do this," Cook replied quickly.

Cook's initial enthusiasm never wavered and he has recently completed five large mosaic panels. Early this summer they will be transported to Fresno for the garden's dedication this fall.

Cook has been creating stain-glass art and painting for nearly 40 years, but this was his first mosaic effort. So he also had to invest time researching mosaic techniques and Politi's pieces. He bought tiles to practice cutting and assessing composition and nature.

Of course, perfectly matching color and texture was impossible. Politi gathered his materials from wherever he found them during his jaunts through Los Angeles and its diverse neighborhoods. Cook had to use modern suppliers, which will help the longevity of Cook's work.

"Politi's tiles were more fragile and not necessarily to be used outside; the glazing is starting to flake," Cook noted and added he

was careful to select outdoor tile.

Politi is known as the Artist of Olvera Street and for his mural "Blessing of the Animals" at the entrance there; for more than 20 children's books he authored and illustrated; and numerous paintings and sketches of life in and around Los Angeles' diverse neighborhoods.

Politi was born in California, but his family returned to native Italy, where he went to school, early in his youth. But sketching was always his desire and life, Bischof said. "He told me he would sketch in class and got bad grades," she said. "But his mother was very

encouraging." He eventually earned a scholarship to art school.

When he returned to Los Angeles he would draw pictures for people walking around town. Olvera Street was one of his favorite haunts, but he loved the melting pot character of the city, his daughter said. He would come home with a 2- or 3-inch stack of sketches from which he would choose a few to paint.

His daily walks and evening work kept him busy, but "my mother was made in heaven for him," Bischof added.

"John's work was an honor," Bischof said. "He



John Cook shows Suzanne Bischof the mosaic panels replicating her father, Leo Politi's, work.

PHOTOS
BY J.P.
CRUMRINE

was true to my father. It was a total labor of love. He had three done before he got an agreement."

Each panel took a different amount of time, Cook said, "It depends on the temperature, the moisture and the number of tiles."

Bischof has several of Politi's art pieces, such as two sculptures, at her home on the mountain. Her brother Paul also shares their father's legacy.

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Hamilton leads hikes during Wildflower Festival

BY SALLY HEDBERG
CONTRIBUTOR

Field Biologist and Ecologist Dr. Michael Hamilton led some informative interpretive walks in the Idyllwild Nature Center forest during the Wildflower Festival over Memorial Day weekend. His talks centered around the inter-connectiveness of nature in the yellow pine forest surrounding the Nature Center.

Of the three pine species — yellow, Jeffrey and ponderosa — in this forest, one can always tell the Jeffrey pine from its vanilla-like aroma.

The San Jacintos are part of the longest mountain range in North America, reaching as far as the tip of Baja, Mexico. Hamilton said the forests around this area were heavily milled from 1890 to 1950. Consequently, today's pines are all new growth.

Besides towering pines, the Nature Center woods contain oaks and cedars. The black oak is deciduous and loses its leaves while the live oak remains evergreen. Pencils are made from the incense cedar.

Tree germination takes place through animal behavior. Squirrels put their



Dr. Michael Hamilton, former James Reserve director and now director of the Blue Oak Ranch Reserve, explains climatic change to members of his hike. He uses tree rings to demonstrate the change in the tree's growth.

PHOTO BY DON DIETZ

cache of pine seeds in a tree and often do not return to eat them. Seeds can last 10 years in the soil before they germinate. Oaks and cedars probably will take over the pine tree forest in

the future, said Hamilton.

The most fascinating part of the talk was ring growth or the lack of it on trees. Lately, due to climatic change, ring growth has been limited. Scientists

compare tree rings and calibrate not only the year but the climate. Through this analysis the study of climate chronology goes back 10,000 years.

The Earth is experiencing more drought cycles. However, some trees have actually grown faster due to increased nitrogen exhaust from cars, Hamilton said. Nitrogen is a component of fertilizer.

