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A man, his son, a fire and an uncertain future

By Marshall Smith
Correspondent

The smoke woke me up," said Andrew Luke of the early morning of Friday, Jan. 30. "I walked out onto the deck off the upstairs bedroom and I could see the glow of the fire and could hear it below, the backdraft."

It was 2 o'clock in the morning and Luke screamed for help. He de-

scribed going back into the bedroom, now all smoke-filled, to find his 2-year-old son, Wyatt. "I couldn't see anything. It was pitch black." He said he could feel the panic rising because he could not see where his son was. Then he heard Wyatt's voice.

Luke said he moved to the voice, scooped Wyatt up in his arms, went out the bedroom slider to the second floor deck and

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ADULT VOLLEYBALL CONTINUES: Idyllwild Garage, in blue, played Forest Lumber Monday night in adult volleyball. Here, **Cory Sumerall** of Idyllwild Garage serves to begin the third game with a spike across the net. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Lawler Lodge to be designated county historical site

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Lawler Lodge, a few miles north of Idyllwild, has been recommended for designation as a Riverside County historical landmark.

In November, Keith Herron, resources bureau chief and county historic

preservation officer, made the presentation to the County Historical Commission, who recommended the designation to the Board of Supervisors. It was on the board's agenda for Tuesday, Feb. 10.

In 1916, Oscar Lawler, a Los Angeles attorney, and his wife Hilda, bought

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Little change to FS budget

Airtanker fleet upgrade continues

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

For the federal fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2015, President Barack Obama has requested a \$6.5 billion budget for the U.S. Forest Service. This includes \$700 million of mandatory funding and a new proposal for \$850 million to supplement

fire suppression costs.

Without these two items, the president's request is \$4.9 billion, \$130 million less than the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year.

The request for overall management of the national forest system is \$1.6 billion, an increase of nearly \$154 million. Wildfire management, the largest portion of the Forest Service budget, would increase \$20 million to a total of \$2.4 billion. This does

not include a separate request of \$850 million for the expenses of the largest and most costly fires.

"The budget again proposes a new approach to wildland fire suppression. It will treat severe wildfires like other natural disasters that can draw on emergency funding rather than raiding other critical programs, like forest restoration and management, research and other activities that help manage our

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Epperly trial set for July

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Karen Epperly, 49, of Idyllwild, who was charged with embezzlement from Community Lumber in December 2013, will have a trial in July.

Epperly initially pleaded guilty in August and awaited a probation report filed in September. At the Sept. 19 sentencing hearing, the court announced it had read the probation report and she was not eligible for probation.

At that hearing, Epperly then withdrew her guilty plea and entered a plea of not guilty instead.

After several trial conferences, Epperly continued to maintain her not guilty plea. At the Jan. 30 information arraignment, both the prosecutor and defense announced they were prepared for a trial. Judge Mark Mandio then set July 20 as the starting day for the trial.



CLASSIC CAR CRASHES: James Dunn gives information to California Highway Patrol Officer Ron Esparza after father Robert Dunn of Idyllwild collided with an SUV Sunday morning on Highway 243 near the Nature Center. Jacob Murphy of San Clemente was driving a Toyota 4Runner on the Nature Center road at about 11:45 a.m. After stopping at the intersection to the highway, he reported that he looked and then turned left toward Pine Cove when he was struck by Dunn's classic purple Suburban traveling at 45 to 50 mph on Highway 243. Dunn's vehicle sustained major front-end damage. Murphy was uninjured but his passenger, Jocelyn Fuentes, complained of pain to the left rib and was transported to Riverside County Regional Medical Center. Dunn was transported to Hemet Valley Medical Center for pain in his right knee.

PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Forest Service soliciting public comments for off-highway grants

The San Bernardino National Forest will be seeking public input for its upcoming California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division grants that will be submitted on March 2.

California state regulations require public input prior to the preliminary application deadline in this fund-allocation process. The agreements support off-highway vehicle management activities on the national forest, including operations and maintenance, law enforcement, development, planning, restoration, and education and safety.

The State of California Department of Parks and Recreation and the San Bernardino National Forest have maintained a partnership for more than 29 years, with funding assistance for well-managed OHV recreation on national forest lands. In 2014, SBNF received more than \$600,000 in grant funds to provide the public with OHV recreation opportunities.

SBNF officials request the public to provide suggestions for grants that will help improve the OHV program. Two meetings were to be held, one was Tuesday and the second is from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Sizzler Restaurant, 1461 S. Rimpula Ave., Corona.

If you are unable to attend the meetings, or have any questions, the Forest Service would like to receive your input to this application. Email is the preferred means of sending comments to the agency. Comments may be sent to dkopp@fs.fed.us by Feb. 20 with the words "OHV Grant Application" in the subject line.

If you are unable to send comments electronically, you may send them to OHV Grant Application, Attn: Devere Kopp, USFS Big Bear Ranger Station, P.O. Box 290, Fawnskin, CA 92333.

If you have questions about this application, write or call Devere Kopp at 909-382-2831 or dkopp@fs.fed.us.

PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Traffic crash on South Circle

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

A Saturday night traffic collision resulted in one injury but California Highway Patrol Officer Jeff O'Steen, speaking from the Beaumont office, had only the first page of the report and was not able to give much detail.

Involved in the crash on South Circle Drive near Tahquitz Drive at 6:20 p.m. were Sean Davis, 23, of Idyllwild, driving a 1993 Ford Crown Victoria, and Matthew Wheeler, 29, also of Idyllwild, driving a 1997 Chevy Silverado pickup. One person was injured, but who and to what extent was not on the report.

