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Fire destroys house in Idyllwild

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Early in the morning of Friday, Jan. 30, a man and his son escaped a burning house in Idyllwild. While the entrance is on Marion View Drive, its location is about equally between Marion View and S. Circle drives.

The fire caused power lines to fall on Marion View Drive, which was closed for several more hours and made the fighting of the fire difficult, according to Town Crier photographer Jenny Kirchner.

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Firefighters worked through the night and into Friday morning trying to save a residence that went up in flames between South Circle and Marion View drives.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



One of the "Community Herd" of public art deer sculptures in Idyllwild was found badly damaged Saturday morning at BBVA Compass Bank.

PHOTO BY MAURIE BOUSQUET

Another deer from 'Community Herd' vandalized

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Another deer sculpture has been damaged, perhaps permanently. Saturday morning, one of the deer from the Tree Monument was found near the BBVA Compass Bank.

Jeri Sue Haney, BBVA bank manager, alerted the Art Alliance of Idyllwild that the painted deer had been damaged. Its broken pieces were lying on the

ground near the bank's parking lot.

"We are outraged at this cruel and violent act of vandalism," said Marc Kassouf, AAI president, in a press release.

"We also are hopeful that the bank's security cameras or those of nearby businesses will help identify the culprits as they moved the broken pieces from the monument across the street and to the bank," he said.

In 2013, AAI sponsored

the Idyllwild Deer Sightings public art project.

Haney had already reported the vandalism to law enforcement before Kassouf was called to the scene. An incident report was filed and AAI asked that the bank secure the video footage for possible law enforcement usage.

Capt. Lyndon Wood of the Riverside County Sheriff's Hemet station said he is aware of the incident, but no specific leads

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District, teachers reach agreement

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Settlement has been reached between the Hemet Unified School District and the Hemet Teachers Association. The mediated fact-finding process began Monday, Jan. 26. Two days later, late Wednesday afternoon, a proposed settlement was reached.

HTA members ratified the tentative agreement Thursday evening. Nearly 95 percent of the HTA membership supported the agreement, which is for three years, beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016. It was on the agenda for the HUSD trustees meeting Tuesday, Feb. 3.

"It's a win-win for everybody," said HUSD Superintendent Dr. Barry

Kayrell. "I predict that it will pass," forecast Vic Scavarda, HUSD director representing Idyllwild. "I know that the board is very happy with the outcome, because it helps out some the huge class sizes, especially in the lower grade levels. This is also the first time there's been an attempt to

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Fire

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The fire's heat was very intense, Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz said. A neighbor's home incurred moderate exterior damage.

"I'm very grateful for the rain," Reitz emphasized. "If it happened another time of year, the outcome could have been worse."

There were no working smoke detectors in the residence, according to Reitz. "The residents woke up to smoke and heard the fire. They were able to evacuate to the neighbors," he said. A 911 call was placed from there. Escaping were Andrew Luke and his son, Wyatt.

Besides the numerous fire crews, Idyllwild Fire initially responded with an engine, the ladder truck and an ambulance. Joining IFD were Volunteer Company 621, and engines from Riverside County Fire Department stations 23 (Pine Cove) and 53 (Garner Valley). Also, Edison and Time Warner dispatched service crews.

While the fire's start appears accidental, the cause is under investigation. IFD did transport the adult and child to Eisenhower Medical Center for evaluation, Reitz added.

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PEDESTRIAN STRUCK: At about 3:40 p.m. on Friday a male pedestrian was struck by a large truck while walking on Highway 243 near Ridgeview Drive. The victim suffered moderate injuries and was transported by Idyllwild Fire to Desert Regional Medical Center. The circumstances surrounding the incident are under investigation. Town Crier has not been able to obtain the man's name.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



BAD TURN: A car that went off the edge of the driveway at Fern Valley Cottages across the street from Woodland Park Manor Saturday. The driver was attempting to use the circle driveway and missed the edge, according to witness **Juls Phillips**. She said neither the car nor the property suffered major damage and no one at the scene was injured.

PHOTO BY JULS PHILLIPS

Black cow cause of major injuries

BY BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

An Anza woman was flown to Desert Regional Medical Center with major injuries Tuesday morning after her vehicle collided with a cow.

Gina Johnson, 45, was driving a 2005 silver Dodge Neon eastbound on Highway 74 just east of the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation Road when she collided head-on with a black cow at about 5:40 a.m., said California Highway

Patrol Officer Ron Esparza.

Esparza said it was still dark and the Neon spun off, crossing onto the westbound shoulder and into a ditch. Johnson was pinned inside the vehicle and Riverside County Fire took about an hour to cut her out.

Mercy Air transported her to Desert Regional Medical Center with a broken right femur, a fractured left leg and minor head trauma.

Esparza said the cow did not survive the 50-mph impact.

Motorcyclist injured in solo crash

BY BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

A motorcyclist was injured in a crash just south of Idyllwild Thursday, Jan. 22, according to California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Darren Meyer. Marcus Wagner, 21, of Moreno Valley, was riding a 2014 Kawasaki Ninja south on Highway 243 just 350 north of Saunders Meadow Road when he entered a left-hand curve and laid down the

bike on the left side. The incident occurred at 11:30 a.m.

Wagner was able to pick up the bike and move it to the shoulder of the road.

Idyllwild Fire transported him to Desert Regional Medical Center with complaint of pain to his shoulder and an abrasion to his leg. The bike sustained moderate damage to its left side.

No other vehicles were involved in the crash. Meyer said Wagner failed to maintain control of his vehicle.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 2/5



67/43
Sunny.

Friday 2/6



66/41
Sunny.

Saturday 2/7



66/42
Sunny.

Sunday 2/8



67/43
Sunny.

Monday 2/9



65/43
Sunny.

Idyllwild this year				
Date	High	Low	M	S
1/27	62	35	0.07	
1/28	64	35		
1/29	59	44		
1/30	49	39		
1/31	50	39		
2/1	66	34		
2/2	na	na		

Idyllwild last year				
Date	High	Low	M	S
1/27	61	37		
1/28	67	37		
1/29	72	40		
1/30	60	38		
1/31	47	38	0.54	
2/1	42	22	0.02	
2/2	43	20		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 11.68
To date last season (Idy): 7.93
Total last season (Idy): 14.88
To date this season (PC): 12.73
Total last season (PC): 15.54

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 4.2
To date last season (Idy): 2.6
Total last season (Idy): 5.0
To date this season (PC): 6.75
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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IFPD board objects to grand jury treatment

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

At its Jan. 27 meeting, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission voted to send a letter to Riverside Superior Court Judge Harold Hopp objecting to the behavior of the current grand jury and its treatment of witnesses representing the district.

In a letter Commission President Jerry Buchanan and Fire Chief Patrick Reitz signed after the meeting, the commission requested Hopp, who presides over the grand jury, "... [to] take appropriate action to rein in this grand jury and put a stop to the intimidating tactics and repeated unfounded investigations. The IFPD also requests the presiding judge to instruct the grand jury regarding their repeated efforts to compel unsworn testimony."

"I testified before the grand jury in December and it was very interesting," Buchanan said. "It was a fishing expedition. They weren't interested in 10 years of financial reports, just interested in our checking accounts."

The letter describes several instances where an individual from the district, such as Reitz, commissioners Larry Donahoo and Nancy Layton, were asked to give sworn testimony. But it relates that when they requested the presence of district counsel while they testified, the grand jury refused to permit an attorney in the room.

California law permits the presence of an attorney representing witnesses before a civil grand jury. Section 939.22 (a) of the state Penal Code states, "Any witness who is called to give testimony under oath before a civil grand

jury may have counsel present on his or her behalf while he or she is testifying."

However, the counsel may not object to any questions asked of the witness or otherwise speak to the grand jury, they may only advise the witness during the course of the examination. Further, this section of law is repealed on Jan. 1, 2017 unless it is reauthorized before that date.

After Reitz's request for the presence of counsel was refused, the grand jury said it would treat his testimony as though it were given without an oath. Layton, who refused to testify, was threatened with contempt of court, but the grand jury agreed to a compromise and she returned to testify with counsel in the middle of January.

"I'm very glad I had legal representation in the room when giving testimony," she said.

After considerable discussion about the letter's language and tone, the commission voted 3-1 in favor after a few modifications, which Buchanan suggested. For example, the words "unfounded" and "vindictive" were deleted from the first paragraph's description of the allegations against the grand jury.

Commissioner Rhonda Andrewson supported sending a letter to complain about the treatment afforded IFPD representatives, but found some of the language too aggressive.

"If we soften our point, it won't be taken seriously. It's meant to get the judge's attention," Reitz replied. He and several commissioners described their treatment as disrespectful and negative.

Reitz indicated that he had spoken to a district attorney's office in another county who characterized this grand jury as "rogue."

However, John Hall, information specialist for the Riverside County District Attorney's office, wrote in an email, "This would fall under the civil grand jury and we typically are not involved in those. We are directly involved in the criminal grand jury actions, such as when we present a case to a grand jury for a criminal indictment."

Karen Jahr, president of the California Grand Jurors' Association, said it does not compile information about this type of behavior. "The California Grand Juror's Association is a nonprofit corporation whose mission is to support the California grand jury system. Our primary activity is the training of grand jurors," Jahr said.

A copy of the signed letter is available on the Town Crier website (Idyllwildtowncrier.com).

Idyllwild Fire projects budget surplus by July

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Last week was an opportunity for the Idyllwild Fire Protection District officials to review their current-year budget. During the first six months of 2014-15, IFPD's expenditures exceeded its reve-

nues by nearly \$285,000.

But thanks to a windfall of about \$50,000 this year, the commission projected a \$30,000 net income by June 30. The additional expected revenue is the result of federal legislation that retroactively is reimbursing emergency service agencies for

transports over the past few years. Fire Chief Patrick Reitz said Idyllwild has already received a check for \$9,500. Over the next several years, he estimates total repayment approaching \$100,000.

While Reitz advised the commission that ambulance revenue will in-

cur a seasonal decline, through December it has been well ahead of projections.

Most of the December tax receipt payment was used to repay Riverside County for its advance of IFPD's property taxes and the final \$50,000 was

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Mozel tov =>
Brenda
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The Art Alliance of Idyllwild is a class act, co-founded by my friend Chris Trout and Grace Songolo. So when it suffers controversy, it brings out my most Southern mama roots.

Here we go: My Mama, who died too soon at age 71 in 1998, would say about what's going on, "I'm as mad as a wet sittin' hen."

She had so many of those idioms from her Mississippi roots I wish I had collected instead of ignoring them.

Let's hope the founders' and subsequent AAI leaders' efforts of expanding this vital organization aren't taking a downturn.

Issues of transparency and communication are important in a member-based organization. But communications involving personal attacks and vulgar language at a volunteer by AAI's public relations person took the problem to a different level.

You don't call the person who created the "Deer Sightings Project" a b---- on Facebook, take it down and expect people to distance you from the position you hold with AAI.

While the board is now expected to make all decisions as a group, I hope you take this nasty posting into consideration in your talks. Shanna Robb didn't deserve that and it's causing division among the organization.

And even before that posting, AAI used its website and Facebook page to specifically target Shanna.

Come on, AAI board, turn this around, get your house in order and get back to doing the wonderful things we've come to enjoy about this organization.

I served as AAI treasurer for several years and know volunteerism is a challenge.

