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A BUSY HOLIDAY WEEKEND: Dottie Goldfarb, above, stirs the Independence Day Parade audience with her violin rendition of the National Anthem.

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At right, the Git Hayetsk Northwest Coast Intertribal Dance Group performs during the Native American Arts Festival Friday, July 4, at the Idyllwild Arts campus. More photos in On the Town. PHOTO BY CHERYL BASYE



A gift of life to a longtime friend

BY MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

Idyllwild resident Bobbi Crawford needed a kidney. Hers were failing and she was rapidly losing kidney function. She began home dialysis in 2011. This meant she was connected to an in-home dialysis machine for seven hours, seven nights a week, in a room that had to be as sterile and pollutant-free as possible.

She had known she would eventually have to make a decision regarding kidney donation, either from a friend or relative who would be a donor match or from a cadaver bank since the dialysis process would only sustain her for so long.

When longtime friend Arlene Busher suggested she would donate the kidney, Crawford balked. "We had known this day was coming for the last eight years," said Busher.

But Crawford was uncertain, feeling the gift too great to accept. "At the time she suggested it, it was just

too hard for me to deal with the concept," said Crawford.

Busher said they just began talking about the process, making it more familiar to each of them. They talked, they researched and they talked more. Their connection, as friends facing a challenge, was further tested during the Mountain Fire evacuation in July 2013. Crawford her husband and all her dialysis equipment, including the cyclor machine that performed the kidney cleansing, left the Hill to go with Busher to her son's home for the duration of the evacuation. That shared experience deepened their bond.

Finally, in October 2013, Crawford agreed. "I'm going to do it," she remembered telling Busher. By that time, Crawford's kidney function was down to 10-percent. Without a kidney donor, her long-term survival prospects were limited. Kidneys from live donors improve lifespan prognoses significantly over
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Cal Fire further explains redactions of Mountain Fire reports

BY JACK CLARK
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Two previous explanations offered by Cal Fire public information officers as to why the Cal Fire investigation reports of last year's Mountain Fire ("potential future litigation under Government Code section 6254, subdivision (b)" and "one more step left in the investigation") did not answer the Town Crier's

questions regarding the extent of the agency's redactions discussing the origin and cause of the fire. But the most recent explanation, this one from Cal Fire's in-house counsel, attorney David Wiseman, provides insight into Cal Fire's legal reasons for the redactions.

Their basis is Government Code section 6254, subdivision (f), which provides an exemption for investigative

reports prepared for law enforcement purposes, Wiseman explained. Although Cal Fire is not primarily a law enforcement agency and no appellate court yet has ruled on the availability of subdivision (f) to Cal Fire's investigative reports, it is a state agency with a law enforcement branch and its claim under subdivision (f), according to Wiseman, is based on law enforce-

ment purposes: whether criminal or civil charges will be brought regarding the Mountain Fire. No such decision yet has been made and it could take as long as two years, Wiseman said.

Wiseman acknowledged that "electrical equipment failure," which was the three-word cause assigned in Cal Fire's July 2013 press release, is so broad an explanation of
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Motorcycle fatality on Sunday

BY BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

A 54-year-old Norwalk man was killed when his Honda touring motorcycle ran off the road at about 10:51 a.m. Sunday.

Rafael Nuñez was traveling eastbound on Highway 74 1 mile east of Wilson Way near U.S. Forest Service Cranston Fire Station, said California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Darren Meyer. American Medical Response transported Nuñez to Hemet Valley Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

Meyer said Nuñez was wearing a helmet and no other vehicles were involved.

The fatal traffic collision reported in last week's paper that occurred Monday, June 30, involved Karsha Carter, 33, of Yuca Valley, according to Sgt. James of the Riverside County Coroner's office.

Carter was driving southbound on Highway 243 in a white 1995 Toyota Camry at 2:25 p.m. She was traveling behind two other vehicles as they were passing a northbound Riverside County Transportation truck driven by Phillip Nielson of Norco about 800 feet south of Diamond Zen Road. The first two vehicles passed but the Camry drifted over the double-yellow lines, said Meyer, colliding with the truck.

The left side of the Camry was "wiped out," Meyer said, and the victim was trapped inside the vehicle. Riverside County Fire paramedics pronounced her dead at the scene. Nielson was uninjured.

Neither vehicle contained passengers. Meyer said drugs and/or alcohol have not been ruled out in either crash.

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A vegetation fire broke out at Highway 74 and Willowbrook Road Monday in Valle Vista at about 4 p.m., according to a Riverside County Fire incident report. Above, Riverside County Fire fights a small fire, where one outbuilding was destroyed, but the main house threatened was not damaged.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



A traffic collision involving a Gold 1993 Toyota Camry was reported to the California Highway Patrol about 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, on Highway 243 1 mile north of Azalea Trails. The vehicle was not occupied when emergency personnel arrived on scene, but the vehicle was registered to Noy Pay of Long Beach, according to CHP Officer Chris Blondon. Further investigation was needed to determine the cause of the crash.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Quakes hit Big Bear area

A 4.6-magnitude earthquake, followed shortly after by two other quakes, hit about 6 miles northeast of Running Springs just before 10 a.m. Saturday, July 5. The tremors were felt in the San Jacinto Mountains.

The second quake, 3.4-magnitude, occurred about 6 miles west-northwest of Big Bear just after 10 a.m., followed closely by a 2.5 in the same area.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 7/10



81/58
Sunny.

Friday 7/11



81/58
Sunny.

Saturday 7/12



83/60
Sunny.

Sunday 7/13



87/61
Slight chance of thunderstorms.

Monday 7/14



84/60
Slight chance of thunderstorms.

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
7/1	90	60		
7/2	89	62		
7/3	90	64		
7/4	80	64	0.03	
7/5	85	60	0.01	
7/6	86	59		
7/7	na	na		

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
7/1	na	na		
7/2	91	62		
7/3	91	61		
7/4	92	62		
7/5	89	60		
7/6	na	na		
7/7	na	na		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 0.04
To date last season (Idy): 0.00
Total last season (Idy): 14.43
To date this season (PC): 0.50
Total last season (PC): 15.54

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 0.0
To date last season (Idy): 0.0
Total last season (Idy): 5.0
To date this season (PC): 0.0
Total last season (PC): 13.0

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.idyllwildtown-crier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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Lost hiker starts fire

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

A lost hiker was rescued early Wednesday, July 2, from the San Jacinto State Park Wilderness but not before starting a signal fire that got out of control.

James Jeselson, 46, of New York and two other hikers in his party had started a day-hike at 2 p.m., July 1, at the top of the Palm Springs Tram.

"An hour into his hike, Jeselson separated from the other two hikers in his party because they chose to take separate trails. No one in the hiking party was equipped for an extended hike, which would include proper hiking clothing, extra water or wilderness maps," wrote Riverside County Sheriff Department Sgt. John Shulda in a press release.

About 8 p.m. when Jeselson did not return to the tram area, his hiking party called 911. At 10:07 p.m., Riverside County Sheriff's deputies from the Cabazon Station responded to the Palm Springs Tram, along with members of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit, and searched the wilderness. The California Highway Patrol provided air support for the mission, but clouds hampered the effort.

At 2:35 a.m., RMRU located Jeselson in the Little Round Valley area. Jeselson had started a signal fire; however, the fire spread beyond his control. The U.S. Forest Service was dispatched to handle the fire, which was fortunately limited to a small area. RMRU personnel escorted Jeselson back to the upper tram station where they remained until the first tram brought them down the hill at 6:30 a.m., Tuesday.

U.S. Forest Service Helitack Crew 535 contained the blaze, named the Cornell Fire, to a 20-foot-by-50-foot spot, according to USFS Fire Chief Dan Felix. Ryan Carver was the incident commander. Even though the area is state land, it is a Forest Service Direct Protection Area.

"Reimbursement for fire suppression and restoration costs will be an option considered once the investigation is completed," said USFS Public Information Officer John Miller.

"The Riverside County Sheriff's Department

would like to remind hiking enthusiasts to carry suitable equipment for any outdoor excursion. Proper preparedness includes a well thought-out plan shared with friends or family, adequate food and water, as well as proper hiking equipment, and maps or GPS equipment. RMRU offers several helpful, lifesaving tips at www.rmru.org."

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Drought continues, El Niño a possibility

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

California is in the midst of a three-year drought, which is no longer news. The chance of another El Niño weather pattern, however, is.

For the 2013-14 rain year, which ended on June 30, only 14.43 inches of rainfall was recorded at the Idyllwild Fire Station. This .41 inches more than the 2012-13 rain year, but only 56 percent of the long-term annual average of 25.67.

This is the third consecutive year below average and the eighth in the past 10 years. Only in 2004-05 and 2010-11 has rainfall exceeded the long-term average of 25.67 inches.

Other areas in the vicinity are just as dry. The Forest Service recorded 13.61 inches of rain at the Keenwild Ranger Station. George Tate of Pine Cove has recorded 15.54 inches of rain.

Snow is just as rare as rain. Only 5 inches of snow fell at the Idyllwild Fire Station this year compared to 42.8 inches last winter. Tate measured 13 inches of snow in Pine Cove, which was about 30 percent of the 2012-13 snow recorded.

The National Weather Service says the chance of an El Niño weather pattern forming late this summer and extending into early 2015 is

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Man arrested for DUI and felony possession

By JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Jason Michael Roney, 24, was arrested by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department on Friday, June 20 on Highway 243 in Idyllwild. He was charged with possession of concentrated cannabis; possession of drug paraphernalia; driving when privilege suspended or revoked for driving under the influence with excessive blood alcohol or when addicted; failure to appear or pay; driving under the influence of alcohol; and driving under the influence of alcohol/0.08.

Roney was released on bail Saturday, June 21 and is scheduled to appear in the Murietta Southwest Justice Center at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20.

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Anyone not a part of a governmental body may invite a governmental body to a meeting without the onus falling on the anyone to follow the body's rules.

The "anyone" in the March case of the IFPD Brown Act violations was Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins.

In Susan Weisbart's response to the grand jury determination that the meeting was a BA violation, she tried to put the onus on Hawkins, head of a county department not a public body.

She uses language in her response that also clearly indicates the IFPD group violated the BA such as "presence," "attendance," "tour," "better understand," "in order to make a decision," "I did ask a question" and "observers only."

Obviously, if the Town Crier, concerned citizens and the grand jury all are conscious that this was two blatant Brown Act violations (the IFPD commission and a committee), then is it at all possible that Ms. Weisbart is wrong?

Well, let's look at the BA itself: A meeting as defined by the Act includes any "congregation by a majority" of a legislative body at the same time and place to "hear, discuss, or deliberate" on any matter within the jurisdiction of the body.

As the Attorney General explains: "This definition makes it clear that the body need not take any action in order for a gathering to be defined as a meeting. A gathering is a meeting if a majority of the members of the body merely receive information or discuss their views on an issue."

How clear is that? How much longer are you going to hide your heads in the sand?