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

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 2/12



64/42
Sunny.

Friday 2/13



69/42
Sunny.

Saturday 2/14



68/42
Mostly sunny.

Sunday 2/15



62/40
Slight Chance of showers

Monday 2/16



59/38
Slight chance of showers.

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
2/3	67	39		
2/4	68	40		
2/5	70	38		
2/6	68	36		
2/7	67	40		
2/8	67	41		
2/9	67	41		

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
2/3	39	25		
2/4	39	24		
2/5	52	31		
2/6	42	33	0.15	
2/7	50	28	0.35	
2/8	62	33		
2/9	61	35	0.01	

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 11.68
To date last season (Idy): 8.44
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.

Editor's note: 0.08 inches of rain that fell on Jan. 30, and 0.10 inches of rain on Jan. 31 were unaccounted for in Idyllwild's moisture data for this year. Moisture to date this season has been updated to reflect this correction.

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Deer damaged due to DUI driver

Surveillance videos show scene

BY J.P. CRUMRINE, NEWS EDITOR
BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

The mystery of the second damaged painted deer (of the Deer Sightings Project) appears to have been solved. Robert Richard Rutherford, 56, of Idyllwild was arrested about 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, on several driving-under-the influence charges.

The arresting California Highway Patrol officer documented Rutherford's vehicle and the damage to the deer sculpture, according to CHP Officer Jeff O'Steen.

Rutherford was parked in the Idyllwild Inn lot for about an hour. About 10 p.m., he drove forward over the deer and over a wall about 20 inches tall on the street side, according to an Idyllwild Inn surveillance video, which can be viewed on the Town Crier website. He stopped in front of the BBVA Compass bank, according to CHP.

Rutherford also submitted to a chemical test for blood alcohol levels, and the arrest report indicates he "was under the influence," according to CHP Public Information Officer Darren Meyer.

The car, which crashed into the deer based on evidence collected at the scene, is registered to Rutherford, who was driving on a suspended license, Meyer added.

An individual witnessed the incident and notified CHP, which is why



After the suspected driver of this car got free from the deer body, the witness captured this photo.

PHOTO BY JOSHUA SUNDSTEN

CHP was on the scene so quickly and made the arrest and booked him. He was released the same day on \$10,000 bail.

The arresting CHP officer left the deer's remnants with a notification near the Bank, where it was found Saturday morning. Bank Manager Jeri Sue Haney said no surveillance camera captured the scene. She said the deer was left out near the entrance to the bank's driveway.

Joshua Sundsten of Fern Valley was waiting for a friend nearby. "I heard this terrible metal on metal sound," he said. He ran over to see the car already near the bank. He saw the deer's head and a couple of limbs lying on the street in front of Idyllwild Inn property. "It was amazing. I tried to wrap my head around what had happened."

Sundsten said the car's driver fell asleep at the wheel and he waited for him to wake up. "I wasn't going to let him drive," he said. When the driver awoke and started to drive away, part of the deer was still caught under the car so the engine revved and the wheels spun until the car finally got clear of the deer.

Sundsten banged on the car window and asked if he was OK. The driver was startled and Sundsten asked him to get out of the car and look at what he had done. "He had no recollection of anything," Sundsten said.

"I asked him if he had had a couple of drinks and he replied, 'Yeah, I had a couple.'"

Sundsten asked a man who had called law enforcement if he could handle the situation and keep him from driving. The man agreed so Sundsten left at that point.

Apparently, the CHP notification went missing from the deer, which was why Haney contacted the Riverside County Sheriff's Department about the vandalism and Marc Kasouf, AAI president asked anyone with information to contact the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff's deputies began their own investigation of the incident until they learned Tuesday that CHP had already made an arrest. Wednesday morning, Capt. Lyndon Wood wrote, "I guess this has been sorted out?"

The AAI board was going to consider taking action against Rutherford at its meeting last week, according to AAI Public Relations Spokesperson Lesly Martin. On Monday, Martin said the board was still considering what to do.

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See the Idyllwild Inn video surveillance camera capturing the scene of a car driving over the deer at www.towncrier.com.

Proposed legislation would benefit volunteer fire departments

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

"The bill creates a tax deduction for volunteer first responders ..."

At the last Idyllwild Fire Protection District commission meeting, Paul Riggi, president of Volunteer Company 621, mentioned federal legislation that may benefit volunteer fire companies such as Idyllwild's.

H.R. 343 would amend the Internal Revenue Code to encourage people to volunteer for firefighting or emergency medical service.

The bill would allow individuals to value each hour of qualified services at \$20 and treat that as a contribution to the organization, with a limit of 300 hours per person annually.

"The bill creates a tax deduction for volunteer first responders and will help volunteer fire departments and other public safety organizations recruit and retain volunteers," said U.S. David B. McKinley (R-WV), who introduced the bill. After several meetings with volunteer fire departments in West Virginia, McKinley recognized the problem of recruiting volunteers and offered the proposed legislation as a solution.

He and Rep. Dave Loebsack (D-IA) originally submitted the bill at the end of the 114th Congress in December. They re-introduced it last month in the current congressional session. The bill has been referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

"... [L]ocal agencies are increasingly struggling to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and EMTs. This common-sense bill would help bolster staffing in volunteer public safety agencies by allowing responders to claim a portion of the value of the services they donate each year as a charitable donation," said Chief Philip C. Stittleburg, chair of the National Volunteer Fire Council.

