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Legion benefit for BJ Ebner Saturday

BY MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

The American Legion Post 800 is hosting a brats and potato bar benefit for longtime Legion Ladies Auxiliary member and past president BJ Ebner and her husband Wayne.

From 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, the Legion will present a fun-filled community event featuring an adult spelling bee (\$5 entry fee), and M&M guessing contest (\$1 a guess) and a liquor box raffle (\$1 a ticket), with all proceeds, including the \$8 per-person event ticket price, going to benefit the Ebner family.

According to Ebner friend, event organizer and current Ladies Auxiliary President Carli Nicols, Mrs. Ebner has suffered with Crohn's disease (a chronic inflammatory condition of the gastrointestinal tract) for some time but was recently diagnosed with a number of cancerous conditions, including ones of the liver and kidneys. "She has to go off Hill See Ebner, page 24



HAPPY HELPERS: Joey and Max Neu with Grace McKimson help wash dishes during the Idyllwild School spaghetti dinner at the American Legion Post 800 Saturday evening. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Prosecution teams send another arsonist to prison

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Editor's note: Last month, Steven Taylor Rutherford, 49, of Banning pleaded guilty to 10 felony counts of arson. On Friday, Sept. 5, Judge Becky Dugan sentenced him to 45 years in prison.

Assistant District Attorney Amy Zeta led the prosecution of Rutherford. Riverside County and Cal Fire investigators identified the arsonist and collected the evidence leading to his conviction.

The following is an interview with Zeta and Riverside County Battalion Chief Tim Williams, who heads the Fire Preventions and Investigations units.

Although she joined the District Attorney's office in 2008 directly from law school, Zeta has substantial experience prosecuting arson cases.

While a prosecution can go either way, "It doesn't go to trial as a general rule," she said. One reason Rutherford pleaded guilty was the "thorough investigation of Cal Fire," Zeta said. "The volume of evi-

"The volume of evidence and significance of evidence was overwhelming due entirely because of the Cal Fire investigation."

dence and significance of evidence was overwhelming due entirely because of the Cal Fire investigation."

Arson cases are very technical, she explained. Identifying the origin, the ignition and then connecting those with the arsonist is very technical, but does not necessarily make the trial more difficult, just more detailed and scientific.

She particularly praised Branden Smith, the investigating officer, and Gregg Ewing, both members of the investigation unit. "We're a team and worked together both from investigation and the prosecution stages. I'm available to them reviewing and we work together the entire course of the case," she said.

Arresting and prosecuting Rutherford was See Arsonist, page 24

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Epperly changes plea

By JACK CLARK
CONTRIBUTOR

On Aug. 12, Karen Epperly, 49, of Idyllwild, waived various rights, including her right to a jury trial, and pleaded guilty to the embezzlement charges against her. The court accepted her plea and set sentencing for Sept. 19. It was agreed that her maximum custody time would be not more than 365 days. The court also ordered a probation report.

At that Sept. 19 sentencing hearing, the court announced that it had read the probation report and that Epperly was not eligible for probation. Epperly then sought to withdraw her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty instead. After a hearing, her request was granted, and Epperly's plea was changed to not guilty.

Her Preliminary Hearing has now been set for Nov. 6, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in Department S204 in Murrieta.

Epperly had been charged with fraud and



DEPUTIES SPREAD WORD: Locals may have been concerned when they saw a team of Riverside County Sheriff's deputies visiting businesses Wednesday, Sept. 17. Following a rash of break-ins and theft, the deputies were just advising owners not to leave any cash inside the buildings when they close at night. Here, Deputy Carrasco talks with La Casita owner Roberto Garcia.

PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

Warrant issued for Subish

By JACK CLARK
CONTRIBUTOR

After Matthew Subish, 41, of Idyllwild entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of possession of a firearm or ammunition by a prohibited person, his case was set for a Felony Settlement Conference to be held on Aug. 22, 2014. That conference was continued to Sept. 22, but Subish failed to appear on that new date. A warrant has now been is-

sued for his arrest.

In October 2011, Subish was arrested in Idyllwild and charged with burglary. He was convicted of a felony on his plea of guilty in that matter.

In 2008, Subish was convicted on a plea of guilty to an earlier felony charge of possession of a firearm or ammunition by a prohibited person.

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embezzlement, and taking, damaging or destroying property of more than \$100,000 in value from

Community Lumber in Idyllwild over a number of years when she was employed there.

Missing hiker was never lost

Greets rescuers at Tram

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

While rescuers were searching for Wendell Boydston, he was resting his twisted ankle overnight in Round Valley.

Sunday evening at about 7:30, deputies from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Cabazon Station received a call from his wife, Paula, that he was a missing hiker.

Boydston, 60, of La Quinta, had left early Sunday for a day hike from the tram to San Jacinto Peak. About 2 p.m., he sent a text message to Paula telling her "he had reached the San Jacinto Peak, he was going to rest and then return to the tram," according to the Sheriff's Department press release.

By 7:30 p.m., without further contact from Wendell, his wife notified the Sheriff's Department that he was missing.

Deputies did find his vehicle at the Palm Springs Tramway parking lot, so a search for him was initiated. Besides the Sher-

"... He had reached the San Jacinto Peak, he was going to rest and then return to the tram ..."

iff's Department, several agencies responded and were involved in the rescue effort, including State Park Rangers, Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit, Riverside County Desert Search and Rescue, Riverside County Sheriff's Department Aviation Unit and employees of the Palm Springs Tramway.

During the night, they searched but did not find Boydston. Then about 10 a.m. Monday, he "approached rescue units near the top of the tram. Wendell had a sore, swollen ankle, but declined medical attention," Sgt. Richard Beatty said in the release.

The press release indicated that Boydston was properly equipped for such a hike and an unexpected overnight stay.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 9/25



81/55
Sunny

Friday 9/26



75/47
Mostly sunny.

Saturday 9/27



67/46
Mostly sunny.

Sunday 9/28



69/48
Sunny.

Monday 9/29



73/50
Sunny.

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
9/16	89	60		
9/17	na	na		
9/18	81	56		
9/19	76	49		
9/20	76	49		
9/21	77	51		
9/22	82	51		

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
9/16	86	57		
9/17	81	56		
9/18	77	54		
9/19	87	53		
9/20	79	52		
9/21	75	48		
9/22	66	43		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 3.59
To date last season (Idy): 3.11
Total last season (Idy): 14.43
To date this season (PC): 5.36
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.idyllwildtowncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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Retirement of Engineer-Paramedic Mike Yount

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District invites the public to an open house reception to honor the retirement of Engineer-Paramedic Mike Yount.

The reception is from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

Yount has served 23 years with IFPD, and a total of 30 years in emergency services.



Mike Yount
FILE PHOTO



POW SALUTE: Master Sgt. **Danny Richardson** (lower left), Specialist 4th Class **Joe Neu** and Warrant Officer **David Fraser** salute as the colors are lowered to half mast by Master Sgt. **Draper** (center) and U.S. Marine (ret.) **Fred Maholland** (right) in remembrance of American POWs and MIAs. This was the first ceremony held by the American Legion Post 800 for this national day of remembrance on the third Friday of September.
PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Gov. Brown signs legislation for paid sick leave

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On Sept. 16, Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. signed the Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014. While existing law authorizes employers to provide their employees paid sick leave, this law provides millions of Californians not currently eligible with paid sick leave.

This legislation authorizes a rate of accrual of no less than one hour for every 30 hours worked to an employee, who, on or after July 1, 2015, works in California for 30 or more days within a year from when they began employment. An employee would be entitled to use accrued sick days beginning on the 90 days after starting work here. The bill does authorize an employer to limit an employee's use of paid sick days, but the employee must be allowed at least 24 hours or three days each year.

Under current state law, approximately 6.5 million workers in California cannot take a paid day off when they are ill or a family member is sick. Now about 40 percent of the state's workforce would be eligible.

"Whether you're a dishwasher in San Diego or a store clerk in Oakland, this

bill frees you of having to choose between your family's health and your job," said Brown. "Make no mistake, California is putting its workers first."

The bill would prohibit an employer from discriminating or retaliating against an employee who requests paid sick days.

The state labor commissioner can impose administrative fines for violations and would authorize the commissioner or the attorney general to recover specified civil penalties against an offender who violated these provisions.

"As a single working mom, I know first-hand the challenge of having to juggle a sick child who needs to see a doctor and your responsibilities at work," said Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez. "But no parent should have to experience the heartache of having to choose between making the rent and taking care of their child."

With the governor's signature, California becomes only the second state in the nation to require paid sick leave. The Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014 will go into effect July 1, 2015.

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SCARY SNAG:

A propane truck snagged an electrical line Monday on Lower Pine Crest Avenue. Idyllwild Fire Department closed the street until the power could be turned off and the line moved off the vehicle.

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OUT LOUD



Off the Main Roads

BY HELENE LOHR, RIVERSIDE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

Rewilding 101 ...

In our every day lives of texting, Twitter, Instagram and Angry Birds, we often don't take the time to peel our eyes away from our iPhones and notice the amazing natural world around us.

The modern media tends to over-dramatize being a part of your natural environment as a major effort. While Mother Nature can have a harsh side, you don't have to run around naked eating bugs to help reconnect yourself to your wild side (unless you really want to).

Start with some of these easy steps and I pretty much guarantee that you'll find yourself thirsting for more of the great outdoors.

Stargazing

Long ago, the patterns of nature used to be the source of our stories and our nightly entertainment. From Orion, the giant huntsman, whom Zeus placed among the stars, to Cassiopeia, the queen of the night sky, their sagas have been slowly replaced by "Breaking Bad" and "Keeping up With the Kardashians."

Take a night to return to your roots. Get hold of a book to help you identify the constellations. Then head out with a pile of comfy blankets and pillows to the backyard.

Lay back and let your eyes wander amongst the stories of the heroes and villains of old, or chal-

lenge your family to come up with their own constellations, along with their unique sagas. (Although, from experience, this can get silly fast.)

Firelit night

Use only candle or firelight after dark and give yourself the dual gift of a digital detox and a uniquely bonding experience with your loved ones.

There's nothing like gathering around the warm glow of a fire with your tribe of friends and loved ones. As the warmth pulls you in closer, conversations flow more freely around a flickering flame, stories grow more meaningful and life seems somehow more real. (No, you are not weird for not having the TV burning bright holes in your retina like all your neighbors.)