You've got some great talent on that board, some great events for the new year (see page 13) and a town that wants you to do well.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

Numerous omissions in story

EDITOR:

I refer to last week's article about the Art Alliance of Idyllwild membership meeting and wondered if your reporter attended the same meeting that I did. Yes, there were a few members with a single-item agenda, but there were many facts and nuances your reporter failed to mention. For example:

- The AAI financials include monies collected for the sale of its members' artworks at AAI events. Checks are promptly sent to the artists, less a small credit-card processing fee, if applicable.

- AAI is left with some working capital to fund future events, donations, etc. There was a time when the AAI presidents had to use their own funds to put on events. Thank goodness AAI is now more financially prudent.

- AAI is able to provide financials for each event and will supply figures to anyone who clearly states what information they seek and for what purpose.

- AAI membership has increased, as has the number of events sponsored by AAI each year. It has received additional funds and will host more art workshops.

- AAI is introducing a Volunteer of the Year Award that will be named after its first recipient, Gary Kuscher, for his many years of dedicated service. This positive news was received to great applause.

- The board agreed to look into all of the issues raised, including the acceptance of a most welcome offer for an accountant to conduct a complete financial audit.

- The AAI board is made up of volunteers and many of the membership expressed their gratitude for their commitment and professionalism.

Many members volunteered their help during the meeting and many left feeling very positive. Your article does a disservice to these people.

I hope you redress this in future articles about the good AAI does for its members and the community.

DONNA ELLIOT
IDYLLWILD

Disappointed in coverage

EDITOR:

I was extremely disappointed to read your article concerning the Art Alliance of Idyllwild in the Town Crier. I attended the meeting and, in my opinion, you only reported the negative side of the business conducted while completely ignoring the positive elements raised at the meeting. For example, you completely failed to report that the longest and loudest applause of the evening was in a response to a comment thanking the board for their hard work and diligence.

There were also other things reported that, in the context of the article, implied at the very least incompetence and possibly malfeasance. These included:

1. Comments on the terms of board members which are limited to four years. You should note that many organizations



in California, including some of the biggest in the world such as Apple, have directors serving much more than four years; they are simply re-elected after each term, much as the members of Congress are. A one-word change in the bylaws, from extension to re-election, would surely solve this issue.

2. Expenses. The large size of the expenses shown

in your article implies profligate management when in fact this sum includes several thousands of dollars of sales by individual artists processed on their behalf by the AAI; more money donated to Idyllwild good causes in the last year, including the smARTS program, than the previous three years combined; and expenses for the Art Walk and Wine Tasting, Idyllwild's biggest and best annual event.

As an artist, AAI provides the main outlet and prime source of promotion for my work. It is one of Idyllwild's greatest treasures and we should thank anyone and everyone who has donated their time to help this organization and thus the artistic community of Idyllwild. We should all be focusing our efforts on improving the organization rather than denouncing it or it will end up in the self destruction which overtook the Chamber of Commerce.

I am not a member of the board and the information I have included is my understanding of the information presented at the meeting.

NEIL JENKINS
IDYLLWILD

Editor's note: The Town Crier does not keep or report the minutes of meetings we attend. That is the job of the organization's recording secretary. We report news; what we feel are newsworthy matters of import to the community. The story in question reported on specific controversial matters discussed at a recent AAI membership meeting. In such a story, we do not generally at the same time report on the wonderful things an organization has done or is doing. Those are reported in other stories.

Readers of the Town Crier and other Idyllwild House publications know that we have published dozens upon dozens of stories regarding the fine accomplishments of AAI's board and members and the contributions they have made and are making to our community, including in this issue.

Article answered questions

EDITOR:

I was just want to say how much I enjoyed Robert Smith's article on hitting the slopes at Idyllwild. As a part-time Hill resident for a quite a while, I have had "old timers" over the years tell me how there used to be snow skiing in Idyllwild. I have always been curious about that and how it developed and what happened to it.

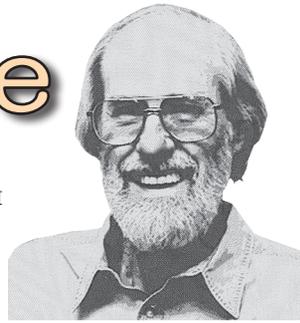
Robert's article answered all those questions in a very informative manner. I hope we will continue to see well-written articles such as this that focus on some of the unique aspects of Idyllwild's past.

MIKE DESCHAMPS
PINE COVE

Before Our Time

THE HISTORY BEHIND FAMILY MEMENTOS ...

BY ROBERT B. SMITH



Not long ago, my wife was cleaning up an old framed, hand-tinted photograph of a nondescript desert scene, a piece we'd inherited from my parents years ago. Because my father loved the desert, I assumed this was merely a personal memento of times he'd spent as a teenager visiting relatives at Mecca.

Yet it had a compelling quality we couldn't quite pin down. Then, while removing the frame for cleaning, Adele discovered a signature that had been obscured: "The White Noon© Stephen H. Willard." This was a prize indeed, and it renewed my interest in Willard.

When I wrote about distinguished Idyllwild photographers in 2013, I mentioned Willard only in passing. He was by far the most renowned of the group, but unlike E.B. and Bob Gray, Avery Field or Harry Wendelken, Willard never really settled here.

His forte was desert landscapes; his home studio and gallery were in Palm Springs. But he loved mountain landscapes, too. He honed his taste for these during camping trips in the San Gabriel and San Bernardino mountains, as well as the Sierras, after receiving his first camera in 1908 at the age of 14.

Born in Illinois, Willard grew up in Corona and attended Pomona College. He began making picture postcards with a college friend, Wright Pierce, and together they opened a studio. After serving as an Army photographer during World

War I, he discovered Palm Springs, where he began capitalizing on tourists' fondness for postcards to send home.

This acquainted him with the San Jacintos. He spent a rewarding summer of 1920 in Idyllwild, where he met his wife, Beatrice. His time here produced a multitude of postcards with scenes of both Idyllwild and Keen Camp, the home of Tahquitz Lodge (now Living Free).

Stephen and Beatrice married in 1921 and spent a year traveling and photographing Southwestern deserts before settling in Palm Springs and opening a studio and gallery. There he developed his distinctive style of portraying desert landscapes by hand-tinting black-and-white photographs to capture their original colors and moods.

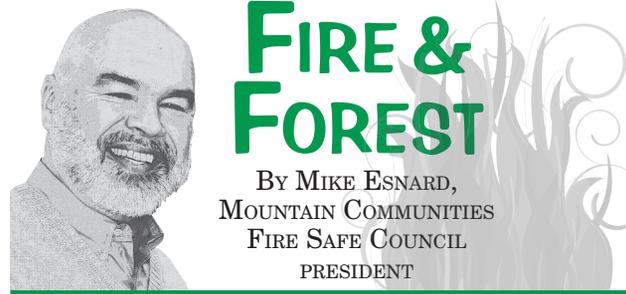
We know Willard made at least one return visit to the Idyllwild Inn in 1923 and probably others. Then in 1934, to escape the summer heat, he formalized his excursions to the eastern Sierras by establishing a studio at Mammoth Lakes. He continued to alternate winters and summers between Palm Springs and Mammoth, until he found the Coachella Valley's postwar population explosion too unbearable.

So the Willards moved in 1947 to a ranch in the Alabama Hills near Lone Pine and made the Mammoth studio his headquarters. There he capped his life and career, photographing the Sierras until his death in 1966. His massive body of work now resides at the Palm Springs Art Museum.

Along the way, perhaps through continuing Idyllwild visits, Willard developed a taste for Selden Belden's Pinecraft furniture. We have no evidence that he got acquainted with Belden, who also had been a photographer, but Willard did furnish his Mammoth studio with several pieces.

Current owners Robert and Sue Joki have expanded Willard's Pinecraft collection to more than 100 pieces since 2013, when they reopened the studio as The Gallery at Twin Lakes.

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



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BY MIKE ESNARD,
MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES
FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

MCFSC CHANGES ...

My wife and I will be moving off the Hill this summer to live closer to family, so change is in order.

At our January meeting, the board elected Chris Kramer as the new president of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, and Norm Walker as the new first vice president. Both Chris and Norm bring great experience to their new roles — both are career firefighters, MCFSC board members and active members of the Woodies. I am sure they will bring fresh and skillfull energy to the board.

Since this column was given to me in my role as president of the council, it is time for me to pass it on, so this will be my last column.

Starting in March, the column will be either written or guided by Doris Lombard and Chris. Doris and Chris will make sure the column is written to reflect the council's perspective and message on

community fire safety.

Doris will surely write at times on biological issues of interest to her. For years she has been an important voice within our board on topics such as soil health and various aspects of plant and animal biology. Readers of the Town Crier who appreciate photography also will know that her exquisite pictures of birds often appear in this paper.

Chris will write on how certain issues look through his lens as an experienced firefighter. Doris and Chris also will arrange for other members of our board to share their views on matters of interest for the column.

I think readers will find the greater variety very interesting in the months to come and will enjoy different voices on fire-related topics.

Meanwhile, the essential work of the staff continues with abatement grants to help homeowners firesafe their properties. The extraordinarily

valuable roof replacement grant for owners of wood shake or shingle roofs also continues and should be completed this year.

Public education and discussion continue to be essential goals for the council. During 2015, we will set at least two public meetings. The first meeting, to be held sometime in the spring, will make available the latest information from experts regarding the Goldspotted oak borer.

Another public meeting, later in the year, will

be for updating the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This is an important document for fire protection on the Hill and is essential to federal funding. The public meeting will give agencies a chance to discuss both past and future projects, and will facilitate dialogue between the agencies and the public.

I leave this column very happy that it will continue as a strong voice on community fire safety.

See Fire and Forest, next page

MATTER OF FACT

In the Jan. 29 story, "Teachers demand new contract," the quotation attributed to Sara Wales was a mistake; she did not make that statement.

In the "Bonnie's Happy Look closes" story last week, the first "Bonnie's Happy Look" was not across the street from the Rustic Theatre, but on the same side of N. Circle Drive.

Town Crier regrets the errors.

How to get a letter published

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Forums planned to discuss county health issues

Riverside County public health officials have planned a countywide series of community forums to hear about residents' health-related concerns

and create a plan to address them. The meetings will begin this month in Perris and be held into April at locations from Temecula to Blythe.

While no meeting has yet been scheduled on the Hill, Jose Arballo Jr., senior public information specialist, said, "I understand that we

are planning something in the Idyllwild area..." They will be trying to schedule it in conjunction with a meeting of one of the local community groups, he added.

"It is an ambitious schedule, but it is important that we hear from everyone," said Susan Harrington, director for the Riverside County Department of Public Health. "Each region of the county is unique, and the needs and concerns of the people living in those communities are unique as well. It is critical that as many people as possible get to express their concerns and needs."

The hour-long meetings will help the department and partners from across the public health system better understand the concerns residents

have about everything from access to health care, to education and community safety.

Participants will hear from county health officials about available programs and services, but Harrington said the focus will be on getting input about community needs. Information gathered from all the meetings and the surveys will be used to put together a plan outlin-

ing the issues discussed and ways the department and its partners will help address residents' needs.

As part of the outreach, the department has collaborated on a needs-assessment survey available online in English and Spanish. Copies also will be available at the forums. To access the health survey, visit www.rivcoph.org/CommunityForums.aspx.