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People lose things, like cell phones, keys, glasses and cameras. We, as well as most shops and restaurants on the Hill, store found objects people drop off in a lost and found basket.

Some orphaned items hang out for years in that basket and locating their owners likely won't occur, even with the classified ads we place.

Recently, Jack and I thought some of the more valuable items — cameras and phones — needed to find their owners. So we undertook a bit of sleuthing, starting with a fairly nice Nikon camera found on the side of Fern Valley Road about three weeks ago.

We downloaded the photos from the memory card and explored each one for clues. They mostly contained images of a couple on the Ernie Maxwell Trail and a few of Idyllwild shops.

Then a couple of photos showed the pair in individual photos sitting before a fireplace with a partial view of a painting above the mantle. Knowing we probably were seeing tourists on vacation, this scene likely portrayed a motel room.

Luckily for us, innkeepers like to show the inside of each room on their websites.

We started with Fire-side Inn, then Creekstone Inn, then Mile High Lodge and it was there, at the last photo, that we viewed the same fireplace and painting above the mantle.

We dashed over to Mile High, Mary was able to locate the name and phone number of the couple who had stayed in that room on the photo dates.

I spoke to a very excited owner whose poor orphaned camera is back in her hands, along with photo memories of a wonderful trip to Idyllwild.

Having lost many important things over the years, we were so happy to find the Nikon's home.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

Factual error in story

EDITOR:

We would like to bring to your attention a factual error in Marshall Smith's latest article about the Art Alliance of Idyllwild that needs to be corrected.

His article states that "AAI hadn't paid its sales tax in 2013 and had to pay a penalty."

The fact of the matter is that the taxes and penalties that were paid in 2013 were due for unpaid sales tax from the years 2009 and 2010, prior to the tenure of AAI's current board of directors. When our current treasurer, Reba Coulter, took over that position, it was she who discovered the error as she was bringing the reporting and payments current.

As it now stands, we believe that the article damages the professional reputation of the current board and Ms. Coulter, who has dutifully and timely paid the AAI sales tax as it is due.

We appreciate your timely attention to this correction.

LESLEY MARTIN
 BOARD MEMBER/
 COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR
 ART ALLIANCE OF IDYLLWILD

Editor's note: Marshall Smith did not make the statement. It was made by Patrick Barry at the AAI public meeting.

However, from documents the Town Crier has received, it is not clear when the penalties were incurred. On AAI's 2013 tax return, a report of "prior year sales tax penalty" appears.

We are reviewing financial documents we have obtained and will be reporting further as the story is more fully documented.

Correction to editor

EDITOR:

I read your editor's column that appeared in this week's edition of the Town Crier and would like to point out some incorrect information that it contained.

Shanna Robb was not the creator of the deer project. When the idea was created by the Art Alliance Board of Directors, she was not a board member nor was she serving on an AAI committee.

The idea of a public art project had been discussed by various AAI boards, even as far back as when Chris Trout founded the organization, but they could



not come to a consensus on the details of such a project.

In January 2013 when I became board president I officiated at the general membership meeting and introduced two new projects — one was the Banner Project and the other was for an undefined public art project. A fellow board member and I did the initial research and I found an aluminum yard

art fabricator who offered AAI a great deal on our initial idea of five bucks, five does and five fawns.

One evening I ran into Shanna at a local gathering spot and asked her if she would like to get involved in the deer project. After I explained the concept to her, she agreed to come on board and became the project manager. Shanna came up with the idea of finding sponsors to underwrite the costs for each deer and, at a monthly meeting, the AAI board came up with the official name: "Idyllwild Deer Sightings." We moved forward with the plan of having the deer painted by AAI artists.

Shanna helped AAI bring the project to fruition. She did a fantastic job at managing the project and the Art Alliance is grateful for her hard work, time and effort.

GARY KUSCHER
 PAST PRESIDENT/CURRENT
 BOARD MEMBER
 ART ALLIANCE OF IDYLLWILD

Black dots against AAI

EDITOR:

I feel the comments in Donna and Neil's letters to the editor last week need to clarification.

Black dot no. 1: All checks are not promptly sent out or tracked. A photo of mine sold at May's show and I never received payment. I said nothing at the time feeling I was offering it as another donation.

After the vindictive email sent out in December, I no longer wished to donate to AAI. So I asked for my money explaining why I was asking for it at this time. I sent three emails in January with no response. I finally got an email saying a check was sent but never cashed. Who keeps a check outstanding for eight months and never inquiries why it was not cashed? I received the check Feb. 3. I am going out to dinner with my \$35.

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Off the Main Roads

By HELENE LOHR, RIVERSIDE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

Guided by nature ...

Finding your way in the woods without a map or compass can be a daunting task. Yet our ancestors traveled their wild world — sometimes hundreds of miles — on foot without a breaking a sweat. How the heck did they do it?

Being guided by nature is based in reading its subtle patterns to which modern domesticated humans are often oblivious or they normally ignore them.

The directions of the world are worn into the very rocks, reflected in the undergrowth leaves reaching toward the sun and in the gnarled branches of trees twisting their way to the sky. Our ancestors could read these natural patterns as easily as you read a street sign, guiding them to their destinations and back again.

So how do we (re)train ourselves in this ancient human skill? No one fail-safe method or “trick” to natural navigation is true for every location.

Finding your way naturally relies on understanding the larger natural patterns of the area in which you live in. Examples include the amount and direction of light, prevailing wind(s) and level of moisture. These cumulative forces cause subtle asymmetries you can learn to interpret. In short, you must spend time in nature, observing and interacting.