The campfire has been the most popular "Late Show" in human existence. (And, as a nerdy bonus, the red spectrum light from a fire doesn't interfere with your production of the sleep hormone melatonin like bright electric light and mess with your stress, blood sugar or other hormone levels throughout the next day.)

Gardening, hunting and gathering

Age-old skills like fishing, hunting, wild-food gathering and gardening are at the heart of what has made us human.

Which skill would you rather pass on to the next generation — stalking the gleaming grocery aisle

and heating up the perfect package of Hamburger Helper or knowing where and how to look for the fish in a river? Other knowledge to share with your kids could be when to plant, and how to nourish and harvest the perfectly ripened tomato or head of corn.

Your kids should recognize what an actual potato plant looks like and know that trout don't swim in prepackaged plastic. Just because your parents didn't teach you doesn't mean you can't learn and pass it on.

Starting places

As part of the rewilding renaissance, a bevy of amazing courses, meetups, clubs and gatherings focus on helping you gain or improve traditional "primitive" and survival skills. This can be a good way to help yourself gain confidence in and reconnect with your natural skills.

Somewhat ironically, you may find most of these resources by doing a quick online search for that particular skill.

Thousands of more ways to reconnect with nature at home are available. We've barely scratched the surface.

Take a moment to wake yourself from your digital daze and appreciate the natural world that surrounds you every day. Not only will you come closer to your natural roots, but along the way you may discover a deeper connection with the loved ones and friends you share these experiences with.

In life, we tend to run with the crowd with whom we have most in common. That's true from the time little kids find the same interests in Chutes 'n' Ladders, all the way up to old age playing bingo. Those crowds do change over time. We may lose interest in people who did not parent when we did, who moved away, etc.

In high school, my crowd was those I saw every afternoon at band practice. I lost touch with them until recently. I sat in the flute section. I can still picture that black-haired clarinetist across from me — a young girl like me, never imagining her as a mother and facing such a challenge as she has. She raised two incredible daughters, now mothers themselves.

Last week, after many long months on a liver donor list and having two prior match rejections, Phyllis' eldest daughter — who has a rare disease that attacked her liver — received the urgent notice of another potential donor.

This donor matched and the daughter bravely faced surgery in a Nashville hospital knowing she may never wake up. Thankfully, the surgery succeeded and after only three days in the hospital, the young mother was able to make a quick visit to surprise her daughter at her fourth birthday party.

The family does not know the donor but suspects it is one of the state troopers killed in Pennsylvania last week since one of their livers was sent to Tennessee.

I want to say much more about Phyllis' daughter, her courage, intelligence, faith, and inspiration to me and hundreds more. I hope someday the gifter's family may view the video I saw of the little girl's stunned face on seeing her Mom. And when this 20-plus-year-old opened her eyes after surgery, she asked, "I'm alive?"

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

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BY DOLORES SIZER

The saltier the better? ...

No doubt about it, I love salt. I put salt in everything. While dining with friends, I usually receive questionable looks, salt not being healthy in large quantities.

A pinch of salt in icing will diffuse the sweetness, making the sugar taste a little mellower.

Knowing salt can contribute to high blood pressure, I have been fortunate all my life; my blood pressure has always been normal. In fact, I am as healthy as a horse.

With all that said I have found a website with a variety of gourmet salts and other spices: www.mySpiceSage.com.

I stayed on this website for more than an hour, fascinated with what it offers. Most of the salts are about medium coarseness. I ordered a Chardonnay Fleur De Sel, an Aged Balsamic Sea Salt and a Spanish Smoked Paprika. This site also has little marble bowls and spoons for the salt, great for your dining table.

Upon arrival I opened the bags and smelled the flavor. Yum, the scent and taste were exactly as named.

I was curious as to how the flavor was infused into the salt. It seems logical if you soak salt in balsamic vinegar it will dissolve. Oh well, think I will just enjoy without question. There is a large variety of flavors: Celtic Sea Salt, Cypress Black Sea Salt, Hawaiian Alaea Sea Salt, Merlot Sea Salt (it's pink), New Zealand Flake Sea Salt, Spanish Rosemary Sea Salt, to name a few. The various salts can be served paired with the likes — such as Chardonnay Sea Salt — as seafood or chicken. How about vegetables with Spanish Rosemary Sea Salt? How about

Merlot Sea Salt on a grilled steak?

The Spanish Smoked Paprika was incredible. I sniffed it so many times I had to look in the mirror to see if I had any red powder around my nostrils.

I found a recipe online for smoked paprika with potatoes. You will love it.

Spanish Potatoes With Tomato Sauce

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. Yukon Gold potatoes cut into chunks
- olive oil
- salt
- 1/2 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, diced
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 2 tbsps. tomato paste
- 1 (14-oz) can crushed tomatoes
- 2 tps. hot sauce
- 1 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. sugar

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375°F. Toss the potatoes with 3 tps. of olive oil and salt well. Arrange one layer of potatoes in a rimmed baking sheet and roast until browned, about 50 minutes.

While the potatoes are roasting, make the sauce. Heat 2 tbsps. of olive oil in a medium pot set over medium-high heat. Saute the chopped onions, stirring occasionally, 4 to 5 minutes until they begin to brown on edges. Add garlic and saute another 2 minutes. Add white wine to pan and turn heat to high. Boil until wine is reduced by half, then add the tomato paste. Stir to combine.

Add crushed tomatoes, hot sauce, salt, sugar and paprika. Stir well and reduce heat to a bare simmer. Let sauce cook slowly while potatoes roast. If you wish, use a blender or immersion blender and puree until smooth.

When potatoes are well browned, toss with tomato sauce, then return to pan.

Continue to roast until tomato sauce dries out a bit on potatoes and caramelizes, about 10 minutes. Serves 4. Enjoy.



Viruses:

Are they really alive? ...

All the news surrounding the recent Ebola virus outbreak in West Africa and the devastating effect it has had on those afflicted motivated me to put this topic under a microscope. I wanted to see if viruses really fall under the category of living things.

For purposes of full disclosure, we have to remember that, at one point, biologists had almost 300 different definitions of what life is.

The dictionary definition of life is: "The condition that distinguishes organisms from inorganic objects and dead organisms, being manifested by growth through metabolism, reproduction and the power of adaptation to environment through changes originating internally."

A 2013 Tufts University study concluded that, by using that definition, viruses are, in fact, alive.

The team looked at a type of virus, known as a bacteriophage, that attacks bacteria. What they found was that the virus stole the immunity system from the bacteria — in this case cholera bacteria — and, as it replicated, all the new viruses had that immunity trait as well. The new strain became better at destroying cholera.

The word parasite came to mind when I first read this. But this process of copying and replicating is way more advanced than any parasite yet discovered.

Viruses had been straddling the fence between living and non-living things for decades. They were first considered to be a type of poison.

It was Dutch microbiologist Martinus Beijerinck who discovered that an agent smaller than bacteria could replicate and multiply in living plants. In 1898 he named the new pathogen a "virus" to indicate its non-bacterial nature.

In 1946, American biochemist Wendell Stanley received the Nobel Prize for having isolated and crystallized tobacco mosaic virus. He was able to demonstrate that viruses blurred the lines between the living organisms studied by biologists and the nonliving molecules studied by chemists.

Viruses also don't have their own cells. They are basically packets of DNA or RNA (retroviruses) that live inside other cells and use the ability of the host cell in order to reproduce and replicate.

But viruses don't just steal in order to replicate. They copy from the hosts and make whatever is copied a permanent part of themselves.

Recently researchers at the Cedars-Sinai Heart Institute in Los Angeles were able to reprogram retroviruses to improve the heart functions of older patients.

In a separate case, scientists successfully reprogrammed HIV (a retrovirus) to treat a young patient diagnosed with leukemia at the age of 5. Her leukemia has now been in remission since the age of 7.

Did you know that almost 10 percent of our DNA is made up of dead viruses that have infected us throughout our evolution?

Sorry to ruin your breakfast, but eating Trix cereal is probably more disgusting anyway.

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LIVING TRUSTS SEMINAR:

Attorney Robert Firth gave a seminar at Town Hall Thursday to residents interested in learning more about living wills.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Anza Chamber reaches out to Idyllwild

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Anza Chamber of Commerce is opening its doors to businesses from Idyllwild, Mountain Center, Garner Valley and Aguanga.

"Our bylaws limited our boundaries to Anza. Even Aguanga, our sister city, wasn't included," said

Anza Chamber President Robyn Garrison. Their bylaws were originally written in the 1960s, she said.

During the review, they decided to embrace the rest of the Hill in addition to the original intent to reach out to Aguanga. The revision will re-do all of their bylaws, according to Garrison.

"We wanted to give other businesses the opportu-

nity to participate in our events," she stated. "So many of us go to Idyllwild on the weekend; the movies and food, we show up there."

While none of the local businesses have accepted the invitation yet, Garrison has visited town and walked into many businesses to tell them about the Anza Business Expo

planned from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 in the Anza Community Hall.

Anyone interested in the 3rd Annual Business Expo may contact Tish Clark at 951-763-4225.

The Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce folded in 2013 due to legal challenges.

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County enacts \$637-million budget

Growth is slow and costs creeping upward

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

This week, Riverside County supervisors approved a final budget for fiscal year 2014-15 (which began July 1) totaling \$637.4 million, \$13.9 million more than the preliminary budget approved in June.

"Updated fiscal data used to develop final budget recommendations continues to support economists' optimistic forecasts of long-term economic growth for the county," wrote Executive Officer Jay Orr in his transmittal memorandum to the Board of Supervisors. "Although long-term forecasts for economic growth remain optimistic, the recovery's current pace remains slow. Fiscal restraint remains essential as we work to regain balance between ongoing spending and revenue, while developing solutions to meet board objectives."

The fiscal year 2014-15 budget grew 8 percent or \$46.7 million more than a year ago. This is largely the result of the county assessor's July report, which estimates that property assessments would grow 7.75 percent this year. Consequently, the estimate of the county's discretionary revenue is \$637.4 million.

At a budget workshop on Sept. 9, County Financial Officer Ed Corser described the proposed changes since June. These total \$9.2 million and were possible because the county's tax assessor recently revised the projected property tax revenue for next year upward to \$21 million.

"All the departments are still absorbing salary and pension increases," Corser stated. "That's not sustainable over the long haul. This year, besides fire and police where we're

paying for the salary increases, \$15 million of discretionary funding isn't going to other departments that they need to pay for salary increases. At some point, we'll have to face that issue."