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

IFPD and the grand jury

EDITOR:

I appreciate the grand jurors for what might seem a thankless job. You have dedicated many hundreds of hours over years of service as an unbiased and objective jury of our peers to help better our community's fire and emergency medical services within the Idyllwild Fire Protection District and surrounding agencies.

To better understand our grand jury system, I refer the reader to <https://cgja.org/>. They serve a number of roles but mostly provide review and affirmation oversight of local and state governance. On rare occasions they might recommend termination of government officials or dissolution/consolidation of government institutions/services. And on extremely rare occasions, they will develop mandated "accusations" for removal from office other than by impeachment of appointed or elected officials. These "accusations" are filed with the district attorney, who "must" file dismissal proceedings in superior court.

Here are six grand jury investigations referencing IFPD over the past seven years, including the most recent found at www.countyofriverside.us/Home/GrandJury.aspx

1. 2013-14 Grand Jury Report, Idyllwild Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners/Finance Committee: www.countyofriverside.us/Portals/0/GrandJury/GrandJury2013-2014/2013-2014%20Grand%20Jury%20Report%20IFPD%20Board%20of%20Commissioners%20and%20Finance%20Committee.pdf

2. 2013-14 Grand Jury Report, Idyllwild Fire Protection District: www.countyofriverside.us/Portals/0/GrandJury/GrandJury2013-2014/2013-2014%20Grand%20Jury%20Report%20Idyllwild%20Fire%20Protection%20District.pdf

3. 2011-12, Riverside County Auditor-Controller, Internal Audit Division: www.countyofriverside.us/Portals/0/GrandJury/12auditorcontroller_internalaudit.pdf

4. 2010-11, Idyllwild Fire Protec-



tion District: www.countyofriverside.us/Portals/0/GrandJury/11idyllwildfireprotection.pdf

5. 2007-08, Pine Cove Fire Incident: www.countyofriverside.us/Portals/0/GrandJury/08pinecovefireincident.pdf

6. 2007-08, Idyllwild Fire Protection

District: www.countyofriverside.us/Portals/0/GrandJury/08idyllwildfireprotectiondistrict.pdf

Additional perspective can be had with the county-commissioned Abaris report citing IFPD as last in ambulance response times in zone 1, referenced alongside participating county EMS agencies (figure 16) at www.remsa.us/documents/systemevaluation/140205AbarisAs-IsReportFINAL.pdf.

One might be tempted to say this burden rests upon the shoulders of Idyllwild and Pine Cove residents at the ballot box as demonstrated within the last election cycle and the massive votes of no-confidence cast. These grand juries now demand a different route, removal from office by termination.

JEFF SMITH
 PINE COVE

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EDITOR:

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More details of most-recent grand jury report regarding IFPD

Two weeks ago, the Town Crier reported on some parts of the fifth grand jury report regarding Idyllwild Fire Protection District in the past six years and the second during the past year. The following supplies further details of the actual grand jury report.

The grand jury took sworn testimony from 14 past and present members of IFPD, from Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins, from IFPD Fire Chief Patrick Reitz, from IFPD Captain, Paramedic, Training Officer (aka Administrative Captain) Mark LaMont, from an IFPD board commissioner, from Idyllwild residents, from a concerned citizen and from

a former Garner Valley firefighter. The grand jury reviewed numerous documents and received visitations and interviews from the Riverside County Emergency Medical Services Agency and the director and assistant director of EMS.

Under the section of the grand jury report entitled "Findings," the grand jury related six findings concerning IFPD Administrative Capt. Mark LaMont, three concerning IFPD Fire Chief Patrick Reitz and one relating to a Brown Act violation by the IFPD board and finance committee. The grand jury also made "Recommendations."

In case someone tries to tell you that the grand jury

report is a "joke" or that the Town Crier is reporting only the negative aspects of the grand jury's findings and recommendations, we here present the grand jury's findings and recommendations, word-for-word in quotations in their entirety, in gray below. You also may read the grand jury's full report at the grand jury's own website at www.countyofriverside.us/Home/GrandJury.aspx, the third 2013-14 report listed, entitled "2013-2014 Grand Jury Report: Idyllwild Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners / Finance Committee."

The report did not identify individuals by name. Bolded headings (white background) were added.

Grand jury findings concerning Administrative Capt. [Mark LaMont]:

"According to a paramedic reserve (PR), he was doing paperwork in the IFPD break room when the Administrative Captain (ADCAP) told the PR to pose in a sleeping position on a recliner, so he could take his picture as if sleeping on the job. He led the PR to believe the picture was all a 'joke.' The ADCAP then sent the picture to the PR's full-time employer, Pechanga Fire Department (PFD). However, on a conference call with the ADCAP, the PR and the Chief at PFD, the ADCAP denied the 'joke' and stated, 'The PR begged me to lie to the Chief, so he would not get into trouble at the PFD.' The PR was then placed on disciplinary watch by the Chief at PFD as a result of the statements made by the IFPD ADCAP.

"According to sworn testimony, the ADCAP has spread slanderous comments against a reserve firefighter (RF). The ADCAP accused this RF of unethical behavior and posting pictures on Facebook wearing IFPD property while off duty. Sworn testimony from several firefighters stated these accusations are completely false. On the ADCAP's regular day off he contacted several firefighters and asked them to write statements indicating he had never spoke negatively about the RF.

"While enroute to a call on October 8, 2012, an accident occurred between IFPD Truck 625 and IFPD ambulance 621. The driver of Truck 625 backed up hitting ambulance 621. There was no ground guide (safety procedure for backing up a vehicle) for Truck 625. The passenger in Truck 625 was the ADCAP when Truck 625 hit ambulance 621. The two ambulance personnel, an RF and a PR, had exited the vehicle and were at the back of the ambulance 621 with the swing doors open when they felt the impact on ambulance 621. The truck driver and ADCAP returned to the fire station to retrieve the other ambulance. After the paramedics stabilized the patient, the patient was transported down the hill to Hemet Hospital.

"According to sworn testimony, the ADCAP asked each ambulance personnel to take the blame for the accident because they needed to 'protect' the driver in Truck 625. Through sworn testimony the Grand Jury learned that the truck driver was up for a promotion at that time. Both ambulance personnel refused to take the blame, but did sign an accident letter the ADCAP created to absolve all involved, including himself.

"In another incident, according to sworn testimony the ADCAP instructed a paramedic student to 'start an IV' on a patient to which the patient stated 'No! I don't want an IV; I don't want to go to the hospital.'; The PR's mental assessment of the patient indicated the patient was capable of making that decision. After reassessing the patient and before the paramedic student could finish explaining the procedure to the patient, the paramedic student was ordered to 'start the IV' by the ADCAP.

"The paramedic student asked the paramedic engi-

neer if there was anything he could have done differently on this call. The paramedic engineer indicated that the paramedic student had 'handled the call just fine.' The paramedic student said the ADCAP stated 'I need to teach you this lesson of "blind obedience."'

"In 2012 the ADCAP accused a paramedic student of forging his signature on a 'preceptor attendance log' from Lenoir Community College (LCC). The ADCAP even went so far as to write letters to LCC stating that he was positive that he did not sign the attendance log. The Grand Jury learned through sworn testimony and a forensic handwriting expert report the accusation of forged signatures was false. The paramedic student stated the ADCAP, 'for a reasons unknown to me, was attempting to harm my career by making false statements.'

"Sworn testimony has revealed to the Grand Jury that the ADCAP approached an RF offering to submit his California State Fire Marshal Training Divisions Sheet to the state. The RF told the ADCAP he had not completed all the requirements. The ADCAP submitted the training sheet to the IFPD Fire Chief for his signature anyway. The RF never submitted the training sheet to the California State Fire Marshall because he had not completed the training hours for every required skill on the Fire Fighter I sign off sheet.

"The RF did not want to put himself in a position of being approached by any superior and asked to perform one of the skills on the Fire Fighter I training sheet and not be proficient at it."

Grand jury recommendations concerning Administrative Captain [LaMont]:

"IFPD shall follow the Firefighter's Code of Ethics, which states in pertinent parts... 'Avoid situations that would adversely affect the credibility or public perception of the fire service profession. Never harass, intimidate or threaten fellow members of the service or the public and stop or report the actions of other firefighters who engage in such behaviors.'

"A code of ethics training program shall also be a part of the overall training.

"IFPD Board shall conduct an independent investigation into the ADCAP's behavior and **consider terminating him** for violating the Firefighters Code of Ethics and placing IFPD in a potentially liable position."

Grand jury findings concerning Fire Chief [Patrick Reitz]:

"Nonfeasance is a failure to act under an obligation to do so; a refusal (without sufficient excuse) to do that which it is your legal duty to do.

"The findings are as follows:

"The Fire Chief signed an Idyllwild Fire Protection Employment Contract on July 18, 2012, with the Board. According to sworn testimony the Fire Chief was required to obtain his California Paramedic Certification within the first six months of employment. As of the

dates of the Grand Jury investigations, the California Paramedic Certification had not been obtained.

"The Grand Jury interviewed past and present firefighters with many of the same testimonies regarding the Fire Chief:

'Lack of leadership'

'Communication does not filter down'

'Morale always a problem'

'Weak Chief'

'The Administrative Captain needs to be doing a lot less and the Chief needs to be doing a lot more'

'Supervision is non-existent'

"As previously reported in the Grand Jury 20123-2014 report titled 'Idyllwild Fire Protection District,' the Administrative Captain has too many job responsibilities."

Grand jury recommendations concerning Fire Chief [Reitz]:

"The Fire Chief shall obtain his Paramedic Certification and show proof that he is in compliance with his employment contract.

"The Board shall ensure the Fire Chief assumes full management responsibility of fire department services and activities (i.e. fire prevention, suppression, investigation, emergency medical services on public education).

"The Board shall thoroughly evaluate the Fire Chief's duties, responsibilities and performance, conduct an independent investigation and **consider termination**."

Grand jury findings concerning violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act:

"On March 18, 2014, three Board members and three members of the IFPD Finance Committee took a trip to Cal-Fire/Riverside County Command Center located in Perris. The Board and Finance Committee members met at the Perris Command Center to discuss the dispatch agreement IFPD has with Riverside County. The trip/meeting of the Board and Finance Committee constituted a quorum. The meeting was neither publically noticed nor open to the public, as required by the Ralph M. Brown Act. Accordingly to sworn testimony the Board and Finance Committee members were in violation of the following section of the Ralph M. Brown Act: 54956, which states in part...

"Twenty-four hour notice must be provided to members of legislative body and media outlets including brief general description of matters to be considered or discussed."

"Past Riverside County Grand Jury reports have found violations of the Ralph M. Brown Act by the Board."

Grand jury recommendations concerning violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act:

"The Board and Finance Committee shall comply with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act at all times to ensure compliance at all future meetings."

Small Pine Cove dog survives rattlesnake bite

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Jo-Carroll Dennison is happy that her small dog, Tommy, is alive. Dennison lives in Pine Cove where Tommy, the Bichon Frise-mix was bitten on the side of his jaw by a rattlesnake on Tuesday, July 1. Dennison indicated that the snake was about 4-1/2 feet long.

