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**Blanca Vega** takes a turn peeking through a spotting scope at the Lake Hemet bald eagle count last Saturday. Bird spotters come out once a month to watch the two resident bald eagles perch in the trees and occasionally swoop down for fish. Read more on page 10.

PHOTO BY JOHN PACHECO

## Fire drill to be held on Hill in spring

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

A large scale, wild-land-urban interface fire exercise will be held Thursday morning, May 22, in the Idyllwild and Pine Cove communities. Organized by the Riverside County Fire Chief's Association, the exercise will allow fire, law enforcement and animal service agencies to field-simulate a major fire rapidly approaching the two communities.

The exercise will focus on several general objectives, according to RCFD Chief John Hawkins. It's an opportunity to exercise a unified command at a major wildland fire threatening both the forest and multiple communities.

Many public safety agencies will be participating. "All fire, law enforcement

and animal services will be invited. So far, the RSVPs have been very positive," Hawkins said. Among the various agencies will be Idyllwild Fire, Cal Fire, Riverside County Fire and Sheriff's departments, the U.S. Forest Service, the California Highway Patrol, and the county's Office of Emergency Services and Animal Services.

Also, local participants in the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce, Mountain Emergency Services Committee and Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, as well as elected officials, have been invited, Hawkins added.

The unified commanders will be expected to develop and implement an Incident Action Plan establishing an incident organization and a unified incident command post.

They will have to staff the organization, mobilize communication centers, and direct and control incident fire resources, including the simulation of community evacuations.

After the exercise is over, the plan's effectiveness will be evaluated. "We will have evaluative criteria that exercise facilitators will use to judge our readiness," Hawkins affirmed. "We want to learn and practice the necessary emergency management and build interagency relationships with governmental groups and individuals."

"We believe in the adage, 'We play the way we practice,'" Hawkins stressed.

Past MAST planning efforts and pre-fire suppression improvements will guide the exercise.

Cal Fire/RCFD Chief  
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## Robert Peek receives valor award

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

On March 5, Idyllwild resident Robert Peek, a ranger at Mt. San Jacinto State Park, received the California State Park Rangers Association's Award of Valor for saving a life.

Nearly a year ago, just before sunrise on Easter morning, March 31, Peek was awakened by a sound similar to a gunshot outside his Idyllwild house. His bedroom was lit bright orange from the flames coming from the house across the street.

Quickly dressing, he rushed to the house engulfed in flames in order to be sure his friend and neighbor Paul Colucci was safe. "The flames were 20, 30 and 40 feet high," Peek said.

Finding no open doors, he peered in the back and



**Robert Peek** (right) holds his Award of Valor which he received for saving Idyllwild resident **Paul Colucci's** life last year. Congratulating Peek is Retired Major General **Anthony Jackson**, the current director of California's State Parks.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JUDITH WAY

saw Colucci asleep in bed. Peek yelled but heard no response. Going through the

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## New magazine set to launch May 1

On May 1, the premier issue of Palms to Pines Magazine will be released in Idyllwild, Palm Springs and desert cities, and various high-traffic locations throughout Los Angeles, Riverside and San Diego counties. The magazine will highlight the similarities and contrasts of two popular Southern California destinations — Idyllwild and Palm Springs/desert cities.

Published by Idyllwild House Publishing Co., Ltd., owner of the Idyllwild Town Crier, and partner, Jay Pen-track, the magazine represents a focus entirely on tourism. "For many years, Idyllwild business owners have been hoping for the right vehicle to market Idyllwild as a destination to a larger market," said Publisher Becky Clark. "We believe that Palms to Pines

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

The Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls, Tuesday, March 4 to Monday, March 10:

Idyllwild:

- March 4 — Malicious false alarm.
- March 4 — Three medical aids.
- March 9 — Medical aid.
- March 10 — Medical aid.

Mountain Center:

- March 5 — Two cover assignments, standby, move-up.
- March 5 — Medical aid.

Pine Cove:

- March 7 — Medical aid.
- March 9 — Rescue or medical standby.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday, March 2 to Saturday, March 8:

Idyllwild

- March 2 — Danger to self/other, 54000 block of Rockdale Dr. Report taken.
- March 2 — Assist other department, 55000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

- March 2 — Suspicious vehicle, 54000 block of North Circle Dr. cross of Alderwood St. Handled by deputy.
- March 2 — Alarm call, 53000 block of Toll Gate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- March 3 — Burglary, 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.
- March 4 — Danger to self/other, address undefined, Idyllwild. Unfounded.
- March 4 — Burglary, 54000 block of River Dr. Unfounded.
- March 5 — Fraud, 54000 block of Ridgeview Dr. Report taken.
- March 5 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Ridgeview Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 5 — Burglary, 54000 block of River Dr. cross of Cedar St. Report taken.
- March 5 — Alarm call, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 7 — Suspicious person, 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- March 8 — Alarm call, 26000 block of Hemstreet Place. Handled by deputy.
- March 8 — Suspicious circumstance, 54000 block of Strawberry Valley Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 8 — Check the

- welfare, 53000 block of Idyllbrook Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 8 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- March 8 — Suspicious circumstance, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- March 8 — Burglary, 54000 block of Live Oak St. Report taken.
- Mountain Center
- March 7 — Five 911 calls, 28000 block of McCall Park Rd. Handled by deputies.
- Pine Cove
- March 2 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Coulter Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 2 — 911 call, 25000 block of Shadow Oaks Dr. Handled by deputy.
- uty.
- March 3 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- March 5 — Noise complaint, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- March 6 — Suspicious vehicle, 52000 block of Pine Ridge Rd. Handled by deputy.
- March 7 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.
- March 7 — Alarm call, 52000 block of Tall Pines Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Poppet Flats
- March 4 — Unattended death, address withheld. Report taken.
- March 4 — Assist other department, 45000 block of Coyote St. Handled by deputy.

Drill

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Kevin Gaines is heading the planning for the exercise, Hawkins announced. "He is assembling a multiagency exercise design and execution team. County OES will be involved with both the exercise design and execution and during the exercise,"

Hawkins said. Since the exercise has the potential to affect traffic that morning, Hawkins said, "As we did with the 2005 Bear Trap exercise, we will closely involve traffic agencies." A similar drill was held in the Idyllwild area during June 2005. J.P. Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Breaking News at idyllwildtowncrier.com

Hiker dies in wilderness

By Jay Pentrack  
Staff Reporter

The Riverside County Fire Department received a call of a hiker down about 2:30 p.m. Sunday and deployed a helicopter and ground crew. Two other hikers found the elderly man on the San Jacinto Peak Trail. He was unresponsive. According to Melody Hendrickson, public information specialist with Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire, Ulrich Luscher, 81, of Orinda, California, an engineering consultant, was airlifted to Keenwild Fire Station where he was pronounced dead by waiting paramedics. According to the coroner's office, there was no indication of foul play in connection with Luscher's death; the cause of death is pending. Jay Pentrack can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

house. Early last week, Peek received a special invitation from the association's president to attend the annual meeting in Yosemite National Park. Since he had already made reservations to attend the meeting, he had nothing to do but enjoy the dinner where he received the association's annual Award of Valor for his heroic actions last year. J.P. Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Peek

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glass doors, which opened with a push, Peek saw the bedroom was full of smoke. But Peek was able to rouse Colucci and escort him out of the house to safety. He then returned to smother the flames approaching the propane tank. Idyllwild Fire arrived and extinguished the fire but couldn't save Colucci's

### Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 3/11	Friday 3/12	Saturday 3/13	Sunday 3/14	Monday 3/15
71/37 Mostly Sunny	68/37 Sunny	68/37 Sunny	70/38 Mostly Sunny	71/38 Mostly Sunny

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
3-4	na	na			58	34		
3-5	68	38			58	32		
3-6	64	45			61	27		
3-7	70	40			56	30		
3-8	74	46			45	26	1.05	7.1
3-9	na	na			36	25	.97	6.2
3-10	na	na			37	25		

Moisture in inches		Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	12.77	To date this season (Idy):	2.7
To date last season (Idy):	13.41	To date last season (Idy):	42.2
Total last season (Idy):	14.02	Total last season (Idy):	42.8
To date this season (PC):	13.04	To date this season (PC):	10.5
Total last season (PC):	19.94	Total last season (PC):	44.75

**TEMPERATURES AND 24-HOUR** moisture and snow totals for Idyllwild are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at the Idyllwild Fire Station. Pine Cove totals are measured by resident George Tate, also at 4 p.m. Moisture inches include all precipitation such as rain, melted hail and melted snow. Weather season is July 1 to June 30. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit the Internet at <http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com> or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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# Forest Service fire budget a high priority next fiscal year

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Last week, President Barack Obama submitted his budget request for fiscal year 2014-15, which begins Oct. 1. For the U.S. Forest Service, the president is requesting \$5.7 billion, an increase of \$228 million. This includes a proposed change to funding wildland firefighting.

In past years, if the appropriation for fire suppression was not sufficient to fund those costs, the Forest Service had to rely on taking money from other programs until Congress provided additional funds. And these costs continue to grow. From 2004 through last year, fire suppression costs grew from about 13 percent of the agency's budget to more than 40 percent.

Starting in fiscal year 2015, the president proposes a significant change to the fire-suppression funding process. In addition to discretionary funding for wildland fire suppression, which is equal to 70 percent of the estimated 10-year average suppression costs, the administration is recommending that Congress provide \$954 million as a disaster-funding cap to

meet suppression needs above that base appropriation.

If Congress approves the proposal, and several representatives and senators drafted bills to achieve this purpose, other Forest Service programs such as recreation, forestry or maintenance will not have to suspend operations if the number of wildland fires exceeds the average.

Besides this change to fire-suppression funding, the president is recommending another \$100 million for the Wildland Fire Management Program and a WFM staffing increase of 403, for a total of 12,168 full-time equivalent positions to implement the program.