The largest departmental change was an additional \$1.6 million for County Fire. Both the Transportation and Land Management departments received another \$1.2 million and Probation received another \$1.1 million. Other agencies, whose final budget was adjusted up this month, were the public defender, parks district, animal services, public health, the assessor, purchasing, capital revenue, county counsel and clerk of the board.

The Fire Department's increase is actually \$3.2 million, but half is offset with reductions, including a \$425,000 cut to overtime. The additional money will fund hiring 18 more firefighters.

Overtime costs have been increasing recently, up 150 percent in the past year. Sick leave was also beginning to increase. Corser explained that with the additional staff, Fire Chief John Hawkins "agreed to look at why the overtime was so high" and with more staff, agreed to a reduction there.

Sheriff Stan Sniff said his department was on the path to have 1.0 deputies per 1,000 residents in the unincorporated areas. He plans to continue in this direction to implement the board's goal of 1.2 deputies per 1,000 residents. When it dropped below 1.0 "it had a devastating impact on crime and recidivism," he said.

But in the next few years, his agency will have to add about 400 more people just to staff the new

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Bond measure targets state water infrastructure

By MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's note: Over the next few weeks before the general election, the Town Crier will review the propositions and local elections on the ballots.

California Proposition 1, the Water Bond, targets and proposes to revamp state water supply infrastructure. If passed by voters, \$7.12 billion in bonds would be issued to fund a variety of infrastructure improvements including: upgrading public water systems, increasing surface and groundwater storage, protecting drinking water statewide, addressing water recycling and advanced water treatment technology, improving state water supply management and conveyance, treating wastewater, increasing emergency water supplies, restoring and protecting state ecosystems and watersheds and generally finding ways to provide drought relief over the long term. Calendar year 2013 was the driest in recorded California history and the state is currently in a drought emergency declared in January by Gov. Jerry Brown. In September the governor signed legislation requiring sustainable groundwater management for the first time in state history.

Brown called on the legislature to replace a previous \$11.14 billion water bond measure with the current Proposition 1, calling Proposition 43 (the \$11.14 billion bond) pork-laden with a price tag "beyond what's reasonable or affordable." The legislature passed the new \$7.12 billion bond on Aug. 13 with wide bipartisan support.

That the state is in a water emergency, few dispute. It is how to address the emergency and how to protect state water resources in the near and long-term future that is in question by measure opponents.

Opponents, sport fishers and river and stream public water ownership advocates, cite what they say are high-cost dam building and infrastructure projects that would negatively affect river and stream environments. They further stress that the measure requires taxpayers to foot the bill of systemic structural improvements that opponents say have not solved California water problems

in the past — so-called projects benefiting the "hydraulic brotherhood." They also stress the addition of more bond debt at a time when other critical infrastructure needs, principally public schools, roads, public health and safety, also need addressing. But while opposing Proposition 1 as a "corporate money grab" (Barbara Barrigan-Parilla, field director of the "No" campaign) benefitting special interests, opponents suggest no alternative measures to address the current and likely continuing water crisis.

Proposition 1 is widely backed by a broad range of organizations, including the California Chamber of Commerce, The Nature Conservancy, the California Farm Bureau Federation, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties and the Audubon Society.

Specifically, the Water Bond recommends \$520 million to improve potable water quality and reduce drinking water contaminants in disadvantaged communities (this provision the opposition endorses); \$1.495 billion for "competitive grants for multi-benefit ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects;" \$810 million for expenditures, competitive grants, and loans to integrated regional water management plan projects; \$2.7 billion for water storage projects, dams and reservoirs; \$725 million for water recycling and advanced water treatment technology projects; \$900 million for competitive grants and loans for projects to present or clean up contamination of groundwater that serves as sources for drinking water; and \$395 million for statewide flood management projects.

The legislative vote to approve the Water Bond (Cal. AB1471) was 97 percent in the Assembly and 100 percent in the Senate.

For more information, research the voter guide (voterguide.sos.ca.gov), the "Yes" and "No" campaigns online and the Legislative Analyst's projection of cost to taxpayers (\$360 million annually over the next 40 years with savings to local governments related to water projects of a couple of million dollars annually over the next 20 or so years.)

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Is your water meter accurate?

No question, says Idyllwild Water

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

"I'm asking how this could happen? What can we do?" William Walker asked the Idyllwild Water District directors at the Sept. 10 board meeting. He was told his meter recorded a 500-gallon use on just one day. IWD called him Friday, Aug. 29, when he was in San Diego, alerting him to unusual usage. "Something is wrong. I'm worried something is going on," he told the board in September.

Walker is one of several IWD customers who believe their water usage and bills are too high for the actual consumption. Steve Holldber, owner of Idyllwild Heating

and Cooling, had the same complaint to the board at its August meeting.

While Board President Jim Billman expressed concern over these problems and worried, "Maybe we have a batch of meters breaking down," General Manager Tom Lynch assured the board that IWD's meters are fine and working properly.

"There are potential leaks; some are not obvious," he told the board. "Meters usually are in favor of customers; they run slower as they age."

When IWD employees came to Walker's house to investigate, he wrote in his letter to the board, "I was told, 'It must have been you as everything is fine

on [IWD's] end.' I informed them that it was not me as I am very cautious about water use." Walker stressed that when he checked his meter it was not running.

On Monday, Sept. 15, Lynch had a teleconference with Ed Funk, IWD's account manager with Aqua Metric, who will be at the district's Oct. 15 meeting, and Bill Boyd, the district manager for Sensus, the manufacturer of IWD's meters. The Sensus headquarters is in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Boyd stressed that all water meters have to meet standards set by the American Water Works Association. "As they get older, they're definitely less accurate. As they age, there's wear on their tolerance," Boyd said. But he concurred with Lynch that "they record low; they can't



A Sensus water meter is used throughout Idyllwild Water District.
PHOTO BY STEVE ERLER

push more water through the meter."

Idyllwild Water has both non-mechanical and smart meters. Another type of meter, multi-jets, can, on rare occasions, have something jam a jet, which increases the water speed and the meter reading. But Lynch quickly said, "There are no multi-jet meters in our system."

"These problems almost always occur in the sum-

mer when we keep things alive," Boyd said. "A small drip to the naked eye can be minimal, but over 30 days it can be a lot of water."

IWD has had a third party test one of the alleged faulty meters. The analysis indicates that it was at least 97.9 percent accurate. When asked if Sensus tests its meters, Boyd replied, "We recommend that third parties do

the testing. If we reported it fine, there would always be some doubt."

When asked if iron or manganese, which occur in water on the Hill, might cause problems for meters, Boyd replied, "Yes, but manganese and iron can only stick a meter. It slows down; it can't speed up."

If a customer suspects high consumption, Lynch and Boyd recommend that the resident read the meter before leaving the house for the day and then read it when they return. "If there is any usage, they've got a leak," Boyd stated. The next IWD meeting is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, and Lynch has invited Funk to attend in case more customers have questions about their water meters.

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Two seek seat on Fern Valley Water board

Water usage continues to drop

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Three Fern Valley residents offered to fill former Director Ron Korman's seat on the water district's board, last Friday, but before the meeting ended, the choice was narrowed to two. The board agreed to form a committee to recommend a new director. Korman resigned in June.

Gary Parton, Richard Schnetzer and Chad Taylor attended Friday's meeting to indicate their tentative interest in filling the vacant position. After learning that two other people were interested, Parton withdrew from consideration.

"As long as there are good people interested in assuming this responsibility, I'm happy to withdraw," he told the board.

Schnetzer said he and his wife have owned property in the district since 2005 and have been full-time residents since 2012. He has been a teacher administrator and board

member for various school and agencies serving the needs of individuals with disabilities.

Schnetzer offered a summary of his background and the reason why he wants to serve on the FVWD board.

"I've been on many boards; most have to do with education. I've been president of a number of boards," he said. "As a full-time resident, I'm ready to be involved with community service. The water board interests me since water has become the gold of this century."

The third interested person was Taylor, who also attended the August board meeting.

He and his wife moved to Idyllwild from Long Beach. He said he has worked for large corporations and owned his own business. Currently, he is semi-retired.

His experience with large organizations and their red tape helped him develop more efficient work skills for his own

business. Taylor feels he can bring that and his economic background to the board's decisions.

"Next to air, water is our most important substance. It's time to be really agile with water uses," he said.

In his letter to the *See Fern Valley, page 24*



Brickle Environmental oversaw the handling of hazardous materials as Fern Valley Water had Tank no. 5 razed last week.
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For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 9.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 951-659-2844.
- Spanish Class for Home-schoolers, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Engineer-Paramedic Mike Yount Retirement Party, 2-4 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Idyllwild Death Cafe, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
- Idyllwild Contemporary Book Club, 6 p.m. Cafe Aroma, 54750 N. Circle Dr.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Thursday, Sept. 25

- 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. Cross Road 243 Church office, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. 951-659-0097.
- Free warm lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Teen Book Club for Home-schoolers, noon-2 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Ave. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Rosh Hashanah & potluck, 6 p.m. Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.
- Book Club, 7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Friday, Sept. 26

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

Saturday, Sept. 27

- Cactus Springs Trail maintenance, all day. Pinyon. Call Tracy Albrecht, 760-833-7127 or email Talbrecht@blm.gov.
- Rattlesnake Avoidance Training, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call 949-300-3255.
- Bible Study 10:30 a.m. 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, Sept. 28

- Pickle Ball, 8-10 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- Low-cost Vaccination Clinic for Horses, Dogs & Cats, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 949-

300-3255.

- 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, open discussion meeting (open), 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 Sept. 29

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; AA meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; 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, Sept. 30

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; men's meeting (open) 6-7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Virtual Academy High School presentation, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild Master Chorale rehearsal, 7-9 p.m. Idyllwild School music room.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Garner Valley Women's Group, 10:30 a.m. Garner

Valley Common, 61600

- Devil's Ladder Rd.
- Spanish Class for Home-schoolers, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 8:30 a.m. breakfast; 9 a.m. meeting. Mile High Cafe, 29470 Hwy. 243.

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 Hwy. 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, Sept. 16, through Monday, Sept. 22.

Idyllwild

- Sept. 16 — Two medical aids.
- Sept. 18 — Medical aid.
- Sept. 18 — Dispatched and canceled en route.
- Sept. 18 — Rescue.
- Sept. 19 — Rescue.
- Sept. 20 — Three medical aids.
- Sept. 21 — Two medical aids.
- Sept. 22 — Power line down.
- Sept. 22 — Medical aid.

Mountain Center

- Sept. 22 — Cover assignment, standby, move up, highways 243 and 74.

