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## Pickleball comes to the Hill



Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America played by people of all ages and athletic abilities. Take note of the painted courts at the Idyllwild Community Center site where the sport of pickleball is now being introduced. Everyone is invited to learn and experience the fun of pickleball from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 21, or from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 22. Long-time player and pickleball teacher **Barry Wallace** (above, with **Becca** and **Cindy Luna** behind the net) is offering the free clinics. Paddles and balls are provided. For more information, call Wallace at (714) 721-0145.

PHOTO BY TERESA GARCIA-LANDE

## Mountain Fire cause?

### Cal Fire still not saying

By Jack Clark  
Correspondent

On May 12, 2014, Cal Fire released its report to the Idyllwild Town Crier on the Mountain Fire, which started on July 15, 2013, in Mountain Center, forced the evacuation of the vast majority of Hill residents and cost \$25 million in public funds to fight.

The report includes the findings of several

*In response to numerous inquiries by the Town Crier over the past 11 months, Cal Fire stated that it would not release information about the Mountain Fire until its investigation was complete.*

Cal Fire investigators into the origin and cause of the 22,000-acre wildfire. However, Cal Fire redacted (blacked out) all parts of its *See Fire cause, page 24*

## Green waste subject of local fire concern

By MARSHALL SMITH  
CORRESPONDENT

Concern over fire danger regarding the size of the green waste (vegetation) pile at the Idyllwild Transfer Station prompted Mike Esnard, president of the

Mountain Communities Fires Safe Council Board of Directors, to contact Waste Management Inc., the company the county contracts to manage the station.

Said Esnard in his letter to Sharon Davis at WMI, "We are very

concerned that its enormous size now poses a fire threat to the community. Given its location, an ignited pile would easily spread into Idyllwild." Esnard lauded local property owners' efforts in clearing their properties

as a big success for the community's fire prevention efforts.

But he acknowledged that until recently, weekly buildup of new deposited waste has replaced what has been cleared leaving the *See Green waste, page 23*

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

At the adamant urging of Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz last week, the district's commission unanimously agreed

to repeal all rules, regulations and policies adopted before Jan. 1, 2012. He and Commission President Jerry Buchanan emphasized that this resolution does not repeal any previous *See Repeal, page 23*

## Idyllwild Fire repeals policies prior to 2012

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# Whooping cough reaches epidemic levels

## Vaccines urged

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Pertussis, or whooping cough, has reached an epidemic level in California, according to Dr. Ron Chapman, director of the California Department of Public Health and state health officer cases. In the past two weeks more than 800 new cases have been reported.

As of last week, nearly 3,500 cases of pertussis had been reported to CDPH since January. This exceeds the 2,530 reported cases in all of 2013. Almost 85 percent of the cases this year have occurred in infants and children less than 18 years old.

Pertussis is cyclical and peaks every three to five years, and last peaked in California in 2010 when more than 9,100 cases were reported.

Sonoma, Napa and Marin counties are experiencing the worse outbreaks of whooping cough. Through June 10, 107 cases were reported in Riverside County

compared with 80 in all of 2013, 46 in 2012 and 467 during the peak year of 2010.

“Preventing severe disease and death in infants is our highest priority,” Chapman said in a press release. “We urge all pregnant women to get vaccinated. We also urge parents to vaccinate infants as soon as possible.”

Infants too young to be fully immunized remain most vulnerable to severe and fatal cases of pertussis. Two-thirds of pertussis hospitalizations have been in children four months or younger. Two infants have died, CDPH reported.

Infants should be vaccinated as soon as possible. The first dose of pertussis vaccine can be given as early as 6 weeks of age. Even one dose of DTaP may offer some protection against fatal pertussis disease in infants, CDPH reports.

The Tdap vaccination for pregnant women is the best way to protect infants who are too young to be vaccinated, and all pregnant women should be vaccinated with Tdap in the third trimester of each pregnancy, regardless of previous Tdap

vaccination, CDPH advised.

Older children, pre-adolescents, and adults should also be vaccinated against pertussis according to current recommendations. CDPH further advised that it is particularly important that persons who will be around newborns also be vaccinated.

“Unlike some other vaccine-preventable diseases, like measles, neither vaccination nor illness from pertussis offers lifetime immunity,” Chapman said. “However, vaccination is still the best defense against this potentially fatal disease.”

The symptoms of pertussis vary by age. A typical case of pertussis in children begins with a cough and runny nose lasting one to two weeks. The cough worsens, potentially developing into rapid coughing spells ending with a “whooping” sound. These symptoms may not occur in young infants but the infant’s face may turn red or purple.

Pertussis for an adult may be a cough that persists for several weeks.

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# Arraignments postponed again in homicide case

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The prospective arraignments of Robert Pape and Cristin Smith for the 2006 triple homicide in Piñon Pines were deferred until June 27 and June 20, respectively. This is the fifth postponement of Pape’s

arraignment since his arrest in March.

Pape’s attorney requested to defer the arraignment and the District Attorney’s office did not oppose.

On the night of Sept. 17, 2006, Becky Friedli, 18, her mother, Vicki Friedli, 53, and Vickie’s boyfriend, Jon Hayward, 55, were found

dead at their Pinyon home. Becky’s body was found burning in a wheelbarrow outside the house. The other bodies were found inside the burning house.

On March 11 this year, both Pape and Smith were arrested and charged with the murders. Smith was ordered to return to court for

an information arraignment on April 9.

On March 26, Riverside County Judge James Hawkins ordered Smith to stand trial for the murders. However, his lawyers are filing a motion to dismiss the case, which will be heard later this month.

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## Idyllwild Weather

From the National  
Weather Service

Thursday 6/19



77/53  
Sunny.

Friday 6/20



79/53  
Sunny.

Saturday 6/21



78/53  
Sunny

Sunday 6/22



79/54  
Sunny.

Monday 6/23



79/54  
Sunny.

### Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
6/10	78	56		
6/11	78	54		
6/12	83	53		
6/13	79	56		
6/14	na	na		
6/15	81	49		
6/16	77	49		

### Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
6/10	80	52		
6/11	86	50		
6/12	na	na		
6/13	84	49		
6/14	81	46		
6/15	78	44		
6/16	80	43		

### Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 14.43  
To date last season (Idy): 14.02  
Total last season (Idy): 14.02  
To date this season (PC): 15.54  
Total last season (PC): 19.94

### Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 5.0  
To date last season (Idy): 42.8  
Total last season (Idy): 42.8  
To date this season (PC): 13  
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 [www.idyllwildtowncrier.com](http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com) or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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# Forest Service buys large chunk of Fleming Ranch

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

With the help of the Trust for Public Lands, the U.S. Forest Service has purchased a large piece of the Fleming Ranch in Garner Valley.

This spring the Forest Service acquired 808 acres for \$2.65 million. The land is near the upper reaches of Herkey Creek watershed and includes acreage within the San Jacinto Wilderness. It is within a quarter-mile of the Pacific Crest Trail.

When more funding becomes available, the Forest Service plans to acquire the remaining 312 acres of the ranch, which the Trust owns, according to Jason Collier, biological science forester on the San

Bernardino National Forest.

In addition, the house, the caretaker's house and 160 acres are on the market for more than \$3 million. These are not currently in the agency's acquisition plans.

The Forest Service's acquisition of the land in 2012 was delayed because funding had to be shifted to wildfire suppression activities, according to a Forest Service report released last week.

Thomas Jefferson Fleming originally bought 800 acres in 1917. Several years later, he began constructing the ranch's structures. In the 1930s, his daughters purchased another 480 acres from a railroad, according to the broker's history of the ranch.

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## County fees rising for Hill property owners

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

After four years, Riverside County is proposing to raise the fees for the residential collection centers in Idyllwild, Anza and Pinyon. At its June 17 meeting, the Board of Supervisors was to set a public hearing on these increases for later this summer.

The new fee, \$122.74 annually, is a \$5.85 increase from the fee

enacted in July 2010.

At the same June 17 meeting, the board held a public hearing on 2014-15 fees for county service areas, including the two — CSA 36 and 38 — on the Hill.

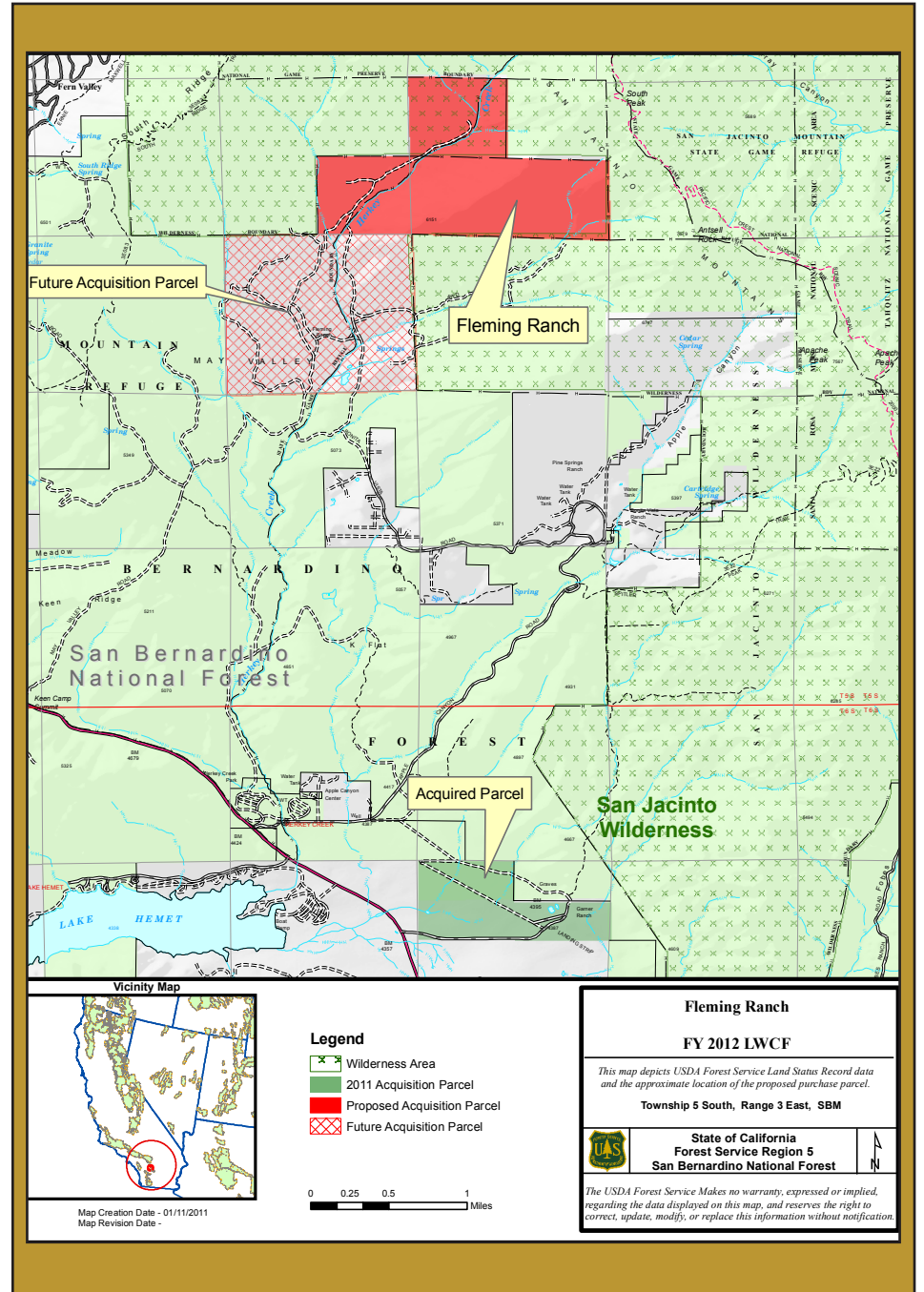
The parcel fee for CSA 38 residents (Pine Cove) will increase from \$59.72 to \$60.90. This fiscal year, the county expects to collect about \$91,000 from this special assessment approved in 2004. In fiscal year 2012-13, actual collections were

nearly \$89,650.