Dennison rushed Tommy to the Banning Animal Hospital where Dr. Jennifer Barton administered the antivenin immediately. "He was paralyzed almost at once after being bitten," Dennison said. "I called the Banning veterinarian and raced down there." Tommy was still conscious when the antivenin was adminis-

tered. According to William Hayes, professor of biology and director of the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation Studies at Loma Linda University, any number of factors could explain why the bite was not fatal, including the location of the bite, the size of the animal, and the amount of venom

transmitted in the bite. Now at home, Tommy's face is still a bit swollen and he is somewhat lethargic, according to Dennison. "I'm very happy that [Tommy] survived the attack," she said. "He won't go anywhere near where the snake bit him." Jay Pentrack can be reached at jay@towncrier.com.

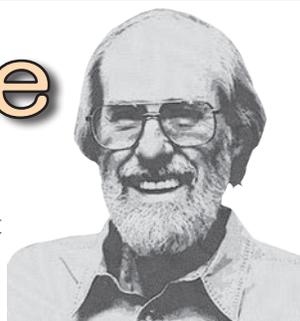


Jo-Carroll Dennison is relieved that Tommy, her Bichon Frise mix survived the snake bite he suffered on July 1. Banning Veterinary Hospital administered the antivenin that saved him. PHOTO COURTESY OF JO-CARROLL DENNISON

Before Our Time

Drought is nothing new here ...

BY ROBERT B. SMITH



"O, sunset land! O, sunset land!
As on thy highest mount I stand,
I look away across the plain,
And wonder will it ever rain."

Thus did J.P. Baumgartner, editorializing in the Riverside Daily Press in 1899, paraphrase a familiar gospel hymn.

Southern California was suffering through a three-year drought. Only three storage reservoirs existed in the Southland, and two of them — Big Bear Lake and the "Sweet Water Dam" near San Diego — were essentially dry. Lake Hemet alone still held a season's water supply.

That same year, one hot August afternoon, Drs. Walter Lindley and F.T. Bicknell rode into Strawberry Valley, decided it would be an ideal setting for tuberculosis patients and hatched the plan that created the Idyllwild Sanatorium. And so Idyllwild was born — a child of drought.

A similar three-year dry spell during 1923-1925 tempered Idyllwild's first building boom. A still more severe period lasted from 1948 to 1964, during which 10 winters were abnormally dry and only one saw precipitation significantly

above average.

The situation became so dire after three consecutive dry winters that Idyllwild Water District in 1961 imposed rationing on residents, pulled the plug on the county and state campgrounds and threatened to cease supplying summer camps.

Established organizations like Idyllwild Pines and Camp Emerson, along with the county campground, quickly drilled their own wells, while the state park imported 2,500-gallon tanks of water to supply campers. With rationing succeeding, IWD relented, allowing summer camps to keep operating. But the Seventh-day Adventists had already thrown in the towel, putting their J.M.V. Pathfinder Camp on the market and moving permanently to Pine Springs Ranch in Apple Canyon.

The 1959-1961 drought also ushered in a massive

bark-beetle infestation. This led to years of road building and salvage logging, much like what we saw after the Millennium Drought of 2002.

During the early days, Southern Californians were at a loss to know what to do or even to expect. Newspapers were so full of baseless prognostications, the Hemet News took to casting a jaundiced eye toward all forecasts. In March 1899 it editorialized: "There seems to be a large number of the optimistic press throughout Southern California, publishing from week to week 'encouraging records' to show the probability of a copious rainfall yet to arrive. Taken together, they would have the records indicate that rain generally follows one condition of the weather or the other, sometimes based from the 'oldest inhabitant's' observations, which makes it certain we shall have rain — if not this season, some other."

And a week later this report: "Several flocks of geese have been observed flying northward during the last few days, and 'a prominent real estate agent' says this is one of the signs which never fails when it occurs late in the season after a dry spell. This hope will be clutched with the drowning grasp for straws."

At least today we can know there's an 85-percent chance of El Niño's return by October, which "typically" brings a wet winter. But we still can only wait and see.

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

Public meeting on fire safety

Mountain Disaster Preparedness is hosting a community meeting at the Idyllwild Fire Department in the Equipment Bay at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 15.

At this meeting, the public will have an opportunity to learn more about small fire safety and suppression from Idyllwild firefighters and MDP team leaders.

Based on the Community Emergency Response Team training for safely addressing small fires, this training meeting will give instruction and practice in the following areas:

- What types and sizes of fires you might be able to address.
- How to determine if you have the skill and proper equipment to deal with it.
- How to use a typical ABC fire extinguisher.
- What else you can use to control a small fire.

For more information about MDP or this community meeting, call Mike Feyder at 951-659-2647 or Nancy Layton at 951-659-1938.

Free nonprofit workshop on July 9

The Community Foundation is hosting a free informational session on the topic of online fundraising for local nonprofits from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, in the Community Room at the Idyllwild Library.

Karen Lampert, program officer, will lead a discussion on how nonprofits can utilize online fundraising to build financial sustainability and capacity in areas such as social media, attracting new and younger donors, and telling their story effectively.

Included in the free session is an overview of Give BIG Riverside County, a 24-hour online giving day led by The Community Foundation for the benefit of the nonprofit sector.

To sign up for the free session, contact Lampert at 951-241-7777 or klampert@thecommunityfoundation.net. To learn more about Give BIG Riverside County, visit www.giveBIGriversidecounty.org.

One-way on Highway 243 this week

Caltrans will be making road repairs on Highway 243 from mile post marker 1 to 5.25 near the Forest Service to near Point of Rocks Drive this week.

One-way traffic control on the highway will occur from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday, July 8 to 10.

Caltrans will be installing recessed pavement markers.

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Public comments end committee meeting

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire District's Finance Committee held a brief meeting Monday afternoon. The first item was public comments and Jeff Smith of Pine Cove, pointed out that the posted and distributed agenda said the meeting was "Wednesday, July 7" instead of "Monday."

Since the public might be confused as to the actual meeting date, Smith said he intended to seek "injunctive relief" to compel the district to follow proper procedures and record all meetings.

After further public comments, Chair Nancy Layton asked the other present committee members — Chris Davis and Calvin Gogerty — whether they wished to continue the meeting or adjourn it. Gogerty recommended adjournment and Layton agreed to end the meeting.

Prior to the public comment, Layton distributed a written statement from absent committee member Sue Weisbart regarding the recent grand jury report finding that the commission and the committee had committed a Brown Act violation by holding a meeting at the county Emergency Dispatch Center with quorums of both the commission and the committee present. Weisbart alleged

that Riverside County Fire Department should have posted a notice of the meeting and since the commissioners and committee members who attended were observers, "I hereby deny any violations of the Ralph M. Brown Act."

However, section of the Brown Act (Gov. Code section 54952.2 [a]) defines meetings as "meeting" means any congregation of a majority of the members of a legislative body at the same time and location... to hear, discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body."

Consequently, mere presence — neither dialogue, debate nor a vote — defines a meeting. Unfortunately, the committee could not discuss its overall position since the meeting was adjourned before any actions were taken.

Further, the County Fire Department is not a legislative body, just as the Idyllwild Fire Department is not. So Riverside County Fire had no need to give a Brown Act notice. But the Board of Supervisors and IFPD commissioners and its Finance Committee do constitute a legislative body.

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County emergency medical plan being prepared

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Bruce Barton, director of Riverside County's Emergency Medical Service Agency, opened the EMS strategic planning meeting in Riverside with the promise that the draft strategic plan would be available for the July meeting and a final plan within 90 days.

The group has been working on a strategic plan for nearly a year. Until February, it was in parallel with the evaluation of the county's ambulance contract, which, in February, the Board of Supervisors decided to extend.

The group has been preparing a list of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the current system. In June, a survey was conducted to identify priorities and rankings for each category. Respondents were asked to select their top five for each category. For example, the reliability of the current EMS system was considered the top strength and

was followed by the collaboration among the stakeholders in the system. Ten strengths were identified.

The worst weakness considered was delays, which ambulance crews encounter at local hospitals, commonly referred to as "wait time." The next problem was lack of contemporary mental health resources. The lack of alternative destination programs, such as mental health, and overall funding were very close to the top.

Filling the gaps in the local healthcare systems, such as the mental health resources, was considered the top opportunity. Learning lessons from experience and problems as well as identifying cost savings and new funding were the next two opportunities.

Nearly 80 percent of the respondents considered the unknowns associated with implementation of the Affordable Care Act as far the most serious threat to the current EMS system.

At the June 25 meeting, the group

heard from Jan Ogar, clinical services manager for San Mateo County. She discussed the origin and operation of the San Mateo Mental Health Assessment and Response Team. This program has done a good job reducing the number of patients ferried to emergency rooms or kept in mental health clinics for days.

It requires close integration with the law enforcement agency and costs about \$800,000 annually. The program has been operating in the field since early 2006.

Past speakers have included Anne M. Jensen, Resource Access Program coordinator for San Diego County and Brenda Staffan, project director, Health Care

Innovation Award, for Nevada's REMSA.

The San Diego program focus is on frequent users of the 911 program and how to divert them to appropriate services without taxing the emergency rooms.

Staffan discussed how to incorporate community health-care resources into the emergency medical program, including ambulance transport alternatives.

As the meeting ended, Barton stressed that the strategic plan will focus on patient care or patient outcomes. "This will be the number one priority," he assured the group of EMS professionals.

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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.



The Idyllbeast celebrates the Fourth of July by marching in the annual parade hosted in Idyllwild.

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

Wednesday, July 9

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- IWD Special Meeting, Sewer Rate Workshop, 9:30 a.m., Idyllwild Water District Board Room.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Mountain Area Safety Taskforce, 1:30 p.m. Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.
- County Service Area 38, 3 p.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd. Pine Cove.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3-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, July 10

- 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.
- Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), 12:30 p.m. Cafe Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP. Call Francoise Frigola, 951-659-4146, for more information.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Ave. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Friday, July 11

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

Saturday, July 12

- Bible Study 10:30 AM in room 202 (Courtyard Building) 26120 Ridgeview Drive. For more information visit shabbatmeeting.org
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Sunday, July 13

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Town center at Harmony monument.

Call Sue at 909-228-6710.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study meeting (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd, Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Narcotics Anonymous, 8-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Monday, July 14

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

Tuesday, July 15

- Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; AA Open Meeting and Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness small fire safety and suppression meeting, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 951-659-5228 for location.

Wednesday, July 16

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Le-

gion 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.
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Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday; noon-8 p.m. Tuesday; noon-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

The Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls, Tuesday, July 1, to Monday, July 7, 2014.

Idyllwild

- July 1 — Medical aid.
- July 3 — Three medical aids.
- July 4 — Rescue.
- July 5 — Two medical aids.
- July 5 — Rescue.
- July 6 — Medical aid.
- July 6 — False alarm.
- July 6 — Gas leak.

Mountain Center

- July 6 — Medical aid, Mountain Center.