Pine Cove

- Sept. 20 — Medical aid.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Sunday, Sept. 14, through Saturday, Sept. 20.

Idyllwild

- Sept. 14 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 14 — Unknown trouble, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 14 — Alarm call, Cassler Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 14 — 911 call, Strawberry Valley Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 15 — Burglary, 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Report taken.
- Sept. 15 — 911 call, Strawberry Valley Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 16 — 911 call, Maranatha Dr. Report taken.
- Sept. 17 — Alarm call, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 18 — Alarm call, North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 18 — Public disturbance, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 18 — Two 911 calls, Strawberry Valley Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 19 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 19 — Alarm call, Green Oaks Ct. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 19 — Suspicious circumstance, 52000 block of Double View Dr. Report taken.
- Sept. 20 — Public disturbance, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Sept. 18 — Battery, Nestwa Trail. Unfounded.
- Sept. 20 — Suspicious circumstance, Mountain View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 20 — Assist other department, 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows

- Sept. 14 — Noise complaint, Lion Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 15 — Public assist, Hop Patch Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 15 — Public disturbance, Tool Box Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Sept. 14 — 911 call from business, Poppet Flats Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 14 — Battery, Deer Trail. Report taken.
- Sept. 16 — Public disturbance, Deer Trail. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 18 — Check the welfare, Coyote St. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Sept. 20 — Area check, Bonita Vista Rd. Handled by deputy.

Chance to help in forest

The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monument is inviting volunteers to maintain the Cactus Springs Trail in Pinyon on National Public Lands Day, Saturday, Sept. 27.

Raking, clipping vegetation and erosion control are some of the activities involved.

Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and sun protection.

To volunteer, contact Tracy Albrecht at the Bureau of Land Management office in Palm Springs at 760-833-7127 or email Talbrecht@blm.gov.

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On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, Sept. 24

- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 8:30-10 a.m. Town Hall.
- Lenny Hansell, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
- "The Maze Runner," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Sept. 25

- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- "The Maze Runner," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Sept. 26

- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
- "The Maze Runner," 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck, "Patch Adams," 5:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.
- Cash Inferno, 6-10 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- Bill Saitta & Dan Papaila, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Saturday, Sept. 27

- Yu Gi Oh! Club, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "The Maze Runner," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- Kathy Harmon-Luber Artist Reception, "Venice: Whispers," 4-8 p.m. Artspresso Gallery.

- The Reed Brothers, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Sunday, Sept. 28

- "The Maze Runner," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- High Tea & Fashion Show, 4 p.m. Spiritual Living Center.

Monday, Sept. 29

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Storytime, "It's Apple Picking Time," 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
- "The Maze Runner," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

- Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
- Seeds of Cash, noon-3 p.m. Soboba Casino.
- "The Maze Runner," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 8:30-10 a.m. Town Hall.
- "The Maze Runner," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Marshall Hawkins & Paul

Carman, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Thursday, Oct. 2

- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- "The Maze Runner," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Oct. 3

- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
- Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck, "Winters Tale," 5:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.
- Cash Inferno, 6-10 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- HoJo Reynolds, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Saturday, Oct. 4

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

Monday, Oct. 6

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

- Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Octoberfest Beer & Dinner Pairing, 6:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.



SUMMER SEND-OFF: Rhonda Andrewson (center) of Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Company 621 serves Emmiline Norris her burger, which members of the company grilled for Friday's Summer Send-off Barbecue at Idyllwild School. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Alternative high school for locals

Pivot Charter School of Riverside, a tuition-free public school authorized to serve students in Riverside and surrounding counties, is hosting an open house to promote the sixth- to 12th-grade blended learning program. This public charter school uses an interactive online program and provides hands-on and supportive classes as well as tutoring on campus.

The open house is at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 1161 Hidden Valley Parkway Suite 113 in Norco.

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Ghosts and rampaging zombies seed a season of fright

BY MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

"You Can't Escape Your Nightmares" reads the headline on the Idyllwild Ghost Town's website, warning any who attend Kat Wilson's 11th iteration of her month-long fright and fear festival that they will not leave unaffected. Rather, after walking through her haunted house of the unforgiving and undead, visitors may leave injected with recurring nightmare images of ghosts, gore, goblins and blood.

And, of course, it's all for a good cause. Wilson, who applies for all the grants and sponsorships

that fund the animatronic and live (or dead) actor walk-through spectacle, confirmed that once again, all net proceeds go to the Idyllwild School PTA to fund Discovery Education programs for Idyllwild School. PTA President



Prior to the October 2013 Zombie Run, a horde of zombies collected near Ghost Town.

PHOTO BY ROBERT SABIN

Wendy Read said Wilson's ghost town has raised more than \$20,000 during the seven years net profits have come to the PTA. More than 100 actors and crew stage the phantasmagorical production each night.

Although an injury in an inflatable bounce house at the Idyllwild Community Center site during the ghost town run (an attraction sponsored, said Wilson, by the ICC) temporarily threatened continued operation of Idyllwild Ghost Town, Wilson noted that a finding that there was no negligence and meetings with the district school board and Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer acted to green-light continued operation.

The Halloween inaugural event begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3 at the ghost town maze behind the Rustic Theatre and runs each Friday and Saturday through Saturday, Nov. 1. It is usually open until 9 p.m., but Wilson said that if crowds are large it may stay open later. The event has grown in popularity each year, pulling attendees from all over California. Adult tickets are \$7, and for children under 13 they are \$5 and can be bought on the website.

And for the second year, Wilson's fright festival concludes with a zombie parade and zombie run on Saturday, Nov. 1. Starting at 1 p.m. is a "Zombie Call," a parade of grotesques down North Circle, the same zombies that will later, during the Zombie Run, seek to waylay and cannibalize runner participants.

Participant runners will attempt to complete a mile obstacle course circling the ICC site while pursued by ravenous zombies. Each runner will wear three "health" flags, one on each hip and one behind, which zombies, in cold and deathless pursuit, will try to grab. Those who lose all flags are completely infected and although not long for this world, are still allowed to complete the run — if they can. The runner or runners who complete the course with flags intact will win a trophy and prize at a ceremony near Jo'An's Restaurant in the town square.

Cost for runner registration is \$25 and for zombies is \$20 with professional makeup artist application or \$10 with own makeup. (Register at idyllwildzombierun.com.)

Wilson said the run has garnered widespread media attention and, as a result, registrants are planning to come from as far away as the East Coast.

Quick Facts

- WHAT: Idyllwild Ghost Town Maze
- WHERE: Behind the Rustic Theatre
- WHEN: Fri. Oct. 3-Sat. Nov. 1, concluding with a Zombie Run at ICC site

Death Cafe not a spooky subject

BY ELIZABETH MILLER
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

A remarkable new group called Death Cafe has been meeting in Idyllwild for several months now. While the name alone may shake you up, it is anything but disturbing. Here you find a gathering of curious people from wide and far, who meet for two hours over cake and coffee to discuss the only sure thing in life.

Discussions range from the bewilderment of having a loved one die and feeling basically helpless as he or she is whisked away by our funeral system, to what really happens after death, to legalities like health care directives, to Hospice, and to learning all about green burials. Meetings have no agenda and are nondirected. Topics begin spontaneously. Any issue surrounding death and dying is welcome and everything that surfaces is given respectful consideration.

Death Cafe is a worldwide movement catching on like wildfire here in the States, revolving around a subject that is quite taboo. We have forgotten that our ancestors had a cultural map on how to graciously experience death. Family and community support came right into the parlor when grandpa or mother died. In many households it went without question that they would remain at home for a few days before burial.

This simple act gave relatives and friends time to become accustomed to their passing. All day and night food and drink arrived, tears and laughter poured freely, with the result that the bereaved were spared what is increasing found today — complicated and prolonged grief. As writer Teri Uktena says, death has become "like an amputation which we are too shocked to deal with."

The kind of support our ancestors enjoyed has almost completely dissolved with the advent of the modern funeral industry, emergency services and hospitalization. Once we accepted medicalization of childbirth, back in the '30s and '40s, the larger prescription had already been written. More money could be made if we tossed dying into these industries as well. And the general public has become deprived of our once-intimate participation in the ultimate culmination of our loved one's life.

Death Cafe meets twice a month in Idyllwild at Spirit

Mountain Retreat, usually on the fourth Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. In November and December, they will fall on the third week due to holidays.

All are welcome. Because of the close nature of this group the number of participants caps at 12 per meeting. This gives each person many opportunities to share words of experience, wisdom, concern, philosophy and humor — gallows or otherwise.

To reserve your place, contact Mary Morse at Spirit Mountain Retreat at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org, or Death Cafe Facilitator Francoise Frigola at 951-659-4146 or francoise@greencafe.com.



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Above, the Idyllwild School Volleyball team played against St. John's Lutheran School from Hemet Monday afternoon at Idyllwild School. Idyllwild School prevailed and walked away with the win.

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At right, **Emma Klingaman** of Idyllwild is a sophomore on the Lees McRae College, North Carolina Cross Country cycling team. She has two second-place finishes in her last two races. The season ends in December.

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★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★

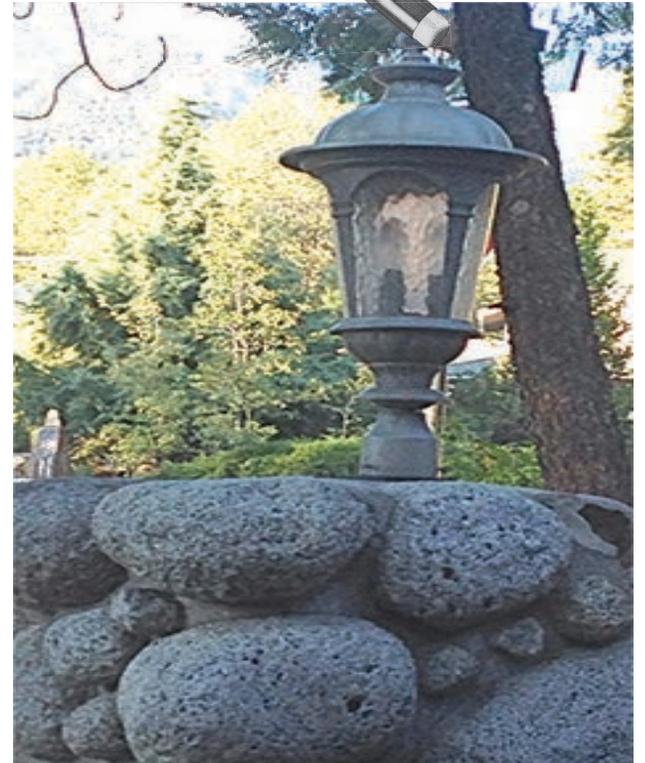


From left, sisters **Brina Henry**, fifth grade, and **Nadia Henry**, second grade, were chosen as Idyllwild School students of the week by Cafeteria Manager **Sonya Dravenstatt** for being so thoughtful and having such good manners in the lunch line.

PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK

So You Think You Know the Hill?

By JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE



Nine folk had correct entries last week, identifying the chimney of the BBVA Compass Bank on Ridgeview Drive. So **Maury Bousquet, David Curl, Shirley Kribs, Kathy Nielson, Dorothy Silliman, the Jeff and Yvonne Smith family, Terri Smith, "Keiser Söze" (!), and the Josh and Emily White family** all had their names go into a hat, and **Dolores Sizer** drew out Curl's name ... again. Please come by the Town Crier and pick up your gift card worth two adult tickets to **Shane Stewart's Rustic Theatre**. OK, try identifying this week's exact spot. I hope I made it harder, and maybe more fun for you.

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.



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Ca d'Oro Beauty in Blue by Kathy Harmon-Luber.

'Venice: Whispers' exhibit at Artspresso Gallery

Idyllwild resident Kathy Harmon-Luber is exhibiting her photography "Venice: Whispers" at Artspresso Art Gallery from September through November. Artspresso is hosting a reception from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27.

Of this new work, Kathy said, "Long before I ever visited Italy — in fact, from the time I was a young child of 5 or 6 — looking at encyclopedia photographs, Venice enchanted me. With every visit, the enchantment grows: The ancient architecture ... the gaze of regal, winged lions ... enigmatic windows through which, at twilight, the golden light of chandeliers reaches down to the water to dance and play ... the mysterious voices carried on the breeze ... haunting echoes of Albinoni waft along the canals ... the furtive whispers of palazzos and chiesa ... Oh, how Venezia whispers to me.

"As a weeklong holiday to Venice in 2011 drew to a close, the seed of an idea for this portfolio of photographs "Venice: Whispers" began to take root in my mind. Since then, I yearned to go back and capture these 'whispers.'

"In May 2014, I spent 12 glorious and transformative days bringing to life this new body of work. Every image is created in the camera, in natural light, without filters or digital enhancement. They are double exposures of Venice scenes, with a whisper of another image ... musical scores, handwriting, brocade patterns, flora and fauna, and more. When paired, they begin to tell a story ... in a whisper ... of the captivating Serenissima, Venice."

Visit Kathy's online gallery at www.KathyHarmonLuber.com.



Author **Diane Noble** (left) signs her newest book after she spoke Saturday afternoon at the Idyllwild Library. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Gina Genis signs Volume 2 of "Everybody and Their Mother," environmental portraits of Idyllwild people, at Cafe Aroma Saturday afternoon. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Calling all singers

The 38th season of the Idyllwild Master Chorale has begun and singers interested in auditioning may contact Conductor Dwight Holmes at IdyllwildMasterchorale@yahoo.com, www.idyllwildmasterchorale.com, Idyllwild Master Chorale on Facebook or 951-659-2650.

The holiday concert season culminates with performances on Dec. 20 and 21.

Once again, IMC will team with with the Art Alliance of Idyllwild in the Idyllwild School gym.

IMC's first rehearsal is from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, with subsequent rehearsals on each Tuesday through Dec. 16 and then a final one on Friday, Dec. 19, all in the Idyllwild School music room.

The concert features a classical, pops and jazz/contemporary section. Special guest artists include John Fleming, Amy Fogerson, Sherry Williams, Jon Rodby, the Marshall Hawkins Quartet and others, to be announced shortly.

Health care for local uninsured

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

The next event is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8.

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

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

For more information, call 951-486-5765.



Edwin Hansen (left), the new president of Friends of the Idyllwild Library, sits next to **Adele Voell**, his predecessor as president. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Virtual high school presentation

Lisa Westcott, a local home-school education liaison, will present an introduction to the California Virtual Academy High School program from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Idyllwild Library.

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Michael Madrigal leads the ceremony celebrating the Autumnal Equinox in the gardens of Spirit Mountain Retreat. Among the crowd of Idyllwild locals was the featured choral local group Local Color (sitting).

PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



Isis Theatre Company gathers a sold-out crowd for the fundraiser for the stage company held at **Erin O'Neil's** home last Friday.

PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



Kelli Way and **Kami Blake** exchange a hug during the first ICC Speaker Series event this year. On Thursday evening, they shared their separate views on the Israeli and Palestinian issues at Silver Pines Lodge.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Tram re-opens after upgrades

The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway re-opened as scheduled last Saturday after its annual two-week maintenance shutdown. The first tram up was at 8 a.m., the last tram up at 8 p.m., and the last tram down at 9:45 p.m. Trams leave at least every 30 minutes on the hour and half-hour.

Maintenance projects this year included exchanging a tram car's carriage (done every six years); load testing; emergency system testing; and cleaning, refurbishing and paint-

ing various locations throughout the Valley and Mountain stations. Also, three existing parking lots were resurfaced and striped.

Tramway Executive Vice President Jim Whitmore said, "In the coming months and years, our patrons are going to be pleasantly surprised with the number of improvements and additions here at the tram. These three parking lots alone will give our patrons 263 easy-to-navigate parking spaces for our upcoming (busy) holiday season."



Bill and Gillien Gianakos of Idyllwild taking a break at a Cubs game, while in Chicago spreading the word of Idyllwild pizza vs. Chicago pizza, "where we did more than our fair share of food tasting and always taking our Town Crier wherever we went," they wrote.

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If you haven't already done so, meet Trine Bietz

BY RICHARD BARKER
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Trine Bietz, one of Idyllwild's premier holistic healers and artists, has had an eventful summer. In June, she opened a shop where she offers a variety of holistic approaches, while simultaneously showcasing her artworks, which line the walls. On Sept. 15, the San Jacinto Mountain Community Center Board of Directors elected Trine to their ranks, recognizing in her the ideal candidate to represent the artistic, as well as the holistic, community.

The essential idea underlying holism is that it is better to address the whole person (physical, mental and spiritual) than to address just the malady. From humble beginnings as a fringe practice, holism has grown over the last few decades into a widely accepted alternative to traditional Western medicine, largely in part to advancements in neuroscience that have scientifically proven many holistic claims, such as the existence of the energy flow known in Eastern healing as Qi (or Chi).

"My goal is to create a supremely safe, nurturing environment for personal growth that is approachable to everyone. I am a student myself, and always will be. Listening, changing, willing, teachable ..."

Trine is probably best known for her yoga classes she holds four times a week at Town Hall, but her two decades of studying, practicing and teaching yoga are but the tip of the iceberg of her dedication to learning and incorporating all the varieties of holistic healing. In addition to being certified in hatha yoga under Erich Schiffmann, Trine has been a Reiki master since 1998, received certification in Thai Massage in 2002, studied extensively for a year with the Zen master Mushashi Teksukoba, completed a Tibetan Sound Bowl Therapy program in 2004, studied the Alexander Technique in 2005 (in the Caribbean), was certified in Pranic Healing in 2006, completed the entire course at the Optimum Health Institute in 2010, and has been practicing Art Therapy with children since 2003. Her resume is all the more impressive considering she is only 35.

But if you are thinking that her world-class education in this esoteric field must render her profound understanding of it incomprehensible to a layperson, then you obviously do not know Trine. Her greatest strength as a teacher and practitioner lies in her gift of being able to explain lofty and nearly ineffable concepts in everyday language that makes sense even to beginners.

An example of this is a lesson she taught in a recent yoga class, where she described the accumulation of traumatic memories in these terms:

"Your experiences — especially any traumatic experiences that have not been fully processed — leave you with a distorted perception of the world. Your nervous system gets loaded with traumatic cellular impressions that manifest as beliefs about the world and your place in it. Over time, you continue to add to the ever-growing pile, as if you are adding yet another pancake to an already towering stack, until that stack becomes an obstacle to experiencing reality in a fully direct manner, in the here and now.

"Undigested trauma keeps the human spirit in

bondage. Breath work and simple, yet mindful, movement — both of which are provided by yoga — are tools that can help you discard unwanted pancakes. And always discard pancakes from the bottom of the stack, for the oldest ones are the ones most likely to have become self-limiting beliefs that are hindering your spiritual evolution."

This is pretty heady stuff, very difficult to put into words, but Trine has a knack of explaining such things in a down-to-earth and even lighthearted way; when she spoke of discarding pancakes, she made a Frisbee-throwing motion. And the fact that she utilizes physical metaphors (like "pancakes" and "undigested") is fully in sync with holism, as versus the Western compartmentalization of mind, body, and spirit.

When describing the process of diving into your own depths to clear out undigested traumas, another metaphor she uses is spelunking. "To open up the darkest recesses of your mind, be mindful of your breathing. Your breathing becomes a flashlight; focus your attention on it and aim it where you want to go, and the body follows," she said.

Trine has succeeded in avoiding a trap that often ensnares even the most spiritually enlightened: she is ever mindful to transcend the polarizing role of "master" or "teacher" or "healer." "If I am a healer, that implies that you are sick or in need of repair. And I don't teach yoga, I simply share what I am practicing," she said. "My goal is to create a supremely safe, nurturing environment for personal growth that is approachable to everyone. I am a student myself, and always will be. Listening, changing, willing, teachable — I do my best to adhere to these principles every day."

The schedule of her yoga classes can be found in the Town Crier's "On the Town" calendar. Visit her shop in Oakwood Village, where she offers a variety of holistic approaches, including one of her own creation called "Original Circuitry Reboot," which she describes as "applying the zero point field and the awesome possibilities of quantum physics into the healing arts."



Trine Bietz

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Terri French is letting it shine

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Let it Shine, an inspirational gift shop with a Christian flair, was opened by Terri French in Idyllwild on March 6, 2014. French had moved to Idyllwild from the Carlsbad area in search of a new direction for her life. "I had visited up here a few times and I love having four seasons and the people were just so nice. I didn't know a soul, but whenever I came up everybody was just really nice," she said with a smile. "I kind of came up a few times just to test the water and then I decided, 'You know what, I'm going to do this. I'm going to put my house on the market and move up there,' and I did. My house sold the first day for more than I was asking so I know God wanted me to come up here."