Community Health Forums

Riverside County Department of Public Health

Date	Location Address
Feb. 17	Cesar Chavez Library, 163 East San Jacinto Ave., Perris
Feb. 19**	Arlington Library, 9556 Magnolia Ave., Riverside
Feb. 24	Murrieta Public Library, 24700 Adams Ave., Murrieta
Feb. 25	Banning Senior Center, 789 N. San Geronio Ave., Banning
Feb. 26	Louis Robidoux Library, 5840 Mission Inn Blvd., Jurupa Valley
March 5	Temecula Library, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula
March 11	Mecca Boys and Girls Club, 91391 66th Ave., Mecca
March 12	Blythe Community Center, 445 N. Broadway, Blythe
March 18	Mead Valley Community Center, 21091 Rider St., Perris
March 19	Hemet Library, 300 East Latham Ave., Hemet
March 24	Health and Wellness Center, 11750 Cholla Dr. Desert Hot Springs
March 25	Corona Civic Center, 815 West 6th Street Rm #120 Corona, 92882
March 26	Moreno Valley Conference Center, 14075 Frederick St., Moreno Valley
April 1	Lake Elsinore Cultural Center, 183 North Main St., Lake Elsinore

** All meetings start at 6 p.m., except the Feb. 19 meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m.



Human etiquette ...

By BRYAN ASCH
REPS TRAINING CENTERS

Black/white, this religion that religion, pro this weapon, anti that one, etc, etc, etc. ... this is the oldest tale in human history. You don't need to be a scholar of the past to understand the most tragic of human tales. Our perceived differences are nothing more than surface holograms casted outward for all the world to see, with fear serving as the projector.

This paper-thin, camouflaged veil affords us anonymity yet also hides the very similarities that would

Fire and Forest

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I am also grateful that the Town Crier has shared our basic view that fire safety is worth devoting a column to on a regular basis. In addition to this column, I have always appreciated the coverage that fire issues receive in this paper. I am a particular fan of J.P. Crumrine's reporting, which I have always thought was excellent on all matters of public safe-

ty.

Lastly, I would like to reemphasize my view of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council as a truly great community-based organization. If you have any interest at all in fire issues, I hope you will drop by the office or call and chat with Edwina, Don or Pat. They, together with the board and the Woodies, do terrific work.

bring us all together.

We are just too damned blind, ignorant, emotionally sensitive and voluntarily cut off from one another to do anything real or lasting about it. Peace is an unobtainable childish fantasy under these conditions, let alone world peace.

How many times do you find yourself involved in a conversation about what, "they" say? If you have lived long enough, you have most likely found yourself asking who "they" are. Depending on our personality, perhaps it sounded more like, "who do they think they are"?

What are we asking when we ask that particular question, "Who do they think they are?" — for feeling that way, thinking that way, believing or not in this or that, voting that way, wearing that clothing, etc.

See *Health on the Hill*, page 18

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New AAI officers will communicate only as a board

Members cite difficulty of getting timely responses from the board

BY MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

Patrick Barry, Art Alliance of Idyllwild member and volunteer, with extensive experience with other off-Hill nonprofits, cited communication difficulties with and lack of response from the current board as one of the major hurdles facing AAI members.

Barry said he sent an email request to the board on Jan. 13, 10 days before the general meeting, asking to have certain items put on the agenda for member discussion with the board. He received no response.

He then proceeded at the Jan. 23 meeting to read

what he had requested be placed before the membership. Initially, President Marc Kassouf interrupted him a number of times reminding him that questions from members would only be answered at the end of the meeting. Barry nevertheless continued over the interruptions from the chair.

Barry had wanted the board and membership to discuss bylaw review (specifically election of board members and board members' terms of office), receipts to members for donation of time and materials to AAI that members can use for tax returns, and an independent outside audit to increase financial accountability and transparency to AAI members. Barry noted the request, aside from being a good business practice, was prompted by a failure in 2013 to file a sales tax return, occasioning a \$591 penalty to the organization.

"Everybody sitting in that room wants the organi-

zation to succeed," said Barry in subsequent interview. "But it seemed apparent from the beginning that Marc didn't want any feedback." A number of people at the meeting complained, in addition to Barry, about the board's failure to respond in a timely fashion to members' requests for information.

Kassouf, in a telephone call with the Town Crier on Tuesday, said that all decisions of the board are made by the board and communication can only come with agreement of the full board. The Town Crier requested response from Kassouf (copied also to Nathan Depetris and Lesly Martin) on a number of things, including a copy of the PowerPoint presentation (to accurately recount the accomplishments, projects and membership

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IFPD

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withheld from the January payment. This advance is not fully recovered.

The Finance Committee recommended no changes to the largest portion of the budget, which is staff salaries and benefits. Through December, that total is slightly more than 50 percent of the full-year estimate.

The major upward revision was \$10,000 added to the legal expense account, where nearly \$19,000 of the budgeted \$25,000 has been spent. "... I don't think that's enough," Commissioner Nancy Layton told her colleagues.

Overall, she summarized the budget "... in pretty good shape moving forward."

The commission did not discuss what effect it will have when the current contract with Riverside County for ambulance service to Pine Cove

and beyond expires on July 1.

This fiscal year, IFPD will receive \$128,900 for service to Pine Cove and another \$50,000 for service to Zone 3. When the department stops providing service to these areas beginning July 1, the number of transports will decline and emergency medical revenue also will fall.

However, Reitz said he "is working to meet with American Medical Response and county Emergency Medical Services to discuss the new county contract."

In other business, the commission abolished its Labor Relations and Negotiations Committee, whose meetings were open to the public, and established a Negotiations Committee, which will be private, to re-negotiate the agreement that expires June 30 with career firefighters. The new committee will be composed of commissioners Larry Donahoo and President Jerry Buchanan, while Layton will serve as alternate.

It also unanimously abolished

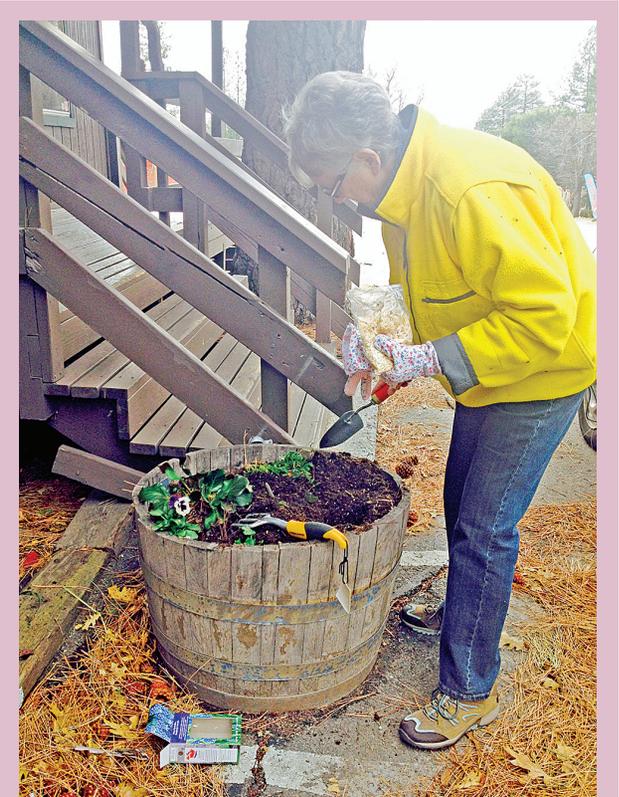
the ad hoc committees for vehicles and equipment, and planning and goals. "We're not quite ready to start the Planning Committee; later down the road," Layton said in anticipation that a strategic planning effort may be initiated later this calendar year.

Following Chris Davis's resignation from the Finance Committee, Buchanan appointed alternate Calvin Gogerty to replace Davis on the committee. He then asked FC Chair Layton to recommend a candidate as alternate for the February meeting.

"We will invite applications from the community for the alternate position," Layton said in an email. No deadline or form have been specified yet.

Reitz also announced that Fire Engineer Greg Minor had received recognition from the county Emergency Service Agency for his action helping a patient suffering a coronary event last fall.

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



Suzie Bennett, Idyllwild Garden Club treasurer, was out planting bulbs for spring in town planter buckets on Wednesday, Jan. 28. PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

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

Wednesday, Feb. 4

- 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.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 8:30 a.m. breakfast; 9 a.m. meeting. Mile High Cafe, 29470 Hwy. 243.
- 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.; Unclaimed Property 101, 2-2:30 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).
- American Legion Post 800 Auxiliary board, 5 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Co-dependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Thursday, Feb. 5

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. & "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist meeting, 6-7 p.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.
- Idyllwild Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 951-852-2306 for more information.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest

Ave. Persons interested may show up or phone 951-659-4910.

- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Friday, Feb. 6

- 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 Building).
- Inlandia Writer's Workshop, 2-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Feeding America, 3-4 p.m. Cross Road 243 Church, Mountain Center.

Saturday, Feb. 7

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr., Pine Cove.
- Meditation, Zen-style, 9 a.m.-noon. The Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Valerie Kyoshin Velez, 951-392-6507 or kyoshinvelez@gmail.com.
- American Legion Post 800 meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Sunday, Feb. 8

- 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, General Discussion (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m. Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd., Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.



Fire log

The Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls, Tuesday to Monday, Jan. 27 to Feb. 2.

Anza

- Jan. 30 — Medical aid, 12:41 p.m., one patient.

Idyllwild

- Jan. 27 — Medical aid, 4:17 p.m., one patient.
- Jan. 29 — Medical aid, 2:06 p.m., one patient.
- Jan. 30 — Structure fire, 1:13 a.m.
- Jan. 30 — Medical aid, 1:13 a.m., two patients.
- Jan. 30 — Medical aid, 1:16 p.m., one patient.
- Jan. 30 — Traffic collision with injuries, 3:42 p.m., one patient.
- Jan. 31 — Central station, malicious false alarm, 7:37 p.m.
- Feb. 1 — Medical aid, 4:10 p.m., one patient.
- Feb. 1 — Medical aid, party transported by non-fire agency, 9:30 p.m.
- Feb. 2 — Special type of

incident, 1:10 a.m.

- Feb. 2 — Service call, 4 p.m.

Mountain Center

- Feb. 1 — Cover assignment, standby, move up, highways 243 & 74, 5:30 p.m.

Pine Cove

- Jan. 31 — Medical aid, 11:13 p.m., one patient.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls, Sunday to Saturday, Jan. 25 to 31.

Idyllwild

- Jan. 25 — Three alarm calls, Forest Knoll Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 25 — Public disturbance, 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 25 — Alarm call, River Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 25 — Alarm call, Cassler Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 28 — Alarm call,

Tuesday, Feb. 10

- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive. Call 659-6208 for information.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; men's meeting, 6-7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54495 Village Center Dr.
- Dr. Erika Spiewak's Women's Council, 6-7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

- Idyllwild Rotary Club,

Wayne Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 29 — Alarm call, Fernleaf Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 29 — Unattended death, address withheld. Report taken.

- Jan. 30 — Assist other department, Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 30 — Danger to self/other, address undefined. Report taken.

- Jan. 31 — Vandalism, Ridgeview Dr. Report taken.

Pine Cove

- Jan. 25 — Alarm call, Franklin Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 28 — Shots fired, Chickadee Ln. Unfounded.

- Jan. 31 — Check the welfare, Laurel Trl. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows

- Jan. 28 — Suspect information, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 28 — 911 call, 59000

block E. St. Hwy. 74 Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 30 — Two 911 calls, 59000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Jan. 27 — Suspect information, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Jan. 29 — Battery, address undefined. Arrest made.

- Jan. 29 — Public disturbance, 56000 block E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

- Jan. 30 — Assist other department, 48000 block of Twin Pines Rd. Handled by deputy.

Santa Rosa

Indian Reservation

- Battery, 65000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

- Civil dispute, 65000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.