Pine Cove

- July 2 — Traffic collision, no injuries, Pine Cove.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Sunday, June 29, to Saturday, July 5.

Idyllwild

- June 29 — Alarm call, 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- June 29 — Grand theft, Ridgeview Dr. Report taken.
- June 30 — Public disturbance. Handled by deputy.
- July 1 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 1 — Grand theft, 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Unfounded.
- July 1 — Check the welfare, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 2 — Alarm call, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 2 — Suspicious vehicle, Green Oaks Ct. Handled by deputy.
- July 2 — Alarm call, Upper Rim Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- July 3 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- July 4 — Alarm call, Hemstreet Pl. Handled by deputy.
- July 4 — Alarm call, Cowbell Alley. Handled by deputy.
- July 5 — Alarm call, Cassler Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 5 — Unknown trouble, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- July 5 — Noise complaint, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- June 29 — Noise complaint, Hotei Ln. Handled by deputy.
- June 30 — Assist other department, Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.
- June 30 — Assist other department, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- June 30 — Public intoxication, 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

- July 1 — Noise complaint, Cascade Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 2 — Traffic hazard, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- July 3 — 911 call, Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 4 — Suspicious person, Oates Ln. Handled by deputy.

- July 4 — Public disturbance, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- July 4 — Unknown trouble, Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.

- July 4 — Vandalism, address undefined. Report taken.

- July 4 — Unknown trouble, 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

- July 5 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- July 1 — Assist other department, 45000 block of Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.

- July 2 — Suspicious person, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- July 3 — Area check, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino

National Forest

- June 30 — Danger to self/other, 58000 block of Apple Canyon Rd. Report taken.

- June 30 — Suicide threat, address withheld. Report taken.

- July 3 — Alarm call, 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

- July 3 — Suspicious vehicle, 47000 block of E. Hwy. 74. 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.

Wednesday, July 9

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.
- Teen "On the Wild Side," "Eragon," film series, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Andrew Bones Simpson, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Thursday, July 10

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m. Town Hall.
- Adult Student Poetry Reading, 6:30 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.
- Doc Poster's Rock Rave, 7 p.m.; Warm-up band, 6:15 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center site.

Friday, July 11

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
- Multi-Arts Culmination, 2:45 p.m. Children's Center; Creative Writing Reading, Adult Students & Faculty, 3 p.m. Studio D; Youth Song & Dance Performance, 8 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Lemon Lily Festival Launch/Taste of Idyllwild, 6-9 p.m. Erin O'Neill's home. Tickets at Nature Center.
- Keith McCabe, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Saturday, July 12

- Children's/Junior Artists' Culminations: Mini-musical, Adventures in Art, Painting & Drawing, 9:30 a.m., Filmmaking, 10 a.m., Dance, 10:30 a.m., Theatre Adventures, 11:30 a.m., Children's Center; Piano, 10 a.m., Stephens Recital Hall, Youth Art Exhibit, 10 a.m., Parks Center, Youth Computer Animation, 10 a.m., Krone Library, Youth Fiction Reading, 10 a.m., Todd Quad, Youth Piano Recital, 1 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Youth Jazz Concert, 10 a.m., IAF Theatre, Youth Jazz

Concert, 2 p.m., IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

- Art Alliance of Idyllwild 2nd Saturday Art Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- Lemon Lily Festival 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center & Jo'An's.
- Stuffed animal sleepover, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Images From Here, There & Afar," Nature Photographer Kathy Keane artist reception, 4-6 p.m. Honey Bunns & Joe Bakery.
- Mile High Pickers Don & Dennis Reed with Eric Webb, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Sunday, July 13

- Lemon Lily Festival 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center & Jo'An's.
- Chess Club, 3-5 p.m. Nature's Wisdom.
- Idyllwild Author Series, Josefina López, "Hungry Woman in Paris," 3 p.m. Cafe Aroma.

Monday, July 14

- 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, "Cat Paws," 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, July 15

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon, Town Hall.
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Parks Exhibition Center Opening, 7 p.m. Parks Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Wednesday, July 16

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.
- Teen "On the Wild Side," "Epic," film series, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- John King, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Thursday, July 17

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m. Town Hall.
- Legacy of the Mountain Fire second readings, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
- Buddy Holly Tribute Band, 7 p.m.; Warm-up band Unwound, 6:15 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center site.

Friday, July 18

- Idyllwild Summer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon & noon-5 p.m.; Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
- Children's Center Open House & Culminations, 2:45 p.m., Children's Center; Theatre Production, 8 p.m. Junior Players Theatre; Music Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Saturday, July 19

- Children's Culmination, Drawing & Sculpture, 9:30 a.m., Children's Center; Youth Filmmaking Screening, 10 a.m., Rustic Theatre, HS Wind Ensemble, 1 p.m., IAF Theatre, HS Symphony Orchestra, 3:30 p.m., IAF Theatre, Theatre Production, 8 p.m., JPT, Idyllwild Arts.
- Yu Gi Oh! Club for teens & children, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; Living Desert's Wildlife on Wheels animal presentation, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Art Alliance of Idyllwild Judged Members Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Rainbow Inn.
- Dan Papaila, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.



Many came out to socialize and support the Idyllwild Community Fund Saturday. Wine and beer tastings, appetizers, silent auction, raffle and live music were all part of the fundraiser at the Rainbow Inn.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Sunday, July 20

- Chess Club, 3-5 p.m. Nature's Wisdom.
- Idyllwild Author Series, Bernard Cooper, "The Bill From My Father," 3 p.m. Cafe Aroma.
- Art Alliance of Idyllwild Judged Members Show, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Rainbow Inn.
- 2014 Nissan Titan Giveaway, all day. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Monday, July 21

- 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, "Pet Paws," 10:30 a.m.; Paws Photo Contest for kids, all day; Penelope Engard, "Mary Francis Kennedy Fisher," 4-5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, July 22

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

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NEXT WEEK'S CONCERT

Buddy Holly Tribute
 Opening Act - Unwound

Buddy Holly tribute band next at concert series

By MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

Inland Empire-based Southbound and Company make their first appearance at Ken Dahleen's Idyllwild Summer Concert Series on Thursday, July 17, as a Buddy Holly Tribute Band, serving up rockabilly music by one of the most influential artists in rock and roll history, according to Rolling Stone.

Holly's career was cut short at age 22, when he died in a plane crash while on tour with fellow rockers Richie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson.

Holly's brief moment in the rock-and-roll spotlight, nevertheless, left a lasting legacy with hit songs "That'll Be the Day" and "Peggy Sue." He is known for first laying down the rock-and-roll instrumental template of two guitars, bass and drums. Holly also was one of the first to write, produce and record his own songs.

Southbound's Darryl Reed — lead vocals,

rhythm guitar and harmonica — said his band's Holly tribute would be a dancing marathon, honoring Holly and the genre he infused with good humor, strong melodies and infectious rhythm. Asked about his group's name, Reed said came from some of the members' Southern roots and the country-strong style of music they like to play. Southbound also performs tributes to Lynyrd Skynyrd and Creedence Clearwater Revival.

Joining Reed are Mike Finn on his yellow Epiphone lead guitar and backup vocals, Mike Hunter on drums, Pete Madary on bass and backup vocals, and Patrick Vargas on piano and organ.

Southbound takes the stage at 7 p.m. Opening at 6:15 is the local group Unwound.

There is no charge for the event, which is presented by Dahleen and his board as an evening of summer music and fun for locals. Each year, ISCS begins the eight-week series without total funding,



Buddy Holly Tribute Band performs at the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series on July 17.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DARRYL REED

so the ritual passing of the donation jar has become an important part of the concerts. Bring food, drinks, chairs, blankets and a donation to the Thursday night event.

Visit www.southboundandcompany.com

for more information.

Next up on July 24 is wildly popular jazz chanteuse Yve Evans and Friends. The series runs every Thursday up through Aug. 21 when Lisa Haley is the final headliner of the season.



Rick Michel performs with Ken Dahleen's Big Band last Thursday night at the Idyllwild Community Center site. Michel performed hits from Sinatra and Cole Porter.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



GOSPEL CONCERT: From the pews, one of the attendees at Idyllwild Community Church joins in a gospel song with "Ms. Lillie" Knauls, who returned to sing again at Sunday service July 6.

PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Second Saturday

Art Fair

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild has its next Second 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.

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Don't Miss These Free Events for the week of July 10 - July 19

IDYLLWILD ARTS 65TH ANNUAL Summer Program

Thursday, July 10

Adult Student Poetry Reading
(hosted by Ed Skoog)
6:30 p.m. - Krone Library

Friday, July 11

Multi-Arts Culmination
2:45 p.m. - Children's Center

Creative Writing Reading
Adult Students & Faculty
(Amy Friedman and Samantha Dunn)
3 p.m. - Studio D

Youth Song & Dance Performance
8 p.m. - IAF Theatre

Saturday, July 12

Children's/Junior Artist's Culminations
Mini-Musical, Adventures in Art, Painting & Drawing - 9:30 a.m.
Filmmaking - 10 a.m.
Dance - 10:30 a.m.
Theatre Adventures - 11:30 a.m.
Children's Center

Piano - 10 a.m. - Stephens

Youth Art Exhibit

10 a.m. Parks Center

Youth Computer Animation
10 a.m. - Krone Library

Youth Fiction Reading
10 a.m. - Todd Quad

Youth Piano Recital
1 p.m. - Stephens

Youth Jazz Concert
10 a.m. - IAF Theatre

Youth Jazz Concert
2 p.m. - IAF Theatre

Tuesday, July 15

Parks Exhibition Center Opening
7 p.m.

Friday, July 18

Children's Center Open House & Culminations
2:45 p.m. - Children's Center

Theatre Production
8 p.m. - JPT

Music Faculty Recital
8 p.m. - Stephens

Saturday, July 19

Children's Culmination: Drawing & Sculpture
9:30 a.m. - Children's Center

Youth Film Making Screening
10 a.m. - Rustic Theatre

HS Wind Ensemble
1 p.m. - IAF Theatre

HS Symphony Orchestra
3:30 p.m. - IAF Theatre

Theatre Production
8 p.m. - JPT



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IdyllwildARTS
Summer Program

Art Alliance mounts third judged show and gallery tour

BY MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild presents its third judged show for AAI member artists coupled with a working artist gallery tour the weekend of July 19 and 20.

Artists may enter one piece to be judged, in one of six categories — oils and acrylics; water-based media; pastels, charcoal, drawings and print making; mixed-media, collage and jewelry; sculpture, bas relief and found objects (3D); and photographic art.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, the art will be judged with results — three ribbons and honorable mention in all categories — to be announced at a public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Judging is open to the public. All events are at the Rainbow Inn. Judged points for entered pieces are added to previous year events to determine AAI's Artist of the Year, to be announced at a subsequent event. If not currently members, those desiring to submit may join AAI prior to the event. See www.artinidyllwild.org for registration and event information.

In addition to judged awards, two other category awards,

“People’s Choice” and “Artists’ Choice,” will be presented. “Artists’ Choice” is by vote of participating artists. Neither “People’s Choice” nor “Artists’ Choice” awards count toward point totals for artists of the year.