The county uses the funds collected to pay for the ambulance contract with Idyllwild Fire Protection District. This year's contract cost will be nearly \$129,000. The additional costs are supplemented from the CSA 38 property tax revenue.

The \$35 parcel fee for CSA 36 remains unchanged.

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## Arrest made at Cafe Aroma

By JAY PENTRACK  
STAFF REPORTER

Felipe De Jesus Rubio, 23, was arrested at Cafe Aroma at about 5:17 p.m. Saturday, June 14, according to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Hemet Station.

According to Capt. Ray Wood, the charges alleged are inflicting corporal injury on a spouse and under the influence of controlled substances. Rubio was booked at the Hemet Station at about 8:30 p.m.

Representatives of Cafe Aroma had no comment. Jay Pentrack can be reached at [jay@towncrier.com](mailto:jay@towncrier.com).

### Summer hours for monument

The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays until the end of September.

Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Plan to join Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council for a

## Town Hall Meeting with the Fire Chiefs

Thursday, June 26, 6:00 p.m., Idyllwild Town Hall

Chief Felix, US Forest Service, Chief Hawkins, CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire and Chief Reitz, Idyllwild Fire Protection District, will discuss the 2014 fire season and what we need to do to prepare.

### Topics the Chiefs will discuss:

- 2014 Fire Season overview
- What to expect from fire responders
- Ready! Set! Go! and evacuations
- Emergency Warning Notification System
- Fire Safe Inspections
- The importance of MAST
- Pre-planning efforts of wildfires
- Clearance
- Hardening Homes
- Forest Health and Thinning Projects
- Panel Discussion

If you have any questions, please call Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council: **(951) 659-6208**





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Thanks to those of you who responded to last week's column and apologies to Helene Lohr for leaving the "e" off her first name.

All government agencies affecting us from the county level to the local water districts take their June 30 budget deadline seriously. And they should because we, the people, want to know how our money is being allocated and spent.

But the Idyllwild Fire commission metaphorically threw a budget on the wall and hoped it stuck so it could spend the next three months writing a real one.

Basically, commissioners (excepting Andrewson, who opposed the vote) are telling the public who attend the meetings not to pay attention to them until September — an organization still relying on a one-time lease sale, and in financial trouble.

Here's examples of the lackadaisical budget preparation: The approved preliminary budget shows \$55,000 for dispatch services but the chief has repeatedly said he expects that amount to rise to \$80,000.

Only engineers' salaries show an increase of 50 percent from August to December, we're told, because of fire crew overtime, but neither captains' nor firefighters' salaries show an increase and they are sent to fires, too. The chief, who is on the Finance Committee, said that needs to be looked at.

Wasn't the purpose of forming a Finance Committee to get the budget written, and if they "really chewed on this budget," as one committee member said, why isn't it ready? This just reflects the all-over poor management practices of our local department.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

## St. Hugh's welcomes new vicar

EDITOR:

What a delight to read the article about Daniel Rondeau, the new vicar at St. Hugh's. I wanted to add some personal comments about Father Dan.

Before his forced retirement due to illness, Dan was the beloved associate rector at St. Margaret's in Palm Desert, and in his pastoral care role, had ministered to the 3,000-plus members since 1993. He was a stabilizing force, supporting the congregation through many ups and downs and difficult changes in leadership.

I first met Father Dan in the spring of 2008 when he became my spiritual director. We met weekly through that summer, and then one fall morning I received a call from the church secretary who told me he had fallen ill and needed to cancel our appointment.

The news about this vigorous leader (and avid mountain-climber) shocked the congregation. His prognosis became worse as the weeks and months wore on. Though we prayed for his recovery, and hoped for a miracle, it seemed unlikely. We were already grieving, expecting the worst.

More than a year later came the surprising announcement that he had come out of the coma, was able to speak, and, in fact, was so delighted with his ability to talk that he was busy catching up by phone with just about everyone he knew.

My husband, Tom Tefft, and I were renting in Idyllwild that summer, and one day in July when we checked our phone in Palm Desert for messages, I recognized Father Dan's voice. I could have turned cartwheels around the living room. I still smile at his opening line: "Diane, I'm so sorry we had to postpone our last meeting, but I've been ill ..."

After many months of rehab and hard work for both Father Dan and Carol — who he says is the true hero in his story — he again became my spiritual director. I continue to treasure his wisdom, compassion, strength and the amazing, contagious joy he takes in life.

Tom and I lived in Idyllwild full-time for 12 years, part-time for a few more, and now visit as often as we can. We consider Idyllwild our home away from home, and St. Hugh's our spiritual home. Though we miss Father Dan and Carol in the desert, we couldn't be happier that they and the congregation at St. Hugh's are such a great fit.

DIANE NOBLE  
PALM DESERT



## Thin trees for forest health

EDITOR:

In the article about the forest being too dense, the recommendation was to trim existing trees up 15 to 30 feet and remove the young ones. If I trimmed my older trees up that high, I

would no longer receive their shade, and my home, soil, plants and area temperature would be hotter, causing many problems.

By the way, trimming needs to be where the branch connects to the main branch or trunk, not trimmed like a bush like Caltrans did last year.

You shouldn't thin the trees based on age, but thin for the health of the remaining trees. Can you imagine if we removed all the young black oaks? The borer affects the older trees and if the young ones were gone, we would have no black oaks.

Why would I remove all the young trees when they require less water than the older tree, one that might be encroaching on my home or power lines?

Instead, an arborist could tell me which young tree might cause this problem in the future and I would decide when to cut it down.

The big deterrent to tree removal is cost. We have a cedar growing at a slant to our garage. We'd love to have it removed and give the remaining large trees more room and less fight for water, but at this point in time, we sadly don't have the money because our first home hasn't sold.

Absent land owners would be willing to thin their trees if they were educated about the health of the remaining trees, the shade being more lush. Or maybe a younger tree farther from the house is a better location than the older one next to the house. Or they could learn about which tree roots will cause trouble to a home foundation.

When you have an individual desire to remove all oaks because of fire risk, then some of us say it will look like a fire came through if they were all cut and there would be fewer wildlife because of the mass removals. Instead, we need an arborist, a landscaper and a lumber company to educate us on how to thin our land to the benefit of the land, not just for fire concern, to result in a healthy forest. And then provide funding assistance.

MERRIE VONSEGGERN  
IDYLLWILD

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## Do unto others as ...

A couple of incidents happened last week that made me think about the importance of having a social contract — an agreement, whether informal, such as mores or values, or more formal, that helps us regulate how we treat each other.

The first incident happened to my sister-in-law, a decent, hard-working school teacher, who raised a lovely daughter all on her own. My sister-in-law always seems to be on the edge of the economic precipice, one step away from poverty and despair. She is the salt of the earth and, in my mind, deserving of good things.

She left school last week to find that someone had backed into her car in the parking lot. Not only was the mirror broken, but she was unable to open the driver's-side door. She doesn't know who did it and the perpetrator left no note. She has insurance with a \$1,000 deductible. She can't absorb this kind of expense easily.

When my wife told me about the incident, I was furious. I was raised that you take responsibility for your mistakes and you never pass the buck onto someone else, especially not to the person you have hurt and damaged. Unable to comprehend how someone could behave this way, I was very discouraged.

The second incident involved a kayak trip, which I took a few weeks ago with my friend Phil. On the second day of the trip, I had trouble with a particular rapid and ended up upside down. Normally this is not a problem because it is a common occurrence in white-water kayaking. But this time, I failed my roll, twice. Separated from my boat, I had to swim the rapid.

Downstream my kayak was wedged between two rocks in the middle of the river. After an hour of trying to get to it safely, I abandoned the boat since I knew it could be easily retrieved if the water level went down.

Unfortunately, by that time I would be back in Southern California. When I got home, I put the word out to the river-running community about my boat. I asked that if anyone should find it, please let me know so I could claim it.

Three weeks later, I got an email that my boat had been recovered and that Stacey, the woman who had emailed me, lived in Orange County and would be happy to bring it back with her. This would save me a 14-hour, round-trip drive.

The river-running community is known for this ethos, I've got your back and you've got mine. We know that at some time the table will turn and we may be in the same predicament. My world view was back in balance.

Society survives due partly to social agreements we make with each other — agreements like, a person's word is their bond or try not to gain off of another person's tragedy.

Many of these agreements fall under the umbrella of "The Golden Rule:" Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. It's a simple rule but absolutely necessary to a civil society's survival. You might say this sort of thinking is the foundation of a good society.

The person who hit my sister-in-law's car and fled should be ashamed. They have removed a stone from the foundation that keeps us from falling into self-serving anarchy. They demean us all by their actions.

As for Stacey, and those like her, I owe a great debt. They lift me up and restore my hope for the future and the world that my children will inherit.

Doing something just because it is the right thing to do, especially if it costs you, is noble and brings dignity to humanity. Every stone makes a ripple. Choose your stone wisely.

# Idyllwild Water adopts budget without capital projects

## Revenue increase next subject

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Idyllwild Water District directors approved a preliminary 2014-15 budget, which includes a 6-percent water and sewer rate increase, originally approved in June 2010, and applied to the budget annually for five years since. The board also set a public hearing for Aug. 20 to discuss other changes to water fees. A board workshop to discuss additional sewer revenues is planned for July 9.

The fiscal year 2014-15 water budget, which begins July 1, totals \$1.2 million excluding depreciation expenses. Without any property tax revenue, costs to operate the water program exceed water sales revenue by nearly \$240,000. With the property tax funds, the water program would end the year with a net income of about \$44,000.

A year ago, Chief Finance Officer Hosny Shouman projected the 2013-14 net income to be about \$4,000. Through April it is substantially better — \$185,000. A substantial savings was the \$60,000 budgeted for consulting fees after former General Manager Terry Lyons retired.

The proposed changes to the water fees include both a doubling of the \$30 standby fee and reducing the amount of water a customer may use at the base rate. Currently, for any usage less than 500 cubic feet (3,740 gallons) in a month, no usage charge other than the base rate is applied. Beginning July 1, the average residential base rate will be \$28.70 per month, up from \$27.07, for the last of the five-year increases.

But this proposal reduces the

usage level from 500 to 250 cubic feet (or 1,870 gallons), for the application of the usage fee. Beginning July 1, customers will pay slightly more than a nickel per cubic foot for usage of more than 250 cubic feet or 1,870 gallons. Lynch estimates the additional water revenue would be about \$16,000.

Neither the water nor sewer program budgets include funds for any capital projects, General Manager Tom Lynch told the board. The board will discuss raising water revenue for future capital budgets at the August meeting and public hearing.

The cost for the 2014-15 sewer program is projected to be about \$570,000, without depreciation expenses. Direct revenue is only \$350,000 and property tax revenue is \$111,000. Consequently, Shouman projects a net deficit of nearly \$110,000 for sewer operations.

The sewer program needs additional revenue to break even on its operating expenses without considering a capital program. The board will discuss the sewer program costs, revenues and capital needs at the July 9 workshop.