About half the funding increase and three-quarters of the positions are for the Hazardous Fuels program, where the Forest Service treats the most strategic and often the most expensive areas. The agency hopes to treat about 1.43 million acres, an increase of 200,000 acres in the wildland-urban interface.

Forest Service priorities will support communities working to achieve Firewise standards, a program that encourages property owners to take responsibility for preparing their homes from wildfire risk. The agency has identified acres

to be treated in Community Wildfire Protection Plans and has made an investment in implementing local solutions to protect against wildland fire.

A \$23-million increase is recommended for the preparedness program and \$27 million more for the suppression program. The president's budget proposal will fund contracts for 25 airtankers, including legacy airtankers, next-generation large airtankers, and an agency-owned C-130H aircraft. The Forest Service plans to phase out the legacy airtankers as the next-generation large airtankers become available, thereby maintaining between 18 to 28 contracted and agency-owned next-generation large airtankers.

The 2014 National Defense Authorization Act transferred seven C-130H aircraft from the U.S. Coast Guard to the Forest Service. The aircraft will initially be transferred to the U.S. Air Force for retrofitting and installation of a retardant delivery system. One C-130H airtanker may be available for airtanker missions in late 2014.

The president also recommended increasing funds managing the National Forest System by \$144 million to a total of \$1.6 billion.

## Cal Fire begins mailing this year's bills this month

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Cal Fire has begun mailing the Fire Prevention Fee bills to property owners with land or structures within State Responsibility Areas, such as these mountain communities. This is the third year of the fee imposition and litigation challenging its legality is still in the state courts.

"Fee assessments for Riverside County are scheduled to be mailed to homeowners between April 24 and 29," said Daniel Berlant, Cal Fire information officer.

Fire fee bills will continue to come once a year until such a point as the lawsuit is resolved.

When a bill is received, property owners may file the

Petition for Redetermination found on FireTaxProtest.org. This petition must be filed every year, even if it had been filed in previous years.

Filing the petition annually is the safest way to ensure a refund should the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association prevail in the lawsuit.

In other fire fee news, the California Board of Equalization's 2015 budget requests that the state legislature approved making 54 temporary employees permanent and adding nine new, two-year, limited-term positions and 9.7 one-year temporary positions, for a total cost of \$7.3 million.

Much of BOE's workload is related to fee-payer phone inquiries and low rates of electronic filing. BOE's costs

for this program exceeded authorized expenditures by \$1.7 million in 2012-13.

The Legislative Analyst's Office recently commented on the budget request prior to the legislature's budget hearings. LAO concurred with the administration regarding the total number of positions for this program. However, it believes the number of fee-payer calls to BOE will likely decline by more than one-third. Therefore, LAO recommended that the legislature shift 12 proposed phone-related positions from permanent to two-year limited terms. Its recommendation to the legislature was for 42 permanent positions, 21 two-year limited-term positions and 9.7 one-year temporary positions.

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At left, **Allison Hitchcock** drives the ball during the Hemet High School girls' soccer team senior night on Feb. 13. That night Hemet beat San Jacinto 2-0. The Hemet girls team went on to the California Inter-scholastic Federation's Southern Section Division 5 playoffs. Hemet advanced to the semi-finals where La Cañada High School beat them 2-0 last Tuesday.

PHOTO BY DAN HITCHCOCK

At right, Idyllwild School speech teacher **Maureen McElligott** selected students of the week **Devin Yawman** (left) of **Mrs. Tirheimer's** class, for enthusiasm toward learning letters and sounds, and **Jaysen Arreola** of **Mrs. Draper's** class for his positive attitude toward learning his speech sounds.

PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK



At Idyllwild School Thursday night, the Red Ninjas and the Celtics played each other. Both teams have been performing at virtually the same level, ending games in overtime or double overtime. Thursday night however, the Celtics beat the Red Ninjas by a matter of a few points.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Above, Idyllwild Garage is the Town Hall Adult Coed Volleyball champion. Back row, from left, **Brennen Priefer**, **Kyle Owen**, **Cory Sumrall** and **Freddie Espinoza**. Front row, from left, **Kirsten Torrez**, **Maria Loutzenhiser**, **Kassie Ray** and **Janey Espinoza**. Not shown are **Art Torrez** and **Robert Haft**.

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At right, Silver Pines goes for a kill against Higher Grounds on Thursday night.

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## SPORTS

### Town Hall Kids Basketball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Richard Mozeleski** gave this report:

In the only game this week in the kindergarten to third-grade division, the Wildcats and the Red Ninjas battled a close game with the Wildcats prevailing by 1 point, 11-10. The Wildcats rode **Brody Posey's** game-high 10 points to overcome the inside game of **Geneva Dagnall's** 6 points and **Cole Sonnier's** 4. The Ninjas led the first three quarters 10-7, but Brody's 2 hoops in the fourth quarter pulled the Cats ahead to stay and secure the win.

In fourth- to six-grade action, the Celtics — playing without an ill **Ben Tiso** — found themselves overwhelmed by the late-season surging Lightning. The Lightning's tough defense held the Celtics to 4 points all game, and the stronger team came up with its own barrage of 17 points in three quarters. **Cody Fogle's** 8 points and **Madison Collis's** 6 were enough to secure the win.

The playoffs will now follow and by the time of this printing the preliminary rounds will have begun on Tuesday, culminating Thursday, with finals on Friday at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the school gym.

#### Standings as of March 10

	Wins	Losses	Ties
<b>K-3</b>			
Barracudas	5	3	1
Wildcats	4	3	3
Red Ninjas	3	6	2
<b>4-6</b>			
Celtics	7	3	
Blue Thunder	6	4	
Bulls	3	7	
Lightning	4	6	

### Town Hall Adult Coed Volleyball

**Ginger Dagnall**, volleyball coordinator, gave this report on last week's playoff volleyball games:

So we have a winner for the 2014 Idyllwild Coed Volleyball League. Idyllwild Garage takes it home for the fourth year in a row, winning the season-ending playoffs.

A very close second place goes to Idyllwild Inn which had the best record for the season. And third place goes to Silver Pines.

Now the youth volleyball gets geared up to start March 17 for skills and practice. We need more kids to sign up soon.

*Idyllwild held its Middle School Awards Assembly in the Music Room on Friday, March 7; from left: **Lenore Sazer** (middle school science teacher), **Olivia Evans**, **Aubrey Crump**, Principal **Matt Kraemer**, **Leela Kintz Roozen**, **Zen Rose**, **Emilio Wettlaufer**, **Felipe Escobedo**, **Lauren Badger**, **Anthony Douglass**, **Andrew Orosco** and **Ali Wright**. Photos of additional award winners will be posted online. PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK*

## CLUBS

### Friends of the San Jacinto Valley

Naturalists and bird nesting-box specialists **Samantha Dempster** and **Dan Lace** will take hikers to some of the 45 nesting boxes in the **San Jacinto Wildlife Area** and show how to inspect, clean and survey the boxes.

Information will be provided on how to install and maintain nesting boxes and attract a variety of cavity-nesting birds on private property.

Meet **Sue Nash**, 909-228-6710, in the SJWA parking area, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 15.

The area is on the eastern border of Lake Perris. For directions to the event, call 951-928-0580 ...

### Idyllwild Contemporary Book Club

For its inaugural reading, this new book club will launch into **Barbara Kingsolver's** "Flight Behavior."

The first meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 27, either at the **Idyllwild Library** or **Nature's Wisdom**.

For more information, call **Gina Genis** at 659-6256.

### Friends of the Idyllwild Library

The club is sponsoring another **Penelope Engard** lecture in the library's Community Room.

At 4 p.m. Monday, March 17, Engard continues her monthly series of historical lectures with "The Clark Family," an examination of the descendants of explorer **William Clark** (of Lewis and Clark fame) and Revolutionary War hero **George Rogers Clark**, with particular emphasis (as is Engard's general manner of presentation) on the female lineage.

The event is expected to be well-attended, and will begin promptly at the hour indicated. The Friends will provide refreshments prior to and after each event ...

### Idyllwild Library surveys users

Idyllwild Library is running a survey during the month of March. The 10-question survey seeks information to help improve library service.

The online survey is located at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/FBR3K99](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FBR3K99).



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## OUT LOUD

### Just one last bite ...



The Ye family immigrated from mainland China, Shanghai,

specifically, and took up residence in Idyllwild.

In 1988, Freeman Ye took over the iconic Chinese restaurant on Cedar Street, Hidden Village. The award-winning chef created his own style of Chinese cooking — adapted for American tastes but more exceptional than most Chinese restaurants.

Our children grew up enjoying that little red place — running across the little bridge out front and rubbing Buddha's belly inside for good luck.

My husband honed his Chinese speech through numerous servers there. (He speaks pretty simple restaurant Chinese). He learned to read and understand the writing on the dishes and the art on the walls.

When Freeman retired and moved off the Hill, his son, Bobby, took over. After many years, Bobby is tired now and is closing our favorite Chinese restaurant. We are heartbroken. We will miss the Special House Fried Rice, Mongolian Beef, Scallops and Mushrooms, Shrimp and Snow Peas, General Tso's Chicken, Orange Chicken and other wonderful dishes that only this restaurant could produce that well.

The next generation — four of our five grandkids (Finn is still a baby) — have all developed a special kinship there. It is the favorite dining-out place of Mina, our eldest.

Freeman and Bobby tried to sell the restaurant before closing it but a potential deal fell through. Now the building is for sale and closure is expected Sunday, March 16.

Saturday night, we decided to order take-out and hang out with grandkids and their mommy. Jack picked up the take-out and said the line was long with people either picking up their order or seeking a seat at a table.