With more drought comes fire. Hamilton emphasized fire as a part of the natural environment of the southwestern mountains due to lightning storms. Without fire, plants such as manzanita grow unusually tall and become more inflammable. The environment needs natural fires yet the issue is controversial in this area due to urbanization.

No talk is complete without the mention of earthquakes. The San Jacinto Mountains are on the Pacific Plate, which is moving rapidly and forms the tension with the North Atlantic Plate.

Lily Creek at the Nature Center is a riparian area which means it is home to 30 to 40 plants and animals whose lives are interdependent with the creek and the forest.



Dr. Michael Hamilton (left) brought along his extensive knowledge of the mountains to lead hikes along the Nature Center trail on Saturday during the Wildflower Festival.

PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE

Hamilton is currently at the Blue Oak Ranch Reserve, University of California, Berkeley, and is formerly director of the James Reserve near Lake Fulmor. He has been personally acquainted with the San Jacinto Mountains since the 1970s.

Strange but true

If you're of a certain age, you might remember that in 1968, Tommy James and the Shondells had a No. 3 hit with the song "Mony, Mony." You might be surprised to learn, though, that the inspiration for the song came from the business world. On Broadway in New York City, atop the 40-story building that housed the Mutual of New York Insurance Company, also known as M.O.N.Y., Tommy James often saw a huge neon sign flashing the short form of the company's name. He evidently liked the way it sounded.

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Please fill out and return to the Town Crier office, mail to P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549 or email responses to itc@towncrier.com by **Friday, June 14.**

Volunteerism has long been the backbone of community spirit in Idyllwild. To recognize the many volunteers who get things done on the Hill, friends and family of Ernie Maxwell and the Town Crier wish to thank those that give with a special award. The award will be given annually. The Ernie Maxwell award will be presented to a community group or individual whose volunteer accomplishments promote community on the Hill. (Attach additional pages if necessary). Dawn Sonnier won the award in 2012 (not eligible for 2013).

Name of nominee (group or individual):

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From a dream to a triumph ... the Idyllwild Playground

BY CHRIS TROUT
SJMCC SPOKESPERSON

Ideas germinate from needs, wants and wishes. In 2009, Dawn Sonnier and her family visited Santa Barbara where they discovered a publicly accessible playground. As a mother of three she was thrilled to see how her children enjoyed the facility.

When she was told that the community had built the playground, the seed began to sprout. A bit of snooping around led her to Leathers and Associates, a company in New York that



Dawn Sonnier

builds playgrounds, which children imagine and their communities build.

Impressed with the opportunity to have playground features inspired by

Idyllwild's natural landmarks, she decided to visit the one in Seward, Alaska. Shop keepers told her, "We built this playground. It is ours. Go visit it." She was impressed with the pride the

community felt in their accomplishment.

Filled with fire and passion and totally supported

by her mother, husband and children, she started to work. A chance meeting with the Butterfields at a Christmas party started the fundraising.

Every night she sat on the sofa with her mom and wrote grant applications — more than 50 of them. Amazingly, 25 of them were funded, beginning with the first one from the San Manuel Indians.

Some applications were initially turned down. Later,

when the momentum began to build and the money started coming in, she received checks for even more than the initial request, acknowledging the diligence and effort of this inspired young mother.

In October 2010, Leathers and Associates appeared in Idyllwild for what it called organization day. It began with visits to every classroom at Idyllwild School to hear and listen to the children's dream playgrounds.

It ended with a design-day carnival during which the architects revealed the Idyllwild Playground design that included the Taquitz Rock Climbing Wall, Lemon Lily Spinners, Taquitz Peak Lookout Tower and the Engine 57 Forest Service Truck. Architect Jim Marsh and Builder Paul Newkirk donated their time for the pavilion and the in-kind and monetary contributions rolled in.