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 March 3.

She is a 15-year Jin Shin Jyutsu practitioner, Reiki master and Shaman. The sessions are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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.
- 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Pine Cove Water District board, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Spanish Class for Home-schoolers, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Unclaimed Property 101, 2-2:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, (the Courtyard Building).
- Co-dependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

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, Feb. 4

- Marshall Hawkins & Paul Carman, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
- "Mortdecai," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Feb. 5

- "Mortdecai," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Feb. 6

- "American Sniper," 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- We Love our Locals, 5-9:30 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck, "Wag the Dog," 5:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.
- Michael Staff, concert piano, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Cafe.
- Sandii Castleberry, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
- Isis Theatre Co., "Love Letters," 7:30 p.m. Rainbow Inn.

Saturday, Feb. 7

- Map of Desire: Shamanic Tools for the New Male Men's Retreat, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Yu Gi Oh! Card Playing Club for teens, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.

- "American Sniper," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Michael Staff, concert piano, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Cafe.
- 3Skinz, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
- Isis Theatre Co., "Love Letters," 7:30 p.m. Rainbow Inn.
- Orchestra Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts Academy.

Sunday, Feb. 8

- Map of Desire: Shamanic Tools for the New Male Men's Retreat, 9 a.m.-noon. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Matthew Shaker, jazz piano, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Mile High Cafe.
- "American Sniper," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra Concert, 2-5 p.m. Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Sherwood Auditorium, La Jolla.

Monday, Feb. 9

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Valentine's Day," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "American Sniper," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Guest Recital: Definiens, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts Academy.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

- Pickleball, 8 or 9 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.

- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m.; Saffron's art classes for kids, 3-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "American Sniper," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

- "American Sniper," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Feb. 12

- "American Sniper," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Feb. 13

- Riverside County Date Festival, Fair & Carnival 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio.
- Art in Society panel discussion, 2 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts Academy.
- Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck, "Gone Girl," 5:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.
- We Love our Locals, 5-9:30 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

Saturday, Feb. 14

- Yu Gi Oh! Card Playing Club for teens, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Riverside County Date Festival, Fair 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Carnival 10 a.m.-midnight, Brett Elderedge, 7:30 p.m. Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio.

Sunday, Feb. 15

- Riverside County Date Festival, Fair & Carnival 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio.



FIREFIIGHTERS GRILL: Idyllwild firefighters and volunteer firefighters served up hamburgers for Sports Team Day last Thursday at Idyllwild School, in honor of the upcoming Super Kids Bowl and Super Bowl. PHOTO COURTESY BETHANY SWANSON

tival, Fair 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Carnival 10 a.m.-midnight, Ramon Ayala, 7 p.m. Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio.

Monday, Feb. 16

- Riverside County Date Festival, Fair & Carnival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

- Pickleball, 8 or 9 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- Riverside County Date Festival, Fair 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Carnival 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio.



SUPERBOWL: Lauren Haynes, cashier at The Rustic Theatre and major Patriots fan, was adorned with a Patriots blanket, T-shirt, socks and purse, which she thinks contributed to their Super Bowl victory Sunday. The Rustic opened their doors for a free viewing of the game Sunday. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

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Los Angeles Music Center names Spotlight Award semifinalists

Four area students are listed

By Marshall Smith
Correspondent

The Los Angeles Music Center announced 108 semifinalists from Southern California high schools as part of its 27th annual "The Music Center Presents Spotlight Program" that included three Idyllwild Arts Academy students. More than 1,600 high school arts students in various disciplines auditioned for this prestigious program. Semifinalists were named in seven arts categories — acting, ballet, non-classical dance, classical voice, non-classical voice, classical instrumental and jazz instrumental.

Four area students, three from Idyllwild Arts Academy and one from Hemet High School, made the cut. Clara Stark, IAA 11th grade, is a semifinalist in ballet; Juan Posada, IAA 12th grade, non-classical dance; Ricardo Urbina Reyes, IAA 12th grade, non-classical dance; and Brady Sisk, HHS senior in jazz instrumental. The four are the only semifinalists from Riverside County.

Being named is both an honor and an opportunity for educational advancement in the students' chosen professions. The Spotlight program is a free, nationally acclaimed scholarship and arts training program that offers semifinalists master classes with highly acclaimed professionals who share their expertise on performance technique, training and professional life. Students can also present their work for feedback and guidance.

As part of the program, all semifinalists will audition again before a new panel of

judges who then select the top two in each category for a total of 14 grand-prize finalists. These 14 finalists perform publicly at the Walt Disney Concert Hall at The Music Center in the Spotlight Grand Finale Performance on March 31, 2015.

The Spotlight Program annually awards \$100,000 in scholarships. Both grand-prize finalists in each of the seven categories receive \$5,000 and one honorable mention in each category receives \$1,000.

Last year, IAA senior Dayeon Han, 19, was one of two finalists in two-dimensional art. Dayeon also was named a semifinalist in 2013. The Music Center eliminated two-dimensional art and photography as categories for this year's program, concentrating its focus and resources on the performing arts.

The Music Center in downtown Los Angeles is now celebrating its 50th year as a major artistic venue. With four theaters and four resident companies, the Center Theatre Group, the LA Master Chorale, the LA Opera and the LA Philharmonic, The Music Center is nationally recognized for its artistic excellence.



Mrs. Longbrook, first-grade teacher, chose first graders Alexander Mikroulis (left) and Tyler Sonnier (right) as Idyllwild School students of the week because of their excellent work habits and behavior, and because they are friends to all.

PHOTO AT LEFT BY JAY PENTRACK

Kay Wanner discusses estate planning at speaker series

By Marshall Smith
Correspondent

Kay Wanner had worked as a legal secretary for lawyers for many years. "I was 21 and worked for a probate attorney in Simi Valley and became intrigued by wills and probates," she said. "At that time we didn't yet have trusts." Wanner said she told attorneys she worked for that she would do the research and the prep work in this area of the law she found fascinating. "If you don't do it, let me do it," she recalled telling them.

When she was 31, the death of her husband in an accident changed everything. With children to raise, Wanner began preparing to attend law school. "If I don't do it, where will



Kay Wanner, the next ICC speaker in the annual series.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KAY WANNER

I be in five years?" she remembered thinking. Then, at the age of 39, she entered Western State College of Law night school, eventually graduating from Southwestern Law School in 1985. "I worked for attorneys during the day and went to law school at night," said Wanner.

Wanner, featured presenter for the Idyllwild Community Center's Speaker Series, will talk about "The Black and White in Estate Planning." She noted it is an area of the law with which people are increasingly concerned. Wanner said she would discuss the pitfalls of dying without a will or trust and the hardships and expense

to beneficiaries of the protracted court procedure called probate.

"Through estate planning, you protect yourself and your assets while you're alive and protect your beneficiaries from probate after your death," she said. Wanner said probates that once might have been concluded in months can now take years to resolve. By creating living trusts, in which one's assets are placed in trusts while the individual is still alive, probate is avoided and transfer of those assets to beneficiaries is a simple process.

Wanner opened her own law office in Palm Desert after graduation, an office she still maintains. She currently is training two people to take over her practice once she retires. From this early fascination with protecting and bequeathing assets, Wanner noted she has built a career and practice that has always afforded her work and the gratitude of her clients.

Wanner's presentation is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, in the Silver Pines Lodge great room. A wine and cheese reception is at 5:30 p.m. Both are free to the public.

Wanner is married to Charlie Wix of Idyllwild.

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Beer fest and home brewers competition to help ARF in June

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

A very special fundraising event for Idyllwild's Animal Rescue Friends is scheduled for June 6. ARF has announced a beer festival and home brewers' competition to be held at the Riverside County's Idyllwild Nature Center.

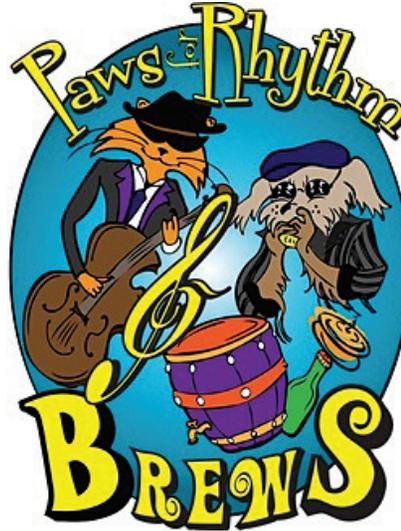
Attendees will purchase admission, which will give them tastings offered by some of the finest craft brewers in Southern California, such as Stone Brewery, Coachella Valley Brewing Company, La Quinta Brewing Company and others, dancing to a live blues band, and delicious food, said Janice Murasko, ARF secretary.

The Super 300, who perform dynamic arrangements of Chicago and traditional blues, as well as their own high-energy boogie and swing-inspired orig-

inal material, will play during the event.

The home brewers competition will take place prior to the event. The Coachella Home Brewers Club is sponsoring the competition and winners will be announced at the fundraiser.

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild has had a very successful Art Walk and Wine Tasting each October for years. Beer lovers have asked about a similar event. This year, ARF decided to satisfy their taste. Holding the beer tasting early is not in competition with the Art Walk, Murasko said.



Add to this the hundreds of home brewers found in the Inland Empire, and the San Diego and Riverside counties, ARF could see that including a competition for them was a natural.

All proceeds will allow ARF to continue to provide medical care, food, shelter, training and forever families for homeless pets. All funds raised will aid ARF (a 501(c)(3) organization) in its mission to care for and find forever families for homeless dogs and cats of the mountain communities.

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HUSD Spelling Bee is serious business

By MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

Some of the students were so little their feet did not reach the floor as they sat waiting for their chance at the microphone. At the beginning of the 38th-annual Hemet Unified School District Spelling Bee held at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, at the HUSD Professional Development Service Center, Spelling Master Walt Pleasnick looked out at the 44 students from district elementary and middle schools and said, "I'm nervous; I don't know why. I've done this many times and I'm still nervous."

It was a good way to start for the assembled students, breaking the ice and acknowledging the obvious — the nerves of the contestants and the seriousness of the competition. Pleasnick also cautioned members of the audience not to talk or disrupt the proceedings in consideration of the young contestants. On at least two occasions during the bee, he had to request mothers take their crying toddlers outside the room where the contest was being held. He also asked a member of the press to step away from the front of the room because her attempts to take pictures could be dis-

tracting to the students.

As the bee began, students were instructed to come to the microphone, say the word to be spelled, spell it and then repeat the word before returning to their preassigned seats. Once eliminated they would leave their seats in the contestant area and return to their parents and supporters in the audience. He reminded students that leaving the room for a bathroom break, before a scheduled 10:30 a.m. recess, could cause them to miss their turn and be automatically eliminated. None left before the scheduled break.

The first stumble

came early in round one on the word "parameter." Idyllwild School students Joel White, fifth grade, and Timothy Mejia, sixth grade, made it into the second round before being eliminated. Idyllwild School sixth-grader Adam Smith survived until the third round and required an "instant replay" of the digital recording of his spelling before being eliminated at number 19 on the word "hundredth." It wasn't initially certain to the judges whether Adam had added both the "t" and the "h" at the end of the word. With the replay, which was repeated twice, because Adam had

spoken softly and hurriedly at the end of the word, it was decided he had not spelled the word correctly. Fifth-grade student Fiona McMullen, the fourth of Idyllwild School's qualifying entrants, was not able to attend the bee.