The word is out about the closure and many of us are trying to get one last bite off that incredible Hidden Village dinner menu. We'll miss you, Bobby and Freeman.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

## READERS WRITE

### Kudos to the TC

#### EDITOR:

Kudos to the Idyllwild Town Crier for publishing such a comprehensive, quality print and online publication. I'm visiting the area for the first time, staying in our fifth wheel at Thousand Trails RV Resort and the first thing I did when coming in to town was buy a copy of your newspaper.

I recently retired from a long career working in the newspaper industry and am very impressed with the great job you do.

I saw your photographer bustling around town yesterday and was happy to hear your amazing local business people giving the new TC owners and staff wonderful compliments while we discovered Idyllwild.

In an age of corporate takeovers of small publications and closures of many others, it is refreshing to see a publication doing such a great job of comprehensive communications and marketing. Kudos to your entire staff.

RHONDA MADISON  
ORTING, WASH.

#### Jeff Smith

*and family correctly identified last week's tight close-up photo as being this pillar on the side of Mimi Lamp's Higher Grounds Coffee House on Village Center Drive, so they win the Rustic Theatre gift card worth two tickets. You may expect contest photos taken from tighter views or tougher angles in the future.*



PHOTO BY JACK CLARK



*This week's close-up toughie comes with a couple of clues: This photo was taken very early in the morning without flash.*

PHOTO BY JACK CLARK

BY JACK CLARK  
CONTEST JUDGE

This week you are again challenged to identify the particular spot depicted in this Hill photograph. It might be the exterior of a building or surrounding grounds of a commercial, governmental or nonprofit premises, or a public place in Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Fern Valley or Mountain Center. The prize is tickets to the Rustic Theatre, your picture in the Town Crier, and life membership in the No. 1 Hillbilly Detective Agency. If there is no winner during a week, the ticket prizes will accumulate.

Open to all ages. Only one entry per household. It doesn't matter how you submit your entry, as long as it's in writing, delivered by noon Monday (or Tuesday if the Town Crier office is not open Monday) to the Town Crier, attn: Jack, and you convince the judge that you found the exact spot. Just saying something like, "The wall around \_\_\_\_\_ restaurant" is not enough. You must describe the actual spot by pacing off or some other specific description. Taking your own photograph of the spot would be ideal, but is not necessary to win as long as you persuade the judge that you have found the exact spot depicted in the contest photo. The decision of the judge is final. If there is no winner, clues will be given and the weekly prizes will accumulate. This is not a race. If there is more than one person with a correct answer, a drawing will determine the winner, so keep your answer to yourself. Check out this week's new photo.

## IRS offers updated phone app

The Internal Revenue Service now offers IRS2Go 4.0, an update to its smartphone application featuring new added features available in both English and Spanish.

The redesigned IRS2Go adds a refund status tracker, providing taxpayers an easy-to-use feature to follow their tax return throughout the process.

iPhone and iPod Touch users can update or download the free IRS2Go application by visiting the iTunes App Store. Android users can visit Google Play to download the free IRS2Go app.

The newest version of the free mobile app also offers tax records, such as tax account or tax return transcripts, delivered via U.S. Postal Service to their address of record.

Interact with the IRS on Twitter via @IRSnews or @IRSenEspanol, or by watching videos on YouTube, signing up for email updates or using the Contact Us feature.

## How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps).

Letters must be signed (unless e-mailed) and must be identified with the writer's name, address and weekday phone number.

Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

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

We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission. Only one letter per author within a 28-day period. Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff. Letters may be submitted in person, by mail, by fax (659-2071) or by e-mail (Becky@towncrier.com).



## DON'T BE SCAMMED

BY JAY PENTRACK  
STAFF REPORTER

Scammers are now using text messages — millions of them — sent unsolicited, directly to cell phones announcing terrific prizes and/or gift cards just by replying to the text. Once a reply is made, the prize offer disappears but personal information may be solicited or responders may be solicited to sign up for offers that require some form of payment.

The Federal Trade Commission reached a settlement recently with a marketing group promising merchan-

dise such as \$1,000 Walmart or Best Buy gift cards.

According to the FTC, the best way to deal with unwanted/unsolicited text messages is to:

- delete them if they require entry of a special code or ask for personal information;
- don't click on the link (it may compromise personal information); and
- forward the original message to 7726 (SPAM) at no charge if you are an AT&T, T-Mobile, Verizon or Sprint subscriber.

*Jay Pentrack can be reached at jay@towncrier.com.*

## Modifying online health program

In response to requests for modifications and enhancements to the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) portal, Covered California suspended this component of SHOP to implement a series of redesigns. Meanwhile, enrollment in SHOP will continue via paper applications.

"The SHOP portal was not meeting the needs of agents or small employers and needed improvements," said Covered California Executive Director Peter V. Lee. "Taking the portal offline will not affect the paper application process, which has been the preferred enrollment method traditionally used by insurance agents in the small-group market."

The online portal for SHOP enrollment went offline Feb. 12, and is projected to be back online in the fall of 2014. Small-business owners can continue enrolling in SHOP by calling the SHOP Service Center or working with a Certified Insurance Agent.

Representatives of the SHOP Service Center are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1-877-453-9198. The Service Center can assist both small-business owners and Certified Insurance Agents with paper application enrollments, along with answering questions about existing applications. To date, the vast majority of SHOP enrollments have been submitted using paper applications.

As of Jan. 31, 2014, 571 groups were enrolled in Covered California's SHOP, representing 4,490 individuals. SHOP is currently processing another 200 group applications, representing 1,200 individuals. Small businesses can enroll in SHOP plans year-round.

## Cedar shake replacement project

The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council received Federal Emergency Management Agency authority to replace cedar shake shingles in the Idyllwild area, according to Executive Director Edwina Scott. Homeowners may receive 75 percent of the replacement cost. Scott can be reached at (951) 659-6208.



Local Conference Center looking for on-call workers to work in Maintenance, Kitchen and Lifeguarding.

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*but some mid-week hours are possible.*

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## BEFORE OUR TIME

BY ROBERT B. SMITH

### From Fern Valley Gardens to The Epicurian and now the sound of music ...



One aspect of Idyllwild that helps maintain its small-village charm is the way commercial and residential activities get intermingled through both space and time. Upper North Circle Drive offers a good example.

Just across the street from ever-busy Café Aroma, stands dense forest surrounding two obviously old buildings. As Idyllwild's first construction boom gained momentum in the early 1920s, Claudius Emerson sold the land to Arabella Bell of Pasadena. She and her husband, a professional botanist, were drawn to this forested property on Strawberry Creek, next to a 2-acre creekside strip designated as a "playground" ("campground" in today's jargon).

The Bells built the two structures (and a pump house for their well) in 1922 and 1924. The building nearer the street was their carriage house, the more distant one a summer residence. The carriage house was designed so that a one-way driveway from North Circle curved into the building, which served as an automobile garage, then exited through a second door, eventually merging with the street a few doors down.

Dr. Bell set about converting the entire creekside property to shaded gardens crisscrossed with paths and filled with plants gathered worldwide. Frank Strong and George Dickinson were simultaneously opening their Fern Valley development just upstream, so the Bells adopted the name "Fern Valley Gardens," which would prevail for 65 years.

As the Bells aged, they hired Lloyd Wood, later Idyllwild's postmaster, as caretaker. Arabella died in the early 1960s, leaving the property to the "City of Idyllwild," a nonexistent entity. Local sculptor Lora Steere, a moving spirit in creating the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts, prevailed upon Bell's executor to interpret "City of Idyllwild" broadly enough for ISOMATA to receive the property.

ISOMATA board member Ann Benedict, in turn, bought Fern Valley Gardens to benefit the school and to preserve the property. Privately christened "Timberlite" for the unique lighting afforded by its overhanging forest, it became a second home for her. But eventually the gardens went untended and vegetation overgrew the trail network.

Serial owners subsequently commercialized Fern Valley Gardens, housing arts and crafts shops, before Mitchell Susnar sparked its renaissance in 1987. Restoring the gardens to award-winning quality, he meticulously remodeled both buildings, recycling original pine boards from the 1920s construction. The project suffered a tense moment when workers excavating the basement detected a foul odor — a prior owner had been murdered, after all — but its source proved to be merely a freshly expired raccoon.

Susnar also bestowed a new name, "The Epicurean," taken from his Florida restaurant, upon the resulting wine, cheese and household furnishings emporium. That shop's short but illustrious life ended in 1990. Temporarily housing a bookstore, the place was bought by Charles and Kirsten Marvin. They reopened The Epicurean as an eclectic gourmet foods, decorative arts and apparel shop that lasted through the 1990s.

After the Marvins sold it, the property sat idle until

## OFF THE MAIN ROADS

BY HELENE LOHR, RMRU MEMBER

### Have you ever wondered? ...

Hiking around these mountains you may see all sorts of things in nature that just seem designed to boggle the mind.

1. Why is your pine tree foaming at the mouth in the rain? Don't be alarmed; it doesn't need rabies shots.

The formation of a crude soap on the bark from fatty acids in pine sap and resin causes this foam. During a drought, a mix of sap salts and acids accumulates and coats the bark surface to form the basics of a rough detergent.

When it eventually rains, these ingredients mix with the water and start sudsing up. The froth (foam) is from the agitation of the mixture as it runs down the rough bark during its flow toward the ground.

So it's a perfectly natural thing when pine suds up in the rain. Although if it does so excessively, it may indicate there is some insect or other damage causing it to "bleed" more sap.

2. Why are sticks walking around at the bottom of the stream?

The next time you're down by the creek in the summer, take a look at the bottom of the small pools and you'll see a collection of small sticks that seem to be crawling along against the current.

These little guys are caddisfly larvae. They are sheltered by a shell of pebbles, bark and other debris they have built up and "glued" in place around them with a form of silk they excrete. It's a great protection and camouflage all at once.

Some types of caddisfly not only form shells with the silk but also make nets in order to collect food and build hideaways.