Member artists may also showcase two pieces on the optional “Under \$100” gallery wall for sale.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 20, the show is open to the public both for viewing and purchasing. During the two-day event, attendees may also tour local galleries, many of which feature working artists.

AAI President Gary Kuscher noted the revival of a Frank Vrabel award in the 3D category in honor of the well-respected and now deceased artist. “I’m very proud of AAI and what we do for the community,” said Kuscher, who reminded attendees that the event is free to the public and that hors d’oeuvres and wine will be served at the Saturday evening reception.

Check the AAI website for more events in the year as well as for information about the AAI drive to raise money for more public art in Idyllwild.

Lemon Lily tickets on sale

Tickets with maps are being sold for the Lemon Lily Festival Launch/Taste of Idyllwild event from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, July 11, at Erin O’Neill’s home.

The event includes specialties from Idyllwild restaurants, and homemade Lemon Beer Cupcakes donated by IDY Brewing Company. It also includes drinks and a tour of O’Neill’s gardens and home to benefit the Lemon Lily restoration project and the Idyllwild Garden Club.

Advance tickets may be purchased at the Nature Center or in front of the Post Office for \$30, or at the door for \$35.

Also, a Lemon Lily stained glass art piece is being raffled. Artists Scott Finnell and Lisa Coffaro donated the piece. The piece, which measures 42-inches-by-26-inches will be auctioned to the highest bidder Sunday afternoon, July 13, at the Idyllwild Nature Center during the weekend Lemon Lily Festival.



MORE HOLIDAY WEEKEND FUN: Dominic E. Lopez meets a boxer waiting to be adopted July 4, when ARF and Living Free held a pet adoption and festival at the Idyllwild Community Center site and in the center of town.

PHOTO BY CHERYL BASYE

Below, Corrine Brown shows her jewelry to Laura Loux during the Arts and Crafts Fair at the Idyllwild Community Church on Saturday.

PHOTO BY CHERYL BASYE



At middle left, ARF and Living Free’s Festival and Adoption Fair after the parade Friday included a pie-eating contest and chili cook-off.

PHOTO BY PETER SZABALDI

At left, the Fabulous Woodies Band from the San Diego area performed at Jo’An’s Restaurant Saturday afternoon in the Beer Garden. Specializing in classic surf instrumentals, the group also played a variety of popular Top 40 songs from past to present.

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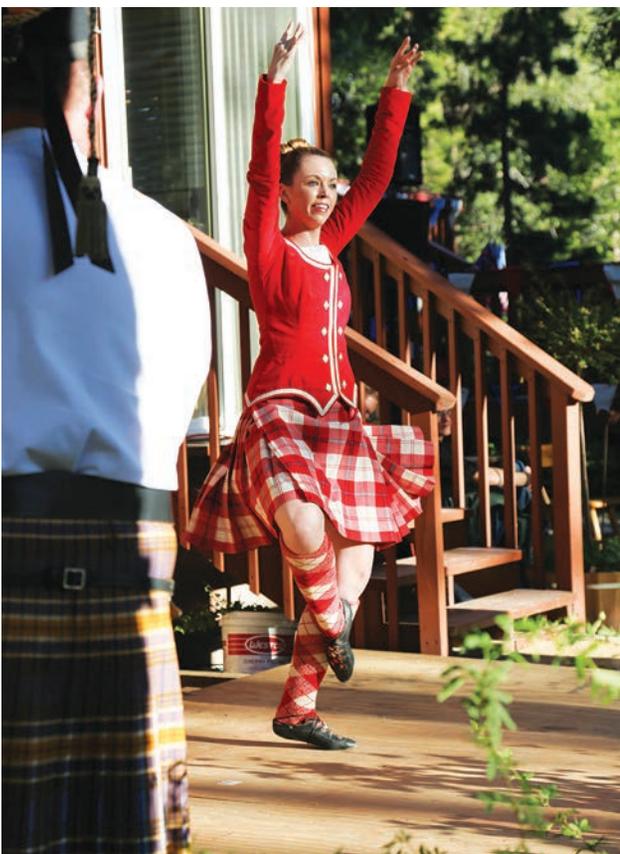
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
Carol Levitsky and Linda Turner drive in the Idyllwild Area Historical Society's caravan.
 PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE
Jackson Carey (center) and father Hal Carey enjoy the Parade from the back of the American Legion Auxiliary float. The annual parade attracts visitors and locals alike.
 PHOTO BY JOHN PACHECO

The Ladies Auxiliary put on the annual Fourth of July barbecue Saturday at the American Legion Post 800. Pork and beef, coleslaw, baked beans, corn and a bread roll were served on every plate.
 PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

The Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit demonstrated its drills for the crowd during the 2014 Independence Day Parade in Idyllwild.
 PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

The American Legion Honor Guard gets a standing salute from the crowd.
 PHOTO BY JOHN PACHECO

Bud Hunt leads the Idyllwild Cyclists contingency in the annual Fourth of July Parade.
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Jackie Weis dances during University of California, Riverside, Pipes in the Pines Band evening performance at Alpenglow Gardens on Independence Day eve.
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By JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

Idyllwilder takes 8-ball team to nationals

By JACK CLARK
CORRESPONDENT

Gerri Peterson came to be a pool player when her father bought her sister a pool table for her birthday. It was set up in such a small room, she remembers, they had to use short cues and open all the doors and windows in order to play.

In the beginning, her dad won regularly. "Call me when you're ready," he would say. Peterson kept improving and eventually she was beating him regularly. So he sold the pool table.

Today, Peterson and her team belong to the American Poolplayers Association division in Hemet. She has been the women's division representative for the past four years.

She will be taking her five-woman team to Las Vegas this Aug. 13 to 16 for the APA National Team Championships. In 2011, the team, named

"Where the Boys Can't Play," finished fifth in the nation — the first team from this county to finish that high in 15 years.

This year the team will return to Las Vegas hoping to bring home the gold. But Peterson and her four teammates, Lisa Timm, Becky Prater, Louise Wood and Vicky Sundholm, need sponsorship. They have money for their entry fee, but they still need funding for their hotel rooms and meals for four nights and the gas to get there. They figure \$2,000 total will cover two rooms, food and gas for the five of them for the trip, but they need to raise the money by Aug. 1 in order to book their stay.

Peterson says that sponsorship donations in any amount will be most gratefully accepted at Fairway Market where she works.

Jack Clark can be reached at jack@towncrier.com.



Well, nobody was able to correctly identify the umbrellas, etc., out in front of Idyllwild Vacation Cabins at the corner of North Circle and Cedar . . . except for Jeff and Yvonne Smith, of course. So they get the tickets this week. So now take a shot at figuring out this week's photo.

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.



Angel's Orion Colinson sends the ball flying during his coach pitch attempt in the final game of Town Hall T-ball this season. PHOTO BY TERESA GARCIA-LANDE



The Dodgers are the 2014 Youth Co-ed baseball minors champions. The Dodgers defeated the Braves 10-5. "It was amazing! A pretty competitive game," said Shannon Johnston.

PHOTO BY SHANNON JOHNSTON

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Cooper writes about a \$2 million bill from his father

BY MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

Author Bernard Cooper's memoir "The Bill From My Father" (Simon and Schuster, 2007) reflects upon an actual bill for \$2 million, the itemized cost of his upbringing, that he received from his lawyer father Edward when he was 23.

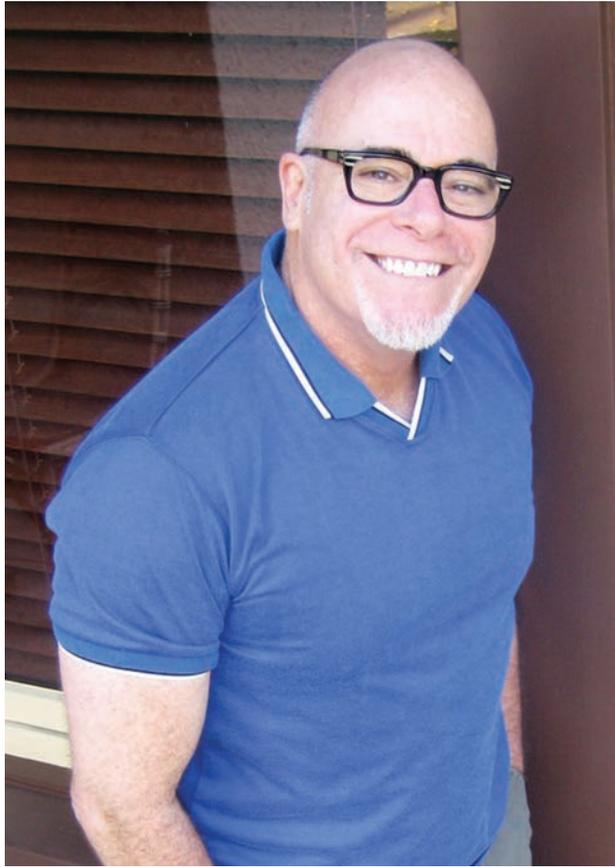
Cooper discusses the story with Eduardo Santiago on the deck of Cafe Aroma on Sunday, July 20 at 3 p.m.

Cooper is an esteemed writer, the recipient of the PEN/Ernest Hemingway Award and an O. Henry prize and literature fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. He candidly discusses his odd relationship with his father — the \$2 million bill that was not a joke — and reflects upon how it has helped him to understand and find meaning in his own history, which is a testament to the

inner balance he has achieved in his life.

"It was certainly unpleasant and surprising to receive it at 23, awful and funny at the same time," Cooper said. "I became interested in what his motivations were, to try to understand what was behind it, what sense of entitlement had driven him to do it." Cooper said he only became preoccupied with his father's motivations when he shared the "bill" with his friends. Some thought it tragic and others hilarious. Cooper said his emotions were much more complicated than indignation.

In the decades after receiving the bill, before he wrote his memoir, he began to think about what it is parents and children owe each other, literally and figuratively. "The book became not about passing judgment but just trying to understand the strange, troubling and sometimes sweet relationship with my father," Cooper said. "I certainly thought a lot



Bernard Cooper, the next Author Series speaker.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BERNARD COOPER

about him."

Cooper is the youngest of four siblings. As a further window into his father, Cooper related that his two

older brothers died while he was writing his book and that his father sued their widows for return of any monetary gifts given to the brothers.

When Cooper asked his sisters-in-law, after they had read his book, whether it was fair or unfair to his father, they answered, "It's not unfair enough!"

But for Cooper, his relationship with his father became a kind of meditation on memory and a way to find peace knowing the realities of what occurred while balancing strong paternal loyalties.

Cooper said he has long been interested in how visual artists use language as part of their creative template — how a story or a concept gets compressed and distilled into a form. "I became intrigued with the craft of writing, what would make or break a sentence — how an entire world could be compressed into a short space." It is this interest in economy and compression that drives his writing.