Here are a handful of rough directional patterns to get you started:

Into the light: In an effect known as heliotropism, many plants orient themselves toward the greatest source of light. In our forest, one of the more sensitive and obvious heliotropic flora would be our lovely fiddlehead ferns.

Ferns in direct sun will tend to orient much of their growth southward to catch the most light. However, be sure to identify possible obstacles to light that might change the fern’s orientation. For example, under heavy tree cover, heliotropic plants will orient toward the nearest bright opening in the canopy, no matter what direction it is. Open meadows may be your best bet.

A tree’s heavy side: Lone trees tend to be “heavier” with more leaves and branches to the south side (in our northern hemisphere), enabling them to capture more of the life-giving Sun. Take the time to walk around the

tree and view it from multiple angles. However, this effect can be muted or overridden in a grouping of trees as their shadows interact with each other.

Branching out: Sunlight also directs the growth of individual branches. Southern branches tend to grow more horizontally (toward the Sun), while the shaded northern branches tend to grow more vertically in their quest for more sunlight. This can be most easily seen when observing the tree from east to west. Once again, individual trees are easier to read than groves.

Moss and moisture: Isn’t moss supposed to grow on the north side of trees? Yes, but for the record, moss does not always grow just on the north side of trees.

Where moss grows depends mainly on the level of moisture, which is not always on the north side. Also, disregard growth in the first two feet up from the ground around the trunk because this tends to be influenced by the evaporating ground moisture.

Interested in exploring this further? An engaging guide to these skills is Tristan Gooley’s book “Natural Navigation.” There are hundreds (possibly thousands) of more tips to explore and many more of your own to discover as you go out and start looking for your own patterns in nature.

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- Idyllwild Transfer Station
- Mt. San Jacinto State Park

‘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.

Ruiz announces staff changes

Last week, Dr. Raul Ruiz (D-Palm Desert) announced two changes to his senior staff. Reed Adamson will replace Chief of Staff Kyle Layman, and District Director Greg Rodriguez will pursue other goals.

“Kyle Layman has done an outstanding job over the last three years and I am pleased he will continue to be a part of our team as we look toward new ways and opportunities to serve the people of California,” said Ruiz. “I am thrilled to announce that Reed Adamson will take over as chief of staff for my office. His years of managerial experience will be critical to running an efficient and effective office in service to the people of California’s 36th District.”

Adamson, a native Californian, previously served as chief of staff to former Congressman Brad Schneider. He also worked on numerous House and Senate campaigns.

Ruiz went on to say, “Greg Rodriguez has been an invaluable part of my office. Greg is a staunch advocate and champion for the people of the Coachella Valley. I look forward to working with Greg in the future to improve the lives of people across the Valley.”

Free removal of junk vehicles

Can’t get rid of that old car because you lost the paperwork? You were going to fix it, but never got around to it? Perhaps you don’t have the money to have a tow truck pick it up or maybe you just want to remove the safety hazard and your neighborhood’s eye sore?

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Readers Write

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2: Financially prudent? At the end of 2013, AAI had \$27,153 in cash but donated only \$3,625, given to smARTS, Idyllwild Arts and the tree lighting. Is tree lighting arts education?

3: You provide financials? Shanna Robb, who led probably the largest events undertaken by AAI, including the deer project, the Banner Project and the Master Chorale gallery, asked the AAI president for financials for two years before she gave up and said she would not lead any more projects without them.

4: Yes, membership has increased. Many joined, including me, because of what Shanna provided, not just for the galleries but for independent artists.

5: A volunteer of the year is great but how do you know who it should be if volunteer hours are not recorded — another important practice of a nonprofit. That is how you get grant money.

6: Great, an offer for a free audit. Who would not follow up immediately? Yet according to Marshall’s article last week, Byron Ely had not been contacted.

7: This is a volunteer organization. Since I joined about a year and a half ago, I have volunteered for every event except the Art Walk as I was at the 2nd Saturday Art Fair. I know about volunteering.

As for Neil’s letter, what can I say? Learn the difference between a for-profit corporation that made \$18 million last year and paid taxes and a Public Benefit Non-Profit Corporation that doesn’t pay taxes and is responsible for following

the laws that govern it. Check out the California Corporate Code.

VEDA ROUBIDEAUX
IDYLLWILD

‘Idyllwild #2 in Top 10 National List,’ 1/22/15

EDITOR:

I grinned while reading this Town Crier article that explained Chelsey Grasso’s thinking on naming the nation’s “Top Ten Must-Visit Small Towns.” I’m writing to express my appreciation to the community of Idyllwild (past, present and future) for keeping Idyllwild Idyllwild — year after year — and for all of the very warm, helpful and friendly Idy folk.

Our family has owned a cabin in Idyllwild since 1987 (28 years). The only “major” change that has occurred since

we arrived, is the building of The Fort, which was very tastefully done. Back in 1987, there were no traffic lights in Idyllwild, no major traffic problems and no Starbucks. The miracle to me is that Idyllwild is the same today as it was in 1987. May it stay this way.

Last month, I visited the #3 town, Sedona, Arizona, for the first time. Wow. Yes, Sedona’s red-rock formations are magnificent, but I was shocked at the visual difference between New Sedona and Old Sedona. We were there during Sedona’s “low season,” but the amount of car traffic was staggering. And be sure not to spin out too early or not early enough in one of the round-a-bouts.