French was born in Seattle but grew up "all over. My family moved around quite a bit. I probably had attended 12 schools by the 12th grade," she said. Most of her relocations were in the Southern California area, specifically San Diego. French's Mom, while not an artist herself, encouraged her young daughter. "She bought me an art set that started me down that path. So between getting encouraged by teachers in art class and my Mom, I started getting interested in art that way." After high school, she took college courses and worked with teachers who taught specific media. "In San Diego, there was an art school downtown. It's not there now, but it was called the Lela Harty School of Art, so I took oil classes there and I took pastel classes from a person who specialized in pastels," she said. "Then I took watercolor classes at Grossmont College and also commercial art. I never really took acrylic classes, which is what I work with now."

Prior to relocating to Idyllwild, French had her own art studio in La Mesa, French's Art Studio, for 10 years where she worked mostly with children. "I did a lot of charter schools; I did some work at schools teaching art classes when they



Artist **Terri French** displays her watercolor that won an award from the San Diego Watercolor Society. French relocated to Idyllwild from Carlsbad and opened her gift shop, *Let it Shine*, in March of this year. In addition to her own work, French displays the work of several local artists.

PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK

didn't have an art teacher or teaching specific projects," French recalled. She was also very active in the art community. "I participated in a lot of shows, a lot of gallery shows; I belonged to the Watercolor Society in San Diego, the Pastel Society, the La Jolla Art Society, I did shows in La Jolla," French said. "I did a bunch of different shows and I had [my art] work in a gallery in Yorba Linda for a while and in Mammoth until that gallery went out of business."

After her divorce in 2003/04, French decided it was time for a change and she began working with severely handicapped children at the middle-school level. French found the work incredibly rewarding but after eight years and several injuries on the job, she decided to make a change. Idyllwild was that change.

A chance meeting between French's sister and a man from the Idyllwild Bible Church proved life-changing. "My sister works at a mechanic [shop] in Escondido and a man came into her shop. His name was Tony Massa, and he [told] her he was from Idyllwild," French recalled. "She said, 'My sister Terri is about to [move] up there.' and he said, 'If she needs any help moving in, have her email the Idyllwild Bible Church. They'll come and help her.'" As it turned

out, the weather forced a change of plans that prevented her friends from helping, so French emailed the church and they sent people over who unloaded the entire Pod for her. "It was amazing, amazing, amazing," French said.

Let it Shine is filled with work from a variety of artists, including Donna Elliot, Neil Jenkins, Scott Finnell, Carol Slocum, Trudy Lamp and Kat Orlando. An award-winning painting by French also is on display. "A lot of the time, I don't take

any profit for [displaying the artists' work] because I just want them to have exposure. It's really hard for artists to get exposure," French said passionately.

Currently, French's rock art is taking up most of her time, which was not exactly what she had planned. "My original intention was to come up here, have an art studio and paint canvases," she explained. "But I was showing a neighbor some rock portraits I did for friends of their pets, and she [said], 'You should do

one of [Mayor Max] and put it in your store; people will come and see it.'" According to French, the response was immediate. "It was like boom, crazy, and everybody wanted one and it has just been going from there." French also takes special orders. "People can either give me photos or they can [send me an] email or text," she said. "I sure enjoy it; it's a lot of fun." French's work is remarkable; from photo to rock, it is difficult to discern any difference from the original photo she works from. According to French, the personalized pet rocks are a very popular item.

A recent burglary at her shop, however, deeply saddened French. "It kind of sunk in after a little while and I was just really sad. I wasn't quite sure why but I thought, 'What kind of person, what kind of life do you have to have to go around and do that to people?'" she lamented. "We are such a great community and it's just so sad. I just felt terrible about it." An outpouring of support from the community proved to be a blessing to French who said, "I can't even tell you how fortunate I feel. I was a little sad about it and now I'm just so full of joy. There is this great verse [that] says, 'Do not repay evil for evil or insult for insult but with

blessings because to this you are called so that you can inherit a blessing.' It gives me goose bumps now because it is so true in life. When you keep that cycle of violence and evil and all of those things going it just perpetuates more. I think it's really important that we, especially in this community where we have a little bit of control, keep an eye out for each other, pray for each other, [and] support each other."

Today, joy and happiness fill French's life and she credits the Idyllwild Bible Church with her changed perspective. "I have only been a Christian for a few years. [Being a Christian] has allowed me to learn and get a lot of peace and joy and just pure family love from these people," she exclaimed. "People up here, they are genuine; they're supportive, they're loving and they are kind. It's a very charitable church. I don't know if I would love Idyllwild as much if they weren't here ... I don't have any family [in Idyllwild]. All of my family is in San Diego, so they are my family."

Let it Shine is located at 54425 N. Circle Dr., Suite 8, in Oakwood Village.

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CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH



Three little kittens have lost their mittens and they began to cry. "Oh, Mother dear, we sadly fear, our mittens we have lost."



Mama **Lizzie**, a kitten herself, replied, "Oh, do not fear, for we are at ARF, and our mittens and a home we will surely find." Lizzie and her babies were left on the ARF porch one morning. Mama is about 1, and the babies are about 5 months old. **Poppy** is a black male, **Meatball** is a black female and **Tigger** is a male tiger-stripe. Please open your heart and home.



This young guy is absolutely ready for some snow.

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65 years ago - 1949
The Lucks, who manned the community telephone switchboard, figured the average number of calls serviced daily during the summer was 1,800.

60 years ago - 1954
The Idyllwild School term opened with 166 pupils, a 20-percent increase over the previous year.

55 years ago - 1959
Bow and arrow expert Frank Gorzny was the only archer to get a deer during the 10-day season.

50 years ago - 1964
The Palm Springs Tramway celebrated its first year of operation by dropping fares to \$1. More than 13,000 riders in three days took advantage of the deal.

45 years ago - 1969
The Izaak Walton League was seeking community-wide support for its "America's Cleanest Forest" program.

40 years ago - 1974
The third-annual Idyllwild Bluegrass Invitational was held at Town Hall.

35 years ago - 1979
Among the new teachers at Idyllwild School was Vic Scavarda, the new music specialist.

30 years ago - 1984
After year-long negotiations, the Idyllwild Arts Foundation and the University of Southern California worked out the final details to complete the separation of ISOMATA from USC.

25 years ago - 1989
Parents of Idyllwild Elementary School students were asked to make recommendations to the Hemet Unified School District board about whether their children should



World War I veterans honored at an American Legion Post 800 dinner in March 1974 were (from left) O.L. McPherson, W.F. Keith, Dwight Metcalfe and George Fales.

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remain at the school for sixth to eighth grades or be bussed to Hemet.

20 years ago - 1994
Virginia and Bob Gray, owners of Gray's Photo & News Store, announced that they were retiring. They had owned and operated the store for 54 years.

15 years ago - 1999
Wendy Skean of Garner Valley came in first for the female-solo category of the 24-Hours of Adrenalin bike race held at Hurkey Creek. She completed 11 laps in 24 hours, equivalent to 110 miles.

10 years ago - 2004
Riverside County's Economic Development Agency was soliciting proposals to use the logs and wood remaining from the many dead and dying trees that had been cut down on the Hill.

5 years ago - 2009
Valley Health System directors approved a tentative agreement with the local physicians' group — Physicians for Healthy Hospitals — to purchase the hospital district that includes Hemet Valley and Menifee Valley medical centers.

1 year ago - 2013
The San Jacinto Mountain Community Center board shared its plans for the Idyllwild Community Center site and the next steps, which would result in groundbreaking within 12 to 18 months.



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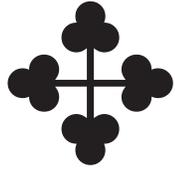
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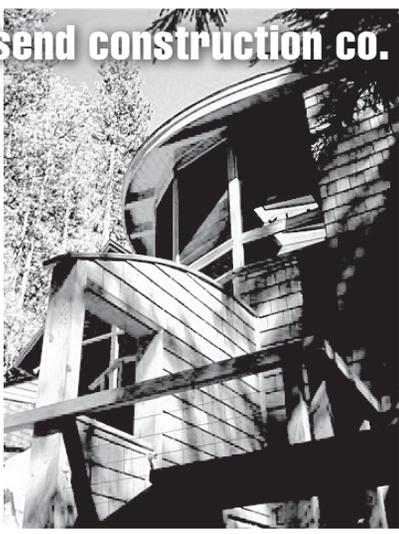
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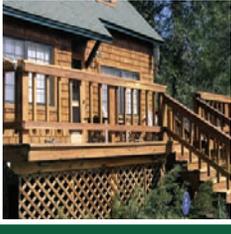
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Answers to Sudoku
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
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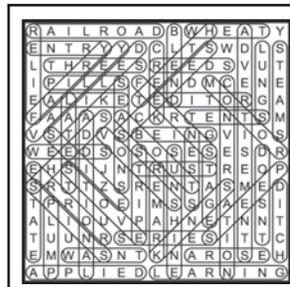
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Answers to Word Search (Puzzle on previous page)

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Difficulty: Very Hard

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as ELAN, 72895 Pitahaya St. Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County. Shelby Marie Tinney 92895 Pitahaya St. Palm Desert CA 92260.

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

Signed: SHELBY TINNEY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Aug. 13, 2014.