These fourth through eighth grade students displayed remarkable equanimity and seriousness of purpose. Some were bold at the microphone, some quiet and shy, but each came with resolution to his or her moment in the spotlight. No one froze or choked. This was something they had prepared for and it showed in their delivery.

At the end of the morning, Western Center Academy sixth grader Julian Gonzalez won the right to represent HUSD at the Riverside County Spelling Bee at 9 a.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the Moreno Valley Conference and Recreation Center. He won by correctly spelling the word "haiku." Accompanying him as alternate is Pamela Jansen, eighth grade, from Diamond Valley Middle School. Finishing third and fourth were Ethan Corum, Western Center Academy sixth grade, and Delaney Doyle, Dartmouth Middle School seventh grade.

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Present and Positive expands on Idyllwild's energy

BY RICK BARKER
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

The idyllic wilderness we call Idyllwild has long been a magnet for healers, whether of body, mind or soul. Several Native American tribes considered our mountaintop a place of healing, and even a sacred space. Our town's first building, built in 1901, was a sanatorium. Seeking a home base for his Trailfinders, in 1941 Harry James chose our mountaintop, at what is now the James Reserve. The "Father of Holistic Medicine," Dr. Evarts Loomis, was adamant that the first holistic hospital be built "in the shadow of Tahquitz Peak" (1952).

These four examples are but the tip of the iceberg, and today Idyllwild is recognized as one of the premier hubs for holistic healing. Joining this venerable lineage is a donation-funded nonprofit named Present and Positive whose website describes as being dedicated to self-awareness, personal development and positive change in the world.

Present and Positive is the brainchild of Colin Parker and Janel Ruehl. They bought a house on Double View in late 2013, and after completing several projects, including a 30-foot diameter yurt, they held a grand opening on Oct. 18, 2014. Since then, the yurt has been a favorite gathering place for locals, and today they offer a full schedule of classes, workshops and artistic events.

Trine Bietz moved her yoga classes from Town Hall to the yurt. Every morning from 7 to 8:30 a.m., the yurt is reserved for open meditation. Other regular events include a drum circle, Tai Chi, Shaolin Qi Gong, Jin Shin Jyutsu, Ecstatic dance, "gentle" yoga and an open-mic night for sharing poetry, songwriting, storytelling, dance, etc. The latest addition is "Meditation for Children and Teens," which Dr. Susan Foster will facilitate every Tuesday.

Present and Positive also regularly hosts a wide variety of concerts, film screenings and other artistic events. To celebrate Martin Luther King Day, four local musical acts performed. The yurt is equipped with a first-class film projector and screen; the debut film in the series was "The Highest Pass," after which the director Adam Schomer answered questions from the audience.

I recently had the opportunity to interview Colin (Janel recently enrolled in a holistic healing program at the Institute of Psycho-Structural Balancing in San Diego but still is heavily involved in the administration of the project). When asked about the vision underlying Present and Positive, he replied, "We don't have a particular ideology or process. Our approach is more about service and listening. We're not trying to force something that we believe in on the community. We're listening to the community, we're experiencing the community, we're trying to understand what is most needed here, and we'll put our resources toward that. It's a very receptive approach. We believe in creating space — with the house, the yurt and the 40 acres in Garner Valley — for the beautiful energy



A yoga class inside the Present and Positive yurt on Double View Drive.

PHOTO BY COLIN PARKER

here in Idyllwild. We're just facilitators for what already exists here."

This inclusive attitude has been well-received by the community, and they are already expanding operations. They recently joined forces with Maryna Allan, whose White Feather Retreat (five minutes north of Pine Cove) provides a nice symmetry (the Double View house and yurt are at the southernmost end of Idyllwild). They are currently looking to rent another house near Double View, and their long-term vision for the

Garner Valley property includes permaculture, community gardens, organic farming, low-cost overnight guest facilities and artistic venues.

One thing that particularly impressed this reporter is their ability to emphasize connectedness and unity in tandem with individual expression in a way

that doesn't seem contradictory: "We recognize the power of connection, but we also believe strongly in free expression and equality. Present and Positive is absolutely horizontal in every aspect. The original vision came from Janel and I, but now no one person has the final say. We trust each other and we have different strengths, and we believe all people have something to offer. We believe in achieving balance through simultaneous self-reliance and interdependence."

In closing, I would like to quote a passage from their mission statement: "We believe that all people intuitively know what they need to thrive. When free of distractions and surrounded by nature and a supportive community, most people will naturally gravitate towards greater happiness, harmony and peace." Since our mountain offers all the necessary ingredients in such abundance, it is easy to see why it continues to attract spiritual visionaries.

Whether you are seeking holistic healing, connection or just looking to raise your spirits and have fun, check out their schedule of events at presentandpositive.com.

"It's a very receptive approach. We believe in creating space — with the house, the yurt and the 40 acres in Garner Valley — for the beautiful energy here in Idyllwild. We're just facilitators for what already exists here."
— Colin Parker

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Art Alliance announces 2015 events

At the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's annual membership meeting Friday, Jan. 23, it announced the schedule of events for 2015.

- Feb. 7 — Under \$100 Art Fair
- Feb. 21 — Artist Series
- March 7 — Eye of the Artist Show & Fundraiser
- March 28 — Artist Series
- April 11 — Community Social
- April 25 — Artist Series
- May 2-3 — Young Adult & Youth Art Show
- May 9 — 2nd Saturday Art Fair
- May 16-17 — Judged Artist Members' Show
- June 5-7 — Plein Air Festival
- June 13 — 2nd Saturday Art Fair
- June 20 — Sizzling Summer Gallery Tour
- July 11 — 2nd Saturday Art Fair
- July 18-19 — Judged Artist Members' Show
- Aug. 8 — 2nd Saturday Art Fair
- Sept. 5-6 — Art & Treasures Weekend
- Sept. 12 — 2nd Saturday Art Fair
- Sept. 26 — Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
- Oct. 10 — 2nd Saturday Art Fair and Art Walk & Wine Tasting
- Nov. 7 — Community Social
- Dec. 19-20 — Winter Solstice Art Sale & Musical Extravaganza

Kuscher to be honored as first AAI Volunteer of the Year

By MARSHALL SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

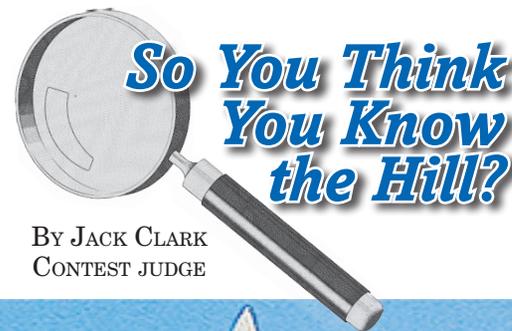
Gary Kuscher, nine-year member of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild and current vice president, will be honored as the first recipient of AAI's Volunteer of the Year award. In recognition of his years of dedicated service, the award will be named after its first recipient.

Kuscher, with long-standing commitment to expanding the profile of the organization, and leader of the very successful Art Walk and Wine Tasting event, has demon-



Gary Kuscher
FILE PHOTO

strated what makes art in Idyllwild so important — talent, heart, commitment and long hours of hard work.



By JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE



We had seven correct entries last week from **Randy Cathcart, Theresa Christy, Marsha Kennedy, Chris Morse, Kathy Muir, the Jeff Smith family and Merrie VonSeggern.** (We had one entry from someone who had the wrong plaque at the wrong archway.) The correct entries went into a hat and Muir's name came out, so she wins the gift card worth two adult tickets to **Shane Stewart's Rustic Theatre.** So now have a look at this week's photo.

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

or email artinidyllwild@gmail.com.

Under \$100 Art Fair will be open to the public from 10:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Desert hikes offered

Friends of the Desert Mountains sponsors Thursday and Saturday morning hikes throughout February in Palm Desert from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The Randall Henderson Trail is an easy to moderate, 2.5- to 3-mile loop. Elevation gain is about 300 feet. See desert tortoise habitat and other wildlife, a cactus garden and possibly wildflowers, depending on rainfall. It has great views of Coachella Valley and surrounding mountains.

The Art Smith Trail is moderate to strenuous and 3 to 4 miles round trip. Elevation gain is about 500 feet. Possibly see bighorn sheep and other wildlife, and wildflowers depending on rainfall. It has excellent views of Coachella Valley and surrounding mountains.

Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Bring snacks and 2 liters of water per person. Wear closed-toed shoes, hat and sunscreen. Minors must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

Meet at the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center, 51500 Highway 74 in Palm Desert.

Under \$100 Art Fair

At the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's upcoming Under \$100 Art Fair, which takes place Saturday, Feb. 7, at Town Hall, art lovers will have a rare opportunity to purchase a variety of original art for under \$100 — and just in time for Valentine's Day. This is one of AAI's most popular events, offering for sale works in various media including ceramics; watercolor, ink and acrylic paintings; jewelry; mixed media; glass; and wood. Each is an original work produced by the artists (no arts and crafts are permitted) and priced at less than \$100.

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Lauren Salter excels despite serious injury

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Idyllwild's Lauren Salter, an international skeleton competitor, has had an exceptional season. With four silver and three bronze medals, this may be her best showing since becoming a slider. But her coaches and teammates can only wonder what she could have achieved had she not incurred a serious injury nearly a year ago.

Salter injured her back lifting weights a year ago. "After two MRIs and a bone scan, no conclusive diagnoses have been made, ... It was (and is) one of the worst injuries I've had, both pain-wise and in longevity," she wrote in an email.

No only did she have to stop sliding at the end of the 2013-14 season, but the pain continued through the summer and into fall's preparation. Nevertheless, Salter was able to finish ninth during the team trials in November. This earned her a place on the North American Cup team.

"I have had to avoid any physical activity since January, and only began jogging in October. The effect my back pain would have on my sliding was such a mystery that my coach and I weren't optimistic that I would even be able to get down the track come October," Salter said. "Luckily, I was able to train and compete in U.S. Team Trials, but my lack of fitness and strength was obvious, especially in my start."

By the end of the season last week, Salter had finished second overall in the North American Cup competition.

"She far exceeded my expectations and surprised me every day with her positive attitude, living in the moment, staying relaxed, showing gratitude for what she could do," said her coach, Rebecca Sorenson.

Salter had to endure not only the pain, but also the inconveniences of living and competing with it. Life and sport were not normal this season. "Because it's my upper back, everything involving using my arms hurts, or did hurt, including carrying my sled, pushing, carrying luggage, even cleaning," she

lamented.

In her first race at the Park City, Utah, facility, she finished fourth on the first day and fifth the next.

Then she made substantial strides at the next two events. In late November, she competed in Calgary, Canada, and then in January, she was at the Whistler facility. She earned two silver medals at both competitions. Then last weekend, she got two bronze medals at the final race again at Calgary.

During the spring and summer of 2015, Salter plans to do what she can to repair and improve her back. "I'm not planning on racing any more this season," she wrote. "My next step will be to recover, rest and get myself back into shape."

As her back improves and her strength returns, Salter said she will concentrate on improving her race starts and track-driving skills.

"I've done better this season as far as studying tracks beforehand, and I look to continue that as I broaden my experience," she said. "My push start has always been fast, but as the world gets faster, so must I."

"She learned a valuable lesson this year," Sorenson said. "Many times athletes only learn these lessons because of an extenuating circumstance. Lauren's circumstance was an injury to her upper back that completely changed her master plan, training regime, work schedule and finances. She desperately tried to resolve her injury, but to no avail. Doctor after doctor, she searched for answers and came up short of feeling better. Despite this, she worked very hard at what she could do. And she figured out a way to achieve her goals for the season, one day at a time, one run at a time, one step at a time and occasionally one breath at a time."