Idyllwild or Sedona? My vote is for Idy during our low season, high season and every season in between.

PAUL SHNABLE
IDYLLWILD/CARLSBAD

Bill Weiser new Bautista Camp Division Chief

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The new Bautista division chief is Bill Weiser. This division includes the Bautista Camp crews, Battalion 5, which is composed of the seven stations in San Jacinto and the Ryan Air Attack Base, and Battalion 11, which is the Hill from Anza and Lake Riverside to Poppet Flats. He is replacing Dave Fulcher.

Weiser is no stranger to this area. From early 2010 to August 2012 he served as Cal Fire battalion chief on the Hill.

"I'm excited. It's a new challenge and going to be fun," he said when asked how he feels about the new assignment. "I'm glad to be back working with all the people and agencies whom I worked with before. I learned how unique and important the mountain is and I'm happy to return."

Although an Alabaman at birth, Weiser's life experiences are thoroughly Californian. Son of a military man, he grew up in Fresno where his career with Cal Fire began in 1981. Since then he has climbed the ladder and touched each step on the way up — seasonal, engineer, captain, battalion chief and now division chief.

He's a firefighter and admitted that at times he misses being near the flames and heat. But when battalion chief in the Cajalco area, he missed the multiple relationships of various fire agencies and organizations on the Hill.

"What I will do now is just as exciting a challenge," he affirmed. "Lesson number one is maintaining and



Riverside County Fire Chief **John Hawkins** (right) pins the promotion shield on new Bautista Division Chief **Bill Weiser**.

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improving the relationships between all the different departments such as the Forest Service and Idyllwild Fire and the [Mountain Communities] Fire Safe Council and the community."

As he settles into the new position, he is looking forward to re-engaging with the community and the various organizations that contribute and help with support. One of the major avenues enabling this engagement is the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce, which Weiser remembers well. He was MAST chief during his previous stint on the Hill.

The continuation of the drought and lack of precipitation has Weiser concerned. He easily remembers the Mountain and Silver fires of 2013, since he was assigned to both. He's also aware of the new presence of the Goldspotted oak borer and the revival of bark

beetle populations on the Hill.

"I'm worried about the bug kill coming back," he stated. "The biggest concern is this would build the fire threat."

But Weiser added that the additional staff and engines assigned to the Mountain Battalion will stay. "We are keeping them," he affirmed.

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

Lawler

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80 acres in Dark Canyon along the North Fork of the San Jacinto River. The house, modeled on Yosemite Lodge, was finished in 1919.

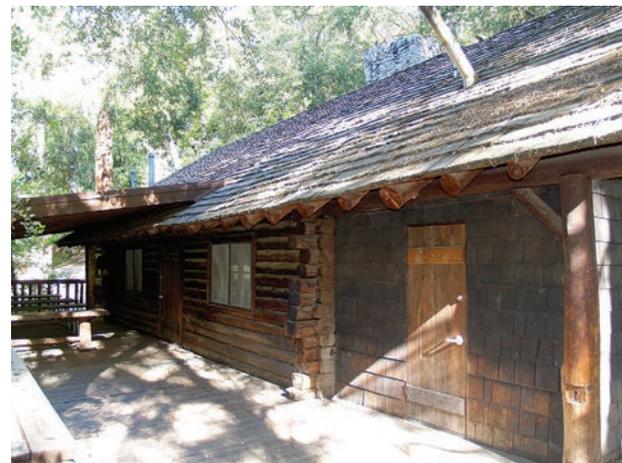
Over the years, Lawler, who became one of the first entertainment lawyers, brought many clients, among them Will Rogers, to the mountain retreat.

In July 1954, after his wife had died, Lawler deeded the structure and its surrounding 80 acres to Riverside County "[to be] used as a mountain campground and place of recreation for organized and supervised groups of normal boys and girls of school age..."

"Hilda became quite active in charitable work for the welfare of children, and that's what inspired Oscar to donate the lodge as a youth camp," wrote Robert Smith of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society.

As a county property, periodic maintenance and repairs are needed; but Herron feels these need to be consistent with its historical nature.

"As part of our capital expenditures, there were work items and, naturally, we wanted to treat it and approach it as a historical building," Herron said, "but to take the preservation approach and nominate it as historical county



The front of Lawler Lodge, proposed as a Riverside County historical landmark.

PHOTO COURTESY OF COUNTY RESOURCES BUREAU CHIEF KEITH HERRON

landmark."

The lodge is a typical rustic retreat for urban dwellers in early 20th century built as a summer house," Herron added. "It's very unique with log construction and other native material. There are not a whole lot left."

Lawler, who was born in Iowa in 1875, moved with his family to Los Angeles in 1888. He apprenticed with Henry O'Melveny and successfully passed the bar exam in 1896. After a decade of private practice, he was appointed the U.S. district attorney of Southern California in 1906. Three years later, he was appointed assistant attorney general for the Department of Interior and temporarily moved to Washington, D.C. Eventually, he returned to Southern California and private practice.

However, his Wilshire Boulevard home was bombed and burned in 1919. Lawler suffered severe burns, but he, Hilda and their 5-year-old son escaped. Later, it was determined the bomber was the lover of a woman whose husband was successfully represented by Lawler. Lawler died in January 1966.

A countywide survey of possible historical resources in the early 1980s omitted Idyllwild, so there is no record on which to compare the Lawler Lodge to other similar properties. The Emerson Boy Scout Camp is the only county historical landmark in Idyllwild or Pine Cove. Lake Hemet and the dam are the other Hill buildings designated as landmarks.