FILE NO.: I-2014-02102

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON AUG. 13, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-

MENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO AUG. 13, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). CERTIFICATION

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LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: S. Romero, Deputy

Pub. TC: Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD HYPNOTHERAPY, PEACEFUL PASSAGES, 25160 Cedar Street, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 4369, Idyllwild, CA 92549, ELIZABETH ---- MILLER, 25160 Cedar Street, Idyllwild, CA 92549, LEON MCNEILL BELL, 25160 Cedar Street, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

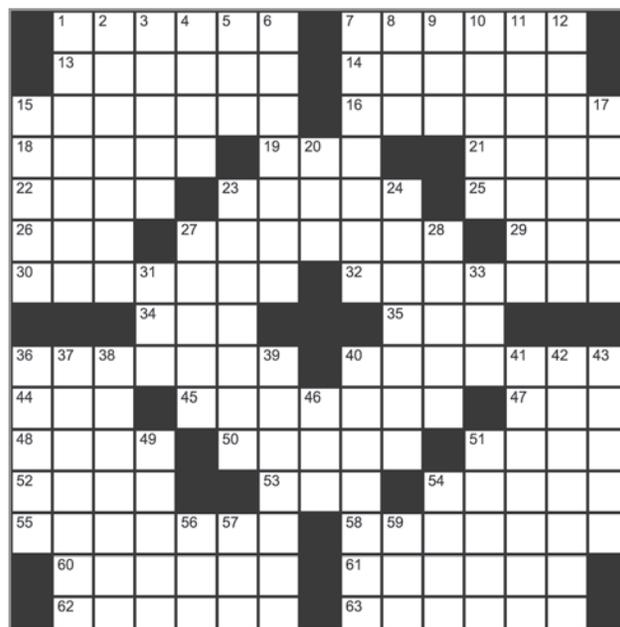
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed: ELIZABETH ---- MILLER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Bouquets
- Prejudices
- Emissary
- Cause of hereditary variation
- Spruce up
- Power tools for smoothing wood
- "Unforgettable" singers
- Decide to leave, with "out"
- Arch type
- Cuckoos
- Pigtail, e.g.
- Bluster
- Affranchise
- Fixed
- After expenses
- Aridity
- Baton wielder
- Appropriate
- Charge
- Sack
- ___ Island, TV show

- Backstabber
- Vine-supporting latticework
- "So ___ me!"
- ___ acid, a product of protein metabolism
- Lieu
- "Empedocles on ___" (Matthew Arnold poem)
- Data
- Sylvester, to Tweety
- Ishmael's people
- Collapse
- Some theater
- Farmer, at times
- Sacred Zoroastrian writings
- Fitting room endeavors
- Cash in DOWN
- One who distributes

- That which exists
- Baddies
- Foot pads
- Absorbed, as a cost
- Married women (Spanish)
- Christian rite involving water
- Down with the flu
- ___ king, food (2 wds)
- Man of La Mancha
- Chic
- More tranquil
- Almost boil
- Begin
- Crash site?
- Rouses to action
- Hearing impairment device (2 wds)
- Cache
- Parenting challenges

- 40 winks
- Undertake, with "out"
- Ancient Celtic priest
- Heartfelt
- More rigid
- A through Z
- Freight car without sides or roof (2 wds)
- Ancient fertility goddess
- Ray of sunlight
- Bakery supply
- Grassland
- England Dan and John Ford ___ singing duo
- Clear, as a disk
- Lying, maybe
- "Much ___ About Nothing"
- Big ___ Conference
- "___ Maria"

HOROSCOPES

September 2014 — Week 4



March 21 – April 19

Worries compound at the office, and it turns out to be all for naught. Celebrate with a trip to an out-of-the-way place. A cause is worth fighting for, Aries.



April 20 – May 20

Come on, Taurus. Take the leap. You will profit. A change in venue proves better all around. A young friend makes an offer out of this world.



May 21 – June 21

Psst, Gemini. A little kindness will go a long way toward opening a door. A check of the finances reveals that you are close to meeting a goal.



June 22 – July 22

Relationships come and go, but this one is worth saving, Cancer. A megawatt smile brightens your week and clues you in to a situation.



July 23– August 22

Your moment in the sun comes to an end, but lucky for you, Leo, there is another one around the corner. A health problem is resolved.



August 23– September 22

Persistence pays off, Virgo. Don't give up no matter what the feedback. The idea is good. It just needs some work. A project concludes.



September 23– October 22

Step on it, Libra. Time is of the essence. A family member changes direction midstream. Keep your reservations to yourself. It is the right move.



October 23– November 21

This week is all about enjoying the fruits of your labor. There are lunches, games and more. Don't miss out, Scorpio. Attend every function.



November 22– December 21

Ask once, ask twice, ask thrice, and you will finally get it, Sagittarius. Painstaking efforts to restore a piece begin to take a toll on a loved one. Help them out.



December 22 – January 19

Love blossoms and many kind words are exchanged. A heated debate at work proves the need for regular meetings. Be the first to suggest it, Capricorn.



January 20 – February 18

Rumors fly this week. Pay them no heed, Aquarius. The truth will be revealed soon. A friend invites you on an outing. Say yes. You will have fun.



February 19 – March 20

Tsk-tsk, Pisces. You can't have your cake and eat it too, not in this instance. Complaints stack up at home. Take them seriously. There is an easy fix.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Budget

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Indio jail. In addition, the Sheriff's Department will need to replace its helicopter fleet and the sheriff wants to rebuild the Gang Task Force, too.

Last year, one of the major demands on the county's budget resource was the Riverside County Regional Medical Center. Its deficit was more than \$40 million, but new management has increased

revenues, cut costs and projected a balanced budget for 2014-15.

"Fourteen months ago, this board and Mr. Orr determined our hospital was in financial distress. Cash losses were \$1 million per week," said Lowell Johnson, interim CEO of the Medical Center. "We have made improvements and the 2014-15 budget is balanced."

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

State encourages voter registration

California Secretary of State Debra Bowen is encouraging all businesses, nonprofit organizations, community groups and every other Californian to promote voter registration with their own creative outreach events during a specially designated week, Sunday to Saturday, Sept. 21 to 27. California Voter Registration Week includes National Voter Registration Day, which is Sept. 24.

Visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-in-california for nonpartisan outreach tools. More information about National Voter Registration Day is at www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org.

"Voting gives eligible Californians the opportunity to help shape laws and choose their representatives in government," said Bowen, California's chief elections official. "Online or

on paper, registering to vote takes just five minutes."

Californians can fill out a voter registration application online at RegisterToVote.ca.gov. The state application is also available on paper at many post offices, public libraries, California Department of Motor Vehicles offices and other government offices. Eligible Californians have until Monday, Oct. 20 to register to vote for the Tuesday, Nov. 4 election.

Free community healing offered

Christina Nordella offers free, 15-minute healing sessions from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church.

The next date is Oct. 7.

She is a 15-year Jin Shin Jyutsu practitioner, Reiki master and Shaman.

The sessions are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Legals

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Riverside County on Sept. 5, 2014.
FILE NO.: R-2014-08629

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON SEPT. 5, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO SEPT. 5, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: T. Vargas, Deputy
Pub. TC: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2014.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name RUSTIC THEATRE, THE RUSTIC THEATRE, 54290 N. Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County, has been abandoned by the following person: CANYON FALLS PRODUCTIONS LLC, 53310 Meadow Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 04/17/2013.

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

Signed:
PHILIP R. CALDERONE
President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sep. 05, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2013-04094

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: L.M. Sibley, Deputy
Pub. TC: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as THE RUSTIC THEATRE, RUSTIC THEATRE, 54290 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549, RIDGEWAY VISION INC, 54295 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, A California Corporation

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on July 11, 2014.

Signed:
SHANE THOMAS STEWART
President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 12, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-08856

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON SEPT. 12, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO SEPT. 12, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: T. Brimmer, Deputy
Pub. TC: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2014.

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: N. Garrett, Deputy
Pub. TC: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as TOWN REAL ESTATE - IDYLLWILD, 54710 North Circle Drive #3, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 3342, Idyllwild, CA 92549, RICHARD THOMAS MARTINEZ JR, 53155 Double View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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

Signed:
RICHARD THOMAS MARTINEZ JR
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 12, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-08873

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: N. Garrett, Deputy
Pub. TC: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MAGIC AUTO SALES, 83957 Indio Blvd, Indio, CA 92201, Riverside County. GABRIEL M PIMENTEL, 3625 El Camino Dr., San Bernardino, CA 92404.

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

Signed:
GABRIEL M PIMENTEL
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 4, 2014.

FILE NO.: I-2014-02272

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: T. Brimmer, Deputy
Pub. TC: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CURT'S ELECTRIC, 72-440 Brushwood Dr. Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County. CURTIS ALLEN BILYEU, 72-440 Brushwood Dr. Palm Desert CA 92260.

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

Signed:
CURTIS BILYEU
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 9, 2014.

FILE NO.: I-2014-02297

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: T. Brimmer, Deputy
Pub. TC: Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as YOUR JAM STRAIGHT, 27237 Meridian St, Hemet, CA. 92544, Riverside County. LINDA MARIE HIGGINS, 27237 Meridian St, Hemet Ca 92544.

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

Signed:
LINDA HIGGINS
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 09/12/2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-08888

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON SEPT. 12, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO SEPT. 12, 2019. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: N. Garrett, Deputy
Pub. TC: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as WLP CONSULTANTS, 54040 County Park Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 4451, Idyllwild, CA 92549. D. PAPAULA INC., 54040 County Park Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, A California Corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 06/30/2009.

Signed:
DAWN ELLEN PAPAULA
President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 12, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-08889

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: N. Garrett, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD JERKY, 54282 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: 38180 Del Webb Blvd #33, Palm Desert, CA 92211, JAMES HENRY FULCHER, 35939 Palomino Way, Palm Desert CA 92211, SANDRA LYNN FULCHER, 35939 Palomino Way, Palm Desert CA 92211.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above August 1, 2014.

Signed:
JAMES HENRY FULCHER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 15, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-08940

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CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: A. Acevedo, Deputy
Pub. TC: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as GREGOIRE COMBATIVES, 56461 Hwy 371 #A, Anza, CA 92539, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 390210 Anza, CA 92539. STEVEN RICHARD GREGOIRE, 39300 Contreras Road, Anza, CA 92539.

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

Signed:
STEVEN RICHARD GREGOIRE
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 17, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-09038

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: T. Vargas, Deputy
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RIC 1408909
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., Riverside, CA 92501

PETITION OF JESSICA OLEA. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: JESSICA OLEA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: JESSICA OLEA changed to Proposed name: JETZALI JIA OLEA .

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: 10/29/14 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 2.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: 09/15/14

SHARON J WATERS
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 2014.

SCOPING NOTICE
MOUNTAIN FIRE REFORESTATION 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 reforest approximately 313 acres of National Forest System Lands in portions of the burn footprint of the 2013 Mountain Fire (Proposed Action).

The Proposed Action would establish appropriate forest cover on wildfire-affected forested lands containing a species mix representative of pre-fire conditions. Native trees grown from local seed stock would be used for planting.

The Responsible Official is Arturo Delgado, District Ranger; the NEPA process is being administered by the San Jacinto Ranger District. Please send written comments in e-mail text or in readable format (.doc, .pdf, .txt, .rtf) to: comments-pacificsouthwest-sanbernardino-san-jacinto@fs.fed.us, with "Scoping - Reforestation 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 October 17, 2014.
Pub. TC: Sept. 25, 2014.



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California confirms Enterovirus D68

But no cases in Riverside County

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On Sept. 18, the California Department of Public Health confirmed four enterovirus D68 (EV-D68) cases. At that time, three patients lived in San Diego County and one in Ventura County. From mid-August to Sept. 19, a total of 160 people, none of whom are

adults, from 22 states were confirmed to have respiratory illness caused by EV-D68.