"It's just a nightmare and only going to get worse," commented Director Mike Freitas, who urged taking efforts to improve the sewer program.

Some of the capital projects that will be funded if the district increases its revenue stream include pipeline replacement for both the water and sewer program and upgrades of water treatment equipment and the solar field near Foster Lake, security fencing and a new vehicle.

While Lynch is confident of

the need to begin sewer pipeline replacement, the actual project details will be identified after the pipeline is inspected in the next few months. Director Warren Monroe noted that these details would aid the discussion of how and how much to increase future sewer revenues.

We'll need about \$17 per month [per customer] just to break even," he estimated. "We need to be fiscally responsible first."

In water business, Lynch reported that the well levels have fallen slightly since May, "but surprising with the lack of rain, [they] seem to be holding."

The district entered Stage 2 Water Emergency in September 2013 and it appears to be affecting customers. The May production was 8.2 million gallons, which was 1.5 million (15 percent) less than a year ago. Each month, this year's production has been less than the corresponding month in 2013.

In the first five months of 2014, IWD produced a total of 31.4 million gallons of water compared to 36.9 million in the same period during 2013. But the 2013 period was 8 million gallons more than the first five months of 2011 and 2012.

When asked about the possibility of a Stage 3 water emergency condition, Lynch replied, "I'm not in a hurry, but we will monitor the wells. We're still in Stage 2, it's very dry."

He added, "... given our persistent dry conditions, we may be moving closer to Stage 3. Foster Lake is dry." He is collecting the data from the last Stage 3 declaration and the condition of the district's wells before and during that period.

## Pine Cove Water budget drops

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The Pine Cove Water District budget for fiscal year 2014-15, which starts July 1, will be \$800,000, which is \$25,000 or 3 percent lower than the current-year budget.

And the budget the directors adopted last week was about \$11,000 lower than the preliminary budget presented at the May meeting.

An uncertainty of

whether Sprint would extend its lease of a cell tower at the PCWD's Point of Rocks facility necessitated the slight reduction, according to General Manager Jerry Holldber.

Complementing the possibility of less revenue, Holldber was able to lower the capital improvements program. Specifically, funding for main-line replacement was reduced from \$40,000 to \$29,000.

"We've bought most of the supplies this year," he said. "Asphalt is the principal cost for next year." Pipeline replacement work has already begun in the Franklin Drive area, Holldber added.

Total 2014-15 expenses of \$800,000 includes \$470,000 for district staffing, both full- and part-time, and \$27,540 for new equipment, which will be paid in three years. Reserves will

provide about \$25,000 to balance the total budget.

The directors unanimously approved the budget.

Earlier in the meeting, the board held a public hearing on stand-by fees of \$30 per acre for 2014-15. The initial resolution authorizing the imposition of these charges was passed in April.

A customer, William Aussieker, following in See PCWD, next page



# June primary precinct results

Primary election ballots cast											
Turnout	Idyllwild		Pine Cove		Mtn Center		Garner Valley		Riverside County		Statewide
Registration	1500		512		71		301		887,643		17,722,006
Ballots cast	571		215		19		115		198,102		4,325,634
	38.1%		42.0%		26.8%		38.2%		22.3%		24.4%
Race/Candidates											
Governor											
Brown	253	44.3%	97	45.1%	4	21.1%	25	21.7%	41.0%	54.3%	
Kashkari	133	23.3%	43	20.0%	6	31.6%	32	27.8%	26.2%	19.4%	
Donnelly	107	18.7%	51	23.7%	4	21.1%	35	30.4%	18.4%	14.9%	
Total	493		191		14		92				
St. Senate District 28											
Jeff Stone	214	40.1%	76	37.1%	7	41.2%	34	32.7%	21.9%		
Bonnie Garcia	63	11.8%	20	9.8%	4	23.5%	23	22.1%	19.9%		
Glenn Miller	61	11.4%	30	14.6%	1	5.9%	19	18.3%	19.4%		
Philip Drucker	78	14.6%	30	14.6%	2	11.8%	7	6.7%	18.6%		
Anna Nevenic	103	19.3%	44	21.5%	2	11.8%	12	11.5%	15.2%		
William Carns	15	2.8%	5	2.4%	1	5.9%	9	8.7%	5.1%		
Total	534		205		17		104				
Congressional District 36											
Raul Ruiz	267	49.7%	104	50.5%	6	35.3%	29	27.4%	50.3%		
Ray Haynes	80	14.9%	43	20.9%	5	29.4%	30	28.3%	14.9%		
Brian Nestande	190	35.4%	59	28.6%	6	35.3%	47	44.3%	34.8%		
Total	537		206		17		106				
District Attorney											
Mike Hestrin	270	56.6%	96	51.3%	10	66.7%	60	61.9%	55.2%		
Paul Zellerbach	207	43.4%	91	48.7%	5	33.3%	37	38.1%	44.8%		
Total	477		187		15		97				
Sheriff											
Stan Sniff	290	62.4%	112	59.9%	10	66.7%	44	50.0%	62.3%		
Chad Bianco	175	37.6%	75	40.1%	5	33.3%	44	50.0%	37.7%		
Total	465		187		15		88				
Prop 42 Public Records. Open Meetings reimbursements											
Yes	327	62.2%	138	68.3%	10	58.8%	50	52.6%	62.9%	61.9%	
No	199	37.8%	64	31.7%	7	41.2%	45	47.4%	37.1%	38.1%	

## PCWD

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his father's footsteps, attended the hearing and objected to the stand-by fees. He owns several multi-acre parcels. Consequently, he pays more than \$200 annually for stand-by fees. The large, fixed cost creates an incentive to over-use water, he argued.

Secondly, some of his land is too steep to develop. The county has

not approved a septic system because of the property's terrain. Finally, he objected to using the funds. He feels that commingling them with all revenue allows the district to use them for operational costs rather than actually setting the fees aside for capital costs of installing pipe to the undeveloped lots.

In water business, Holldber reported the district's May production at 2.7 million gallons, about 120,000 gallons more than in April and

only 5,000 gallons more than May 2013. For the first five months of 2014, total production of 11.2 million gallons was about 335,000 gallons less than a year ago.

The water level of the district's monitoring well "held steady in May," Holldber said.

PCWD also resumed usage of the Dutch Flats treatment plant last month, according to Holldber. It is run six hours daily and removes iron and manganese from the water.

He also announced that in preparing for the Southern California Edison planned power outage for early Friday morning, June 13, the wells and pumps were to be shut down Thursday. Then Friday, they would all be restarted.

"Because of past problems with start-up and short circuits, we'll take these precautions," he said. "We can't afford to replace motors."

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By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Friday afternoon, June 13, the Riverside County Registrar of Voters certified the results of the June 3 primary election. The results of the certified count were no different than the June 6 preliminary release.

Consequently, in the general election come November, Republicans Jeff Stone and Bonnie Garcia will battle for the state Senate District 28 seat and Republican Assemblyman Brian Nestande, who easily defeated Ray Haynes, has the opportunity to challenge Democratic Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz.

The registrar also released votes for each race from each county precinct. Nearly 54 percent of the state's voters supported Gov. Jerry Brown compared to only 44 percent of Idyllwild and Pine Cove voters. Countywide his support was slightly less at 41 percent.

## Turnout

Total ballots cast in the county were 198,102, representing a turnout of 22.3 percent.

Statewide, almost 4.3 million people cast votes in the primary election which represents 24.4 percent of all registered voters.

Hill voters continued to exercise their civic duty in greater proportion than the rest of the county. Turnout in Pine Cove was 42 percent and slightly more than 38 percent of voters cast ballots in both Idyllwild and Garner Valley.

## State Senate District 28

In the state Senate District 28 race, Hill voters strongly favored Stone more than the other five candidates. He polled nearly twice the percentage here than he did throughout the district (40 percent compared to 22 percent).

The second most popular candidate on the Hill was Democrat Anna Nevenic, who claimed nearly 20 percent of the votes in Idyllwild and Pine Cove, whereas she finished fifth overall in the election. Garcia was second in both Garner Valley and Mountain Center.

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# Highly toxic rattlesnake kills pet

BY JAY PENTRACK  
STAFF REPORTER

Friday, May 30, was just a normal day in Idyllwild for Kathy Keane, a part-time resident of Royal Pines Mobile Estates. She and 5-1/2-year-old Lucky, her 55-pound Aussie-mix, headed out for a hike on the trail that begins on Delano Road, just across the street from Royal Pines, as they had done many times before. Three hours later, Lucky was dead.

"My dog was healthy, he was fit; we hike every day in the mountains. We hike at least an hour, if not two hours, a day," Keane said.

Having heard the rattle, Keane believes that Lucky was bitten by a rattlesnake and that Lucky behaved exactly as he was trained, by jumping back. Initially, Keane thought Lucky had avoided the bite, but within 10 minutes symptoms began. And despite regular rattlesnake vaccinations, Lucky died a horrific death with Keane and the staff at PetsVet in Hemet unable to help him.

"The vet did everything he could. They put him on IV fluids right away, they packed him with ice. His temperature was 106 and spiked to 109, and then went back down to 106, but he was having what is

called cluster seizures. The seizures were not stopping," she said. "He was injecting him with intravenous valium over and over and over again. They would take effect for a few minutes and then the seizures would start up again," said Keane. "He finally injected him with an anesthetic, but eventually his heart rate spiked and then he went into cardiac failure."

Initially, the veterinarian thought Lucky may have ingested poison due to the blood in his urine, Keane noted, but she was unable to find the presence of poison in any of the locations where she walked with Lucky or where she lived.

Keane's frustration led her online to ask. com where she reached Dr. Michael Salkin, a San Diego veterinarian. "[Dr. Salkin] has treated many, many, many dogs that have been the victim of rattlesnake bites. When I described the symptoms to him he said that it was pretty much textbook, Mojave Green or another neurotoxin," Keane said. I said, 'What about the blood in the urine,' and he said, 'Oh, that's characteristic.'" Further, Salkin indicated that Lucky's symptoms were "simply too pathognomonic for snakebite to ignore."

Once Lucky's blood work came back on the Monday following his death, PetsVet

vet concluded Lucky's death was not caused by poison. Too many results indicated it was a toxin.

Keane is a biologist and has her own biological consulting firm. Devastated by Lucky's death, and searching for as much information as possible, Keane began making calls, emailing and seeking out experts on snakes, snakebites, venom and antivenin and what she found, she believes is cause for concern.

Based on Lucky's symptoms and bloodwork, Keane believes he was bitten by a Southern Pacific rattlesnake. This species is prevalent in the San Jacinto Mountains, according to Dr. William K. Hayes, professor of biology at Loma Linda University.

"The neurotoxins in the venom are very similar to Mojave toxin in the Mojave rattlesnake," Hayes said. "And the venom is probably similar in toxicity to the venom of the Mojave rattlesnake." The toxin in the venom is very dangerous, Hayes added.

"I don't want to instill a bunch of fear in our community, that's not my purpose, and I understand that, as a



A Southern Pacific rattlesnake.

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biologist, my fellow biologists don't want to excite a whole bunch of people to go out there with guns and start shooting at these beautiful animals, but on the other hand, people need to be made aware of what they look like and how truly lethal they are," Keane said emphatically. "This is not like a mountain lion. You can survive a mountain lion bite; it's not like a rattlesnake, you can survive a rattlesnake bite if you pump out some of the venom and get to the vet in time. This is not an animal you can survive from. It's just amazing to me that we have an animal with this kind of toxicity right here in our midst and no one has been made aware."