He said that short story writing is his favorite form because of the necessity of

describing so much in a finite space. "I start with an idea, something that haunts or nags," he said. Then, with the characters that develop, he reaches a "necessary sense of abandonment" in which their voices take over. "So much happens spontaneously," he notes, "that is where the invention is."

Cooper has published two other memoirs, "Maps to Anywhere" and "Truth Serum," a novel called "A Year of Rhymes" and a collection of short stories entitled "Guess Again." His work has appeared in Harper's Magazine, Gentlemen's Quarterly and The Paris Review. He is an art critic for Los Angeles Magazine and was a visiting writer in nonfiction at the famed University of Iowa's writer's program.

Cooper's interview with Santiago is free to the public. Most events to date have been standing-room-only so come early to get a seat.

Lemon Lily Festival set for July 11-13

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

There was a time when the Lemon Lily grew in abundance in the stream beds and shaded areas in Idyllwild. The lilies were so popular they were dug up by the thousands, which eventually drove the beautiful flowers to near extinction. This two-day festival, with a launch the prior evening, allows the Lemon Lily Committee to continue its restoration efforts while offering the public a weekend of family fun, entertainment and education.

The Lemon Lily Festival which takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 12 and 13, and kicks off at 6 p.m. Friday, July 11, with a Taste of Idyllwild at the home of Erin O'Neill, promising an evening of music, food and drinks and a garden tour.

Saturday and Sunday events include the Lemon Lily blessing, Pioneer Town, Lemon Lily Walks and Marketplace, and Nature Talks, all at the Idyllwild Nature Center at 25225 Highway 243. A tour of Erin O'Neill's garden is also offered. Bluegrass/Country Western music can be enjoyed from 1 to 4 p.m. at Jo'An's in the center of downtown Idyllwild.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, visit www.lemonlilyfestival.com or pick up a Lemon Lily program at the Town Crier.

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



LOCAL AUTHOR FEATURED:
Eduardo Santiago interviews Richard H. Barker about his book "Transcending Evolution" at Cafe Aroma on Sunday as part of the Idyllwild Author Series.

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Capturing Idyllwild: Jenny Kirchner at work

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Finding someone born and raised in California is a somewhat rare occurrence. Estimates are that the number of "native" Californians still residing in the state is approximately 53.8% as of 2010. It is even rarer that in a small town like Idyllwild you find someone who, in addition to being a California native, at the age of 30 has spent 26 years of their life living here.

Phyllis Brown, Jenny's mother, moved with Jenny from the Palos Verdes area to Idyllwild where her family owned a restaurant. "My mother, my grandmother and my aunt worked there as well. It was called O'Sullivan's. It is where Jo'An's is now," Jenny explained. "I pretty much grew up in the town; I mean the town kind of raised me. It takes a village to raise a child so to speak." Jenny was 4 years old at the time. The restaurant was open from 1989 to 1996.

She attended grades kindergarten through eighth at Idyllwild School; she went on to Hemet High School, then the failed charter school that was established in Idyllwild in 2002; she spent her junior year at Idyllwild Arts and her senior year being home-schooled under the Helen Hunt Jackson home-school program, from which she graduated early. It was in her freshman year of high school that Jenny started taking photos with a camera her father had bought her on a vacation in Colorado.

After high school, Jenny was accepted into the prestigious Brooks Institute of Photography. "I went up [to Brooks Institute] and did a tour. It's in Santa Barbara and it was gorgeous. I was actually accepted to go and I was all excited, but then the reality set in of the price and having to figure out how to live in Santa Barbara at 18 and go to school at the same time. It was definitely an exciting thing and their campuses are pretty amazing, but the timing wasn't right," Jenny said. She opted instead to attend the College of the Desert in Palm Desert, which she did for a time. "School was never my strong point, the arts were; I did great in the arts, but academics, I would just get lost in most academics," Jenny explained.

In 2007, a call from Becky Clark, Publisher of the Idyllwild Town Crier, would prove life changing for Jenny. "My first photography job was the Town Crier. I had done a couple of little things here and there, I did some freelance work before that, portraits, things like that, but my actual first job was with Becky," Jenny explained. The work ignited a passion in her. "I love doing breaking news photos: photojournalism. I've tried a lot of things — real estate photos, weddings, portraits, pets, it goes on and on —but photojournalism was something I actually didn't have any experience in, but it is what I love to do," she said.

The Mountain Fire in July of 2013 and the Silver Fire in August of 2013 would provide Jenny with a crash course in the danger and excitement of photojournalism. "There were a handful of times with both fires that I found myself in situations where I was thinking 'this is not a good place for me to be, I need to move now,' because you really can't judge when you're there where the fire is at," she said, recalling the experience. "It [a fire] can be very disorienting. It can shift, and you have no idea how long the wall of flames is. I mean, it can be a mile long and you wouldn't know it." Jenny's photos were among the most compelling images captured of the fires and several were aired on CNN in an interview conducted by Wolf Blitzer on July 18, 2013. The video of that interview can be found on YouTube at http://youtu.be/cJ_0bTwbVqA. Jenny originally hoped to

publish a book about the fires and started a Kickstarter campaign (Kickstarter is an online crowd-funding platform), but failed to reach the \$10,000 needed. There is still a possibility, she confesses, that the book will be made. "In fact someone just talked to me over the 4th of July and said, 'When are we going to do that book?'" she said.

On January 7 Jenny experienced a loss that could have sidelined her photo journalism career. While working on a freelance assignment in Palm Springs, taking photos for a real estate company, Jenny woke to find that the hatchback on her car had been jimmied and all of her photography equipment stolen. The value of the loss was over \$12,000 and she was devastated. But it was the reaction of the Idyllwild community that was truly shocking to Jenny. "One of the first things she [Becky] said when I saw her ... after the whole theft happened, was 'let's do a fundraiser, I'll put it together, we'll do an auction and all of these things,'" Jenny said. "Everyone was so generous in their donations that it wasn't necessary. I was completely shocked. I wasn't expecting that. It was actually a little difficult to accept on that level because I just couldn't believe it, I just really couldn't." In less than a month, the Idyllwild community had come together and donated more than \$12,000 to replace Jenny's stolen equipment.

In her search to replace her photography equipment, Jenny came across a post by Anthony Carbajal explaining that he needed to sell all of his photography equipment due to his being diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Jenny emailed him and he responded, "I have all of these weddings set up for



Local photographer **Jenny Kirchner** surrounded by a few of her favorite things – her Canon camera and lenses.
PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNY KIRCHNER

2014 and I have all of these deposits I have to pay back and I have to pay not only thousands of dollars in deposits, but I have to pay medical bills," Jenny recalled. "I know how it feels to be in that kind of situation and to not have the money. So, in turn, that money ended up going to somebody who really needed it and it was given to me when I really needed it." Jenny purchased a Canon 1DX camera body from Carbajal. To view an online video created by Carbajal visit www.anthonycarbajal.com.

For the time being, Jenny plans to stay the course. "I plan to stick around town and I would like to continue to do what I am doing really. I just started doing marketing work at Idyllwild Arts. I've got that and my freelancing and between all of the photo gigs I can hopefully pay the bills. I was thinking about it earlier and it is something I wouldn't trade for anything," she said. "You know they say if you do something you love you never work a day in your life. It's true. It's what I love to do. I can't see myself doing anything else really. If I can still get that shot that I know is a good shot, it doesn't matter what the subject is, I still get excited about it."

Jay Pentrack can be reached at jay@towncrier.com

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CREATURE CORNER

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Archie is learning that relaxing is a good thing to do. He is eager to go for walks, loves to be groomed so he can always look so handsome, and absolutely lives for his Kong toy with special treats. Archie is very shy at first except with the females.

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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. They all are males and 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 in Memory of Cotton, this week. To sponsor the column, call Lisa Streeter at the Town Crier, 951-659-2145.

Past

Tense

65 years ago - 1949

A committee was chosen to supervise building the new Presbyterian Community Church next to the manse.

60 years ago - 1954

A 25-year-old Thermal man drowned while swimming in Lake Fulmor. He was the lake's first victim.

55 years ago - 1959

The Chamber put on a hugely successful chuckwagon dinner outside Town Hall. It was reported that 462 people passed down the serving line.

50 years ago - 1964

Sixty residents petitioned county supervisors to set up a temporary animal shelter in Idyllwild.

45 years ago - 1969

Potential home buyers might have looked at the "real rustic," fully furnished, two-bedroom cabin listed for sale in Pine Cove at \$10,500.

40 years ago - 1974

Wilderness rangers packed in supplies and equipment for Larkette Lein, 21, spending her summer as the lookout atop Tahquitz Peak.

35 years ago - 1979

A 21-year-old climber plunged to his death while scaling the north face of Lily Rock.

30 years ago - 1984

The Town Crier summed up the weather year (ending June 30), calling it a "mixed bag." Even though the moisture total was average at 25.90 inches of rain, less than 5 inches of snowfall was recorded.

25 years ago - 1989

The owner of the dirt lot in the center of town leased it for use as a pay parking lot pending



Some of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District equipment in 1961 at the old station that now houses Idyllwild Outdoors and Something Old Made New Byou. Shown are Fire Chief **Bill Bratton** and **Lloyd Wood**.

FILE PHOTO

approval of plans to build what would become "The Fort" on the lot.

20 years ago - 1994

A severe summer storm caused spectacular lightning strikes that started at least 14 fires. Most were small, but two were serious. The Palm Fire destroyed 14 structures in the Pinyon area and the Lake Hemet Fire caused the campground to be evacuated.

15 years ago - 1999

Idyllwild Arts Academy was celebrating its 50th Summer Program season.

10 years ago - 2004

A reception for an art exhibit honoring Idyllwild artist Dorothy "Dot" Swain Lewis was held in the Krone Library at the Idyllwild Arts Academy. Lewis, a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots during World War II, exhibited her sculpture of a WASP.

5 years ago - 2009

In what promised to be the first of several "public art" installations in Idyllwild, local sculptors Dore Capitani and Jan Jaspers-Fayer and friends installed "Girl Reading a Dickens Book" at the site of the previous Jonathan LaBenne Tree Monument on Village Center Drive. The six-color, powder-coated steel, two-dimensional, 8-foot sculpture was later moved to the new Idyllwild Library site.

1 year ago - 2013

The Riverside County Assessor's office reported that Idyllwild property values had grown 4.15 percent for the tax year 2013-14. In 2012, the Idyllwild area property value increase was only 1 percent following three consecutive years of declines.

Summer hours for monument

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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.