3. Do you know how to tell who ate your pine cone?

Lots of critters like to munch away at pine cones to fatten them up for the winter, but each has a distinctive way of chowing down.

You can always tell where a squirrel has eaten lunch, since they leave a clean, pine-cone core (like an apple core) and a big pile of stripped pine scales on the ground behind them. (Didn't their mom ever teach them to clean up?)

Woodpeckers and many other of our feathered friends also peck away at pine cones. They use their pointy beaks to pull out the pine scales, one by one. This leaves a ragged, "pokey" edge (the scales of cones squirrels eat have clean-cut edges because of the sharp teeth).

So the next time you're out and about, and run into a strange natural phenomenon (or just something you've always wondered about), take the time to do the research.

Almost always, it involves a fascinating answer that can help you understand more about natural patterns around you — and it's great hiking trivia.



2010, when it acquired yet another identity, now occupied full-time as the private residence of well-known locals Barnaby and Anne Finch.

*Bob Smith is a researcher and archivist with the Idyllwild Area Historical Society. He welcomes comments, questions, corrections and suggested topics for this column at rbsmith9@greencafe.com.*

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 13.

## Wednesday, March 12

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Riverside County mobile health clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Living Gracefully With Pain, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Spanish Class for Home schoolers, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, 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 grade, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

## Thursday, March 13

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- MEMSCOMM, 9 a.m.; Idyllwild Bible Church Women's Study, 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Free warm lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Idyllwild Francophone (fluent-French speakers), 12:30 p.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP. Call Francoise Frigola, 951-659-4146, for more information.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Marantha Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

## Friday, March 14

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Monica Sierras at 951-659-5932 for information and location.
- Feeding America, 3 p.m. Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center. Distribution at the former Morning Sky School on Hwy. 243.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (The Courtyard.)

## Saturday, March 15

- Mountain Disaster Preparedness' Medical Reserve Corp Training, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wiccan Dedication Study Group, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Legacy Writers Workshop, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr; 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (The Courtyard.)
- Idyllwild Gay Potluck, 6 p.m. Email pinkiemeringue@yahoo.com for location.

## Sunday, March 16

- 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 meeting (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd, Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m.

Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

## Monday, March 17

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, 7-8:30 p.m., the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.
- Mountain Non-fiction Writers Group, 7 p.m. For information and address, call Larry Kueneman 951- 659-2567.

## Tuesday, March 18

- Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; AA Open Meeting and 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, 54925 Village Center Dr.
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUDS offices, 1791 W.

Acacia Ave., Hemet.

• Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

• Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services training, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station meeting room, 54160 Marantha Dr.

• Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 951-659-5228 for location.

## Wednesday, March 19

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian 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.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Living Gracefully With Pain, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- Spanish Class for Home schoolers, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661

Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

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• Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

• 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.
- 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; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.

• Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday-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.

## Churches and Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

### Chapel in the Pines Christian Fellowship

Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer.  
Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School, 10am plus Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097, 659-2038.  
International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild First 3 Tuesdays., 5-7pm 659-5255 • On Hwy 243 in Mountain Center.

### Christian Science Church

25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11a.m.-Noon.

### Community Presbyterian Church

54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 • Rev. Richard Olson

Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.

Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship - Child care available  
• Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

### Idyllwild Bible Church

25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott.  
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Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

### Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church

54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA  
Father Charles E. Miller  
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.;  
Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.;  
Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

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Pastor Kristeen Bandelin 659-2416  
Sunday Worship 10 am - Thurs.  
Bible Study 7 pm

### Spiritual Living Center

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26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building) 659-3464.  
Dr. Betty Jandl. Classes available - contact Church;  
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# Primary race candidates decided

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Hill voters will have several choices for the June primary ballot. Former Assemblyman Ray Haynes, Republican, has decided to enter the race for U.S. Representative from the 36th District. He is challenging incumbent Dr. Raul Ruiz and fellow Republican Brian Nestande (current 46th District state assemblyman).

California's "Top Two" law sends the two candidates, regardless of party affiliation, garnering the most votes to the November general election.

Other races with multiple candidates include the California 28th state Senate race. Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone is one of six candidates.

Some Riverside County elected officials will face challenges. Michael Hestrin wants to replace first-term District Attorney Paul Zellerbach in the most highly charged contest. Other county officials facing opponents in June include Superintendent of Schools Ken Young and Sheriff Stan Sniff.

The lack of candidates has resulted in some races being officially decided already. The Hill's state Assemblyman Brian Jones is unopposed as well as the county's Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder candidate Peter Aldana, Auditor-Controller Paul Angulo and Treasurer-Tax Collector Don Kent.

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## June primary

**U.S. Representative  
36th District**  
Ray Haynes, Rep.  
Brian Nestande, Rep.  
Dr. Raul Ruiz, Dem.  
(incumbent)

Paul Zellerbach (incumbent)  
  
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# Flu season still abating

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Deaths in California from influenza virus rose to 318 people under 65 years from the beginning of the year to last week, according to the California Department of Public Health. Six of these deaths were children. Another 26 deaths are still under investigation.

The 12 deaths last week were the fewest flu-related deaths since the beginning of January.

In comparison, at a similar point in 2013, the flu-related deaths totaled 43 and 106 people succumbed to influenza during the entire 2012-13 season.

Two more people in Riverside County died from the flu, bringing this season's total to 15 deaths.

The positive news is that influenza activity in the state is decreasing, according to CDPH. Both the number of influenza-associated deaths and outpatient visits for influenza-like illness has decreased from week to week. Both have been within expected baseline levels for this time of year since week six.

Nationwide, the number of visits to health-care providers for influenza-like illness decreased again last week. Death related to influenza-like illness declined again, but still remains above the epidemic threshold, according to

See Flu, page 20

# Another Idyllwild sewer rate increase on horizon

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

At last week's special meeting, Idyllwild Water District directors listened to new General Manager Tom Lynch and Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman discuss preliminary reasons for a potential rate increase, particularly for the sewer district.

Lynch explained that the presentation was just an initial discussion, and more information and a recommendation would be ready when the board reviewed the fiscal 2014-15 budget in May.

Board President Jim Billman stressed that IWD's customers needed an explanation and he did not want to surprise them.

The first point the staff made was that neither water nor sewer revenue is sufficient to cover the operational costs for either program. Without a share of property taxes, the water program would have a \$120,000 deficit and the sewer program revenues are nearly \$100,000 less than costs.

"Without the property taxes, if we depend on ourselves, we lose money," Lynch stated.

However, property taxes turn the water deficit into a \$130,000 surplus. Unfortunately, because the sewer district's property taxes are substantially less than the water district's, the sewer still has a deficit. Property taxes do reduce that deficit to \$30,000.

Nevertheless, Shouman

expects the sewer program to continue to drain reserves without another rate increase in the future.

So this spring, IWD is expected to approve the fifth-consecutive, 6-percent rate increase. This series of rate increases originally was approved in June 2010.

"The sewer program needs a rate increase after the 6 percent in June," Shouman said. "Water can wait. But sewer, we need an immediate rate increase."

But Lynch stressed that he was not asking for any action at this meeting. "We're

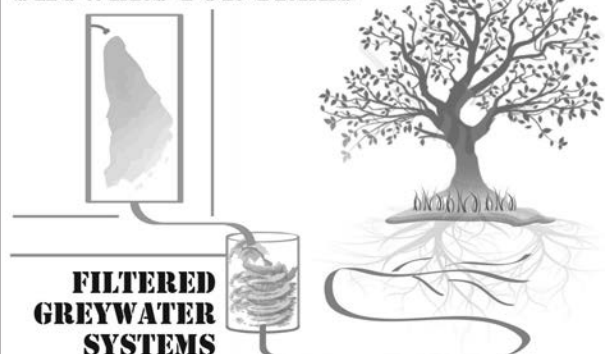
preparing the budget and generally it's in good shape with water. Sewer we'll look at in the future."

"This is a preliminary idea. Put together a notice and letter to bring the users online with what is needed," Billman said to Lynch.

In other business, the board unanimously approved a consulting contract with former General Manager Terry Lyons. The consulting arranged will be through June 30, according to Lyons.

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).

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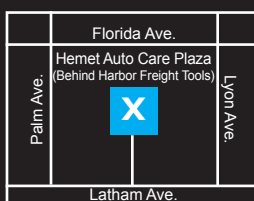
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# Bald eagle counters spot one at Lake Hemet

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Saturday morning, during the U.S. Forest Service's fourth and final bald eagle count of the 2013-14 season, just one adult eagle was seen at Lake Hemet.

During this count, a grand total of nine eagles (seven adults and two juveniles) were counted at the lake areas in and near the San Bernardino National Forest. This is six fewer than during the February vigil.

Besides the Lake Hemet eagle, observers spotted five eagles (including one juvenile) at Big Bear Lake; one juvenile eagle at Lake Arrowhead; and two adult eagles at Silverwood Lake.

For the second consecutive month, no eagles were seen at either Lake Gregory or Lake Perris, although two were seen at these sites in January.

About 191 observers participated in the one-hour eagle census (19 at Lake Hemet, 57 at the Big Bear area, 20 at Lake Arrowhead and Lake Gregory, 68 at Silverwood Lake



A crowd of bird spotters line the shore of Lake Hemet to get a glimpse of the two resident bald eagles for the monthly bald eagle count.

PHOTO BY JOHN PACHECO

and 37 at Lake Perris).

"It was a beautiful day for spotting eagles and was a great way to end our winter eagle censuses," said Robin Eliason, district biologist for the SBNF's Mountaintop Ranger District.

"Many of the bald eagles have started migrating out



Above, a bald eagle is feeding one of two chicks that hatched in early February near Big Bear Lake. Unfortunately, the chicks did not survive the severe rain and snow storms at the end of February.

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of Southern California, heading north to their breeding grounds," she continued in a press release. "A few breeding pairs have set up nesting territories and are year-round residents.