Keane contacted Ken Keitzer, an environmental scientist of the Riverside County Parks and Open-space District, who, in an email to Keane, expressed concern about creating a "frenzy of fear that results in the extermination of a bunch of snakes."

Heidi Hogan, lands, specials uses and mineral administrator at the U.S. Forest Service's Idyllwild Ranger Station, counsels hikers to exercise caution when hiking, especially during the summer months. "Stay on the trail and keep your pets on a leash," Hogan said.

Keane's main concern is awareness. "Rattlesnakes are an important part of our community, but on the other hand, I'm not condoning killing

any rattlesnakes, but if we don't make the public aware about these animals, we're going to have some dead children and more dead dogs on our hands."

Of more concern is local availability of an antivenin for the bite of the Southern Pacific rattlesnake. Keane believes it should be readily available. "The fire department should have it, [Animal Rescue Friends] should have it. People need to be made aware," she said. According to Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz, the department is not allowed to carry [the antivenin] and can only rush victims to an emergency room.

Grief has turned to action for Keane who is working on developing a local foundation to raise funds to purchase and maintain a local supply of the Cro-Fab antivenin (appropriate for treatment of a Southern Pacific rattlesnake or a Mojave green bite), as well as training for a local person to administer the vaccine. For more information, contact Kathy Keane at kmkbaja@yahoo.com.

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

## Teacher tenure deemed unconstitutional

BY J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Last week, a Los Angeles County judge ruled that the state laws on teacher tenure and seniority were unconstitutional. However, he suspended any enforcement to provide for the expected appeal of his decision (Vergara v. State of California).

Judge Rolf M. Treu found that the statutes on granting teachers

tenure after two years, the dismissal process for ineffective teachers, and the layoff process of last-hired, first-fired were unconstitutional.

"Plaintiffs have proven, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the challenged statutes impose a real and appreciable impact on [a] student's fundamental right to equality of education and that they impose

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For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 9.

### Wednesday, June 18

- 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.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3-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, June 19

- 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.
- 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.
- Teen Book Club for Home-schoolers, noon-2 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest

Ave. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.

- High Valleys Water District, 6 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

### Friday, June 20

- Fern Valley Water District board meeting, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Monica Sierras at 951-659-5932 for information and location.
- 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.)
- Feeding America, 3 p.m. Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center. Distribution at the former Morning Sky School on Hwy. 243.

### Saturday, June 21

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Unclaimed Property 101, 2:30-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild Gay Potluck, 6 p.m. Email pinkiemeringue@yahoo.com for location.

### Sunday, June 22

- 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.

# IFPD budget essentially unchanged

## Reitz seeking higher ambulance fees

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire Department's preliminary 2014-15 budget was adopted last week with the \$1.8-million budget projection about \$65,000 more than the 2013-14 adopted budget. Fire Chief Patrick

Reitz and Commissioner Nancy Layton, chair of the Finance Committee, said they will continue to review and adjust the 2014-15 budget until a final version is adopted in September.

For example, only \$55,000 has been set aside for the dispatch contract with Riverside

County although Reitz has frequently said he expects the cost to be about \$80,000 next year. They also were unsure whether the projected property tax revenues of \$1.1 million included IFPD's parcel assessments, which are normally about \$200,000 annually.

At this point, the only major personnel actions affecting finances are an expected career

staff retirement before January 2015 and the near quadrupling of using a contract emergency medical service coordinator. No new capital improvements are projected in the preliminary budget.

In absence of Commissioner Jeannine Charles-Stigall, the commission voted 3-1 to adopt this budget. Commissioner Rhonda See *IFPD budget, page 23*

## NEWS OF RECORD

### Fire log

The Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls, Monday, June 9, to Monday, June 16, 2014.

### Idyllwild

- June 9 — Medical aid.
- June 10 — Four medical aids.
- June 11 — Medical aid.
- June 12 — Public service assist.
- June 12 — Rescue.
- June 13 — Two medical aids.
- June 14 — Two medical aids.

### Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Sunday, June 8, to Saturday, June 14.

### Idyllwild

- June 8 — Alarm call, Hillsdale St. Handled by deputy.
- June 8 — Alarm call, Linger Ln. Handled by deputy.
- June 9 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 9 — Hazard, Delano Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 10 — 911 call from business, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 10 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Rim Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 10 — Assist other department, West Ridge Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 11 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 11 — Alarm call, Forest Haven Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 12 — Alarm call, Ridgeview Dr. Handled by deputy.
- June 13 — Alarm call, Ridgeview Dr. Handled by deputy.

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• June 14 — Unknown trouble, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

• June 14 — Public intoxication, Riverside County Playground Rd. Arrest made.

• June 14 — Shots fired, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

• June 14 — 911 call from business, Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.

• June 14 — Public assistance, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

• June 14 — Alarm call, Manzanita Dr. Handled by deputy.

### Pine Cove

• June 8 — Alarm call, Gail Dr. Handled by deputy.

• June 10 — Shots fired, Laurel Trl. Handled by deputy.

• June 13 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

• June 13 — Noise complaint, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

• June 14 — Shots fired, Cedar Glen Dr. Handled by deputy.

• June 14 — Alarm call, Acorn Ln. Handled by deputy.

### Poppet Flats

• June 9 — Brandishing a weapon, 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Report taken.

• June 9 — Air emergency, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

### San Bernardino

#### National Forest

• June 8 — Noise complaint, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

• June 9 — Grand theft, Temecula Dr. Handled by deputy.



# On the Town

## Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

### ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

#### Wednesday, June 18

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.
- Sitar, Andrew Bones Simpson, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

#### Thursday, June 19

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m. Town Hall.
- Hot Clay Lecture, John Oles, "The Altered Vessel," 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

#### Friday, June 20

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
- Forest Folk Potluck & Movie Night, "Pompeii," 5 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.
- Jazz, Bill Saitta & Keith McCabe, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
- Idyllwild Master Chorale, "Into the Woods," 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild School gym.

#### Saturday, June 21

- Pickleball clinic, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Community

Center site.

- Summer Reading Kickoff With Mayor Max, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Beer tasting & music, 2 p.m.; Folk group, That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

- Art Alliance of Idyllwild, Idyllwild Deer Sightings Wine Release Party, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum; Sizzling Summer Gallery Tour, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Town galleries.

- Idyllwild Master Chorale, "Into the Woods," 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild School gym.

#### Sunday, June 22

- Party Line, Dial for Cash & Prizes, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

- Idyllwild Master Chorale, "Into the Woods," 2 p.m. Idyllwild School gym.

- Pickleball clinic, 2-4 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center site.

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

- Idyllwild Author Series, Ben Loory, "Stories for Nighttime and Some for the Day," 3 p.m. Cafe Aroma.

- Summer Programs Hot Clay Lecture, Margaret Bohls, "Surfaces," 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

#### Monday, June 23

- Idyllwild Summer Camp,

- 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.

- Forest Folk Cribbage, 10:30 a.m.-noon; Story time, "Dog Paws," 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Native American Artist Demonstration, Navajo Weaving, Cahuilla Pottery & Navajo Inlay Jewelry, 7:30 p.m.; Hot Clay & Faculty, 8 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center. Idyllwild Arts.

#### Tuesday, June 24

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.

- Artist Lectures: Charlie Ciali, encaustic painting; Gerald Clarke Jr., sculpture; Margaret Scanlan, drawing, 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

#### Wednesday, June 25

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.

- Art With Saffron, ages 6-9, 2-3:30 p.m.; Teen "On the Wild Side" film series, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Hot Clay Lecture, Gay Smith, "Lively Pots," 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

#### Thursday, June 26

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m. Town Hall.



Jim Bilman (left) and Larry Bischof (second from right) help Jim Palmer unload paper to be shredded at Saturday's Shred Fest. Gene Partida (far right) accepts the documents, which are about to be shredded.

PHOTO BY CHERYL BASYE

- Hot Clay Lecture, Richard Burkett, "Favorite Ceramists," 7 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

#### Friday, June 27

- Native American Pottery firing, Tony Soares, Cahuilla style, 8 a.m. Kennedy Kiln Yard; Adult Arts Center Culminations, 4 p.m. Parks Center Patio, Idyllwild Arts.

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.

- Forest Folk Potluck & Movie Night, "Veronica Mars,"

- 5 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

- Jazz, Bill Saitta & Keith McCabe, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

#### Saturday, June 28

- Folk group, That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

#### Sunday, June 29

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

- Idyllwild Author Series, Joy Sikorski & Michael Silversher, "Tamar of the Terebinths,"

- 3 p.m. Cafe Aroma.

#### Monday, June 30

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.

- Forest Folk Cribbage, 10:30 a.m.-noon; Story time, "Mountain Paws," 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

#### Tuesday, July 1

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.

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# Local author Joy Sikorski next at Authors Series

By Marshall Smith  
Correspondent

Idyllwild resident author Joy Sikorski, writing with co-author Michael Silversher, changes the fare for this fourth season of Eduardo Santiago's Idyllwild Authors Series when she and Silversher present their biblical historical novel, "Tamar of the Terebinths" (Whispering Voices Publications, 2013). It is the first time the series has featured an historical biblical novel.

Sikorski calls the tale, taken from Genesis 38, "The greatest love story never told." Promotional copy for the series and the book features Tamar's voice, "I am Tamar. You know almost nothing about me ... except that I disguised myself as a prostitute to seduce my father-in-law, Judah, Jacob's fourth son, so that I could hold him to his legal obligation to marry me to his third son."

Sikorski's passion for this story of a strong woman who does what she needs to do to survive in a highly rigid and patriarchal society is evident. She describes how Tamar's relationship with Judah, the biblical patriarch whose lineage would become the cornerstone of ancient Israel — the oak or terebinth upon which a kingdom would be founded — came at a pivotal time in his development. Judah's decision to spare Tamar's life after discovering her deceit and his admission, "She is more righteous than I," was something never heard in a social milieu where men were absolutely dominant and women subservient.

Asked why they chose this topic and this story on which to base their research and novel, Sikorski said,



Joy Sikorski, speaker at the Idyllwild Authors Series.  
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"What grabs me about the Judah and Tamar story is why such a short tale packs such a huge wallop and yet rarely gets discussed in depth. I mean, here is rape, murder, deception and incest in the Bible [Old Testament], as well as many other dark subjects, yet few people seem to want to talk much about it. Sure, these are terribly uncomfortable subjects, but getting dark secrets out into the open allows wounds to heal, for everyone, in any era."

She said when she and Silversher were writing the book, the cries of Tamar and the women of that time seemed to be shouting, "Give us a voice." "I wanted to give voices to these silenced women, voices lost on the wind, and tell the story of Tamar and the impact she had on Judah, one of the most important figures in the Bible," she said. "Tamar was the catalyst for Judah to become the lynchpin of the 12 tribes of Israel. Without her it would not have happened."

Said Silversher about the characters in the novel and the writing process, "It is such an enigmatic story, filled with lust, deceit and betrayal that all works toward something good, life-affirming and redeeming. It struck us right away as an important piece in the puzzle of who we are as human beings and what our lives mean in the grand scheme of things.

It deserved a new retelling and from a modern point of view."

Sikorski and Silversher share backgrounds in music and theater. Given the epic character of the story and their own backgrounds, the authors hope to create a grand opera based on the material from their planned trilogy.

Series founder Eduardo Santiago will interview Sikorski and Silversher at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 29, on the deck of Cafe Aroma. There is no charge for this event. Because seating is limited, and audiences this fourth season have been standing-room-only, Santiago advised arriving early.