It was time to organize the teams of volunteers. Dawn turned to Claudia Posey and Emily White. When asked how the three of them got it all done, Emily said, "We capitalized on our strengths and divided up the responsibilities. Dawn was the go-getter, the initiator, the cheerleader. Claudia was the get-it-done gal for any task and I made sure we were focused and always heading in the right direction."

According to Emily, "Because we are all working mothers, we find it easy to multi-task and we used email, texting and phone calls all day, every day to communicate and move the project forward."

As with any project, there were setbacks, delays and disappointments. What Dawn remembers most are the seemingly serendipitous answers to prayers. When



Idyllwild Community Center

building the pavilion, the process reached the point where it needed a roof and Dawn realized they didn't have a roofer. Then walking across the site came Jesse Wilkerson, who not only is a roofer but jumped right in and built the roof. Materials arrived that needed to be cut and who showed up? Dawn's woodshop teacher, Rick Holmes. He cut the wood.

Most rewarding to both Dawn and Emily was the fact that Idyllwild showed up at 8 a.m., June 13, 2012, and every day thereafter until the grand opening on Father's Day, June 17.

"Yeses" on the phone turned into hands sawing wood. Promises made months before resulted in lunches served by local restaurants. "We'll try," became, "We're here to dig the ditches and paint the leaves and set the screws."

And now Idyllwild can tell visitors, "Go visit our

playground. We built it ourselves."

The community is invited to a "Happy 1st Birthday Idyllwild Playground" celebration on Saturday, June 8, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. See the sidebar for more information.

To share your ideas, questions and inquiries, contact chris@idyllwildcommunitycenter.org. We look forward to having the opportunity to chat with you.



Hundreds of volunteers build the Idyllwild playground

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Everyone who volunteered found something that contributes to the community's new playground.



Children sanding fences during the 2012 playground construction.

Step by step ... a brief monthly update of the activities of the SJMCC board and its committees.

Program and Activities Committee:

- Happy 1st Birthday Idyllwild Playground

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 8

Family fun, games, lunch, live music and a big birthday cake. Everyone is invited. BYOC: Bring your own chair.

- Final speaker of the ICRC Speakers' Series of the season

The topic will be "Plein Air Painting" and the Art Alliance of Idyllwild is sponsoring the evening, Thursday, June 13 at the Living Room Gallery on North Circle. Wine at 5:30 p.m. and the presentation begins at 6 p.m.

Building Campaign Committee:

- Kick off of the "I'M HELPING" build the Idyllwild Community Center campaign at the Birthday Party for the playground. Let's do it again Idyllwild! Come and walk the site, view the plans, take a virtual tour and sign up to volunteer for the next community build. We need and want your contributions: monetary, labor and in-kind. BYOC: Bring your own chair and join the festivities.

Your comments, inquiries and donations are welcome. You may also request a presentation for your organization or group. Guided tours of the site may also be arranged. Just email chris@idyllwildcommunitycenter.org.

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Community news from Idyllwild Arts

By LYDIA KREMER, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Idyllwild community and the campus have a unique symbiotic relationship which truly takes a village to be successful.

Donor pledges more than \$1 million for Idyllwild Arts Academy Scholarship Program

"We are delighted to announce a most generous pledge by new Idyllwild Arts supporters, Dena and Lee Van Slyke," said Ian Schoenleber, director of development.

Dena and Lee Van Slyke have been investing in Idyllwild real estate and attending the Jazz in the Pines festival since 2003. Dena, a real estate broker, investor, actress, writer and philanthropist, comes from a family of theatre artists.

Her father, Art Friedman, was a professor of Theater Arts at UCLA's Film and Television Division from 1948 through 1990. Currently living in San Clemente with a second home in Idyllwild, Dena and Lee especially love to travel and be enthusiastic audience members.

Dena recently contacted Ian about gift opportunities at Idyllwild Arts. She and her husband were revising their living trust. Dena, having no children of her own, feels passionate about leaving a legacy of a positive impact on the world.