And as she improves, Salter remains steadfastly committed to her goal of competing in the 2018 Winter Olympics, which will be February 2018 in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Skill improvement depends upon restoring her back muscles. But working

full time to earn money in order to compete in a sport that lacks the financial resources of track and field reduces her time available to heal.

"I am optimistic that I can recover, despite the ongoing pain. I hope that a spine specialist will be able to give me a different, more positive diagnosis," she lamented.

But she does have help. Former Idyllwild School Physical Education teacher Holly Guntermann gave a donation that enabled Salter to buy a new sled for this season.

"She's been incredibly supportive of my athletic abilities since I was in kindergarten, really, and to have that kind of presence in my life has been absolute-

ly incredible," Salter said of her long-time patron. "Holly was the reason I was able to get a world-class sled, and that has made a huge impact on my down times and comfort on the track." And despite her debilitating injury, Salter has had her best competitive season.

"She will be a faster, stronger, smarter athlete for the future because of what she learned about herself this year." Sorenson emphasized. "Second place overall in the [North American Cup] is a huge accomplishment."

Three years until the Pyeongchang Olympics is a long time in athletics. If Salter can heal and continue to improve, television sets on the Hill will be blaring Korean in 2018.



Lauren Salter finishes the running start and boards her sled at the North American Cup competition last month.
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Steele 26th at Phoenix

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele carded a 6-under-par 71-67-71-69—278, earning a tie for 26th place at the Waste Management Phoenix Open last week. He collected 14 birdies against 8 bogeys and was double-bogey free. He has now made 10 consecutive cuts on the PGA Tour, last season and this.

The native Idyllwilder found 62.5 percent of the fairways with drives averaging 304.1 yards. Steele was 10th in the field in that later category; his longest drive was 340 yards. He hit 73.6 percent of the greens in regulation, sixth best in the field. As usual, his tee-to-green play was exemplary, and he gained 5.133 strokes on the field there. But he gave back

1.005 strokes putting, needing 1.792 putts per green.

Steele now has 330 FedExCup points on the season and stands 27th on the official points list. With eight months of this season remaining to play, he already has nearly three-quarters of the points likely needed to qualify for the playoffs and ensure his playing card for

next year. He has earned more than a half million dollars in official prize money so far this season.

This week Steele will play in the \$6.3 million Farmers Insurance Open on the Torrey Pines courses in La Jolla. The Town Crier will follow him around every hole and will post reports to our online newspaper daily after each round.

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SPORTS

Basketball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Richard Mozeleski** gave these reports on Kids Basketball:

In 6- to 8-year-old action this week, the Red Kettle Dragons have held on to their division lead at 4-1 with a solid, opening win Monday against the American Legion Sea Dragons, but late in the week they were upset by the Killer Crocs.

The Crocs were led by **Brody Posey's** 21 points, though he sat out the last half of the final quarter. The Dragons rallied, but the rebounding of the Crocs and skillful time management of a couple of the players kept control of the last 20 seconds for the Crocs to prevail.

In the 9- to 11-year-old group, Jo'An's Heat held on to their 4-0 lead, but the Rotary Storm are starting to make their move, with an overtime win over Leigh's Purple Penguins. A basket by **Kilo Harrington** in the two-minute period was enough to secure victory for the Storm.

This week is packed with eight games at the mid-season mark. Games are at 5 and 6 o'clock Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, with excitement guaranteed or your money back.



Town Hall Adult Basketball had 3-on-3 playoff action at Idyllwild School last Saturday morning. From left, **Noah Whitney, Brian Kretsinger, Jessie Wilkerson and T.J. Titus** with **Bo Dagnall** watching from the sidelines. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Josh White playing for Idyllwild Inn spikes the ball against the Native Islanders during Tuesday night's Town Hall Adult Volleyball game at Idyllwild School. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Basketball Standings

Ages	Team	W	L	T
6-8	Red Kettle Dragons	4	1	0
	Idyllwild Property Management Crocs	1	2	0
	CJ Fast Food Cougars	1	2	0
	American Legion Sea Dragons	0	1	0
	Jo'An's Heat	4	0	0
9-11	Rotary Storm	2	1	0
	Leigh's Purple Penguins	1	3	0
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CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Update: **Juliet** is still with us and still looking for her forever home. She would make a wonderful companion to the feline crowd. Under a year old, this min-pin/Chihuahua is a



bundle of energy. She loves to play fetch and tug of war, and car rides are her fav, as is snuggling in the blankets. She's not a barker, unless to alert, and would love to sit on your lap while you watch TV! She's quick to learn basics with consistent training. Call ARF to make an appointment to meet Juliet and bring a leash. You will want to take her home.

ARF has several dogs available for adoption on our website under assisted adoption. Check our Facebook page as well for dogs needing homes.

Meow, meow, it's a feline frenzy.

Poppy is a young male kitten who loves to play, and seems to have an interest in keeping the cattery clean. He will follow the broom around and be sure that all litter boxes have been cleaned to perfection. After he's taken care of the housework, it's time to play. Not a meower, he is great with other felines, and actually loves to play with Juliet the dog.



The Hemingway brothers are still kitten enough to play. Under a year old,

Ernie is the friendliest of the two. Both are polydactyls, but Ernie has an extra surprise. He is polydactyl on all four paws, which makes him very rare. Come on in to ARF to help socialize these boys and who knows? You may want to take one of them home.

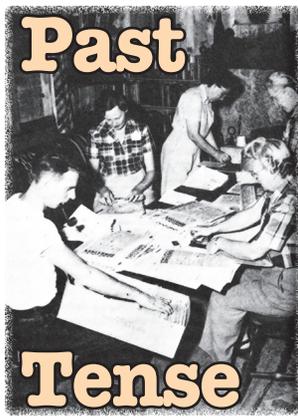


Tommy is still waiting for his Christmas wish. He would like his own outdoor cattery so he can nap in the sun with one eye open always checking out the birds. He is a large male, about 3 years old, and is very mellow with other felines, and very gentle with humans.

We have several adult cats in our cattery, too.

ARF has many cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Go to www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com and click on Petfinder. There is also a link for Facebook. All pets are spayed, neutered and current on shots. ARF is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays.

This week, Creature Corner is sponsored in Memory of Smoochy. To sponsor the column, call Lisa Streeter at the Town Crier, 951-659-2145.



65 years ago - 1950

In order to share responsibility for Town Hall, various organizations were planning to put on benefits for upkeep of the community building.

55 years ago - 1960

It was announced that Mt. San Jacinto State Park was included in Gov. Edmund G. Brown's proposed state budget that called for appropriation of \$93,000 to be used to acquire land in the Stone Creek area.

35 years ago - 1980

Desert Sun School's student musical touring company, which had been presenting "Godspell" throughout California and Nevada, returned to Idyllwild to perform for the local community.



Carol Jones, an Idyllwild sixth grader, showed off the doll her sister, Kathy Irving, made for her by hand in January 1975. It was one of Carol's Christmas presents and she brought it to school so her friends could see it. FILE PHOTO

30 years ago - 1985

The Hill was buried in snow, but plans were being made for a summer celebration to mark the 50th anniversary of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park on June 19.

20 years ago - 1995

Parents, teachers and administrators at Idyllwild School were finalizing plans for a fund-raising campaign to provide the school's playground with new equipment. At the time,

the playground had only one swing set.

15 years ago - 2000

After standing vacant for about a year, the Paradise Corner Cafe reopened its doors at the corner of highways 74 and 371 in Garner Valley.

10 years ago - 2005

Idyllwild School eighth-grader Max Connif placed second in the Hemet Unified School District Spelling Bee for the second time in three years.

5 years ago - 2010

The Hemet Unified School District had a projected fiscal 2010-11 budget deficit of about \$19.7 million. HUSD negotiators said a 7-percent salary reduction across the board would reduce the deficit by more than half.

1 year ago - 2014

On Monday, Feb. 3, Robert Garcia, owner of La Casita Restaurant located at 54650 N. Circle Dr., discovered that one of the deer that was part of the "Deer Sightings" project had been stolen.



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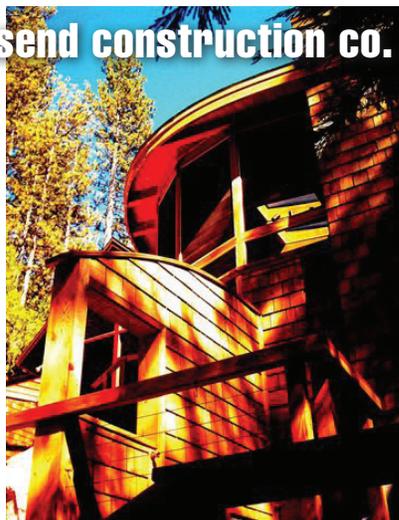
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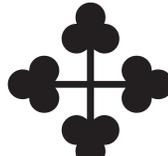
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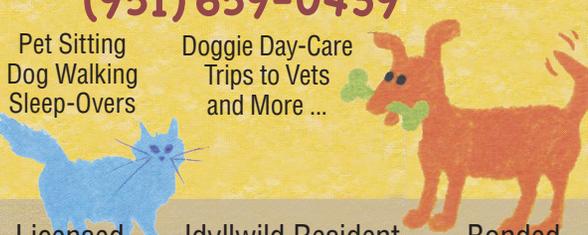
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AAI

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growth over the last year), a copy of Shanna Robb's resignation letter, how many signatures are currently required on AAI checks, and how the board planned to respond to a board member's public posting on Facebook of a potentially defamatory comment about a prominent volunteer.

Kassouf said he personally would not comment at this time on any of these requests or issues. "We are working on a letter to the general membership addressing some of the issues raised at the meeting," he said. "We hope to have that out by Friday. After that, we will look at [the Town Crier request for 10 items] as a board and get back to you." When asked when that would be, he said he wasn't sure since this would have to be a board decision.

Byron Ely, who also spoke at the Jan. 23 meeting, offered a free audit that could be conducted by certified members of a nonprofit, National Core, with which he is affiliated. "I thought if it were just financial constraints that prevented from commissioning an audit, that this offer would be a way to take out the mystery [about AAI financials] and provide healing," he said in subsequent interview. "I have been consistently impressed by the events run by the organization and the sophistication of those events." Asked if he had been contacted by the board with regard to his audit offer, Ely said he had not.

Kassouf said much of this attention this last week had been diverted to law enforcement's investigation of the vandalism of one of the AAI "Deer Sightings" sculptures (see page 1).

We will report next week on the letter to the membership and board response to the specific Town Crier requests. We will also, from the PowerPoint presentation, highlight what the board presented to the membership as 2014 accomplishments, membership growth, current financial state of the organization, and new AAI initiatives for 2015.

Chris Trout, one of the founders of AAI, said of the Jan. 23 meeting and current state of the organization, "As one of the founders of AAI, I feel that the original vision and mission statement, currently on the website, were well thought out 17 years ago as appropriate for Idyllwild, and that, as a membership based organization, AAI has been well-served by these guiding principles."

Health on the Hill

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This really starts to get astronomically ridiculous as far as all the possible ways for us to disagree.

As I write this, it becomes difficult to imagine how "we" will ever find enough common ground with "them" to move this little human chemistry experiment into the next evolution. "We/they" have exhausted the Einstein principle of insanity.

The comedian Chris Rock once joked that in his opinion, he didn't understand why Caucasians would refer to black people as colored. He said white people turn green or yellow when sick, red when angry, brown when in the sun and blue when dead. So in reality, who are the colored ones? I love the simple truth in his sarcasm.