**AUTHORS SERIES CONTINUES:** Cynthia Bond was this week's speaker at the Idyllwild Authors Series Sunday afternoon at Cafe Aroma. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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# IMC presents Sondheim's musical "Into the Woods"

This weekend for three performances only

By MARSHALL SMITH  
CORRESPONDENT

Anyone who likes their fairy tales served darkly, with Brothers Grimm lightning flashes, foreboding, some bloodshed and many ethical quandaries, will find the Idyllwild Master Chorale's production of Stephen Sondheim's Tony Award-winning musical "Into the Woods" a potion brewed to their taste.

Directed by Lisa Furugen with musical direction by Dwight "Buzz" Holmes, "Woods" is the most ambitious musical IMC has ever mounted. Starring Betty Anderson, Justin Patrick Holmes and Dimyana Pelev, and featuring a 20-member blended cast of Idyllwild Arts graduates and IMC regulars, "Woods" is fast-paced, witty and sparkles with some of Sondheim's best lyrics. Also featuring a professional pit orchestra under Holmes' direction, "Into the Woods" will lure audiences deeply into the characters' curses and reverses, sweet hopes and crushing blows.

One of Sondheim's most produced musicals, "Into the Woods" premiered on Broadway on Nov. 5, 1987, and won Tony Awards for Best Score (Sondheim), Best Book (James Lapine) and Best Actress in a Musical (Joanna Gleason) in an awards year otherwise dominated by "Phantom of the Opera."

Gleason is a lifelong friend of Holmes. They met



Sondheim captures this moment in his lyric sung by the wolf (Steve Kunkle) prior to dining on Little Red (Celeste Oliva): "There's no possible way to describe how you feel when you're talking to your meal." This weekend, the Idyllwild Master Chorale performs "Into the Woods." PHOTO COURTESY OF IDYLLWILD MASTER CHORALE

at Beverly Hills High, and were in musical and drama productions together, as well as the school Madrigal Singers. Gleason sent greetings to the cast and to the community. She said, "It's going to be fabulous, and you'll have the time of your lives!"

The musical examines the philosophical and moral questions "If you get your wish will you be happy?" and "Do you utilize any means to obtain your wish?" Lapine threads together characters

from different fairy tales — Cinderella, Prince Charming, Rapunzel in her tower, Jack, climbing his beanstalk to meet giants, and Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf — and inserts two new characters, a childless Baker and his wife, to tie it all together. As characters go "Into the Woods," a metaphor for crossing into what is frightening and unknown, we follow closely behind — and that is because there is something of them in each of us. We all have wishes and regrets, but what makes Lapine's characters' stories so compelling is when getting their wish causes their regrets and prompts each to reflect, recalibrate and if still standing, to begin again. Lapine makes clear that all actions have consequences and abandoning ethical considerations in order to obtain a goal may have particularly perilous consequences.

Darkening the woods and complicating the characters' journeys are a witch who curses, cackles and cajoles, and two angry giants who feel justified in seeking revenge on those who have violated them.

Sondheim, acknowledged internationally as the preeminent Broadway composer of the last 50 years, is at his finest with music and lyrics for "Into the Woods." Haunting ballads alternate with percussive and fast-paced musical narratives. For the actors and audience, there is scarcely time to breathe. Something is behind every tree and that something could be either lovely or deadly.

And, as in most fairy tales, there is light, there is hope and there is learning, but finding them did not prove easy for any of the travelers.

The musical opens at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 20, plays on Saturday at the same time and closes with a matinee at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 22. Tickets are available online at [www.idyllwildmasterchorale.com](http://www.idyllwildmasterchorale.com) and at the door — \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.

The long-contemplated movie version, helmed by "Chicago" director Rob Marshall and starring Meryl Streep, Johnny Depp, Emily Blunt and Chris Pine, opens in December. But Holmes urged Idyllwild residents to see it here first. He calls "Into the Woods" a major achievement in IMC's history of offering summer musicals - an experience richly layered and one not to be missed.

## 2nd Saturday Art Fair

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild has its next 2nd Saturday Art Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 12 at the Idyllwild Community Center site.

Member artists will display their creations for sale in the summer outdoor event.

## Taize worship at St. Hugh's

St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church invites the public to a unique worship experience in the style of Taize at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16.

Taize originated in Taize, France, following World War

II in an attempt to bring reconciliation among divided Christians and among separated peoples to Europe. It is a blend of prayer, meditative singing and silence. No preaching is involved.

The worship takes place the third Wednesday of each month.

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## Kölsch, the real "champagne" of beers

BY JARED DILLON  
IDYLL AWHILE WINE SHOPPE BISTRO

Ritual is an important part of human behavior. Whether it is going to a specific barber or having a cigarette after work, ritual surrounds us every day.

Kölsch, one of my favorite beer styles, is surrounded in ritual. First, Kölsch can only be named as such if it is from Cologne, Germany.

Secondly, the serving of Kölsch is typically done in small, 0.2-liter Kölsch glasses.

A server at a traditional Kölsch bar in Germany will continuously serve a customer with an empty glass whether they ask or not. Many waiters keep track by marking the customer's coaster with one dash per beer. It isn't atypical for one individual to go through 15 glasses in one sitting.

Taking in the Rhine or enjoying the Cologne Cathedral over a few glasses of Kölsch is a common occurrence for visitors and locals.

The style of Kölsch is pretty simple. Essentially, Kölsch is a lager brewed like an ale. It is typically fermented at around 60-degrees F. After fermenting, it is often then lagered at cool temperatures for around a month.

The ability to ferment it quickly has led to many craft breweries in America making Kölsch-style beers because lagers tend to take much longer to ferment. This means that lagers spend more time in the fermentation tanks and the brewers aren't able to produce new beers until fermentation occurs.

Every day is money in the brewing world, so instead of making traditional lagers, many craft brewers save time and money by producing Kölsch.

Like champagne, they cannot refer to it as Kölsch, so it must be labeled Kölsch-style. Many breweries simplify it even further and just call the beer a blonde ale.

We at Idyll Awhile consistently strive to serve authentic, German-style beers. Every October, we have a German beer tasting where we pair Kölsch with an assortment of traditional German dishes.

A local standout Kölsch comes from Coachella Valley Brewing Company in Thousand Palms. Their Kölschella, named after the valley, is the perfect, easy-drinking ale for the summer heat.

Traditional flavors include those of grain, lemon grass and faint hops. The beer itself is straw-colored with a crisp, refreshing mouthfeel. Kölschella is one of my favorite beers from what locals refer to as CVB.

We will be hosting a tasting event with live music, food and beer from CVB from 2 p.m. until closing Saturday, June 21.

Come by and try Kölschella amongst some other great, locally crafted beers.

To reserve a seat, call 951-659-9463.

### Health care for local uninsured

A Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic brings 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.

These services are offered to people who do not have health insurance.

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

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
CORRESPONDENT

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild celebrates Summer Solstice on Saturday, June 21, with an early evening opportunity to tour seven Idyllwild galleries, sample refreshments and perhaps see artists at work.

The Sizzling Summer Gallery Tour, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., offers residents and visitors the chance to see art at featured galler-

ies at their leisure, get to know gallery proprietors and do so after the rush of normal business hours. Maps are available at participating galleries that include Acorn, Artspresso, Courtyard, Everitt's Minerals and Living Room Gallery, Four Corners, Singerton and Spruce Moose. No fee or registration is required for this event.

Bryan Tallent, AAI spokesperson, said the gallery tour is part of a full afternoon and

evening of art events. It begins with the breakout of four new wine labels from Middle Ridge Winery based on AAI's Deer Sightings public art deer project. Held in the gardens of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum from 3 to 5 p.m., this summer kickoff offers wine to sample, appetizers and music by Keith McCabe in a garden setting. Attendees must be ages 21 or over and tickets are available through

the AAI website, [www.artinidyllwild.org](http://www.artinidyllwild.org).

Rounding out the day is the Saturday performance of "Into the Woods," presented by the Idyllwild Master Chorale. (See story page 11.)

Tallent said offering a multi-faceted event on Summer Solstice continues AAI's mission of partnering with other organizations to enhance the artistic life of the greater Idyllwild community.



**2ND SATURDAY ART FAIR:** Les Walker (right) wraps one of his hand-made ceramic pieces Saturday at the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's monthly 2nd Saturday Art Fair held at the Idyllwild Community Center site.

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# County parks to operate Town Hall

## Takeover is July 1

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Management and maintenance of Idyllwild's Town Hall facility will become the responsibility of the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District on July 1.

A year ago, the Board of Supervisors approved the shift of the County Service Areas, which have recreation responsibility, from the Economic Development Agency to the parks district. This includes CSA 36 for Idyllwild.

At its June 17 meeting,

the board was to approve the agreements between the two agencies formalizing this transfer of responsibility.

"This agreement facilitates the transfer of County Service Area park maintenance, recreation programs and Idyllwild Town Hall operations from the county to the district," Scott Bangle, general manager of the parks district, said in his memorandum to the supervisors.

"Under contract, the district will be responsible ... [to] operate and maintain Idyllwild Town Hall as a recreation facility."

"Our overall goal is keeping the programs as consistent as possible," said Kyla Brown, parks and recreation bureau chief. "We want to offer the same services and programs." The district is attempting to keep the same staff, instructors and contractors, Brown added.

Once staffing is assured, she said the district will schedule a "meet and greet" Town Hall session.

The county is transferring \$176,000 for contracts for after-school programming, sports coordinators and recreation. The district will schedule all reservation and rentals for Town

Hall.

Each fiscal year, the county will transfer funds to the district for these purposes. The contract specifies, "No district funds shall be required to be used for the district obligations contained in this agreement."

CSA 36's street-lighting responsibility will remain with the county, according to the documents.

Among the other areas being transferred to the district for management are three in Corona and four each in Murrieta and Temecula.

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

## Death Cafes begin at retreat

Elizabeth Miller and Francoise Frigola are offering Death Cafes to the Idyllwild community at no charge through Spirit Mountain Retreat.

"At a Death Cafe, people, often strangers, gather to eat cake, drink tea and discuss death. Our objective is 'to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives,'" according to deathcafe.com. "A Death Cafe is a group-directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session."

Idyllwild Death Cafe is from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, at Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood. It is limited to 12 participants. Register at 951-659-2523 or [info@spiritmountainretreat.org](mailto:info@spiritmountainretreat.org). Call Francoise Frigola at 659-4146 for more information.

Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Small donations cover coffee, tea, paper plates, napkins and plastic ware.



Giants' Colby Sonnier crosses the plate after hitting his first of two homeruns in the June 11 Town Hall minor league game against the Braves at Idyllwild School field. The Giants won 6-5.

PHOTO BY JACK CLARK



Padres' Micah McCaughey waits for a throw as Angel's Indigo Dagnal runs into third base in Town Hall T-ball last Friday.

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# Town Crier Photo Contest!

**Deadline for entries: 5 p.m., Friday, July 25, 2014**

Here's your chance for fame, glory, and a free license plate frame! Enter your best color photographs of the Idyllwild area in the Idyllwild Town Crier's 2015 Wall Calendar Photo Contest. Winning photographs will be published in full color in the new calendar, and winning photographers will get a byline and an Idyllwild license plate frame.

### The Rules

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

You can drop off your entries at the Town Crier at 54405 North Circle Drive, or mail to Town Crier Photo Contest, P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Sorry, no email submissions.