She chose Idyllwild Arts as the major recipient of her estate because of her love of Idyllwild, theatre, music and film. Dena said, "I'd like to think that I may be contributing to the development of the next Steven Spielberg or Barbra Streisand."

Ian and Dena worked out a plan to designate an endowment gift of more than \$1 million through Dena's living trust. This gift, when funded, will increase Idyllwild Arts' endowment, its permanent savings on which it earns interest, by greater than 20 percent. The endowment earnings will provide much needed financial aid, year after year, to deserving and talented Academy students of music, moving pictures and theatre.

More than 60 percent of Idyllwild Arts Academy students receive financial aid, which totals more than \$5.5 million per year. The Summer Program also awards financial aid of greater than \$500,000 each year.

Idyllwild Arts gives out far more financial aid than most independent schools, even though its endowment, at just \$5 million, is much smaller than most schools.

Dena and Lee believe that "the world would be a better place if more people mentioned Idyllwild Arts in their estate plans. Young, talented students from all nationalities and financial backgrounds would get the support they need to develop their potential and expand their opportunities."

"Dena and Lee's amazing generosity will benefit many generations of students. Their gift is inspirational; it should serve as an example to all of us," added Ian.

Idyllwild Arts Academy designated Exemplary School for 2013-2015

Once again, Idyllwild Arts Academy has been designated a 2013-2015 Exemplary School by Arts Schools Network, the nation's largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools.

Created to highlight a school's commitment to excellence, this designation is presented to an Arts Schools

Network member school in recognition of its efforts to strategically evaluate its purpose, operations and educational programs.

The Arts Schools Network recognized Idyllwild Arts Academy for its commitment to the philosophy of producing educated, thinking artists ready to take their place in the world of adult professionals. The arts faculty integrates academic ideals into the classroom and studio and its academic faculty use art to illuminate and make relevant the subject matter they teach.

"The Arts Schools Network is pleased to recognize the achievements of such a stellar school and congratulates Idyllwild Arts Academy for its highest quality instruction in arts education," commented Kristy Callway, ASN executive director.

Another aspect of this designation recognizes the fact that the unique atmosphere of the school in which actors, musicians, dancers, painters, filmmakers and writers live, eat and study together provides an education no formal coursework can.

Students develop and maintain connections and collaborative ways of thinking that continue long after they've left Idyllwild Arts Academy that informs their further educational and career choices.

As we say goodbye to the stellar Class of 2013, we are gratified to have made a positive impact on these young artists.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Principal Matt Kraemer of Idyllwild School chose **Audrey Carver** and **Riley Arnson** as students of the week for May 27 for having the highest grade point averages of the eighth-grade class, a 4.0 for each.

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Idyllwild School held its middle school awards assembly Tuesday morning and included were the Hill-billy awards, presented to students who have attended Idyllwild School from kindergarten through eighth grade.

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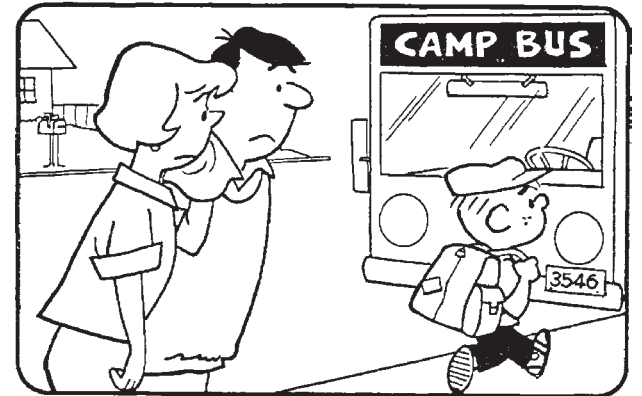
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LARRY W. WARD,
 County Clerk
 By: C. Teran, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as BETTERWAY AUTO SALES, BETTERWAY CARS AND TRUCKS, 651 Burwood Ct., Riverside, CA 92506, Riverside County. BETTERWAY MARKETING, INC., 651 Burwood Ct., Riverside, CA 92506, a California corporation.
 This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
 PATRICK M. NELSON
 President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 30, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MRS. PICKLES PANTRY, 25618 Big Pine St., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 3128, Idyllwild, CA 92549. INDIVIDUAL LAURIE GAY HIDY, 25618 Big Pine St., Idyllwild, CA 92549.
 This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
 LAURIE HIDY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 29, 2013.