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WORD SEARCH

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| Bulls | Forts | Moved | Stir |
| Care | France | Music | Tale |
| Cloak | Grass | Noon | Trim |
| Comparisons | Handy | Ones | Ugly |
| Copy | Hook | Only | Untie |
| Credit | Idea | Outfit | Urge |
| Cricket | Inch | Prefer | Windy |
| Dark | Informed | Rage | Worm |
| Deal | Iron | Reds | Yard |
| Deck | Keep | Resort | Yell |
| Dense | Lady | River | |
| Depart | Lids | Roars | |
| Dial | Limp | Roofs | |

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Answers to Sudoku
(Puzzle on next page)



Answers to Crossword
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Word Search
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SUDOKU

Difficulty: Medium
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Legals • Doing Business As

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Every day throughout the United States, newspapers publish thousands of public notices about events, conditions or actions that affect countless individuals, families, neighborhoods and businesses. Public notices cover many topics, including business matters, liquor licensing, public auctions and sales, estates, zoning, public meetings, bids to sell goods and services to the government, local government finances and state and local elections. Public notice is a fundamental component of our system of representative democracy, which depends upon the participation of educated, responsible citizens.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as STRONGHOLD RACING, 24790 Roble Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1248, Idyllwild, CA 92549, PHILIP CRAIG STRONG, 24790 Roble Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, LINDA ANN MCCAUGHIN, 24790 Roble Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

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

Signed: LINDA ANN MCCAUGHIN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 18, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-05986

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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: D. Santana, Deputy

Pub. TC: June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as FOREST REALTY, 26600 Hwy 243, Suite B, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 331, Idyllwild, CA 92549, GARY LEE AGNER, 53964 Marian View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

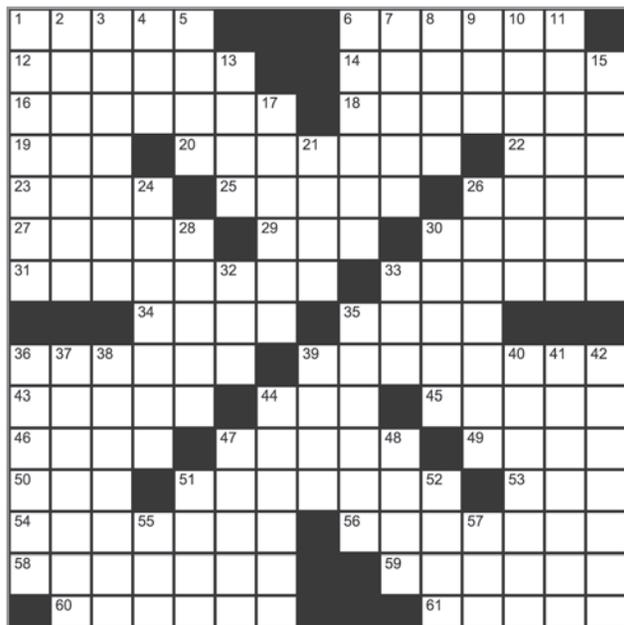
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Signed: GARY LEE AGNER

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1. ___-ski
6. "Wheel of Fortune" category
12. Set beforehand
14. Unvarying procedure
16. Slips of paper with gummed backs
18. Magazine
19. A pint, maybe
20. Peevish
22. Australian runner
23. 100 dinars
25. Clear, as a disk
26. "I had no ___!"
27. Chips in
29. "... ___ he drove out of sight"
30. Artificial leg?
31. Precedent setter (2 wds)
33. Pressed milk curd
34. A little night music
35. Fly high
36. Easy
39. Break
43. Bullying, e.g.
44. Car accessory
45. Aromatic solvent
46. Bills, e.g.
47. Couples
49. Cork's country
50. Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
51. Kneecap
53. Parenthesis, essentially
54. Anne Morrow Lindbergh, e.g., type of writer
56. A distinct component of something larger
58. Accord
59. Person of mixed ancestry
60. He's a real go-___
61. Scottish landowner

DOWN

1. Power structure
2. Nutty confection
3. Repairs a broken chair
4. "C___ la vie!"
5. Escape, in a way
6. Commendation
7. Trigger, for one
8. Charge
9. Absorbed, as a cost
10. Without fixing a future meeting date (2 wds)
11. Paints that dry to a hard, glossy finish
13. Certain surgeon's "patient"
15. Solution of solvent and dissolved matter
17. Beat
21. Container weight
24. Pertaining to Latvians
26. Stress, in a way
28. Bathroom item
30. Cut
32. "Tarzan" extra
33. Bunk
35. Boxers' warnings
36. Pretense
37. Degrading
38. Having a pointed end
39. Ashtabula's lake
40. Dry, red table wine
41. Jack Russell, for one
42. Built
44. One up
47. Adhesive
48. Squalid section of a city
51. Four gills
52. Biblical shepherd
55. Abbr. after a name
57. ___ Today, daily newspaper

HOROSCOPES
July 2014 — Week 2



March 21 – April 19

Some rules are meant to be broken, Aries. Go ahead. A money issue comes to the forefront. Think outside of the box to come up with a solution.



April 20 – May 20

Mistakes happen, Taurus. Try not to get too worked up about it. Romance heats up with a gift from afar. A milestone is reached. Celebrate!!



May 21 – June 21

The smallest of gestures can make a huge difference in the lives of others. Give what you can, Gemini. A report uncovers a crucial error. Fix it now.



June 22 – July 22

Hip-hip-hooray, Cancer. It's a brand new day. Time to let go of the old and make a fresh start. A ruse falls apart at the office, giving everyone a good laugh.



July 23– August 22

Progress will not be possible without sacrifice this week, Leo. Be prepared to give more than you take. A miracle at home lightens the load.



August 23– September 22

Good news, Virgo. The chore list will dwindle with the arrival of a handy houseguest. A loved one's wish is granted. Invite them over to celebrate.



September 23– October 22

Financial concerns cease with additional revenue. Keep up the good work, Libra. A friend changes their tune on a hot topic. Go with it.



October 23– November 21

Dream big, Scorpio. Many opportunities await. A little birdie clues you in to a situation at home that has been brewing for some time. Nip it in the bud.



November 22– December 21

It's all in the details, Sagittarius. Review the plan carefully before you enact it. A meddlesome friend reads a little too much into an offer.



December 22 – January 19

Hold your tongue, Capricorn. Revealing your feelings now will only make the situation worse. Wait until a more opportune time arises.



January 20 – February 18

Make no mistake, Aquarius. What goes around comes around. Watch your step. Friendly banter speeds up the workflow at the office.



February 19 – March 20

Lady luck smiles on you, and there is good all around, Pisces. A friend never seems to be in the right place at the right time. Offer them some guidance.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Photographer wins second award

BY BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Jenny Kirchner has won a second award for the Nov. 7, 2013 Town Crier photo of a soccer game at Idyllwild School. This award is for honorable mention from the National Newspaper Association.

She won second place for the same photo earlier this year in the California Newspaper Publishers Association's Better Newspapers Contest.

"While I am grateful for the first award, the second is very exciting, because it is from the national level which is a first for my career," she said. "However, as I've said before, this field is a constant learning process. I plan to keep learning and challenging myself in new ways.

"While winning awards isn't my main goal, I am grateful others appreciate my work. I take photos because it's what I love to do, and as I'm out covering events, I still get excited when I know I got 'the' photo," the award winning photographer said. "So when others find something that catches their eye in that photo also, it's a bonus."



Jenny Kirchner
PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Time to vote for your favorite volunteer

BY BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Out of six submissions for the Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award, the Town Crier has culled them down to three top candidates the community will now choose among.

The honor is given to an individual or group that represents EMax's spirit of community and volunteerism. Prior awardees took actions that created a spark sufficient to bring others into the fray just as Maxwell did with his activities involving the environment.

This year, all nominees are individuals who have demonstrated a tangible, perhaps physical, effect on the community.

The candidates and their accomplishments, in alphabetical order, are:

1. Jerry Holldber, whose volunteerism has spanned five decades. Holldber moved to Pine Cove at age 9 and began volunteering with the Idyllwild Institute Fiesta (headed by the late Ann Lay) as a

young teenager.

He joined the Jaycees and eventually became president, serving as chair of six Bluegrass Festivals. Part of the proceeds went to help start the Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks.

He joined the Pine Cove Volunteer Fire Department and served as a volunteer engineer, EMT and ambulance driver for 12 years, helping save lives and property.

As a 15-year member of the Idyllwild Lions Club, he became president, as well as zone chair, and then co-founder and co-chair of the five Timber Festivals. The efforts helped support a special needs camp, as well as Guide Dogs of the Desert.

He volunteered for about two years with the Idyllwild Scholarship Committee, and became a member of the Pine Cove Property Owners Association, serving as president as well as several other positions over the past 25 years.

He has been involved with the Mountain Communities Fire Safe

Council for 10-plus years, serving most years as treasurer. Holldber also was appointed to the County Service Area 38 Advisory Committee.

Holldber's efforts with PCPOA, as well as the MCFSC, provide programs, information and support for the residents of Pine Cove and the Hill.

2. Christina Lee Nordella learned Jin Shin Jyutsu to help alleviate her twin sister's pain during the two years her sister dealt with cancer. She continues to offer this gift to others on the Hill who have or have had a cancer diagnosis.

She is a founding member of the Idyllwild School smARTS program, and has volunteered for 11 years, coordinating it for the past six years.

While having her own personal experience of losing everything to a fire several years ago, she and a friend held a fundraiser for those who lost everything in the Mountain
See Emax award, next page

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By: D. Santana, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as J O B ELECTRIC COMPANY, 26650 Fairway Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. PO Box 1467, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JEVON OAKS BROWNING, 26650 Fairway Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 18, 2009.

Signed:

JEVON OAKS BROWNING

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 20, 2014.

FILE NO.:
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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: D. Santana, Deputy
Pub. TC: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as

BASS ARMOR, 23744 Vista Way, Quail Valley, CA 92587, Riverside County. PAUL MICHAEL KATIC, 23744 Vista Way, Quail Valley, CA 92587.

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

Signed:
PAUL KATIC

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 25, 2014.

FILE NO.:
R-2014-06280

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CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: A Ribec, Deputy
Pub. TC: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014.

RIC 1406341 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 CAROLINE BOSIBORI NYAIRO.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: CAROLINE BOSIBORI NYAIRO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: CAROLINE BOSIBORI NYAIRO changed to Proposed name: CAROLINE ZAHARA KRISTO.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

- a. Date: Aug/08/14 Time: 8:30 p.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 Crier, 54425 North Circle Dr, Idyllwild, 92549.
Date: June 26, 2014
SHARON J WATERS
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: July 3, 10, 17, 24, 2014.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described Personal property will be held at the hour of 2:00 pm. on July 17th, 2014 at: Lockaway Storage, 1181 N. State Street, in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, boxes, misc. tools & equipment. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 ET. Seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

Manager: Michael Hosburg
Name: Llamas, Robert D-325
Name: Mitchell, Christopher D-306
Name: Riboni, Joseph D-109
Auction to be held on July 17th, 2014 @ 2:00 pm.

Lockaway Storage Hemet
Manager: Michael Hosburg
American Auction Service
Bond # FS8632014
Pub. TC: July 3, 10, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as TNT WINDOW CLEANING, 25605 Fir St Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 33 Rancho Mirage, CA 92270, VICKI BERNICE TOPPS, 25605 Fir St, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 1-30-96.

Signed:
VICKI B. TOPPS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/03/2014.

FILE NO.:
1-2014-01728

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CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: V. Boyzo-Saucedo, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 10, 17, 24, 31, 2014.