"A pair of bald eagles is tending their nest at Lake Hemet. Big Bear Lake's nesting pair hatched two chicks in early February but, unfortunately, they did not survive last week's severe storm."

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).

## After-school registration window

Hemet Unified School District's S.A.F.E. After School Program and "The Zone" Middle School Program announces the registration window for the 2014-15 school year.

The S.A.F.E. program operates at all elementary sites and "The Zone" at middle schools within the district. All HUSD after-school programs operate each day school is in session. Each program operates from school dismissal until 6 p.m. or for three hours, whichever is longer.

This Proposition 49-funded service is provided at no charge to parents. Each site offers homework assistance, literacy help, physical activities, as well as a variety of enrichment activities.

For details on the requirements, call the S.A.F.E. office at 951-765-5100, ext. 3901.

The registration window opens on Monday, March 17 and closes on Friday, April 25. Registration material is available at each school site or on the HUSD web page: [www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us).

## Sport fishing licenses

The 2014 sport fishing license is valid until Dec. 31.

The annual sport fishing license for residents ages 16 and older is \$46.44. It allows the angler to take fish, mollusks, crustaceans, invertebrates, amphibians or reptiles in inland or ocean waters.

A non-resident must pay \$124.77.

Disabled veterans, recovering military service member, low-income seniors, Native Americans, and mobility impaired, blind or developmentally disabled persons may receive reduced-fee or free licenses.

Licenses may be purchased online at [www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/fishing](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/fishing). On the Hill, fishing licenses are sold at Village Hardware and Lake Hemet Market and may include a 5-percent license-agent handling fee.

An Adventure Pass is required at Lake Fulmor and on the north side of Lake Hemet.

## Old Town Criers now online

The 1949 to 1953 Town Criers are now available on the GenealogyBank.com website. Access requires a subscription to the website.

## Free bird identification app

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology has released a free iPhone app to help people identify 285 birds in North America. Created with support from the National Science Foundation, the app asks just five questions, then

displays photos of birds that match the user's description, customized to the location and time of year.

"We named the app 'Merlin' because of its uncanny, almost magical, way of guessing which bird

you saw," says the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's Jessie Barry, whose team created the app with partner Birds in the Hand.

It also displays photos, ID tips, sounds and range maps for each species.

The Merlin Bird ID app can now be downloaded from the App Store. The Cornell Lab plans to release Merlin for Android and online use in the coming months and to continue adding more species.

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# Art Alliance's 'Eye' fundraiser a big success

BY JAY PENTRACK  
STAFF REPORTER

Doug Bernhagen, "Bye-Bye Bitter Butterfly."

Last Saturday night, the Art Alliance of Idyllwild held one of its two annual fundraisers, the Eye of the Artist. The event attracted a large crowd hoping for a chance to win artwork the organization's members donated. According to Shanna Robb, the event coordinator, "We had 71 donations and hit record numbers thanks to those who purchased opportunity tickets." Winners, by category, were:

Mixed Media/Collage/Jewelry: 1st place, Kathy Harmon-Luber, "Play"; 2nd place, Donna Elliot, "Oh Deer Me"; 3rd place, Trudy Adler, "Twisted Leaves Ear-rings."

Photography: 1st place, Peter Szabadi, "View from Banning"; 2nd place, Bill Sperling, "At the Drive In"; 3rd place, Cate, "Waves in the Rock."

Sculpture/Bas Relief/Found Objects: 1st place, Jerry Baccaire, "Topsy Turvy TeaTime"; 2nd place, Kirk Evans, "Mountain Fire Survivor"; 3rd place, Scott Finnell, "Chimeric".

Honorable Mention: John Simpson, "7-17-13"; Helen Molles, "Woodpecker Watching the Sunset from Deer Rhumba"; 2nd place, Brenda Underwood, "Bird Watching"; 3rd place, Jennifer Ali, "As I Am."

Water-based Media: 1st place, Gary Glasheen, "Island Underwood, "Bird Watching"; 3rd place, Jennifer Ali, "As I Am."

Pastels/Charcoal/Drawings/Print Making: 1st place, Gwen Novak, "Hands Up"; 2nd place, Julie Koppel, "Animals on Strings"; 3rd place, com.

Artist's Choice and People's Choice went to Evelina Nash.

Jay Pentrack can be reached at jay@towncrier.com.



The Art Alliance of Idyllwild sponsored Eye of the Artist on Saturday at the Rainbow Inn. The event is one of two annual fundraisers the organization hosts. It hit record numbers in monies raised for AAI.

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# Idyllwild Arts offers unique summer learning program

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

It's another summer of arts programs for youth, children, adults and families at the Idyllwild Arts campus. Once again, participants will have choices of familiar programs, favorite instructors and new opportunities. The Summer Program lasts for eight weeks, from June 15, when the popular Hot Clay and Metals Week opens, through Aug. 9, when many youth classes offer final performances throughout the day.

Organizers offer adults an opportunity to learn or improve on a variety of artistic skills. A digital photography class is new this year. And new opportunities for ceramists, painters, drawers, printmakers, sculptors, writers and poets will fill the summer.

Teens and youths will have an equal number of challenging classes, including theater, dance, film and music.

From year to year, the adult programs offer more change than the youth classes, according to Steve Fraider, executive director and vice president of the Summer Program. Attendance in the adult program surged about five years ago, said Heather Companiott, director of the Adult Arts Center. About 400 adults attend the various programs each year. The youth enrollees number another 400 in the 9 to 12 years group, but nearly 1,000 for the teen classes.

"But there is a 50-percent turn over [in the adult students] every year, so there's something new each year," Fraider said. "Adults like to do different things. A large majority come to do art for enjoyment and the satisfaction of making or working on things. Some have been coming for 15 to 20 years."

Those who do repeat tend to be very loyal to the program. Fraider first came to Idyllwild for a summer class in the mid-1960s. Renowned soloist and chamber music

cellist John Walz attended a summer program in 1964 and remains connected to the school. Currently, he is on the faculty of the Idyllwild Arts Academy and Summer Program.

In August, when the High School Chamberfest plays its final concert at Royce Hall on the UCLA campus, Walz will play Max Bruch's "Kol Nidre," a fantasy/concerto for cello and orchestra on the well-known traditional Yom Kippur tune.

During 1978, Companiott attended an Idyllwild Arts Summer Program. Following college and graduate school, she eventually migrated back to campus to run the Native Arts portion of the Summer Program.

What impresses her and demonstrates the magnetism and success of the program is how often she has heard, "It has changed my life, I'm on a different trajectory. I'm always amazed and it's really moving."

One of those individuals is Natalie Diaz who attended the Summer Program eight years ago, Companiott said. This year, Diaz, who has won fellowships and prizes for her poetry, returns as one of the instructors during Poetry Week.

The faculty's power is one of the reasons for the Summer Program's continuing popularity and success. "About 98 percent of the teachers return each year, so there's continuity," Fraider said. "They like teaching at Idyllwild Arts because we have great students. But it's not just [the students'] talent, it's their passion. And we empower the faculty."

Instructors have to be prepared for students who range from beginners to professionals in their field. The search and vetting process is hugely successful. Nearly 98 percent of the faculty return each year, according to Fraider.

"We try to find somebody well known and respected, and also a great teacher who is passionate about what they do," Companiott said. "Every summer there's something extraordinary."

The creation of a new class or program is not the sole responsibility of Fraider or Companiott, he said. "When we have an idea, it could be vague. But we solicit possible faculty to make a proposal." There's a back-and-forth process and collaboration before students cross the classroom threshold. Then it's up to them.

Each year, the adult program offers about 50 workshops. About 35 classes will be new this year. For example, digital photography is being offered for the first time, Companiott said. It will be a cutting-edge, mixed-media photography class — something unique. Glass blowing is another new class and already half full.

Anyone with a passion for art — whether it is performing or creating — who seeks a unique perspective, the Idyllwild Arts campus in the San Jacinto Mountains offers a special learning and exploring opportunity. A description of the Summer Program classes — adult arts, children's center, junior artists, youth arts and family camp — can be found at [www.idyllwildarts.org/page.cfm?p=498](http://www.idyllwildarts.org/page.cfm?p=498).

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## Mobile health van coming to town

A Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic is bringing free health care services to Idyllwild at Town Hall, usually the second Wednesday of every month.

Services include general medical exams, sick-child visits and health screenings for blood pressure, diabetes and vision.

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The next event is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 12. For more information, call 951-486-5765.

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# Arts & Entertainment Calendar

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Submittal forms can be picked up at the Town Crier, or email [becky@town-crier.com](mailto:becky@town-crier.com).

## Wednesday, March 12

**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.  
**Art With Saffron**, ages 6-9, 3-4:15 p.m. Idyllwild Library.  
**Andrew Simpson**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.  
**"Mr. Peabody & Sherman,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Spring Dance Concert**, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Arts IAF Theatre.

## Thursday, March 13

**"Mr. Peabody & Sherman,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Spring Dance Concert**, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Arts IAF Theatre.

## Free lunch every Thursday

Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church at 25525 Tahquitz Drive offers a free, warm lunch through the cooperation of Christina Nordella and Fairway Market. The Caring Community Lunch is open to anyone.

## Planting trees during a drought

Gov. Edmund G. Brown issued a proclamation last week declaring March 7 as Arbor Day.

He wrote, "This year we celebrate Arbor Day as the state confronts one of the most severe droughts on record. In the spirit of preserving trees for future generations, Californians are advised to honor this occasion by planting drought-tolerant trees and learning best practices in caring for trees during a water shortage."

Information about tree selection can be found at <http://selecttree.calpoly.edu> and a guide to helping trees survive the drought can be found at [http://calfire.ca.gov/downloads/CaUFC\\_Trees\\_and\\_Drought.pdf](http://calfire.ca.gov/downloads/CaUFC_Trees_and_Drought.pdf).