FILE NO:
 R-2013-04622

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cheer up, Lamb. Your emotional impasse will lift once you allow your highly tuned sense of justice to guide you on what to do about an associate's questionable behavior.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News about a project you hoped to work on might need more clarification. Take nothing just on faith. Draw up a list of questions, and insist on each being fully answered.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Giving your time to help others is fine. But don't lose sight of your own needs. Make plans for an energy-restoring getaway with that very special person in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulate yourself on getting that difficult job done to everyone's satisfaction. This could be the first of many such challenges you might be offered down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With your enthusiasm soaring again, you feel ready to tackle a tough new assignment. Good for you! And remember: Don't be too proud to accept help when it's offered.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Cupid rules the week for single Virgos eager to make a romantic connection. Meanwhile, Virgo couples experience renewed commitment in their relationships.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Home and work issues vie for your attention

through early next week. Rely on your Libran sense of balance to keep you from being overwhelmed by either side.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creative projects might have to go on standby as you tackle other matters making demands on your time and energy. Things should ease by the middle of next week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energies are high, and so are your aspirations. But be careful not to let work dominate the week. It's also important to spend time with family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good time to set aside your pride and stop nursing those hurt feelings. Instead, consider restoring relationships you want to have back in your life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be miffed at not being shown more appreciation for your hard work. But don't brood over it. Recognition comes in its own time and in its own way.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With your inner creative juices starting to boil and bubble, this is a good time to launch a new arts-related project, or go back and restart the one you had set aside.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people, which helps encourage them to live up to your perceptions.

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Forest Service to reduce fire coverage in 2013

No apparent change on San Jacinto Ranger District

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The U.S. Forest Service will reduce fire personnel this summer throughout the country though the San Jacinto Ranger District should not be affected.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack made the announcement of fire cuts May 13 during a press conference with Interior Secretary Sally Jewell. The conference highlighted the agencies' collaboration during the 2013 fire season, addressing

the reductions the Forest Service has to implement in its fire program.

The 2013 sequestration requires all federal agencies to reduce program and activity funding by nearly 5 percent across the board.

While the Forest Service has steadfastly refused to answer how this reduction would affect its fire programs, Vilsack said, "... as a result of sequester and across the board cuts that have been applied we'll have about 500 fewer firefighters at the Forest

Service than we would otherwise have. That may impact about 50 engines that we would otherwise have."

When asked to elaborate on the effect of these reduction on fire protection, Vilsack said the Forest Service would, "under normal circumstances have 10,500 folks or so on staff — either temporary or permanent firefighters available. That number will actually be 10,000 instead of 10,500 so that gives you a sense ... in terms of personnel.

The 50 engines is related to 1,000 engines so that gives you a sense of the proportions."

The Forest Service national and regional offices have not responded to inquiries about how these reductions will affect its Region 5, in which the San Bernardino National Forest is located.

But at the last Mountain Area Safety Taskforce meeting, SBNF Fire Prevention Officer Randy Unkovich said federal sequestration actions have had no effect

on the Forest Service's fire resources and the agency is trying to fill as many of its full-time units as possible.

"The Fawnskin Fire was an eye opener," he said. "We want to be fully staffed for an early fire season."

Still, a U.S. Department of Agriculture spokesperson did provide the following statement: "While the impacts of firefighter reductions to suppression activities due to sequestration will be managed nationally, details about which areas will have fewer firefighters

this year is not readily available at the national level. The U.S. Forest Service will identify needs based on the level of actual and projected fire activity and will preposition personnel and equipment as necessary to respond. Additionally, we will supplement existing resources with contractors to ensure all wildland fires are managed with an effective, risk-based and efficient response."