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





# Art is a pigment of your imagination

By JAY PENTRACK  
STAFF REPORTER

From age 5, artist Darcy Gerdes was a creative young lady. Some children mow yards, some have a newspaper route and some babysit to make extra money. Gerdes, however, had a different idea. "I used to go knocking on my neighbors' doors and ask if I could talk to the breadwinner of the home," Gerdes said, laughing. "I would offer to do a caricature of them for 5 cents. I was making big dollars."

Born in Oakland and raised in Anaheim, Gerdes came from an artistic family. "Mom was an artist and my sisters are artists. Mom worked with colored pencil mostly, which to me was highly unusual. That was in the '40s right during the war," she recalled. "As a kid, I think my earliest memories were always drawing and painting and sketching."

She felt lucky to have excellent teachers from elementary to high school who nurtured her artistic growth, and in junior high school, she would show her work at the Festival of Arts and Pageant of the Masters in Laguna.

"One of the reasons I found out about Idyllwild was — I think I was in ninth grade — we came up here on a field trip on a little bus all the way from Anaheim over to [Idyllwild Arts]. It really made me feel good because it was like, 'I'm an artist, wow,'" said

Gerdes. "Although it was like \$9,000 [to attend ISOMATA] during those days — my parents said, 'Are you kidding, that's what we spent on our house,' — Idyllwild was always in the back of our brains."

At age 16 she met 17-year-old Dennis while out cruising with girlfriends. It was love at first sight. The pair were surf bums, riding the waves from Huntington Beach to San Diego. "We got married. I was 19, he was 20. We've been together 43 years this year," Gerdes said with a smile. Dennis is a contractor and has been "hugely" supportive of her work, even her roadside business.

"I started, illegally, but I did it. My kids were in strollers and I took my little car and I would go and sell along Highway 133 on the way down to Laguna," she said. "I'm down there with my kids and I think back to this day and I'm thinking, 'What am I doing out here with my babies?' One, I think I was still nursing and my husband was at work, but hey, it helped to pay a bill."

The city of Laguna took notice and "suggested" Gerdes show her wares at the festivals rather than roadside, which she did for the next 10 years. "I showed at Art Affair in Laguna Beach in the 1970s. That was kind of a college education all at once ..." Gerdes also worked at home for manufacturers and publishers, including Figi Graphics, Leanin'



Darcy Gerdes continues work on "Hurricane Heike," a work in progress, on The Spruce Moose deck.  
PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK

Tree Cards, Leisure Arts, and Dimensions and Art In Motion creating a series of prints, puzzles, cards, magnets and cross stitch. "For the longest time while my kids were growing, I was able to facilitate being home as a mom and being there when it counted, and yet [I was able to] create an income. It was very good money working for some of these companies," she said gratefully.

With the children grown, the couple opted in 2000 to forego the big house and move to the place they had visited

many times over the years — Idyllwild. Gerdes concentrated on her art, and Dennis reestablished his contracting business. "It took [Dennis] about a year to transition up here because in Idyllwild, they're not judgmental, but they want to make sure you do what you say you do and not be a criminal or anything like that," Gerdes said. "It took about a year for him to transition, but he's done rather well up here. He's built several homes and done a lot of remodels."

Gerdes joined the Art Alliance of Idyllwild shortly after the move. "To me personally, my belief is that the Art Alliance is better than a chamber ever could be. Chris [Trout] and the founding members, they really worked hard to start a tradition here," she said. "Basically, it was a couple of galleries getting together and saying, 'Hey we need advertising. We need to promote this town, we need business.'"

Gerdes credits Lea Deesing with bringing AAI into the 21st century. "We were doing things like in the Stone Age really and then Lea came in." Gary Kuscher,

Shanna Robb and the entire AAI board, according to Gerdes, have brought projects from the discussion stage to fruition, such as Idyllwild Deer Sightings and the banners.

Gerdes was one of the 22 artists participating in the public art project. "I'm number 19 on the [Deer Sightings] brochure/map." The theme of her deer is the "Spirit of Tauquitch," and it can be viewed at its installation location in front of the Spruce Moose Gift and Gallery located upstairs in the Fort. Coincidentally, the Spruce Moose is also Gerdes' exclusive representative on the Hill.

Despite the many positive aspects of their lives, a medical issue has presented the couple with a challenge. Two years ago, husband Dennis was diagnosed with a muscle disease, inclusion body myositis, an inflammatory muscle disease that causes progressive muscle inflammation accompanied by muscle weakness. "He kept falling down for no reason at all," Gerdes said sadly. "No aches, no pains, nothing, just boom. So we thought

we'd better go get this checked. He spent 12 days in the hospital ..."

In response, the couple has changed their diet and begun exercising more. "I think one of the reasons why he is doing so well is his attitude," said Gerdes proudly. And despite the challenges they endure, the Gerdes' maintain their sense of humor and positive outlook. Her favorite quote is, "Art is a pigment of your imagination."

She also believes that nature contributes to their positivity. "You feel good up here because of the clean air, for one thing. You've got great water, and it's a proven fact that nature helps you." And while his physical work has been reduced significantly, Dennis does more supervising now.

Gerdes also appreciates being accepted as an artist in Idyllwild and being surrounded by so many talented people. "That's the beauty of what we have here. I mean, there's how many artists up here?" she said thankfully. "It's just amazing."

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

## HOV lanes open on 215/60

Caltrans and Riverside County Transportation Commission announced that the new High Occupancy Vehicle lanes have opened on Interstate 215 to Highway 60 from Riverside to Moreno Valley for the 60/215 Junction East Junction project.

In addition to constructing the HOV lanes, or carpool lanes, the \$43-million project also modified and realigned the north I-215/Box Springs ramp, as well as realigned and widened Box Springs Road to four lanes.

Work began in summer 2011 and will be complete by the end of June 2014. Some remaining items, such as striping, will be completed with alternating nighttime lane closures between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. Monday through Friday.

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A subcontractor is replacing old telephone poles throughout the Hill communities. This one stopped a lane on North Circle Drive last week. PHOTO BY JACK CLARK



Doug and Maureen Boren of Idyllwild enjoy the Town Crier while in Holland in May.



BY JACK CLARK  
CONTEST JUDGE



One entry per household. Contest deadline: Monday noon. Not a race — correct entries go into a hat for a drawing. Full contest rules and guidelines available at the Town Crier office.

The Jeff and Yvonne Smith family were the only entrants to identify last week's photo as being the Town Hall chimney, so they win the Rustic Theatre gift card. Congratulations to the No. 1 Hill detectives, once again. But they'd better watch out for the Josh and Emily White family and other recent entrants. Now take a look at this week's photo, above.



Richard Mozeleski, Town Hall sports coordinator, is preparing the Summer Camp participants for this fall's soccer season. Leanne Isaac (on right in back), camp counselor, talking with Kathy Cochran, recreation coordinator, said Tuesday mornings are sports day at camp. Almost 30 local children enjoyed the soccer lessons.

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**DEER CARE:** At right, volunteers Shanna Robb (right) and Donna Elliot apply clear-coat to deer on display at the Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum on North Circle Drive. The deer are part of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's public art display "Deer Sightings." The clear-coat will be applied to all of the deer by AAI volunteers every nine months for protection from the elements, according to Robb.

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## CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Tears of joy for our **Pinkie Lee**. She will go home to her owner. What a story this girl could tell. She was tossed around and lost for a while, but Pinkie is going home. And that's the best news. Her name, by the way, is **Scooby**.

More great barking news. **Miss Bella**, the Schipperke/Papillion-mix will be going to work with her new mom. She has a new home complete with a feline, and the best new mom ever. She's still local so we can always visit.

So that leaves **Archie**, the one in the white. Such a handsome fellow he is. Archie is learning how to be his own dog now that he doesn't feel obligated to protect Bella. He is in training and will be ready for adoption soon. Let's try to give Archie the best new home, too, just like Bella. He loves the leash, is potty-trained and is good in the car. He loves to be groomed and loved.

**Boomer** on the table, **Bill** on the top level and



**Whiskers** are sitting close to the door, just in case that special someone comes in for them. Who will be first? Boomer is the youngest at 1-and-a-half, and Whiskers and Bill are about 2 — all male. All are good with other felines. Boomer actually likes the canine crowd. They are still young enough to play, but enjoy just hanging around. They're good fly-catchers, too. There's a special on all cats in the ARF cattery.

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*Creature corner is sponsored by Linda Adams, this week. To sponsor the column, call Lisa Streeter at the Town Crier, 951-659-2145.*



# Past

# Tense

### 65 years ago - 1949

Chuck Holmes was the local boy selected for Boys State by the American Legion Post 800.

### 60 years ago - 1954

The Chamber of Commerce was planning to host a chuckwagon dinner for the annual Fourth of July celebration.

### 55 years ago - 1959

Camp Maranatha's new assembly hall, with seating for 400, was nearing completion.

### 50 years ago - 1964

The first order for 26 street signs was sent to the county by the Idyllwild Property Owners Association and efforts were underway to raise funds for more.



Officers and directors of the Idyllwild Lions Club for 1977-78 were, front row, from left, **Charlie Kretsinger, Nile Thomas, Milt Meyer and Jim Helland**; back row, from left, **Bob Thomas, Gene Price, Albert Austin, Gary Dencklau, Dick Miller, Nick Halic, installing officer Vern Boyer and Clyde Price**. New president **George Hoffman** was not pictured.

FILE PHOTO

### 45 years ago - 1969

District Ranger Karl Tameler and State Park Supervisor William Stahlberg were among those invited to breakfast with then Gov. Ronald Reagan at the mountain station of the tramway.

### 40 years ago - 1974

Folk were visiting the hummingbirds at Mac and Elma McPherson's place on John Muir Road, a popular local attraction. It was estimated that about 6,000 people visited their "Hummingbird Place" the previous summer.

### 35 years ago - 1979

Wildwood Music Camp began its eighth summer season at Buckhorn Camp.

### 25 years ago - 1989

A Forest Service prescribed burn near Bautista Canyon got out of control and burned 250 more acres than planned.

### 20 years ago - 1994

Smokey Bear celebrated his 50th birthday at the fifth-annual Idyllwild Lions Club Timber Festival.

### 15 years ago - 1999

There was a big turnout for the Pine Cove

Property Owners Association's "Pride in Pine Cove Day" Spring Cleanup.

### 10 years ago - 2004

Randy Owen, owner of Mountain Fire Abatement Service, donated \$500 to the Idyllwild School Associated Student Body. This donation brought Owen's total gifts to the community to \$10,000.

### 5 years ago - 2009

Idyllwild Community Recreation Center head Chris Singer made it clear at the June 11 board meeting that the Idyllwild Community Center project is one that deserved a separate managerial committee with decision-making authority, apart from but reporting to the ICRC board.

### 1 year ago - 2013

Arturo Delgado, the new district ranger on the San Jacinto Ranger District, had arrived, been meeting his new staff and learning about the Hill. And what he had discovered, as many residents have learned, is "it just feels like home. There are lots of trees, grass and water," he said. "I grew up in a small town like Idyllwild."