Dr. Ron Chapman, CDPH director and state health officer, confirmed that these are the first cases in California in 2014. There are other specimens from throughout the state being tested at CDPH labs. Enteroviruses are quite

common, causing between 10 and 15 million infections each year, but this particular strain has not appeared very often since it was first isolated in California in 1962.

"We are not surprised to find EV-D68 causing some illnesses in California given the apparent widespread nature of this virus in other parts of the country," Chapman said in the CDPH press release. More cases are anticipated in the coming weeks.

The federal Center for

Disease Control expects that the number of infections is going to drop later in the year. Most enterovirus infections in the U.S. occur in the summer and fall, so these infections are coming at a typical time for enteroviruses, Anne Schuchat, director of CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, told reporters in a Sept. 8 teleconference.

EV-D68, a rare viral strain, causes respiratory illness and the virus like-

The best way to prevent transmission of enteroviruses is to:

- wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after changing diapers;
- avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- avoid kissing, hugging and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick;
- disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.

ly spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs, sneezes or touches contaminated surfaces.

"It's not a new strain. It's the same, based on the sequencing results we have, as EV-D68 strains identified in the United States last year and in previous specimens from other countries. So this isn't a new virus," Schuchat said.

Symptoms of EV-D68 include fever (although fever may not be present), runny nose, sneezing, cough, and body and muscle aches. Some children have more serious illness with breathing difficulty and wheezing, particularly children with a history of asthma.

Parents should seek medical attention immedi-

ately for children who are having any breathing difficulty (wheezing, difficulty speaking or eating, belly pulling in with breaths, blueness around the lips), particularly if the child suffers from asthma.

There is no specific treatment for persons with EV-D68, nor is there a vaccine to prevent it. However, everyone 6 months of age and older should receive an influenza vaccine every year to protect themselves against that important cause of respiratory disease.

More information about EV-D68 may be found on the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/about/ev-d68.html.

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Medicare open enrollment period starts Oct. 15

From Oct. 15 to Dec. 7, everyone with health coverage through Medicare can change their Medicare health plan and prescription drug coverage for 2015.

Health needs change from year to year. And, health plans may change their benefits and costs each year, too. That's why it's important to review Medicare choices each fall.

Individuals should compare their current plan to new options and see if lower costs are available or to find a plan that better suits current needs. Visit Medicare.gov/find-a-plan to compare current coverage with all the options available in your area, and enroll in a new plan if a decision to make a change is chosen.

Whether one has enrolled in Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage plan, the same benefits and security are still there. Certain preventive benefits — including cancer screenings

If a person is satisfied that the current plan will meet their needs for next year, nothing needs to be done.

— are available at no cost when provided by qualified and participating health professionals. The annual wellness visit lets someone sit down with their doctor and discuss health-care needs and the best ways to stay healthy.

In 2015, if you reach the "donut hole" in Medicare's prescription drug benefit, a 55-percent discount on covered brand-name drugs is available, as well as increased savings on generic drugs.

Open Enrollment is the one time of year when all people with Medicare can see what new benefits Medicare has to offer and make changes to their coverage. If a person is satisfied that the current plan will meet their needs for next year, nothing needs to be done.

Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24-hours a day/seven days a week to find out more about your coverage options. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.

Review the Medicare & You 2015 handbook. It's mailed to people with Medicare in September.

If you have limited in-

come and resources, you may be able to get extra help paying your prescription drug coverage costs. For more information, visit socialsecurity.gov/i1020 or call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778.

Get one-on-one help from your State Health Insurance Assistance Program. Visit Medicare.gov/contacts or call 1-800-MEDICARE to get the phone number.

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Arsonist

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the second significant arson case win for Riverside County in recent years, according to Williams. His unit was also responsible for identifying and aiding the prosecution of Richard Oyler, convicted of starting multiple fires, including the October 2006 Esparanza Fire, where five U.S. Forest Service firefighters died.

"Between Oyler and Rutherford, there was quite a bit of similarity," Williams added. "But there was no connection. They didn't know each other. But for us it was déjà vu."

Rutherford was arrested in June 2013, but Williams said he came to his unit's attention as early as September 2012. "We started to build intelligence on him, as much as we could," he said. It took time and intense effort because Rutherford had moved to Beaumont from Orange County. "We had to network with other law enforcement agencies,"

Williams added.

Also during 2012, only one fire was attributed to Rutherford. This also slowed the investigation. But in 2013, the fires along Highway 243 began and he was a primary suspect.

As they accumulated evidence, the investigators identified Rutherford as the arsonist. The day he was arrested was also the day he started his last fire, the Mill Creek Fire in San Bernardino County.

"Arson investigation is hard work and Amy works very hard," Williams confirmed. "There are a lot of sleepless nights, especially pretrial concerns. And we don't walk away once the case goes to the DA."

Arson is a very serious crime in this area, especially because of the terrain, the weather and now the drought, Williams stated and added, "I'm very happy with the result of this case. We were very determined not to have another Esparanza Fire."

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Fern Valley

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board, Taylor wrote, "All aspects [of the water district] are important: capture, storage, delivery, future concerns, costs and a goal of providing our customers with FVWD goals and how they are an important part of reaching those goals."

Board President Robert Krieger joined the meeting via telephone and suggested the committee, composed of Directors Trisha Clark and Charlie Wix, develop a recommendation for Korman's replacement for the October or November meeting. Board Vice President James Rees conducted the meeting in Krieger's absence. After each person spoke, he said, "I think both are very qualified and we'll have a tough decision to make."

The board also approved the audit, which the accounting firm of Teaman, Ramirez and Smith prepared.

In water business, General Manager Steve Erler reported that for the first eight months of 2014, Fern Valley custom-

ers have used 23 million gallons of water, which is 4 million gallons (or more than 20 percent) less than the same period last year.

This is the lowest water usage for this period in more than 12 years.

"Fern Valley constituents are doing their part conserving water, but it did hurt our finances," Erler said. "The district was easily meeting its current water demands."

Revenues for the current billing period were 24 percent less than in 2013.

In other water business, Erler reported that tank no. 5, a 420,000-gallon storage facility, which was 50 years old and out of service for longer than year, has been razed. It had deteriorated over time until leaks began along some of its seams, according to Krieger.

"It was located between two other tanks and the company was very careful dismantling it," Erler said. "They mitigated the lead and hazardous material in bringing it down. We might replace it several years down the road."

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Brown signs bill to re-instate arson penalties

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Gov. Edmund Brown last Friday signed legislation sponsored by a state senate Republican to increase penalties for committing arson in California.

Assembly Bill 930 extends the current sunset provisions until January 2019. They expired on Jan. 1, 2014. It will also in-

crease the value of property damage from \$6.5 million to \$7 million.

Re-instating the previous penalties maintains the penalties of 10 years to life if guilty of aggravated arson.

"It is important to preserve this statute to provide law enforcement and prosecutors a valuable tool to deal with the most dangerous arsonists in Cali-

fornia," Sen. Tom Berryhill (Dist. 14) said when he introduced the bill. "If the cost of fire suppression is no longer considered when calculating the cost of property damage and loss to determine whether to convict a person of aggravated arson, then the state would lose a valuable deterrent for arson-caused wildland fires.

"Additionally, in some

cases where a person was not charged with aggravated arson because fire suppression costs were no longer included in the conviction calculation, we would lose the ability to mandate the person to register as an aggravated arsonist, despite causing substantial costs," Berryhill added.

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Groundwater management bills signed

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Last week, Gov. Edmund Brown Jr. signed legislation to strengthen protections of groundwater use in California. The three bills establish a framework for local groundwater management and set timetables to begin implementation. Emphasis will be placed on groundwater basins, which are high or medium priority. Each water basin's priority must be identified by Jan. 31, 2015.

The three local water districts — Fern Valley, Idyllwild and Pine Cove — are not part of any of the groundwater basins, which the State's Department of Water Resources oversees, and which are the target of these groundbreaking laws. The two nearest this area are Hemet Lake Valley basin

in Garner Valley and the San Jacinto Basin, which follows the San Jacinto River west.

Local water districts' use of groundwater varies. Pine Cove is totally dependent on wells for its water sources. Fern Valley and Idyllwild have access to stream flow, but the drought has virtually curtailed that source for Idyllwild.

The three bills the governor signed on Sept. 16 — AB 1739 by Assemblymember Roger Dickinson (D-Sacramento) and Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 by Sen. Fran Pavley (D-Agoura Hills) — allow local agencies to tailor sustainable groundwater plans to their regional economic and environmental needs.

In his signing statement, Brown said, "A central feature of these bills is the recognition that groundwater management in California is best accomplished local-

ly. Local agencies will now have the power to assess the conditions of their local groundwater basins and take the necessary steps to bring those basins in a state of chronic long-term overdraft into balance.

"The state's primary role is to provide guidance and technical support on how to plan for a more sustainable future and to step in on an interim basis when, but only when, local agencies fail to exercise their responsibilities as set forth in this legislation," Brown continued.

The legislation prioritizes groundwater basins currently overdrafted and sets a timeline for implementation. By 2017, local groundwater management agencies must be identified; by 2020, overdrafted groundwater basins must have sustainability plans; and by 2022, other high- and medium-priority ba-

sins not currently in overdraft must have sustainability plans. Finally, by 2040, all high- and medium-priority groundwater basins must achieve sustainability.

Among the comments about the enactment of this legislation were: "Not very many years from now, I believe that we will look back on today as a turning point in securing reliable, long-term water supplies for California's vital agricultural economy," said Association of California Water Agencies Executive Director Tim Quinn.

"This legislation marks a new beginning for enduring sustainable management of California's rivers and groundwater systems," said The Nature Conservancy External Affairs Director Jay Ziegler.

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Ebner

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to the doctor once a week," said Nicols, "and there are also the costs of gas and \$50 doctor visit copays in addition to copays for very expensive medications." Nicols said the addition of

these recurring and not insignificant charges for the couple who live on a fixed income, is a significant financial burden.

She encouraged the community to attend since Legion events are always fun for all. More importantly, in Idyllwild, there

is a tradition, when residents face health challenges, of coming together to help. "Wayne and BJ have both given their time and attention to support all of our troops, past and present, and this is an opportunity to show our support by donating what we can

in their time of need," said Nicols.

Nicols added that if one cannot attend, they may still send checks (for the ticket price or more) to Wayne Ebner, c/o American Legion Post 800, P.O. Box 800, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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