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

Rate increase

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Shouman said the fiscal 2013-14 proposed budget would end in a net deficit approaching \$60,000, even after property tax revenue.

With the double rate increase, Shouman projected 2013-14 would end with a meager \$2,000 net income.

Just two years ago, fiscal year 2011-12, the operating deficit (expenses and water use) was about \$225,000. But property taxes and other revenue totaled \$278,000, resulting in a net income of \$53,000.

For the past year, the directors have held periodic committee meetings with staff to discuss IWD's financial condition and the need to make changes in personnel expenses. As a

result, IWD has reduced payroll and other employee benefits by nearly \$60,000 annually, according to Shouman.

In addition, the district has found ways to reduce electric, fuel, propane and other expenses nearly \$40,000, for a total annual savings of about \$100,000 of its combined \$1.6 million water and sewer budget, Shouman said.

Four people attended

the meeting and only one spoke. "I don't like it, but I understand why you need it," Richard Nash said.

The district is considering using surveys to assess customer interest in the proposed water recycling facility and willingness to pay some of its costs, said IWD President Allan Morphett.

The proposed 2013-14 budget will be on the June agenda, according

to General Manager Terry Lyons.

In water business, IWD customers used about 6.9 million gallons during April, a 25-percent increase from April 2012. During the first four months of 2013, consumption is nearly 6.2 million gallons more than during the same period a year ago.

With water consumption growing and Foster Lake's level at barely half

— full is the normal for this time of year — Lyons repeated his earlier admonition that a Stage 2 Water Conservation might need to be invoked later this summer.

Besides the lake's actual water level, Lyons also will look at the ground water level of wells near the lake, he said.

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: C. Berg, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as LOAN RELIEF GROUP, 32029 Camino Rabago, Temecula, CA 92592, Riverside County. Mailing address: 31805 Temecula Parkway, Suite 160, Temecula, CA 92592. COLLEEN JEANETTE BAILEY, 32029 Camino Rabago, Temecula, CA 92592.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:

COLLEEN J. BAILEY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 9, 2013.

FILE NO.:

R-2013-05073

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: G. Gould, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as BOULDER CREEK COTTAGE, 53340 Rising Glen Rd., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: 31580 Corte Rosario, Temecula, CA 92592. LARRY KEITH VAN LIEW and KENDRA SUE VAN LIEW, 31580 Corte Rosario, Temecula, CA 92592.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

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

Signed:

LARRY KEITH VAN LIEW

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 8, 2013.

FILE NO.:

R-2013-04999

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: T. Jensen, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as THE CANDY CUPBOARD, 24250 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 794, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JENNIFER LYNN MCKEE and GARY WILLIAM MCKEE, 25685 Oakwood, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 1, 2012.

Signed:

JENNIFER LYNN MCKEE

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 7, 2013.

FILE NO.:

R-2013-04925

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: J. Wray, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PERFECT WEATHER AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING, 42-280 Beacon Hill, #D-8, Palm Desert, CA 92211, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 13308, Palm Desert, CA 92255. IAS MECHANICAL, INC. 42-280 Beacon Hill, #D-8, Palm Desert, CA 92211, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in 2007.

Signed:

DAVID COLLEN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 8, 2013.

FILE NO.:

I-2013-01275

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: D. Perez, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as FULL THROTTLE SPIRITS, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, Riverside County. LEVECKE CORPORATION, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, a California Corporation, A 27762.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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

Signed:

J. NEIL LEVECKE

President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 2, 2013.

FILE NO.:

I-2013-01214

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: A. Chavez, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MOXIE, 400 N. Sunrise Way, Ste. 265, Palm Springs, CA 92262, Riverside County. SHANNON JAY FAEH, 9111 Rancho Dr., Cherry Valley, CA 92223, and MARK DWAYNE CRISP, 400 N. Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92267.