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Answers to Sudoku (Puzzle on next page)

Mobile Homes

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Answers to Crossword (Puzzle on next page)

WORD SEARCH

(Answers on next page)

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S	C	L	Z	E	N	E	L	S	K	E	R	Q	H	E
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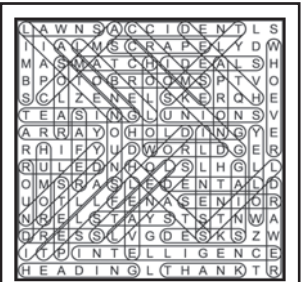
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Answers to Word Search (Puzzle on previous page)

SUDOKU

Difficulty: Medium (Answers on previous page)

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Legals • Doing Business As

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person is doing business as VIP SERVICES, 3811 Bedford Canyon Rd. Ste 101 Corona Ca 92883, Riverside County. REAL PROS REAL ESTATE GROUP INC., 3811 Bedford Canyon Rd. #101, Corona, Ca 92883. This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.  
Signed: MIKE VARLEY CEO  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 19, 2014.  
FILE NO.: R-2014-05030  
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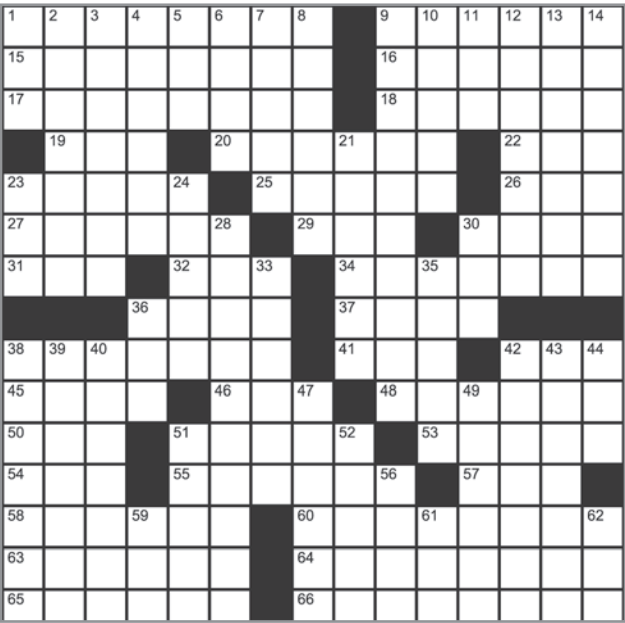
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CERTIFICATION  
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk  
By: B. Harris, Deputy  
Pub. TC: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person is doing business as IDYLLWIRELESS, 54200 North Circle Dr., A3 Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1868, Idyllwild, CA 92549, ULTRAFLIGHT, INC., 54200 North Circle Dr., A3, Idyllwild, CA 92549, 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: ASHLEY ----- BRUTTO Secretary  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 19, 2014.  
FILE NO.: R-2014-05005  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME

CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS  
1. Losses caused by wear or decay  
9. "To your health!"  
15. Praise  
16. Repair a building's front  
17. Type of mathematician  
18. Horse handler  
19. "Sesame Street" watcher  
20. Arise  
22. \_\_\_ deferens  
23. Drive  
25. About  
26. "Act your \_\_\_!"  
27. Feeble  
29. "I" problem  
30. Long, long time  
31. The "p" in m.p.g.  
32. Coxcomb  
34. Most pale  
36. Aspersions  
37. Any thing  
38. "Take that!" (2 wds)  
41. Bubkes  
42. "\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"  
45. Artificial bait  
46. Couple  
48. Jail, slang  
50. Adaptable truck, for short  
51. Astute  
53. Balderdash  
54. Bank offering, for short  
55. Domineered  
57. "The Three Faces of \_\_\_"  
58. Breath freshener  
60. Infuriating  
63. Striking effects  
64. S. American boa  
65. Boil  
66. Advanced hour  
DOWN  
1. Card  
2. Common solvent  
3. Two-wheeler  
4. Indian drum  
5. A pint, maybe  
6. Box office take  
7. Swelling  
8. Calm  
9. Predictive  
10. Change, as a clock  
11. "How \_\_\_ Has the Ban-shee Cried" (Thomas Moore poem)  
12. Save and put to further use  
13. Cooling-off periods (2 wds)  
14. Most curt  
21. Get back  
23. Blueprint  
24. M-1, for one  
28. Building housing judicial courts  
30. Order between "ready" and "fire"  
33. From the 1930s  
35. Serf  
36. "\_\_\_ Cried" (1962 hit)  
38. Water channels with valve or gate  
39. Run faster than  
40. Goo  
42. Mineral silicate of iron and magnesium  
43. Relies  
44. "... \_\_\_ he drove out of sight"  
47. Big test  
49. Salem's home  
51. A deadly sin  
52. Bird's contour feather  
56. "Dang!"  
59. Pillbox, e.g.  
61. Trick taker, often  
62. Neon, e.g.

HOROSCOPES June 2014 — Week 1



March 21 – April 19  
The kindness of strangers is the highlight of the week. Pay it forward, Aries. A project proves more challenging than thought. Look to a mentor for guidance.



April 20 – May 20  
Aim high, Taurus. There is nothing you can't accomplish. A directive is clear as mud. Ask for clarification before you proceed. A find is a diamond in the rough.



May 21 – June 21  
No more beating around the bush, Gemini. Give it to them straight. It may not be what they want to hear, but it will do them good. A special date nears.



June 22 – July 22  
Appreciate a relationship for what it is, Cancer—a study in contrast. A friend's pride could be their undoing. Warn them before it is too late.



July 23– August 22  
Good, old dependable Leo. People rely on you far too much. Perhaps it's time to shake things up a bit. A new routine is just the start of many changes to come.



August 23– September 22  
Get ready for a bumpy ride, Virgo. There will be many highs and lows, but persistence will pay off in the end. Organization is sorely lacking at home.



September 23– October 22  
Adventure awaits, Libra. Get ready to take a walk on the wild side. A series of phone calls at work sets off a flurry of activity. A game ends in victory.



October 23– November 21  
What a week, Scorpio. A home improvement project finally gets off the ground, a shopping trip uncovers a real gem and a loved one makes a decision.



November 22– December 21  
Surly Sagittarius. Stop looking a gift horse in the mouth before you get seriously bitten. A change in heart on the part of a friend is for the better.



December 22 – January 19  
Think big, Capricorn. There is no other way to go. A last-ditch effort to save a project works, and the responsibilities multiply. Rally the team.



January 20 – February 18  
Your idea is sound but rough. Work out all of the kinks before you present it, Aquarius. A monetary mistake is rectified in your favor.



February 19 – March 20  
The pressure is on this week. Relax, Pisces. All will go well as long as you continue to be diligent and willing to learn. A loved one is honored.



Tenure

Continued from page 7

a disproportionate burden to the poor and minority students,” Treu concluded.

“The present system, simply put, needs to change,” Hemet Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Barry Kayrell said in an email. “The majority of teachers are hard-working, dedicated individuals. It’s the inability to remove the bottom 10 percent that are not performing up to standards that has been prohibitive due to the tenure restraints. The present system forces administrators to make a tenure decision about 18 months into a new teacher’s career. That simply is not enough time.

“Secondly, the process to remove a tenured teacher is

so cumbersome and expensive that it becomes almost impossible to effectuate a change,” he continued. “I truly believe in due process, and there has to exist a system to better evaluate and protect the rights of individuals.

“The state Legislature will be taxed with drafting language that will, hopefully, modernize the process and ensure quality education for all of our students statewide,” Kayrell concluded.

Robert Hudson, president of the Hemet Teachers Association, was not available for comment about these issues.

The case was filed two years ago and has gone through several attempts to dismiss it before evidence began to be presented this winter. “The evidence is compelling. Indeed, it

shocks the conscience,” Treu concluded.

Already, the California Teachers Association and the California Federation of Teachers have announced their intentions to appeal the decision. In a statement, the two teachers’ groups said, “California’s educators are disappointed by the judge’s decision in the Vergara v. State of California lawsuit as it hurts students and educators. From the beginning, this lawsuit has highlighted the wrong problems, proposed the wrong solutions and followed the wrong process.”

“Like the lawsuit itself, today’s ruling is deeply flawed,” said CTA President Dean E. Vogel in the press release. “This lawsuit has nothing to do with what’s best for kids, but was manufactured by a Silicon Valley million-

aire and a corporate PR firm to undermine the teaching profession and push their agenda on our schools.”

In a press statement following the release of Treu’s decision, state Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said, “All children deserve great teachers. Attracting, training and nurturing talented and dedicated educators are among the most important tasks facing every school district, tasks that require the right mix of tools, resources and expertise. Today’s ruling may inadvertently make this critical work even more challenging than it already is ... Teachers are not the problem in our schools, they are the solution.”

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

County to close hazardous fire areas

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

At its June 17 meeting, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved the closure of seven areas with Riverside County because of fire hazards.

County Fire Chief John Hawkins recommended the closures because of the potential for large, damaging fires enhanced by the continuing drought conditions this year. Public roadways and

private property are not closed.

The closures will remain in effect until it is determined that the fuel and weather conditions are safe for the public.

The areas to be closed are: Avery Canyon, Minto (Sage), North Mountain, Indian Canyon, Nuevo/Lakeview, Ramona Bowl, Bautista Canyon, Reinhardt Canyon and Whitewater Canyon.

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

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.

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CERTIFICATION  
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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: D. Santana, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MANGOS! #3, 32270 unit B Rancho Vista Drive, Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside County. RAUL VARGAS 48547 Chiriaco Smt. ST, Coachella, CA 92236.

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

Signed:  
RAUL VARGAS  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 21, 2014.

FILE NO:  
I-2014-01350

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: S. Perez, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SMOG STOP CKP INC, 74991 Joni Drive #4, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County. SMOG STOP, CKP INC, 74991 Joni Dr. #4, Palm Desert, CA 92260, a California Corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 29 June 2000.

Signed:  
KEN FRANK  
President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 30, 2014.

FILE NO:  
I-2014-01420

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk

By: V. Boyzo-Saucedo, Deputy  
Pub. TC: June 5, 12, 19, 26, 2014.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

This is to notify the public that on Friday, June 20th, 2014, at the regular scheduled 9:00 a.m. Board meeting, at the Fern Valley Water District office, 55790 South Circle Dr., Idyllwild, the BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FERN VALLEY WATER DISTRICT will hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering all objections or protests to the declaration by the Board of a water shortage emergency condition pursuant to California Water Code section 350 and Article 15 of the Rules and Regulations of the Fern Valley Water District.

The declaration of the water shortage emergency condition will empower the District to impose mandatory restrictions on water uses when specified water supply conditions are reached, and following issuance of public notice.

Robert Krieger  
President, Board of Directors  
Fern Valley Water District  
55790 South Circle Dr.  
PO Box 3039  
Idyllwild, CA 92549  
Pub. TC: June 5, 12, 19, 2014.

RIC1404173  
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., (P.O.

Box 431), Riverside, CA 92502-0431.

PETITION OF MARTIN KEVIN URIAS JR. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: MARTIN KEVIN URIAS JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:  
a. Present name: MARTIN KEVIN URIAS JR. changed to Proposed name: MARTIN KEVIN GALLEGOS.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 7/10/14 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 2.  
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.  
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county:

Idyllwild Town Cried.

Date: Jun. 05, 2014  
SHARON J. WATERS  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Pub. TC: June 12, 19, 26, July 3, 2014.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON WATER ASSESSMENTS CHARGES  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the secretary of the

Pinyon Pines County Water District as follows:

(1) FILING OF REPORT. A written report has been prepared and filed with the secretary concerning the proposed Water Standby Assessments for the fiscal year 2014-2015 pursuant to Resolution #91.

(2) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AND PROPOSED ASSESSMENT.

This report contains a description of each parcel of land and the amount of the assessment proposed to be levied for said fiscal year on each parcel as follows:

(a) Thirty dollars (\$30) per year for each acre of land or parcel of land less than one acre for all lands within the boundaries of Pinyon Pines County Water District.