SCOPING NOTICE PINE COVE FUELBREAK MAINTENANCE PROJECT USDA FOREST SERVICE SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE

SAN JACINTO RANGER DISTRICT
The USDA Forest Service, San Bernardino National Forest (BDF) is seeking comments on a proposal by the San Jacinto Ranger District to maintain fuel reductions on approximately 234 acres of National Forest System Lands in the previously treated Pine Cove Fuelbreak and portions of the Idyllwild West Fuels Reduction Project (Proposed Action) adjacent to the community of Pine Cove, CA. Vegetation would be treated through a combination of mastication, hand cutting, and pile burning.

Trees would be thinned, limbed and pruned.

The Responsible Official is Arturo Delgado, District Ranger; the NEPA process is being administered by the San Jacinto Ranger District. Please send comments in e-mail text or in readable format (.doc, .pdf, .txt, .rtf) to: comments-pacificsouthwest-san-bernardino-san-jacinto@fs.fed.us, with "Scoping - Fuelbreak Maintenance NEPA" in the subject line or by mail to: Kayanna Warren, project lead, at US Forest Service, San Jacinto Ranger District, Attn: Kayanna Warren, P.O. Box 518, Idyllwild, CA 92549. The Proposed Action and relevant project documents are available at http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/project_list.php?forest=110512; paper copies are available upon request.

The Forest Service is requesting that all comments be received by August 8, 2014.

Pub. TC: July 10, 2014.

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ATTENTION:

If you are starting a new business and need a Fictitious Business Name (Doing Business As,) the County Clerk has a new policy. You will need to sign the FBN in the presence of a Notary. This form must accompany the FBN being mailed to the County Clerk. The Town Crier has the new forms in the office.

For more information, contact dolores@towncrier.com



BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

It's the time of year for the family vacation and scammers have also packed their bag of tricks to take advantage of travelers while their defenses are down.

After a day at the beach, amusement park or pool and dinner at one of the local restaurants, the family settles in for the night in their hotel room when the phone rings. The caller states that it's the front desk and there is a problem with the credit card used to secure the room. The target reaches into his or her wallet or purse and verifies the credit card information before going back to sleep.

The problem with this scenario is that the front desk would not call late at night, nor would they verify information over the phone. The call is actually a scam that works surprisingly well by catching the target completely off guard. Solution: Never give personal or credit card information over the telephone. Hang up, call the front desk and verify that the call was placed by them.

Dinner time? Restaurant and pizza fliers are also a great way to scam folk not familiar with the area they are visiting. By slipping fliers under the doors at hotels, chances are someone will take the bait and call to place an order. The target calls in, orders a meal and freely gives credit card information to the "restaurant." When the order doesn't arrive, the realization hits that the flier was not legitimate. Solution: Always verify the legitimacy of the business named in the flier by contacting the front desk or by verifying the business and telephone number online.

While we are on the subject of "online," this presents yet another opportunity for scammers. Whether traveling for business or pleasure, it is likely the computer will be accessed during time away to check email or even make plans in the city visited. While trying to connect to a wi-fi network it is wise to verify the name of the network utilized by the hotel, coffee house or restaurant visited. Bogus networks allow scammers to access personal information on the user's computer. Solution: Be informed about the risks presented by using public wi-fi networks.

For more information on popular vacation scams, visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0046-travel-tips.

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Emax award

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Fire, raising about \$8,000, and also helping victims of the Silver Fire.

In 2007, she re-established EarthWitness Foundation to bring off-Hill children to the mountain and teach them extended ecology and Native American programs. More than 550 students have passed through the program that awards a scholarship to an eighth-grade student and teacher who exemplify the mission statement. EWF also raises money for Cahuilla basket weavers, Idyllwild Arts Academy Sustainability Program, as well as others.

In 2013, Nordella donated her time as an applicant screener to the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema. She also coordinated volunteers and presented films.

She and Conor O'Farrell created Leg Up Theater Company to benefit charities, families and organizations in need. It raised money for the Idyllwild Community Center, as

well as Idyllwild Middle School sports.

She now prepares and serves a free community lunch every Thursday at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church with help from Fairway Market. She also offers free 15-minute Japanese acupressure sessions on Fridays at St. Hugh's.

3. Annamarie Padula was nominated, first of all, because of her presidency of the Pine Cove Property Owners Association. Under her leadership, PCPOA has donated several thousand dollars to various organizations for many years.

She is the recording secretary for Mountain Disaster Preparedness and CSA 38. She takes minutes and distributes them to board members of the Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation.

Padula is chair of the annual Mountain Community Patrol Pancake Breakfast, organizing, ordering supplies, assigning jobs, cooking and cleaning up.

She also, as a member of the Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, made a Lemon Lily quilt and

Drought

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between 70 and 80 percent. But not all El Niño patterns bring significant rain.

Cal Fire climatologists have predicted "fewer thunderstorms this summer compared to the past two years, especially over the Sierras southward into the mountains of Southern California."

The Cal Fire weather report also expects "the El Niño will continue to slowly strengthen, and will possibly reach a low-end "moderate" category by the fall." And a growing possibility of a winter "rainy season occurring in Northern California earlier than usual this year."

As of June 10, drought designated areas now cover nearly a third of the continental United States, according to the National Weather Service. The areas (including California) affected by extreme or exceptional drought dropped to 12 percent of the contiguous states in mid-June.

"[Drought] persistence is extremely likely along the West Coast and in the Intermountain West (but especially in California) where summer and early fall is a normally dry and warm time of year, and both surface and subsoil moisture nearly always decline," forecast the NWS last month.

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donated it to be auctioned at the 2013 Lemon Lily Festival, raising money to support restoration of the local Lemon Lily.

The three previous awardees were the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council in 2011, Dawn Sonnier in 2012 and Robert Priefer in 2013.

To vote, fill out the form on the back page

(no photocopies) and drop it off at the Town Crier office or mail it to Town Crier, Attn: Emax Award, P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Or vote online at www.idyllwildtowncrier.com. The deadline to vote for your favorite nominee is Thursday, July 31.

Becky Clark can be reached at becky@towncrier.com.

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Gift

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kidneys from cadavers. Plus, the waiting list for cadaver kidneys is long, always growing longer and sometimes does not yield a kidney in time.

Kidney-transplant surgery, pioneered more than 51 years ago, has gone from being a medical miracle to relatively commonplace. Although the surgery may have become commonplace, the availability of kidneys for transplant continues to be far less than needed to prevent high mortality from renal failure.

According to the National Kidney Foundation, as of May 2014, 100,602 people are awaiting kidney transplants. Last year, 14,000 kidney transplant operations took place in the U.S. and of these, 9,300 came from deceased donors and 4,700 from live donors. Nearly 2,500 new patients are added to the kidney waiting list each month. Fourteen people die each day while waiting for a life-saving kidney transplant. Last year, 3,381 people died because there were no kidneys available for them.

These facts, known to both Arlene and Bobbi, made the gift and its acceptance even more extraordinary — a gift of life from friend to friend that greatly improved the donee's chance to live a long and satisfying life. A gift of this magnitude is almost unquantifiable in value. And it was the enormity of the gift, and the potential risks to the donor, that caused Crawford to hesitate

before accepting Busher's offer.

Busher said she had to confer with all her family members, including her grandchildren, before making the offer. And Crawford, asked why she finally agreed to Busher's offer, said, "It's because she pushed."

"Once we started the road to the operation, it was all about scheduling," said Busher. Tests, consultations, literature to read, more tests to take. "I could have backed out at any moment, including once on the operating table," said Busher. And it was that fact that allowed Crawford to feel comfortable with her friend's process. "I felt very secure with that," she said. Busher had to drink more water daily and stop all medications and any alcohol consumption six weeks prior to the operation.

The two friends discussed what it was like the day of the operation. "She had her team, and I had mine," said Busher, whose four-hour operation took place before Crawford's. "They had to make sure I was all sewed up and in recovery before they moved on to Bobbi," she said. Crawford's operation ran about five hours and followed immediately after Busher's. Hers lasted longer because doctors had to ensure the kidney was fully functioning and not showing signs of rejection.

But it was in recovery that the difference in their two operations could be noted, remembered Busher. "She was sitting up and eating and



Arlene Busher (left), kidney donor, and longtime friend **Bobbi Crawford**, kidney recipient, hug just over three months after a kidney transplant operation.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

her color was great," said Busher. "I was still in a lot of pain."

Said Crawford, "I immediately felt so much better when I came out of the anesthetic, so much better. It was because I now had my kidneys functioning 24 hours a day rather than the seven hours a night when they were on the cycling machine as part of the in-home dialysis."

"We wanted other people to know how important this process can be and to know that, for the donor, it is an important decision, not without risk, but one that yields such huge rewards," said Busher. And smiling at her smiling and now-far-healthier friend, it was clear how important this had all been to them both.

"This is the most valuable gift of my life," said Crawford. "And it shows how important it is to consider donating." Crawford pointed out she now has three kidneys and that removing the diseased kidney carries its own risks. While her diseased kidney remains,

it was disconnected from the renal system when the new kidney was transplanted.

Busher's insurance covered nothing for this voluntary surgical procedure, but Crawford's covered not only her \$250,000 cost but the cost for Busher's surgery as well. Busher's test costs, to determine her compatibility as a donor for Crawford, were paid by the Kidney Acquisition Cost Center, which is Medicare-funded.

Friend Myla Davis, local physician's assistant, noted how important it is to have support for those who give and for those who receive. "Consider registering to donate," she suggested.

Crawford's and Busher's operations were performed at the Loma Linda University Medical Center. For information about kidney transplants and donations, see lomalindahealth.org/medical-center/our-services/transplantation/services-and-procedures/kidney-transplant/living-donor-program. page or Google kidney transplant surgery.

Redactions

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cause as to encompass a manufacturing defect in a component part occurring years ago, or a recent maintenance problem at the premises of the fire, or anything in between, including faulty repairs, or even lightning strike or sabotage.

However, Wiseman stated that if either a criminal or civil action is filed, pretrial discovery will no doubt result in the release of the unredacted reports to the opposing party or parties, in which case there will be no further need for a claim of exemption and Cal Fire will release the unredacted reports to the public at that time.

He also indicated that if neither a criminal nor civil action is brought, he would be seeking public release of the unredacted investigative reports via executive order within Cal Fire.

The Town Crier will periodically inquire of Wiseman and Cal Fire as to the status of any potential actions and the expected time of release of the unredacted reports and we will conduct further legal investigation into Cal Fire's current exemption claim. The Town Crier will make any further information available to the public as soon as its received.

Jack Clark can be reached at jack@towncrier.com.

VOTE FOR THE 2014 Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award Recipient

Please fill out and return to the Town Crier office, mail to P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549 or stop by our office at 54405 North Circle Drive by **Thursday, July 24.**



Ernie Maxwell and his wife Betty founded the Town Crier in 1946. Until his death in 1996, Ernie was a leader in the community on conservation, art and education, among many causes. He would have been 103 years old on July 7, 2014.

Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award 2014 Ballot

- ___ Jerry Holdber
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