This business is conducted by a General

Partnership.

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

Signed:

SHANNON FAEH

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 7, 2013.

FILE NO.:

R-2013-04962

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: J. Vallejo, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 2013.

RICI306181

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92502-0431.

PETITION OF MARY TERESA PRICE-MURPHY FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: MARY TERESA PRICE-MURPHY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: MARY TERESA PRICE-MURPHY changed to Proposed name: MARY TERESA PRICE.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition

without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 7-19-13 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 10
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: May 24, 2013

SHARON J. WATERS

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2013.

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

THE FERN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a vacancy has occurred on the Board of Directors of the Fern Valley Water District as a result of the resignation of Diana Johnson.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT appointment will be made as prescribed by Government Code Section 1780 by the Board of Directors of said District.

The Board of Directors intends to fill the vacancy by appointment at their Regular Board meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 21, 2013 at the District office, 55790 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, California.

INTERESTED FERN VALLEY LANDOWNERS SHOULD APPLY AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

Pub. TC: May 30, June 6, 13, 20, 2013.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Date of Filing Application: May 13, 2013. To Whom It May Concern:

The Name of the Applicants are: SANDRA DIANA MACKINNON, SCOTT ALLAN MACKINNON.

The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:

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Pub. TC: May 30, 2013.

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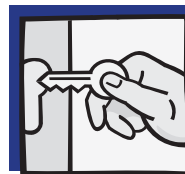
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Memorial Day weekend happenings



Far left, the American Legion Post 800 Honor Guard fires volley over the crowd attending Monday's Memorial Day service.

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At left, Cid Castillo, of American Legion Post 800, blows "Taps".

PHOTO BY TRACY MAHOLLAND



Visitors to the Nature Center got the experience of viewing art among the wildflowers over the Memorial Day weekend. The Art Alliance Open Exhibit at the Nature Center coincided with the Wildflower Festival and made for a colorful experience.

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The Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Judged Artist Members Show and Gallery Working Artists Tour brought artist's into the galleries to show how they work. Here, **Cher Townsend** works on one of her sculptures at the Courtyard Gallery Saturday afternoon.

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Art Alliance of Idyllwild President **Gary Kuscher** (left) presents a second-place award and the Artists' Choice Award to **Gwen Novak** for her piece "Across the Bay," Sunday at the Idyllwild Nature Center following the Judged Artist Members Show and Gallery Working Artists Tour.

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Brenda Underwood wins first place in the multimedia category for her piece "Red Tail," completely drawn with water colors and ink, at the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Judged Artist Members Show and Gallery Working Artists Tour at the Idyllwild Nature Center Sunday.

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Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Company held a yard sale at the fire station over Memorial Day weekend to raise money for the volunteer fire company.

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The Satellite Band, **John Phelps**, bass and vocals, **Mike Romaine**, drums, and **Lyle Wellington**, guitar, performing Friday night, May 24 at Jo'An's.

PHOTO BY DOLORES SIZER

CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

Reunited this week for a total of three times was **Mugsy**. And **Ellie** was also reunited with her very worried humans. The



newest fur babies are about 7 weeks old, and soon will be ready to bring laughter to your home, including five grays — three females and two males.



Two black kitties are sister and brother. All kittens are litter-box trained, ready to snuggle and always up for a little cat and mouse playtime. Don't delay, as they will purr their way right out the door.

Boomer, the male orange tabby, and **Willow**, the female tortie, are

the two kittens still available for adoption from Momma **Sunkist's** litter. They are 3 months old. Willow is a bit shy, unlike Boomer who is always the first to investigate. Both love to play, take naps, climb the cat tree, have a kitty snack and play again.