## Lecture on earthquakes in desert

Friends of the Desert Mountains is hosting the lecture, "Living in Earthquake County, Understanding Earthquakes," from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 22.

The lecture is illustrated with slides and animations on the creation of the San Andreas fault and the topography of the West with animations explaining earthquake shaking to better understand why and how people must be prepared for the next "big one."

The free event is at the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monuments Visitors Center, 51500 Highway 74, Palm Desert, in the Friends of the Desert Mountains Conference room. Call 760-862-9984 to make reservations.

## Friday, March 14

**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon; **Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts**, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Forest Folk Potluck & Movie Night, "Finding Forrester,"** 5 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.  
**Keith McCabe**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.  
**Mark Huston**, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.  
**Spring Dance Concert**, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Arts IAF Theatre.

## Saturday, March 15

**Dan Papaila**, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.  
**Open Mic, Juls Phillips & Frankie B. Good**, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.  
**Two Micks and a Chick**, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

## Sunday, March 16

**Dr. Betty's Talk, "Just for Today,"** Singer Phyllis Curington-Brown, 10 a.m. Spiritual Living Center.  
**Barnaby Finch & Friends Mimosas Brunch & Spring Concert**, 11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Arts' Nelson Hall & Stephens Recital Hall.  
**Pentagram & Daisies**, 1-4 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.  
**Chess Club**, 3-5 p.m. Nature's Wisdom.

## Monday, March 17

**Idyllwild Forest Folk Cribbage Group**, 10 a.m.-noon; **Children's story hour, "St. Patrick's Day,"** 10:30-11:30 a.m.; **Penelope Engard talk, "The Clark Family,"** 4-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.  
**Three Micks and a Chick**, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

## Tuesday, March 18

**Free Senior Wii**, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.

## Wednesday, March 19

**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.  
**Palms to Pines Magazine wine and cheese reception**, 4-6 p.m. Grand Idyllwild Lodge.

## Thursday, March 20

**Idyllwild Community Center Speaker Series, Tom Inocencio, "Firefighting Aircraft Use on the Mountain Fire,"** 5:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn.

**Soroptimists' talk, Erin O'Neill, "Philippines at Depth - Before the Typhoon,"** 6 p.m. Oma's European Restaurant & Bakery.

## Friday, March 21

**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon; **Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts**, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Forest Folk Potluck & Movie Night, "Arthur,"** 5 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.  
**Mark Huston**, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.

## Saturday, March 22

**Spaghetti dinner fundraiser**

for the Idyllwild School cross-country team, 5-8 p.m. American Legion Post 800.  
**Open Mic, Juls Phillips & Frankie B. Good**, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.

## Sunday, March 23

**Chess Club**, 3-5 p.m. Nature's Wisdom.

## Monday, March 24

**Idyllwild Forest Folk Cribbage Group**, 10 a.m.-noon; **Children's story hour, "Let's Go Fly a Kite,"** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.  
**Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz**, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.

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# Local artists are reaching new heights

By JAY PENTRACK  
STAFF REPORTER

Neil Jenkins has taken the marriage proposal to new heights — literally. “Neil proposed on top of the Matterhorn in Switzerland,” Donna Elliot said with a smile. The Matterhorn is more than 14,600 feet high (the highest peak in the Alps), so high in fact that it has its own weather system and is often closed when weather moves into the area; and that is exactly what happened to the soon-to-be married couple. Planning to make the climb with a friend, the couple were disappointed to learn that the mountain was closed.

“So Donna and I decide to do this other massive ridge. We get up at 5 a.m. and don’t get back until 7 p.m. We just flake out, we are just totally exhausted, and [our climbing buddy] comes walking over and says, ‘They’ve opened the mountain,’” said Jenkins. And off the trio went. On their journey, the trio bunked down in a Swiss-style lodge part way up the mountain.

“We go halfway up this damn mountain and we’re on waterbeds,” Jenkins said. “We’re both exhausted from climbing this massive ridge, and I don’t get a wink of sleep because every time I turn over I’m starting to get seasick,” he laughed. Despite the challenges, and a short stop for tea — he is British, after all — the couple finally reached the summit where, according to Elliot, Jenkins dropped to one knee and popped the question. “I had to say yes,” Elliot said. Jenkins added, “That was my plan. We were at a high enough altitude that her brain was starved of oxygen.”

The couple originally met in Wales. “We were both doing something called an

open-university degree and they have something called the Open University Mountaineering Club. Neil was leading a trip in Wales and it was the first time I decided to go on one of their trips. He was going up this mountain and I was right on his heels,” Elliot said. (Jenkins contends that she was chasing him.)

After several more trips together they decided they wanted more than a mountain-climbing friendship and love blossomed. That’s when Elliot got the call with a job offer in Singapore. With Jenkins’ encouragement, she accepted the job and this would be the first separation in their international love affair — Elliot in Singapore, Jenkins in the UK.

Jenkins was serving in the military at the time. “I had been in the British Army for 24 years. I was actually in what you would call the Officer’s Club. I lived in the Officer’s Club because I was single.” And one morning, the phone rang. It was Elliot calling from Singapore. “She said, ‘I think you should leave the Army and come out here.’ The first thing I said was, ‘Let me just check first. Have you been drinking?’” The following day, Jenkins gave his required six-month notice. They remained in Singapore for 18 months before returning to the UK.

Two years later, American International Group recruited Jenkins to Delaware. Separation number two in the couple’s adventure, Elliot in the

UK, Jenkins in Delaware. “I was in this executive training program, so the idea was that they would send me to South America somewhere, so I’m in Chile and I get the phone call from the guy who hired me and he said, ‘Get yourself over to Hong Kong, they need some help out there.’” And all the while, Elliot is working “at a very good job” in the UK. Separation number three — Elliot in the UK, Jenkins in Hong Kong.

After two years apart, Elliot decided to join Jenkins in Hong Kong where they stayed for a year. It was then that the couple came to a life-changing decision. “We decided to retire while we were still fit and strong enough to do the sort of climbing and everything we wanted to do,” Elliot said. “That’s actually where the art thing comes in because about six months before we left, we were talking about retiring and we were going to climb mountains. We can’t climb every day. You have to have rest days every now and then,” Jenkins said. But a bored Jenkins is not a happy Jenkins, so he wanted to come up with something to occupy his time. “I said to Donna, my father can paint. I’ll take up painting, and Donna said, ‘Don’t you have to have talent for that?’” Jenkins laughed.

Photography was always Elliot’s passion. “My photography includes photographs from all over the world but a

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Neil Jenkins and Donna Elliot retired to Idyllwild after traveling the world. They love the concentration of like-minded people. “We knew Idyllwild was an art town. Where else in the world would you get five people like us sitting in a room like this and everyone has their own art? It’s just fantastic. It’s continuous,” Jenkins said.

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lot in the mountains as well, and a lot of nature. I think probably our love of nature has inspired much of our art anyway."

Throughout the course of their relationship, Elliot introduced Jenkins to many of her passions: cave exploring, which he embraced, art that he excelled in and Idyllwild that he loved. Elliot discovered Idyllwild in the early 1970s when she moved from her birthplace, St. Louis, to California. Her love of climbing and hiking brought her to Idyllwild.

"I used to come and just go up San Jacinto every trip and then when Neil and I got together I introduced him to Idyllwild," Elliot said. On one trip in particular, the couple had been up to Tahquitz Rock for three or four days when Elliot suggested that they look at some houses, "Just for fun."

"We were here on a holiday and the next thing I know we're buying this house," Jenkins said, laughing. "I was just sitting on

a rock up there. It's in our head anyway. We had had lots of conversations. Where do we want to be when we retire, when we stop having to live the rat race? And Idyllwild was the place." And Elliot concurred: "It was almost like, where else? Where else would you want to be?"

Perhaps it is as Jenkins explained: "The best thing about being in Idyllwild is all of the artists and the artistic people up here. It's just fantastic. It's like a virus. You feed off it;" that has inspired the couple to create a body of work displayed proudly in their home. "A real turning point for our art is having joined the Art Alliance a year ago January and I think that really made us up our game a bit and decide to try new things and also meet lots of other inspiring artists," Elliot offers.

Speaking of new things, Jenkins and Elliot were among the group of artists selected to paint a deer for the AAI "Deer Sightings" project. "I was the one that volunteered us for the deer project," Elliot said, which scared the daylight out of Jenkins, who had just taken



**Madison McKay** was a part of the Idyllwild Arts Senior Exhibit, showing some of her best photography. Just a week before, she had her first professional shoot for the Southern California Golf Association Magazine. After she graduates, she plans to attend a four-year university and join her mother in the real estate business, shooting architectural photography on the side.

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up acrylics. "I'm thinking this is going to go out there, for everyone's view." Their deer, "Rocky," was special, "It called to us with the rock climbing theme and the hiking, and the painting. It caught every aspect of Idyllwild for us," Jenkins said. ("Rocky" was the deer stolen from La Casita.)

There are many aspects of Idyllwild that inspired this globetrotting couple to set

down their roots here, and Elliot explained it best: "It's an inspiring place because you have people like the Mountain Quilters, you have artists, you have writers, and they all interconnect so all the arts and talents are brought together, and it just makes you want to do bigger and better things."

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ISIS Theatre Co. performed **Lee Blessing's** "Eleemosynary," at the Rainbow Inn last Friday. The cast included **Michele Marsh, Meg Wolf, right, and Zora Schonert, left.**

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# March 31 health care deadline approaching

BY JAY PENTRACK  
STAFF REPORTER

In California, nearly 15,000 residents who applied for health coverage using the California Health Exchange website, www.coveredca.com, will need to resubmit their information due to a software glitch. The enrollment function was disabled on Feb. 20 to allow for software maintenance and upgrades, and relaunched on Feb. 24 after the problems were corrected.