A passage written by

Peruvian monks and mentioned in the book "The Celestine Prophecies" tells us we all come across each other's path for particular reasons. Either we give information or receive information, or there is an equal exchange of information. The main reason for this not happening as it should seems to come from deep inside us all. And so once again we are introduced to our most common enemy. Our eternal burning fire of fear that lulls us into a false sense of warmth and comfort as it slowly destroys the bridges between us—and "them."

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Caregivers Needed. Hourly and Live-in. (760) 340-HOME (4663) Must clear a background check and speak English. Resume may be faxed to (760) 454-CARE (2273) or emailed to AAHOMECARE@ME.COM Visit us at AA-HOMECARE.COM to download an employment application.

Help Wanted: Experienced in computer skills, InDesign, Photoshop, MS Word. Full-time for 8-1/2 weeks beginning February 11. Other duties include front desk and subscriptions. Writing/proofreading skills are a plus. Drop off resume at Town Crier, 54405 N. Circle Drive or email: halie@towncrier.com

Assistant Food Service Manager: Immediate opening for evening shift, 20-30 hours per week. Visit www.pathfinderranch.com for more information or to apply. (951) 659-2455.

Caregiver needed for a 94yr old alert and oriented female in wheelchair. Part-time nights with occasional dayshifts. References helpful. Call John, (951) 659-2086 or Susan (760) 702-1125.

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Number of Lines	Each time
Up to 10 lines	\$11.95
Ea. addtl. line, add:	\$1.00
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Large working appliances, Some as low as \$50. Sat, February 7, 10 am - 2 pm, view at 54010 Lower Pine Crest Avenue.

Troy-Bilt 8.5 HP (Storm) snow thrower. AWD, 6 forward/2 reverse gears. Electric recoil starter, 26" auger. Recent service, like new. \$700. (760) 406-2446, (951) 659-0567.

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For Sale

SAWMILLS from only \$4397.00- **MAKE & SAVE MONEY** with your own bandmill- Cut lumber any dimension. In stock ready to ship. FREE Info/DVD: www.NorwoodSawmills.com 1-800-578-1363 Ext.300N (Cal-SCAN)

Yard Sales

ESTATE SALE - Pine Cove - 52537 Pine Ridge Road (can also enter from Meadow Road) Fri., Sat., Sun., Feb. 6,7,8, from 8am to 4pm. House filled with antique dressers, oak dry sinks, oak secretary desk, oak tables. Oak Dining room Set with 6 chairs and 3 extension leafs. Antique Grand Father, Wall and Mantle clocks, oak wall phone, antique Barber Chair, Pool Table, huge vintage Train Set, antique oak Cash Register, vintage Gum Ball and Stamp Machines, 9x12 and round Oriental Carpets, Original Art, Brass Bed, elegant Parlor Wood Stoves, Classic Frigidaire refrig/freezer, Outdoor and Deck Furniture, tools and much more. FULL GARAGE. Free twin mattresses. From Idy, left on Pine Cove Road (gas station), left onto Sylvan, left onto Nestwa, right onto Pine Ridge Road or Meadow Road. Follow Lou's signs.

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Attractive 2BD 2BA home in
Fern Valley. Nice upstairs deck.
Washer/Dryer and Garage
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53345 Double View
Cute 1BD with loft. 2BA.
New wood stove and fenced yard.
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House for rent: 53820 Country Club Dr. \$775. Lg spac. 1bd/1 ba hse, hdwd flrs, all appliances, Window coverings, wdstv, off street prkg, fenced yd, & Jacuzzi tub in ba. W/D hookups. No pets. Juno Property Management Service at (619) 276-9800.

Cabin for Rent: Available April 1st. More info & pics at www.wouf.org. \$895/mo. (714) 307-4478.

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Apartment for rent, 4 bedroom, 2 bath,. Remodeled, Downtown. \$1200.00. (951) 659-2217.

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WORD SEARCH

(Answers on next page)

B	E	G	I	N	G	P	R	E	S	S	U	R	E
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| Begging | Hasn't | Sheet | Tasks |
| Bought | Hopes | Signal | Tears |
| Cannon | Ideas | Skies | Tower |
| Chalk | Inject | Skins | Trade |
| Eagle | Lesson | Sleeve | Wipes |
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| Entry | Pence | Spills | Zebra |

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- Idyllwild Calendars
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And more!

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Answers to Sudoku
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
(Puzzle on next page)

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Legals • Doing Business As

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as THE FORT at 54225 N. Circle

Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1746, Idyllwild, CA 92549. PAUL - - WHITAKER, 4227 41st. St, San Diego, CA 92105.

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: PAUL - - WHITAKER
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 17, 2014.

FILE NO.: R-2014-11856

Classifieds

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Health

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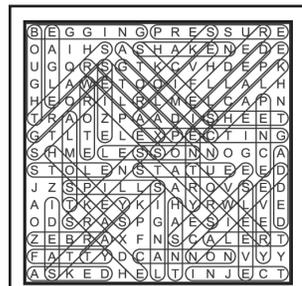
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Safe Step Walk-In Tub! Alert for Seniors. Bathroom falls can be fatal. Approved by Arthritis Foundation. Therapeutic Jets. Less Than 4 Inch Step-In. Wide Door. Anti-Slip Floors. American Made. Installation Included. Call 800-799-4811 for \$750 Off. (Cal-SCAN)

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Answers to Word Search (Puzzle on previous page)

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF 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). 6064. Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: J. Gonzalez, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as VEIN INSTITUTE OF THE DESERT at 74-361 Highway 111, Suite 5, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County. JOAN L. WARREN, MD A MEDICAL CORPORATION, 74-361 Highway 111, Suite 5, Palm Desert CA 92260. A California Corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 02/23/2010.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature: PAUL JOSEPH MALKIN
Secretary
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 7, 2015.

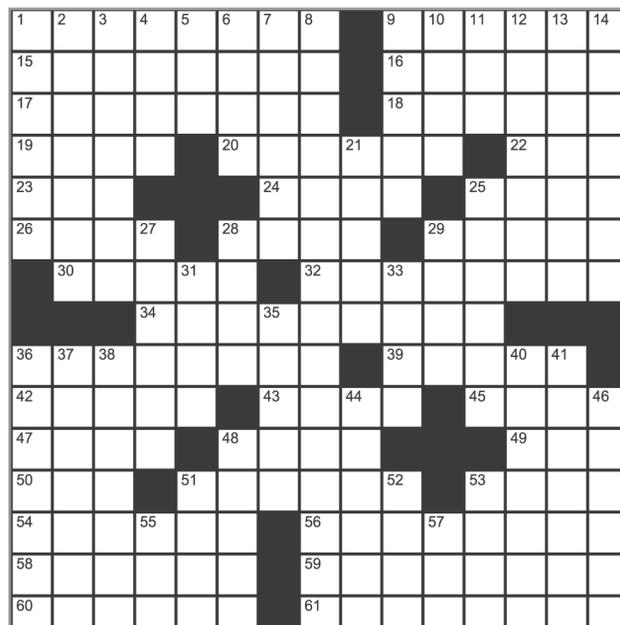
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CROSSWORD

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Difficulty: Easy

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ACROSS

- Hugger
- Infected
- Non-toxic cookware liner
- Outline
- Afterbirth
- Bottled spirits
- Carnival attraction
- Fodder preserved through fermentation
- "Sesame Street" watcher
- Etc. in Polish
- Bank
- Rotating to the left, shortened
- Ticket info, maybe
- Numero uno
- Prescribed in specified amounts
- "Gladiator" setting
- 1971 Carole

DOWN

- Lively intelligence
- Word in the Second Amendment
- Distensible membranous sac
- Houston university
- Trick taker, often
- Bamboozles
- Aggregate
- One who facilitates the sale of land (3 wds)
- Drooping
- Rapier with three-sided blade
- Ballpoint, e.g.
- Dullest
- Become covered with frozen water (2 wds)
- Guardianship
- Church part
- Non-winners
- Money back
28. Kennel cry
29. Kosher ____
31. ____ a one
33. Kind of mark
35. Quartet member
36. Vertical rival
38. In an untidy manner
40. Unit of heat often
41. Component in making dyes and drugs
44. Loss of muscle coordination
46. Removed frozen water, as from a plane's wing
48. Deceptions
51. Close
52. Groove that holds a bowstring
53. Actor Green of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"
55. A sib
57. "For shame!"

HOROSCOPES

February 2015 — Week 1



March 21 – April 19

Get ready to shine, Aries. The spotlight will soon be on you. Last-ditch efforts at home do not go unnoticed. The mood lifts, and all is right with the world once again.



April 20 – May 20

Hang in there, Taurus. Help is on the way. Party invites arrive by the handful. Accept them all. You deserve a little fun now and then. A date draws near.



May 21 – June 21

You're a generous soul. People take note and will bless you time and time again, Gemini. Principles are questioned at a meeting. Stand firm.



June 22 – July 22

Look out, Cancer. Trouble is brewing at home, and if you aren't careful, you could be pulled into the thick of things. A breach in confidence is no reason to panic.



July 23– August 22

Believe in the impossible, reach for the stars and that which you hope for will come true, Leo. There is more to an inquiry than meets the eye.



August 23– September 22

Hopes are dashed with a cut in funding, but there is no reason to despair, Virgo. A new source of revenue will soon be made available.



September 23– October 22

The workload decreases with an addition. Take everyone out to celebrate, Libra. A youngster's passion grows tenfold. Indulge them.



October 23– November 21

Could have, would have, should have. Time to let go of regrets and focus on what's ahead. You know better now, Scorpio. It will not happen again.



November 22– December 21

Soul searcher you are not, but it might be in your best interest to become one this week, Sagittarius. The answer to that nagging problem is within.



December 22 – January 19

Introspection leads you down a new path. Tread with care, Capricorn. There will be obstacles. A glimmer of hope keeps a friend going. Be there for them.



January 20 – February 18

Once broken, trust is hard to regain. Make sure what you are about to do will be worth it, Aquarius. Vacation planning begins. Look to a pro for advice.



February 19 – March 20

Poor Pisces. You did all that you could, but it did not work out. Better luck next time. A senior's recovery is nothing short of a miracle. Celebrate the good news.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Film to screen in desert

Friends of the Desert Mountains will be hosting a screening of "Desert Dreams: Celebrating Five Seasons in the Sonoran Desert" at UCR Palm Desert Thursday, Feb. 5. "Desert Dreams" is an award-winning film featuring images of the flora and fauna of the Sonoran Desert set to a mix of music and natural sounds.

In addition to being featured at numerous film festivals, including the Wild and Scenic Film Festival and the Sedona International Film Festival, the film sold out (1,164 seats) at its big-screen debut in Tucson, Arizona, in May 2013.

The screening will take place in the UCR Palm Desert auditorium at 6 p.m.

smARTs instructors needed

The Idyllwild School smARTs Committee is looking for people who are fun, creative and self-motivated, love to develop the artist brain in kids and want to make a difference.

Whether you are an experienced teaching art-

ist or new to this, the committee invites you to join the smARTs team of artists.

Instruction for elementary students are two hour-long classes (10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.) the Fridays of Feb. 6, 13 and 27. All new artists and/or volunteers need to complete an orientation before teaching or assisting with their first class. Small stipends are awarded for their time.

Email Ginger Dagnall (ginger.dagnall@gmail.com) or Catherine Smith (catchatfield@hotmail.com) with the dates and times you are available to teach.