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

'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.

Driver safety class offered

Idyllwild Library and AARP will hold a "Smart Driver" class for seniors on Friday, Feb. 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sign up at the Idyllwild Library registration desk, the event is limited to 30 participants.

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Obamacare hits tax returns

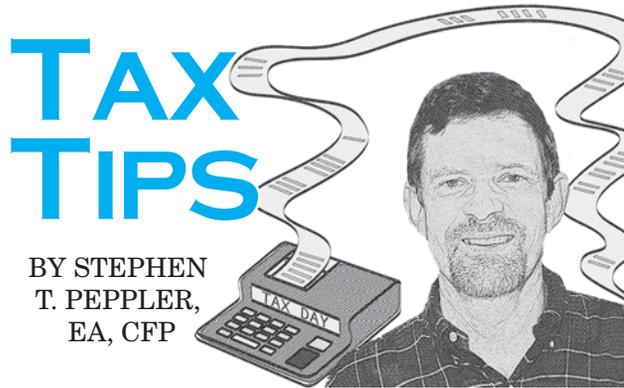
BY STEPHEN T. PEPPLER, EA CFP

The Obamacare mandates become effective on our 2014 tax returns.

The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) requires that you have health coverage that meets the law's requirements by 2014 or pay a penalty. Your spouse and dependents must also be covered or you may be subject to a penalty. However, there are 33 exemptions from the penalty you may qualify for. When you meet your tax professional or do your own return you will need to know whether your family members had qualifying coverage on a month-by-month basis.

Qualified health plans need to meet standards set by the government. You've probably read of thousands of people who've had to search for qualifying coverage after their plans got canceled.

If you purchased health coverage on an exchange such as Covered California, you probably received a subsidy or credit toward your insurance premium based on your estimated



BY STEPHEN T. PEPPLER, EA, CFP

income for 2014. When you do your return you must match the advanced credit to the actual credit based on your actual income to determine whether a portion of the credit needs to be repaid or whether you are entitled to an additional credit. Income for the purposes of the premium credit includes the income of your spouse plus dependents.

If you are an employer not offering health coverage you will want to check the regulations to see whether you are subject to a penalty.

Starting in 2015, if you are an employer or individual who provides health coverage to others you will be required to report the coverage on official IRS forms to the individuals and the IRS.

Beginning in 2018, there will be an excise tax

of 40 percent of the amount by which an employee's health coverage exceeds certain amounts. Most people affected by this tax will be the higher management of corporations or certain union members.

There are also additional taxes to help pay for the costs of the Affordable Care Act. The net investment income tax (NIIT) of 3.8 percent applies to individuals, estates and trusts with income over certain thresholds. There is also another 0.9-percent Medicare tax on wages and self-employment income over certain thresholds.

We're slowly finding out what was in the 2000-page Affordable Care Act. You will want to review the instructions closely before filing Form 8965 (coverage and exemptions) and Form 8962 (premium tax credit).

Fire

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jumped to the ground below, all the while holding Wyatt tightly.

Luckily, Luke had his mother's car parked on the street. Barefoot, he buckled Wyatt in the car, and drove to his mother's house on Tollgate and called 911. Leaving Wyatt with his Mom he returned to the house to warn his landlords who lived next door, to make sure they got out of their house in case the fire spread. He arrived back just as engine companies from Idyllwild Fire, Riverside County Fire stations 23 (Pine Cove) and 53 (Garner Valley) and Volunteer Company 621 were pulling in. Although firefighters battled through the night to save the house, it was a complete loss. Both Luke and his son were transported to Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage for evaluation and treatment for smoke inhalation.

"So many things we lost," said Luke. "Pictures, personal items, my son's Christmas presents and his soft blanket he loved."

Luke, a carpenter and handyman by trade, lost all but his most hardened metal tools.

"I'm so overcome by the amount of help we've received so far," said Luke, noting the cash donations, a Red Cross gift card for \$450 that Rick Foster and Nancy Layton brought by. "They came by a couple times," said Luke, "bringing blankets that the quilters [Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild] had made and some care packages."

Luke's mother, Kelly Hopper, is coordinating donations. Tools (see list) can be dropped at her house, 53675 Tollgate, and donations can be sent to Luke at P.O. Box 401, Idyllwild 92549 or c/o of Kaarin Elizabeth, memo "For Andrew Luke," at P.O. Box 3153, Idyllwild. Luke and Wyatt are currently staying with Luke's mother.

Friend Kaarin Elizabeth, who created a social media campaign to help Luke and Wyatt, had hoped to raise \$1,500 for the family. To date, about \$500 has been raised.

Luke can't work without his tools. Below is a list of the most important tools



Wyatt Luke, 2, with father Andrew, both escaped a house fire Jan. 30. PHOTO COURTESY ANDREW LUKE

he needs in order to work:

- 1) 18v cordless drill w/ charger
- 2) sawzall corded or cordless
- 3) 18v cordless impact driver w/charger
- 4) air compressor and hoses
- 5) jigsaw
- 6) worm-drive Skilsaw
- 7) nail guns
- 8) chopsaw
- 9) orbital palm sander
- 10) various hand tools

such as crescents, channellocks, pipe wrenches, pipe cutters, hammer, speed square, level etc.

"I am typically a Mil-

waukee [tool brand] guy and most of the tools that were lost in the fire were Milwaukee, but right now I need to be able to work so anything anyone has to offer would be more than appreciated," said Luke. He also mentioned that he and Wyatt are in need of a place to stay, preferably a one-bedroom in the \$600 per month range. "We can't stay at Mom's forever," said Luke.