The problem that caused user sessions to end prematurely affects those who applied for health coverage between Feb. 17 and 19 and will require applicants to

resubmit their information. Covered California plans to notify the individuals.

The deadline to enroll in the Affordable Care Act is March 31. Those failing to enroll may face a penalty for not having insurance. For coverage to begin on April 1, applications should be submitted by March 15. It is important to note that after March 31, individuals may face a tax penalty of \$95 or 1 percent of taxable annual income, whichever is greater. For more information or to enroll visit www.coveredca.com.

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Magazine is that tool."

The magazine will be distributed free to consumers and a downloadable PDF will be available online, also for free. The magazine replaces the Idyllwild Guide previously published twice yearly.

"Brilliant photography, compelling articles and quality production values (full-color, coffee-table quality) will establish the bi-monthly magazine as an effective marketing tool for Idyllwild," said Pentrack. "Focusing on Idyllwild and Palm Springs as attractive tourist destinations seemed like the perfect marriage. With opposite seasons and a shared drive-market, the two cities can capitalize on longer guest stays by virtue of attractive day-trip itineraries for guests staying in either location."

Pentrack explained that tourists visiting Palm Springs enjoy the opportunity to travel from the desert floor to Idyllwild's alpine environment. "It just makes sense to capitalize on that relationship," he said. "We'll also reach the many desert residents who don't even know that

Idyllwild is here or who still believe that it was decimated by the Mountain Fire."

"Our goal in hosting the Visitor Center was to introduce visitors to the many wonders of Idyllwild," said Clark. "With the new magazine, visitors will be able to take the magazine home and share Idyllwild with friends and family; people off the Hill unfamiliar with Idyllwild will now know that there is an entire community of wonderful, creative people, complete with restaurants, accommodations, galleries, shops, music and events, and a wealth of things to do and see here. We are excited about the possibilities it presents for the entire community."

In addition to the print magazine, a comprehensive marketing strategy including the PalmsToPinesMagazine.com website and social media (Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest) round out an aggressive campaign to attract more tourists to Idyllwild and the desert cities. "The Town Crier enjoys average monthly traffic of more than 24,000 visitors to its website and more than 4,500 'likes' on its Facebook page and Palms to Pines Magazine stands to



## Wine and cheese reception

A wine and cheese reception will be hosted at the Grand Idyllwild Lodge, 54820 Pine Crest Ave., from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, to introduce local business owners to Palm to Pines Magazine and to answer any questions attendees have regarding the publication and online media efforts.

benefit from the popularity of its sister site. Most new websites and Facebook pages take a good deal of time to build a following," said Halie Johnson, operations manager for both the Town Crier and Palms to Pines Magazine. "We will utilize reciprocal links and editorial stories about Palms to Pines Magazine on

the Town Crier site as well as links on social media, with the intention of driving traffic immediately to Palms to Pines." The website and social media component are "live" online.

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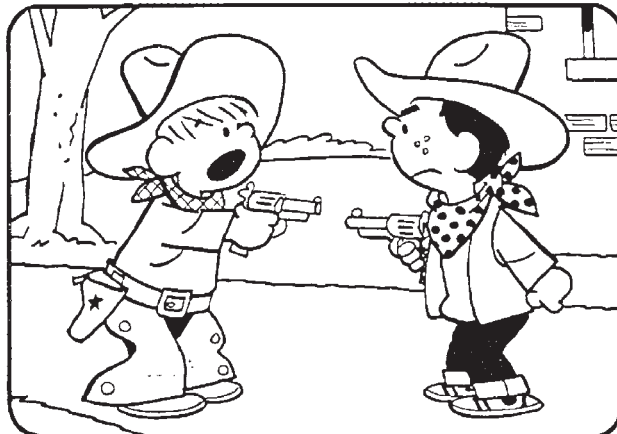
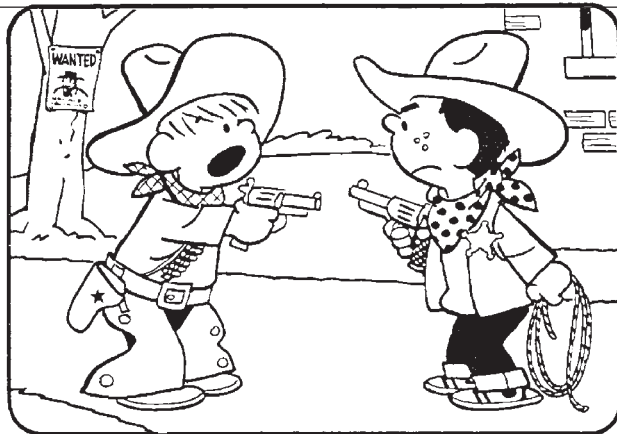
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PUMPERNICKEL GALLERY, 2608 S. Cherokee Way, Palm Springs, CA 92264, Riverside County. STEFAN ADAIR ARNOLD, 16-445 Wide Canyon Rd, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92241. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above. Signed: STEFAN ARNOLD Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 4, 2014.

FILE NO.: I-2014-00319  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 4, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 4, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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

LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: M. Duenas, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CHRISTINE ARNOLD PHOTOGRAPHY, 16445 Wide Canyon Rd, Sky Valley, CA 92241, Riverside County. CHRISTINE ARNOLD (LORRAINE), 16445 Wide Canyon Rd, Sky Valley CA 92241. This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on May 1999.

Signed: CHRISTINE ARNOLD  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 4, 2014.

FILE NO.: I-2014-00318  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 4, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 4, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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County Clerk  
By: M. Duenas, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SOMEWHERE IN TIME IDY, 54385 North Circle Drive, Unit "C", Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1971, Idyllwild, CA 92549. LAURA KRISTEN POSSELT, 53958 Marian View Drive, 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: LAURA KRISTEN POSSELT  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 06, 2014.

FILE NO.: I-2014-00345  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 6, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 6, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS  
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HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You'll want to discourage well-meaning but potentially ill-advised interference in what you intend to accomplish. Your work has a better chance to succeed if it reflects you  
**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's well-deserved reputation for loyalty could be tested if you learn that it might be misplaced. But don't rely on rumors. Check the stories out before you decided to act.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You've been going on adrenaline for a long time, and this unexpected lull in a recent spate of excitement could be just what you need to restore your energy levels. Enjoy it.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Friends can be counted on to help you deal with a perplexing personal situation. But remember to keep your circle of advisers limited only to those you're sure you can trust.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Security-loving Lions do not appreciate uncertainty in any form. But sometimes changing situations can reveal hidden stresses in time to repair a relationship before it's too late.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time for single Virgos to make a love connection. Be careful not to be too judgmental about your new "prospect" — at least until you know more about her or him.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your sense of justice helps you resolve a problem that might have been unfairly

attributed to the wrong person. Spend the weekend doing some long-neglected chores.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might feel justified in your anger toward someone you suspect betrayed your trust. But it could help if you take the time to check if your suspicions have substance.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Ignore distractions if you hope to accomplish your goal by the deadline you agreed to. Keep the finish line in sight, and you should be able to cross it with time to spare.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your creative self continues to dominate through much of the week. Also, despite a few problems that have cropped up, that recent romantic connection seems to be thriving.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) As curious as you might be, it's best to avoid trying to learn a colleague's secret. That sort of knowledge could drag you into a difficult workplace situation at some point down the line.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Instead of spending too much time floundering around wondering if you can meet your deadline, you need to spend more time actually working toward reaching it.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a natural gift for attracting new friends, who are drawn to your unabashed love of what life should be all about.

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ACROSS

1 "Wow!"  
5 Sphere  
8 Auto pioneer  
12 Pinnacle  
13 Fish eggs  
14 Great Lake  
15 Oceangoing vessel  
16 CBS crime-solving series  
18 Easily angered person  
20 Swiss mathematician  
21 "Of course"  
22 Fellow  
23 Harsh  
26 Ideological conflict  
30 Move like  
31 Author Umberto  
32 Historic period  
33 Franks  
36 Starsky's partner  
38 Kanga's kid  
39 Chance  
40 Spotless  
43 Rarity in Hell?  
47 Trouble  
49 Jason's ship  
50 Teen's facial woe  
51 Peculiar  
52 Go  
53 Bellow  
54 Golf ball holder

DOWN

1 Long cut  
2 Reverberate  
3 Send forth  
4 Gentle breeze  
5 Killer whales  
6 Crucifix  
7 — canto  
8 Fruitful  
9 Verbal  
10 Get up  
11 Antelope's playmate  
17 Transaction  
19 "A mouse!"  
22 Cattle call?  
23 "Be quiet!"  
24 Excessively  
25 Suitable  
26 IV measures  
27 Drench  
28 Curved line  
29 "Hurray!"  
31 Id counterpart  
34 Bureau compartment  
35 Chaplin's O'Neill  
36 "2001" computer  
37 Latest news  
39 Teeming throng  
40 Burn somewhat  
41 Crazy  
42 Sicilian spouter  
43 Relinquish  
44 Let fall  
45 Chills and fever  
46 Bygone times  
48 Youngster



## Flu

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the Centers for Disease Control.

Visits to Riverside County emergency departments for influenza-like illness fell to 8.1 percent from 10.7 percent last week. Other indicators, such as the number of students absent due to illness, are within

normal historical limits and do not suggest an upsurge in flu prevalence in the county.

Of the reported influenza deaths in persons under age 65, nearly 89 percent have occurred in people with underlying medical conditions. The majority of the fatalities were adults aged 40 to 64 years.

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).

## Legals

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: M. Duenas, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2014.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as BETTER BEVERAGES 4U, 52541 Sunset Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 2205, Idyllwild, CA 92549. WILLIAM BARRY LATISLAW, 52541 Sunset Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549. STACEY ANN LATISLAW, 52541 Sunset Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

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

Signed:  
WILLIAM B LATISLAW  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 30, 2014.