Oreo and **Sandy** love the morning sun. Both are about 2 years old and get along just fine with most other four-leggeds, cats included. Oreo is a male, black Chihuahua/Boston terrier mix. He is currently in training school and has only earned As. Good boy, Oreo. Sandy is a female, tan Chihuahua/Jack Russell mix. She will greet you each and every day with her favorite toy in her mouth, ready for play and love. Both are available for adoption to a home with plenty of



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65 years ago - 1948

Town Crier raised its annual subscription rate to \$2.50. The paper was bi-weekly except during summer, when it was published every week.

60 years ago - 1953

A new business opening in Fern Valley Corners was Bill Francisco's Professional Pharmacy.

55 years ago - 1958

A variety show at Town Hall featured the first performance of the Idyllwild Chorus.

50 years ago - 1963

The season's total moisture was 14.9 inches, compared to 22.22 inches the previous year.

45 years ago - 1968

County supervisors called for bids for construction of a fire station in Pine Cove. Dwight Metcalfe had designed the proposed station.

40 years ago - 1973

The new Restaurant Gastrognome did sell-out business on its opening weekend.

35 years ago - 1978

The Idyllwild Post Office moved to its new location

PAST TENSE



Snow pounded Pine Cove Saturday afternoon in mid May, 2008, covering this manzanita with a sheet of white fluff

FILE PHOTO

25 years ago - 1988

Garner Valley residents protested renovations at Camp Joe Scherman operated by the Girl Scout Council of Orange County. They were worried that local water supply could be exhausted because of a 5-acre lake being built at the camp.

30 years ago - 1983

After 10 weeks of negotiations between the Idyllwild Arts Foundation and University of Southern California officials, talks ended in a stalemate. As a result, IAF would exercise a contractual option to repurchase the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts campus.

20 years ago - 1993

It was announced that Idyllwild Medical Clinic, a satellite of Eisenhower Medical Center, would be adding an examining room, X-ray equipment and ex-

panded laboratory.

15 years ago - 1998

Bella Lewitsky was to give the commencement address at Idyllwild Arts Academy's graduation ceremony. Lewitsky was the creator and choreographer of the Lewitsky Dance Company and had served as its director for 30 years.

10 years ago - 2003

The House of Representatives passed the Healthy Forests Restoration Act, which authorized \$350 million over the next five years to help save the nation's forests.

5 years ago - 2008

Donors were set to transfer the land upon which the Idyllwild Community Center will be built to the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council.

1 year ago - 2012

An anonymous report to State of California authorities resulted in the state's Department of Social Services shutting down the preschool program at Town Hall. County Service Area Operations Manager Bill Brown said he anticipated the preschool would reopen in about a week.



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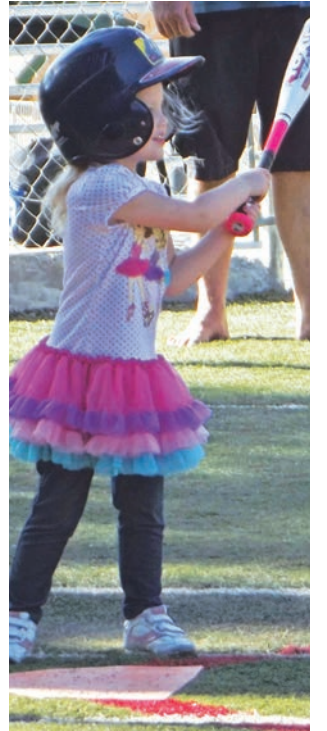
While traveling in Dunedin, New Zealand last month, **Marshall and Sally Rigdon** found time to peruse the Town Crier

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Josh Gray stands ready for the pitch during Town Hall's Padres vs. Diamondbacks game at Idyllwild School on Monday, May 20.

PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE



Above left, **Chloe Cochrane** waits for the pitch during the Town Hall T-ball game Monday, May 20, at the Idyllwild School baseball field. Above right, **Haley Olivier** makes a try for the ball at Idyllwild School's baseball field. At left, with the encouragement of coaches, parents and friends, **Steven Solorazano** prepares to hit the ball during Town Hall's 4- to 5-year old T-ball game Monday, May 20.

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