If you have questions or need more information, Luke can be reached on his cell phone, 951-531-6553 or at 951-659-5909.

Free CPR class

A free American Hearth Association CPR class is offered on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the Mountain Resource Center.

The class is open to the public, but registration is required as class size is limited to 15 people. The training is sponsored by CAL FIRE and Riverside County Fire Department.

The class goes from 6-9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the Mountain Resource Center: 25380 Franklin Dr. Mountain region residents will have priority registration; a waiting list will be initiated on a first-come, first-serve basis for non-residents. Contact Edwina Scott to register: (951) 659-6208 or email exec-dir@mcfsc.org.

Ad Club scholarship deadline Feb. 16

College students applying for an academic scholarship offered by the local advertising club have until Feb. 16 to submit applications.

The Larry Huffman Academic Achievement Award for \$1,500 is presented to academically talented students in the Inland Empire who are pursuing a career in advertising or related fields.

Students studying advertising, marketing, commercial and graphic arts, photography, communications, public relations, printing, radio, TV or film production may apply. Applicants must be enrolled in an Inland Empire university, college, career college, technical or trade school.

The scholarship will be awarded at the annual advertising awards gala on March 13 at the Mission Inn in Riverside. It is sponsored annually by the Inland Empire Chapter of the American Advertising Federation (AAF-IE).

Criteria and rules for the scholarship are found at www.aaf-inlandempire.com. Candidates should submit an application, non-official school transcripts, an essay, letters of recommendation and one piece of creative work.

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."

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Wednesday, Feb. 11

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- 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, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

- Fire Code Committee MCFSC, 1 p.m., Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr.

- Co-dependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Thursday, Feb. 12

- 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 Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), 12:30 p.m. Café Aroma, 54750

North Circle Dr. RSVP. Call Francoise Frigola, 951-659-4146, for more information.

- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.

- Idyllwild Elders Working group (addressing issues affecting elders in Idyllwild), 3:30-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library. For info, call Francoise Frigola at 951-659-4146.

- Bob Bain, "Connecting Kids to the Cosmos, 7 p.m. Courtyard Building, Rm. 202. Visit shabbatmeeting.org.

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

Friday, Feb. 13

- 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).

- Feeding America, 3-4 p.m. Cross Road 243 Church, Mountain Center.

Saturday, Feb. 14

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

- Legacy Writing Workshop with Katya Williamson, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Sunday, Feb. 15

- Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Town center at Harmony monument. Call Sue at 909-228-6710.

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

- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Fire log

The Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls, Tuesday to Monday, Feb. 3 to Feb. 9.

Idyllwild

- Feb. 3 — Police matter, 5:32 p.m.

- Feb. 3 — Medical aid, 6:16 p.m., one patient.

- Feb. 4 — Medical aid, 11:34 a.m., one patient.

- Feb. 4 — Medical aid, 12:22 p.m., one patient.

- Feb. 7 — Traffic collision with no injuries, 6:25 p.m., two patients.

- Feb. 8 — Municipal alarm system, malicious false alarm, 4:23 a.m.

- Feb. 8 — Traffic collision with injuries, 11:42 a.m., three patients.

- Feb. 9 — Public service assistance, 1:35 a.m.

- Feb. 9 — Medical aid, 11:49 a.m., one patient.

- Feb. 9 — Medical aid, 9:04 p.m., one patient.

- Narcotics Anonymous, 8-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Monday, Feb. 16

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Zen-style meditation & dharma discussion, 6-7:30 p.m. The Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.

- Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Narcotics Anonymous, "Just for Today," 8-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; men's meeting, 6-7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Finance Committee, 2 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661

Mountain Center

- Feb. 5 — Cover assignment, standby, move up, 11:17 a.m.

Pine Cove

- Feb. 9 — Medical aid, 1:05 a.m., one patient.

- Feb. 9 — Medical aid, 4:18 p.m., no patients.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls, Sunday to Saturday, Feb. 1 to 7.

Idyllwild

- Feb. 1 — Public intoxication, address undefined. Arrest made.

- Feb. 1 — Area check, scenic Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 2 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 2 — Alarm call, Hemet street Pl. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 2 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54495 Village Center Dr.

- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board, 5-7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.

- Sons of the American Legion board, 6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.

- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

- Hemet Unified School District board, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.

- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 951-659-3174 for location.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.

- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.

- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.

- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.

- Spanish Class for Home-schoolers, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

- Feb. 3 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 3 — Unknown trouble, Howland Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 3 — Assist other department, Marantha Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 3 — Runaway child, Strong Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 3 — Suspicious circumstance, address undefined. Report taken.

- Feb. 4 — Check the welfare, Jameson Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 4 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 4 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 5 — Petty theft, Village Center Dr., downstairs. Unfounded.

- Feb. 6 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 6 — Public assistance, 55000 block of S. Cir-

cle Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Feb. 1 — Alarm call, Lakeview Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 2 — Alarm call, Cedar Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows

- Feb. 5 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Feb. 3 — Danger to self/other, Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 5 — Public assistance, Big Horn St. Report taken.

San Bernardino

National Forest

- Feb. 1 — Public assistance, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 6 — Assist other department, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 6 — Public disturbance, Pine St. Handled by deputy.

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 artist 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. 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.

- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.

- 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.

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

- Co-dependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.

- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 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.