(b) Such water standby charge shall not apply to any parcel of land less than one and one-quarter acres (1 1/4) on which an active service connection exists thereon on or before

July 1, 2014.

(c) With respect to tracts of one and one-quarter acres (1 1/4) or more, one and one-quarter (1 1/4) acres of land shall be exempted from the water standby charge for each active service connection which exists thereon on or before July 1, 2014.

No billing for such assessment shall be rendered, instead the amount of the assessment shall be added to the county tax roll and shall be collected together with general taxes.

(3) INSPECTION OF REPORT. This report is available for inspection by calling the District at (760)349-3261.

(4) HEARING ON REPORT. A hearing on said report will be held before the Board of

Directors at 9:00 am on July 13th, 2014 at 69735 Indio Avenue, Pinyon Pines, California. At this hearing, the Board of Directors shall hear and consider all objections or protests, if any, to said report and upon conclusion of the hearing, the Board may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any assessment or overrule any or all objections. This Notice is given pursuant to Sections 31032.1 through 31032.9 of the Water Code of the State of California.

Christy Huss  
Secretary of the Pinyon Pines County Water District and of the Board of Directors thereof.

Pub. TC: June 19, 26, 2014.



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## IFPD budget

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Andrewson had requested the item be pulled from the meeting's agenda to allow her more time to review the proposal, but her three colleagues were ready to proceed. Consequently, she objected to its approval at this session.

In response to Andrewson's request, Commission President Jerry Buchanan replied, "This budget was worked through the committee process. We need a preliminary adopted by end of June and a final by September. We can make adjustments in July or August, if needed."

During the budget discussion, Layton said, "The Finance Committee really chewed on [this budget]. It needs some fine tuning but it is recommended to this board."

The committee recommended and the commission agreed to display net ambulance billings within the revenue totals, rather than just gross billings, while write-offs and adjustments were included in expenses.

Buchanan encouraged that the Finance Committee consider two specific adjustments. One was restoring some or a portion of the reduction in career salaries made two years ago because of budget problems. He also

recommended planning for about \$2,500 for commissioners' training or travel expenses.

Following the budget adoption, the commission also adopted new ambulance rates effective July 1. During the discussion of the 2014-15 assessment fee (\$65 per unit), Fern Valley resident Chris Fogle recommended that the commission consider another effort to raise the fee. "I am one of those willing to go for increase for materials and supplies. I'm looking for a new push to increase the assessment fees," he stated.

These fees increase 1.8 percent; however, Reitz, with the commission's approval, is investigating whether IFPD can make an appeal to either the Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency or the Board of Supervisors for an increase from 5 to 8 percent.

The increases would affect about 25 percent of patients transported. Those who are covered by Medicare, Medi-Cal and some major insurers, would not be affected, according to Reitz.

"The justification [for higher fees] is the cost of the fees we're being charged through the county dispatch," he told the commission. "This won't offset the cost of the increasing fees we

continue to see coming for the county dispatch [contract] and no change within sight." However, the commission's budget does not project higher costs for the dispatch contract.

As the commission decided last June, individual Pine Cove residents will be charged the same ambulance transport rate, \$1,155, as IFPD residents. Pine Cove residents, as part of County Service Area 38, also separately pay IFPD about \$128,000 for the ambulance service.

In a final budget issue, the commission approved Resolution 14-05, which authorizes the chief to request an advance of \$300,000 of anticipated property tax revenue. Normally, the county begins to distribute property tax revenue in December and January. Since this is about halfway through the fiscal year, IFPD is requesting an advance to ensure sufficient cash available for costs for the first few months.

Previous requests have exceeded \$400,000, but the commission believes less is needed this year because it can begin to build its own cash reserves from the funds received when it sold the cell tower lease last year.

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## Green waste

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problem one of mounting concern. The issue is complicated since other players are the ones actually responsible for trucking out the green waste. WMI subcontracted with Ecology Trucking for transport of green waste and until the first part of June, according to Kernkamp, they had been making only one trip per week.

Local contractor Jim Daniels said he felt frustrated by WMI's management of the station and how he sees agreements that affect local haulers being changed without notice. "They're not trucking waste off the Hill as they're supposed to," he said. "Everyone [local abatement haulers] have priced out their jobs and are now being told that we have to get a permit in Riverside and haul waste [of large truck bed sizes] to the chipper," he said. Daniels said the permit costs \$450. He said the buildup of green waste at the station is exacerbated by the fact that WMI has no scale at the transfer site. "Waste Management just does not want to deal with the problem because it is not a moneymaker for them," he said.

"My understanding is more trucks have been added and that they [WMI and Ecology] have been moving quite a lot, especially on the days the station is closed to the public," said Hans Kernkamp, general manager and chief engineer at the county's Waste Management Department, the department that supervises WMI.

In a June 9 email to Kernkamp from Davis, she also acknowledged the buildup prior to the addition of more hauling runs. "From Thursday, June 5, through Saturday, June 7, we hauled approximately 74 tons from Idyllwild," she noted. "Over the weekend, we got back basically all we hauled out so [it] seems like we have not made any progress. Ecology had trucking issues on Friday and Saturday so they were not able to make as many trips as planned. Seems Tuesday and Wednesday will be the only days we will make any head-way on that pile."

Kernkamp is in the position of overall responsibility but not in direct charge of execution, such as clearing the green waste pile. He said he would be speaking with representatives from the County Department of Environmental Health this week who have regulatory responsibility over any potentially hazardous environmental conditions caused by businesses within the county. "I'm not sure this is one on their radar yet," said Kernkamp and noted he would bring the issue to their attention. "They [Environmental Health] inspect to see that state and county regulations are being followed. I don't know if in their [WMI] permit, there is a size limit to the pile."

WMD Director Kernkamp said he would obtain recent hauling tickets and information regarding Ecology Trucking's removals for the last two weeks, document how much of the pile remains as a result, and update the Town Crier with that information.

## Repeal

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resolutions.

"I can't enforce what I don't know about," Reitz stressed. He had discussed the proposal with the district's legal counsel and explained it amounted to a house-keeping measure.

The district's files apparently do not contain any policies prior to 2012 when Reitz was hired. Reitz said he has requested staff to bring forward any copies of rules or policies from before his hiring and has received none.

Commissioner Larry Donahoo asked if there were any policies being repealed that had not been revised in the past two years, since the commission has made a substantial effort to

adopt new and specific board and district policies and regulations.

Also Commissioner Rhonda Andrewson asked "if it were prudent to do without some review since the district has existed since 1946."

"I don't know what they are," said Buchanan. "No one could find any old policies ... If I had a complete set I could review them, but I don't." He assured staff that if an appropriate but repealed policy surfaces, the commission will re-consider it then.

The commission unanimously approved the resolution.

In other business, the commission discussed roles of both standing and ad hoc committees. Buchanan made the commitment to "do a

better job of spelling out the role of and duration of committees ... and what do we want to accomplish with that committee." This included a brief session with committee members on goals and objectives.

The discussion shifted from the general role of committees to the specific direction of the

Vehicle and Equipment Committee, composed of commissioners Andrewson and Donahoo.

"The Vehicle Equipment Committee ... has gone down a different path than what I requested from the board," stated Reitz. "The purpose was to address capital needs of equipment; nothing more than capital

issues." However, he felt the committee was encroaching on issues involving departmental operations. "There is really no reason to go there and it's extremely cumbersome," he said. "If we can't get the committee back to where I requested, I request the committee be disbanded," he told the commission. But

Andrewson countered that the information she requested could have been requested whether she was on the committee or not.

"We will refocus for the next meeting on where this committee should go," Buchanan announced.

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## Fire cause

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report that addressed the origin or the cause of the fire.

In response to numerous inquiries by the Town Crier over the past 11 months, Cal Fire stated that it would not release information about the Mountain Fire until its investigation was complete.

About five weeks ago, in response to the Town Crier's oral and emailed requests under the California Public Records Act (sections 6250 to 6270), Cal Fire released its heavily redacted report to the Town Crier.

The Town Crier has questioned the extensive redactions numerous times in the last five weeks, but received no explanation for the redactions and no claims of exemption from Cal Fire.

In July 2013, a Cal Fire news release revealed the general cause of the fire to be "electrical equipment failure," but have no specifics.

On Monday, Cal Fire informed the Town Crier that the final origin and cause determination is not made in the investigators' reports but in an additional step that has not yet taken place. Cal Fire says that when the origin and cause determination is final it will issue a further press release to that effect.

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But the Town Crier is questioning this assertion, because unless criminal or civil litigation is already pending — meaning it already has been filed — the litigation exception does not apply to Cal Fire's report. (Fairley v. Superior Court (1998) 66 Cal. App. 4th 1414, 1420-1422; 71 Ops. Cal. Atty. Gen. 235 (1988).) The Town Crier is currently investigating whether any such litigation is on file. Cal Fire has not said whether or not litigation has been filed.

It is clear, however, from even the redacted report, authored by Cal Fire's Fire Capt. Specialist Wayne Howerton, that the fire's origin was somewhere on property owned by Dr. Tarek M. Al-Shawaf in Mountain Center. Throughout the

full report all mentions of the exact location on Al-Shawaf's property where the fire originated are redacted, even from a narrative report by the employee of another agency: Steven Williams, BDF Patrol 54, of the U.S. Forest Service.

And wherever the report alludes to the cause of the fire, Cal Fire redacted that text also — including the final two pages of the report by Cal Fire's Fire Capt. Specialist David LaClair, who was specifically assigned "origin and cause" responsibility by Cal Fire. The final 11 lines of his report — constituting the entire section entitled "Opinion and Conclusion" — are blacked out.

Likewise, Cal Fire completely blacked out a full-page section entitled "Violation" from the main report by Howerton.

Cal Fire also redacted the narrative report of electrician Greg Ezquerro, who was called in from its Electrical Division to investigate this incident and parts of a 2013 Google satellite photo included in

Howerton's report.

Nonetheless, Howerton's redacted report, in a section entitled "Evidence," does show that Cal Fire took three items into evidence. Item no. 1 is a tripped electrical circuit breaker Cal Fire removed from an electrical panel on the property. Item no. 2 is an electrical junction box Cal Fire personnel cut out of electrical lines on the property. Item no. 3 was some electrical wrap.

LaClair's report includes a hand-drawn map showing the electrical panel located at the north side of the main house. The map also shows a junction box located 488 feet northeasterly from the electrical panel.

The entirety of Howerton's redacted Mountain Fire report, with all its attachments, including supplemental reports and photographs, can be viewed online at the Town Crier's website.

The Town Crier will serve on Cal Fire a written follow-up to its California Public Records Act request seeking an unredacted copy of Howerton's Mountain Fire report and its attachments, including supplemental reports.

The Town Crier will publish the Cal Fire final press release and any other developments as soon as they are made available.

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1 using a service road. When I arrived at the well, I observed a small wood shed with no fire damage,  
2 with a locked door, and a large standing metal water tank which appeared to be empty. NOWLIN  
3 unlocked the door using her keys and allowed me to enter, where I observed the well pump and  
4 filtration system. I examined the electrical for the pump and located two breakers marked pump and  
5 aux, in the off position. I then observed a second electrical box, housing a "pump saver plus" with  
6 two wires disconnected.  
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10 I returned to the main house and met with W-6 Greg EZQUERRO, a certified electrician sent by CAL  
11 FIRE upon my request. I had him examine the main service panel, remove the tripped breaker,  
12 verify the electrical system was safe and the tripped breaker did provide service to the junction box,  
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Black oak leaf