'Blind Date With a Book'

The month of February, Idyllwild Library is hosting "Blind Date With a Book."

The event is open to all community members of all ages.

The library has selected an unusual assortment of books just for you that are wrapped to hide the title so it's a real "Blind Date." Check one out at the front desk, take it home, grab a bowl of ice cream and unwrap it.

There is a drawing entry form in each "Date" for a chance to win a Valentine prize — one prize for the adults/teens and one for the children. Drawing will be held the first week in March.

'Hillbilly History Games'

Idyllwild Library is hosting an event called "Hillbilly History Games" from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the library.

All community members, especially the old timers, are invited to a fun hour of trivia games.

Ken Luber book talk

Author and local Ken Luber will give a talk and poetry reading at the Idyllwild Library from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27. It was moved from Feb. 20 because of a conflict with another event.

He is the author of "Everybody's Shadow," a collection of poems, the novel "Match to the Heart," and "Esperanza: The Musical of Hope."

Legals

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CERTIFICATION

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
By: D. Perez, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as WEHN REALTY at 25630 Cedar Glen Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1480, Idyllwild, CA 92549. BRETT OWEN WEHN, 25630 Cedar Glen Drive, Idyllwild CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 12/01/2003.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
BRETT OWEN WEHN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 21, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-00637

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
By: M. Llaneras, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as MOUNTAIN MIKE BATH BEAUTY SCENTS at 543601/2 North Circle Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. MOUNTAIN MIKE CUSTOM LEATHER, LLC, 543601/2 North Circle Dr., Idyllwild, CA. A California Limited Liability Company.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
MICHAEL ROY ALLEN
Manager

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 5, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-00066

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
By: M. Gutierrez, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDYLLWILD PROPERTY MANAGEMENT & REALTY at 26805 Hwy 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 52806, Riverside, CA 92517. MICHAEL MURRAY (-), 54960 Pine Crest #1, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
MICHAEL MURRAY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 20, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-00564

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
By: J. Gonzalez, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ESSENTIAL MASSAGE AND WELLNESS, ESSENTIAL MASSAGE AND HOLISTIC HEALTH, ESSENTIAL MASSAGE, ESSENTIAL MASSAGE & BODYWORK at 53375 Denny Drive Anza, CA 92539, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 633, Aguanga, CA 92536. LISA SUE ROGERS LOPEZ, 53375 Denny Drive, Anza CA 92539.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 1/1/2015.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares

as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
LISA ROGERS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 12, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-00342

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
By: D. Rivera, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as CATHEDRAL CITY FLORAL DESIGNS, INC. at 35959 Date Palm Drive, Space A-2, Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside County. CATHEDRAL CITY FLORAL DESIGNS, INC., 35959 Date Palm Drive, Space A-2, Cathedral City, CA 92234. A California Corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature:
LORETTA M. ALDERETE
President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 21, 2015.

FILE NO.:
I-2015-00195

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
By: M. Duenas, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015.

RIC 1500726
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St. Riverside, CA 92501

PETITION OF ROSANNE BOND.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

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

a. Present name: MARANDA AURELLA SHADY changed to Proposed name: MARANDA AURELLA BOND.

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: 3/9/15 Time: 8:30 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: JAN 22 2015
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 2015.



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Laptop missing from hospital may have contained patient information

An unencrypted laptop computer reported missing from Riverside County Regional Medical Center in December might have contained the personal information of patients who received ophthalmology and dermatology services at the hospital between Jan. 26, 2012, and Nov. 26, 2014.

RCRMC Chief Compliance Officer Jan Remm said the hospital immediately notified law enforcement and began a thorough internal investigation after a department manager at the Moreno Valley-based hospital reported the laptop missing on Dec. 1.

Remm said she has no reason to believe the laptop's patient-related files or information have been accessed or used in any way. As a precaution, letters are being mailed out to inform affected patients about the potential data breach, Remm added.

She said computer forensic experts determined that information of about 7,900 patients might have been stored on the laptop. The information can include differing amounts of patient information, including name, address, birth date and, in some instances, a Social Security number and health-plan policy number. Limited clinical information, such as diagnosis, also might have been present.

"We are taking significant measures to safeguard patient privacy and to restrict unauthorized access to computers and devices that potentially contain patient data," Remm said. "The privacy of our patients is a fundamental priority in our organization and part of our commitment to quality health care."

The hospital has strengthened its inventory controls to prevent fu-

ture loss of electronic devices, while cyber-security experts are currently encrypting all the organization's computers and laptops to safeguard patient data, according to Remm.

Hospital officials encourage patients concerned about personal information to closely monitor their credit reports by calling 1-877-322-8228 to request a free annual report from the three U.S. credit reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. The report also may be requested online at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Patients concerned about whether their information was stored on the laptop are encouraged to contact the RCRMC confidential assistance line staffed with professionals familiar with this incident. The confidential assistance line is available from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday at 1-866-313-7993.

Obituary David Sterling Lane 1938-2015

Dave Lane was born in Columbus, Ohio, on July 19, 1938. He earned his law degree from UCLA in 1966, and practiced law in San Diego for 45 years. He loved being a lawyer.

His sense of humor was legendary and infectious, and anyone who knew him has a story or two to tell. He was warm, funny and friendly to all. He laughed at himself, and always had a quip to share, whether appropriate or not.

Though in compromised health over the last several years, his death was sudden and unexpected. He died in his mountain home in Idyllwild, a place he truly loved, on Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Patti; children Jeff, Amy and Patrick; grandchildren Jacob, Lilly, Carson and William; and nieces Jill and Lisa. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in his name to Wounded Warrior Project, San Diego Parkinson's Association, San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program or the Foundation of ALA. A private celebration of life is planned.



Stone introduces law to expand use of Diamond Valley Lake

State Sen. Jeff Stone (R-Riverside County) used the historic occasion of the introduction of his first bill as a senator to help fulfill promises made to the people of his district two decades ago during construction of Diamond Valley Lake.

Last week, Stone introduced Senate Bill 143, which would allow body contact with the water in DVL, located near Hemet. When DVL opened in 2003, the Metropolitan Water District that owns and operates the lake restricted the 4.5-mile-long lake to fishing only and prohibited all-body contact.

"Promises were made to

the people of Hemet, Winchester and Southwest Riverside County when the Metropolitan Water District chose the site for its large reservoir," said Stone in a press release. "My first bill will ensure there is an opportunity for those promises to finally be kept."

The availability of swimming will likely attract more visitors to the lake. The intent of the legislation is to open up the surrounding region to economic development and recreational facilities, which residents were promised when the massive man-made lake was proposed in the 1990s.

When DVL — a \$2 billion project — was being

built in the mid-1990s, MWD officials boasted about recreation facilities planned to surround the reservoir including an Olympic-sized pool, 80 miles of biking and hiking

trails, a commercial water park, 500 campsites, slips for 250 boats, golf courses and much more, according to Stone. These facilities, MWD officials said, would attract visitors from across

Southern California and beyond.

A dozen years later, few of the promised recreation opportunities exist around the lake.

"My bill will not only help to provide recreational

opportunities for families, it will bring good jobs and economic opportunity to the people of Riverside County," Stone said proudly of his first piece of legislation and stressed that the legislation applies only to DVL.

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Parks Forward sees changes needed for future of State Parks

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

At its final meeting Friday, Feb. 6, the Parks Forward Commission will review its final report and recommendations for the future management of the state park system.

Collectively, the numerous recommendations will result in a fundamental transformation of the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The commission recognizes that change requires planning and needs time; consequently, it proposes the creation of a team within the agency to analyze and guide implementing various other recommendations.

The department has already begun to implement this step. On Jan. 22, Lisa Mangat, acting director, California State Parks, announced the formation of a 14-member Transformation Team.

"The job of the Transformation Team is bold and ambitious, and I am confident we have put the right people in place to lead this charge," Mangat said in the press release. "The Parks Forward report is the beginning of the conversation. We have a responsibility to ensure positive and meaningful changes happen that will have a lasting impact for the visitors, supporters and staff of California State Parks."

The principal impetus for the Parks Forward initiative was a 2012 budgetary problem that led to the department's tentative proposal to close 70 units. Later that summer, it was disclosed that the department had \$54 million of hidden assets. A year later in 2013, the commission was created to evaluate the department and recommend changes to improve its future viability.

"We recognize that change at this level is not the easiest path forward — that it may be easier and generate broader support to simply call for more funding and propose modest incremental change ... Our treasured parks, the people of California and

dedicated park staff deserve better," the commission declared.

The numerous commission recommendations seem practical (such as eliminating the maintenance backlog and funding future maintenance), ambitious (such as ensuring "Every urban Californian lives within a safe, half-mile walk of a well-maintained park ...") and pragmatic (such as working more collaboratively with public and private partners).

A critical recommendation is the establishment of "Park California," which would be a nonprofit public benefit corporation to support the state agency. One of its goals is to promote

and to expand access and visitation to a wider range of state residents.

"Expanding park visitation requires a focused effort to ensure park facilities, amenities and programming serve the needs of a broader base of park visitors," is one of the future goals.

Regardless of how outside funding is found for future parks, the commission recognized their public purpose and the continuing need for stable public funds. "Effective revenue models exist throughout the park system, and the best of these should be identified and taken to statewide scale, where appropriate," the report states. "However,

even with these effectiveness and revenue-generation improvements, General Fund reductions and deferred maintenance have compromised the state's ability to manage and sustain the State Park System. Existing funding no longer guarantees the promise of the park vision to future generations."

The Parks Forward Commission meeting is from 9:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Feb. 6, in Sacramento. They will also hear a presentation from Stamen Design, co-creators of the "CaliParks" mobile app, California's first statewide park finder application.

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

Agreement

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address the large classes at the high schools. It also gives our hard-working teachers some extra money in their paychecks."

The highlights of the new contract include an 8-percent salary increase retroactive to July 1, 2014. Another 2-percent increase will be effective July 1, 2015. For example, the starting salary of teacher with only a bachelor's degree will increase from the current annual amount of \$44,161 to \$47,694. The salary at the top of the payscale, (step 22) would go from \$87,860 to \$94,889.

Health and welfare benefits will increase \$1,500, to a total of \$10,600. This year's increase will be a one-time cash payment, but next fiscal year the benefits schedule will be increased.

The instructional day will increase 12 minutes beginning next fall. Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kramer said, "We'll have to change the bell schedule. But it could add two minutes per class for middle-school students."

The total cost of the contract in the current year will be about \$8.4 million and another \$3.3 million next year. Kayrell did admit that Gov. Jerry Brown's 2015-16 budget proposal, released two weeks ago,

helped the district come to a settlement.

Class sizes also were addressed in the tentative agreement, but Kramer did not expect those to have an effect on the local school.

"As with all negotiations, everyone gets some of what they want; but, no one gets all of what they want. The advantage of having a [Tentative Agreement] is that we can all focus on our primary goal of helping students achieve academically," said Kayrell. "When you get to the very end of the process it necessitates this kind of action — a little more creativity and compromise."

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Deer

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or suspects have been identified.

Deer Sightings is the first public art exhibition sponsored by AAI. Twenty-two individually painted buck, doe and fawn sculptures were placed throughout the town and in Pine Cove.

This is the second act of vandalism committed against the town's public art project. "Rocky," a deer located in front of La Casita Restaurant, disap-

peared a year ago and was recently replaced and rededicated by AAI.

"We will work closely with authorities because this project is a visual gift to our residents, our visitors and our next generation," said Kasouf.

Anyone with information about the incident is encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Department or call the Art Alliance at 1-877-439-5278.

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