FILE NO.:  
R-2014-01005

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 30, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 30, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: L. Montes, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 2014.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as COYOTE RED'S, 54225 North Circle Drive, 5D-9, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 688, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JOHN EDWARD STONITSCH, 26350 Delano Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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

Signed:  
JOHN EDWARD STONITSCH  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 20, 2014.

FILE NO.:  
R-2014-01665

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 20, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 20, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION  
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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: A. Acevedo, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 2014.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as WEST COAST FIRE SUPPLY, WEST COAST BBQ SUPPLY, SAN DIEGO FIRE SUPPLY, ORANGE COUNTY FIRE SUPPLY, WEST

COAST BBQ'S, 81955 Hwy 111, Indio, CA 92201, Riverside County. ALL VALLEY BBQ, SPA & PATIO, INC, 81955 Hwy 111, Suite 107, Indio, CA 92201, 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:  
LELAND BERLINER  
President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 26, 2014.

FILE NO.:  
I-2014-00521

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 26, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 26, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: A. Chavez, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PRO INET, 1760 W. Florida Ave., Hemet Ca 92545, Riverside County. 21ST CENTURY COMMUNICATION INC., 1760 W. Florida Ave., Hemet Ca 92545, A California Corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 2-1-1998.

Signed:  
TONY PATEL  
Corporate Secretary  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 27, 2014.

FILE NO.:  
R-2014-01988

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 27, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 27, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION  
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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: C. Berg, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014.

### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name IDYLLWILD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 54960 Pine Crest Avenue, Ste. 1, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County has been abandoned by the following person: Bobbie Jean Johns, 49180 Boarder Road, Banning, CA 92220.

This business is conducted by an individual. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 03/11/2013.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signed:  
DARWIN E. PYNCOMBE - BOBBIE J. JOHNS (DECEASED)  
Administrator - Darwin Pyncombe  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Mar. 3, 2014.

FILE NO.:

### R-2013-02598 CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: J. Gonzalez, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 54960 Pine Crest Avenue #1, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 3411, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on February 1, 2014.

Signed:  
DARWIN EDWARD PYNCOMBE  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Mar. 3, 2014.

FILE NO.:  
R-2014-02077

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MAR. 3, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MAR. 3, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: J. Gonzalez, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2014.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as VILLAGE CENTER PARTNERS, 26120 Ridgerview Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 165, Idyllwild, CA 92549. ROY ----- MILLS GENERAL PARTNER OF VILLAGE CENTER PARTNERS, 52630 Idyllmont Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, a California Limited Partnership.

This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on December 1979.

Signed:

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as INVIGORATE, 30-700 Via Pared, 1000 Palms Ca., 92276, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1516, Cathedral City, Cal. 92235, Martye Shizu Perkins, 30-700 Via Pared, 1000 Palms Ca, 92276, Jose Humberto Felix, 30-700 Via Pared, 1000 Palms Ca, 92276.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

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

Signed:  
MARTYE SHIZU PERKINS & JOSE HUMBERTO FELIX  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 21, 2014.

FILE NO.:  
I-2014-00480

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB 21, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 21, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: S. Perez, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Mar. 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 2014.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as FOUR SEASONS NURSERY AND SUPPLIES,

26115 State HWY 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1742, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352, JOHN ROBERT SHINKLE, 735 Rhine Rd, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352, LISA BANKS SHINKLE, 735 Rhine Road, Lake Arrowhead, CA 92352.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

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

Signed:  
JOHN R. SHINKLE  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 25, 2014.

FILE NO.:  
R-2014-01894

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB 25, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 25, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: M. Ulloa, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Mar. 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 2014.

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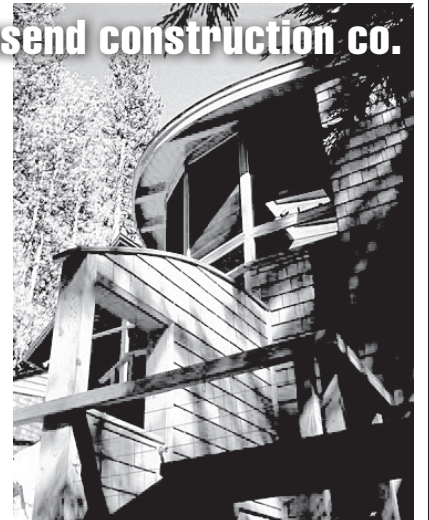
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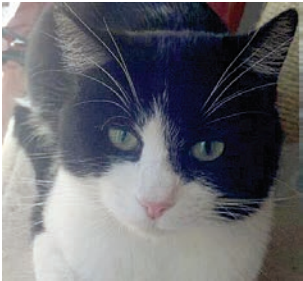


CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

The leprechauns have visited the ARF cattery and left behind the luck o' the Irish. Monday, March 17 is St. Paddy's Day and all of our felines can be adopted for the lucky #17. Come on in this weekend. Your Irish eyes will be smiling as you visit the cats in the shamrock room. **Mr. Grey, Tommy and Meow Meow** have

their green eyes set on you. All are males, not seniors, and their favorite pastimes are to watch the birds and take naps. Also available to you are **Twiggy**, the declawed gray tabby, **Heidi**, our tortoiseshell senior and **Mrs. Magoo**, a British shorthair who prefers her own home. Among the tuxs are **Carly, Sadie, and Pepper. Boomer** is an orange 1-year-old tabby, and **Furball Bill** is a 3-year-old tabby. Let's not



forget **Heavenly Whiskers** and **Momma Pepper**. Among the canine crowd we have **Chelsea**. Chelsea is looking for her forever home to do her favorite thing: sit on her bed and just look pretty. This senior gal has a gorgeous coat with a tail to match. She is a shepherd-mix, quiet and shy at first. Chelsea loves to go for short walks, have a treat or two and look pretty. She is good with other dogs and has no known health issues. Her wish is to have her own quiet home for the rest of her life.



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**65 years ago - 1949**  
Caretakers of the Bunker Ranch found themselves snowbound for seven weeks with dwindling provisions.

**60 years ago - 1954**  
The Isaac Walton League built and installed 14 signs to warn motorists about deer on local highways.

**55 years ago - 1959**  
More than 60 mountaineers attended a workshop, sponsored by Forest Lumber, about how to get the most from their chainsaws.

**50 years ago - 1964**  
The Idyllwild Youth Symphony left for London and a concert tour of Wales.

**45 years ago - 1969**  
Mrs. Bertha Chadwick Lichtwald, known as "Anza's Mother," died at age 88. The community's first postmaster was instrumental in securing post office approval for the name Anza in 1924. Previously, the community was generally known as Bautista or Hamilton.

**40 years ago - 1974**  
The energy crisis was cited as the main cause of a sharp decline in residential construction. It was reported that not a single building permit was issued



From left, Cecil Tozier, Jimmy McCaghgren and Idyllwild School Principal Lee Lybarger in 1961 when the school band was started.

FILE PHOTO

in the mountain area during February.

**35 years ago - 1979**  
More than 1,900 questionnaires were mailed to property owners by the Idyllwild Fire Protection District commissioners. Of the 586 returned, 412 favored paying an approximate \$50 surcharge to maintain fire services as they were.

**30 years ago - 1984**  
Four cases of heartworm were discovered in Hill dogs. Dog owners were

urged to have their dogs checked by a veterinarian.

**25 years ago - 1989**  
Modern technology came to the Hill when the Security Pacific Bank installed a Ready Teller (ATM) Machine.

**20 years ago - 1994**  
A surveillance camera was installed in the Idyllwild Post Office lobby in response to after-hours vandalism.


**15 years ago - 1999**  
The community was

stunned by the generosity of the late Ann Baerwald of Idyllwild when it was announced that she had bequeathed \$100,000 to the Idyllwild Community Fund and \$50,000 each to the Soroptimists and the Mountain Community Patrol.

**10 years ago - 2004**  
A meeting was held to get input from kids regarding the final choice on ramp selection for the soon-to-be-built skate park.

**5 years ago - 2009**  
After a Riverside County Superior Court jury handed down a guilty verdict for multiple arsons and the murder of five firefighters to a Beaumont mechanic, the prosecution began the penalty phase of the trial in determining between death or life in prison without possibility of parole for Raymond Lee Oyler, 38.

**1 year ago - 2013**  
A magnitude 4.7 earthquake struck the Hill just before 10 a.m. Monday, March 11. Initially reported as a 5.2 quake by the U.S. Geological Survey, the temblor was followed by six aftershocks, the largest of which was a magnitude 2.7 at 10:36 a.m.



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**Shanna Robb** of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild used the help of **Noah Whitney** and his cherry picker truck to hang up the new banners around town on Saturday. Using the truck was a lot safer than using extension ladders as was done the last time the banners were hung around town. The banners represent various organizations throughout town. PHOTO BY JOHN PACHECO



"Radio Mistletoe" was filmed in downtown Idyllwild last week. The crew is from Los Angeles and plans to release the film during the 2014 holiday season. Riverside County waived fees and offered transient occupancy tax refunds for crews filming in the county; many filmmakers are taking advantage of the new policy. PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK

## Grant opportunities for nonprofits

The Idyllwild Community Fund, a fund of The Community Foundation Serving the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino, is accepting grant proposals from qualified nonprofit organizations.

ICF was established in 1997 by anonymous donors for the benefit of the Idyllwild community.

The Fund's advisory board of local community residents is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Idyllwild residents. The advisory board gives funding preference to arts and culture, human services, environment and emergency preparedness.

Last year, the fund awarded more than \$12,000

in support to qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofits that provided programs and activities that benefitted local residents.

For a full description of grant guidelines and to determine eligibility, visit The Community Foundation's website at [www.thecommunityfoundation.net](http://www.thecommunityfoundation.net).

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**Michael Schnalzer**, bass and lead vocals, evokes cheers and support from Saturday night's crowd at the Rustic Theatre for a Throw the Goat performance. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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