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. 11

- Ernesto Alé, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
- "American Sniper," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Feb. 12

- "American Sniper," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Orphira Belly Dancers, 7 & 8 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

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.

- We Love our Locals, 5-9:30 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

- Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck, "Gone Girl," 5:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

- Hojo Reynolds, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

- "Fifty Shades of Grey," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, Feb. 14

- Mystery Free Play, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

- 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.

- Valentine's Day Party & Art Sale, Kathy Keane, "Images from Here, There & Afar," music by Lindsay Speed, 2-6 p.m. 26350 Delano Drive, Space 5A.

- "Fifty Shades of Grey," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-9:30. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Sunday, Feb. 15

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

- "Fifty Shades of Grey," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Feb. 16

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

- "Fifty Shades of Grey," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

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.

- "Fifty Shades of Grey," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

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

- "Sword in the Stone," 3 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- Willy B & John King, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

- "Fifty Shades of Grey," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Feb. 19

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



LOVE LETTERS: Isis Theatre Company presented A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" last weekend. **Suzanne Avalon** (left), president and founder of Isis, played **Melissa Gardner** and **Howard Shangraw** (right) played **Andrew Makepeace Ladd III**. Their readings of the letters brought laughs and tears during the two performances at the Rainbow Inn.

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- Hillbilly History Games, 5-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Idyllwild Community Center Speaker Series, Reception, 5:30 p.m.; Kay Warner, "Trusts," 6-7 p.m. Silver Pines Lodge.

- "Fifty Shades of Grey," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Feb. 20

- Riverside County Date Festival, Fair 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Carnival 10 a.m.-midnight, Andy Crammer, 7:30 p.m. Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio.

- We Love our Locals, 5-9:30 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

- Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck, "The Good Lie," 5:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

- Michael Staff, concert piano, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Cafe.

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

Saturday, Feb. 21

- Mystery Free Play, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

- 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, The Commodores, 7 p.m. Riverside County Fair-



WINE TASTING: Guests (from left) **Louie Estrada**, **Summer Brown** and **Sheila Herrera** (far right) are ready to enjoy a 1968 Soverain Cabernet Sauvignon from Soverain Vineyard in Napa Valley poured, which Idyll Awhile owner **David Dillon** is pouring from a special decanter for older wines. Tuesday, Feb. 3, was a private wine tasting hosted by **Edward Killian** featuring wines from his own Russian River vineyard, as well as a vintage wine from the Soverain vineyard.

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grounds, Indio.

- "Creating Nuno Felted Silk Scarves," Martha Lumia. Art Alliance of Idyllwild Artist Series Workshop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library.

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

Sunday, Feb. 22

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

- "Academy Awards," 4 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Feb. 23

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Chinese New Year/Year of the Goat," 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Penelope Engard lecture, "WPA Murals," 4-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

- 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.

Academy Awards show at the Rustic Theatre

BY PETE PEDRO ANDERSON
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Now, in addition to screening first-run films, Idyllwild's Rustic Theatre is following a new direction — live, hi-def, big-screen events, delivered from a state-of-the-art sound system. Next up is the 87th Academy Awards show, live from Hollywood. The event is free.

As locals found out just recently, not even 50-yard-line seats at the University of Phoenix stadium's Super Bowl could match the clarity, excitement and feeling of being there — and the smell of popcorn — that was experienced at the Rustic. The size of the screen, the color and the immediate involvement of the audience, had football fans hooting and screaming at the action — and at fans of the opposing team.

The Oscars show is on Sunday, Feb. 22. The doors will open at 3 p.m. This is a red-carpet event. The lobby will be the mingling place of movie-lovers, gawkers, interviewers and stars. Attendees — if they choose — may dress for the occasion. This is a chance to pull the glittering wardrobe out of the closet.

There will be a contest for the best costumes in two categories: Best Celebratory Hollywood Out-on-the-Townwear; and Best Character Look-alike (from this or any year).

In addition to the usual movie edibles, wine and beer will be available in the lobby, all moderately priced. Idyllwild's neighbors are being actively invited — movie-goers from Hemet, from the desert, from Anza. There's no need to drive to Hollywood in a limo, it's all happening right here in Idyllwild, at the Rustic Theatre.

ART'S CORNER

BY ARTHUR CONNOR
MUSIC REVIEW

Program:
Brahms: "Serenade #1 in D Major, Opus 11"
Mozart: "Concerto for Piano and Orchestra #27 in B Flat Major, K. 595"
(First movement, "Allegro" only, with cadenza by Mozart)
Beethoven: "Overture to Goethe's 'Egmont,' Opus 84'

The nature of classical music programming is such that it ordinarily can be viewed as pedestrian, especially regarding the core compositions of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Fitting a program of such basic a repertory together is a problem even experienced orchestras and conductors find too difficult with which to wrestle, and therefore most programs of this sort tend to fall lackadaisically into the aforementioned paradigmatic category of "pedestrian," giving both performers and auditors an easy solution of the predicament. However, when traditional format is disrupted — either by chronological reordering or similar juxtapositions — innovation is effected, and the resultant novelty is put forth upon the public as change, for better or worse. The trick, of course, rests in making it work for both players and audience.

Mr. Timothy Verville's chosen program order this past Saturday evening showed both audience consideration as well as innovative structuring, and deserved all the accolades he and the Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra received in return. By scheduling the first of Johannes Brahms' orchestral serenades at the program's beginning, the work was put forward as both a series of symphonic studies for the composer's later works and as a revelation of the compositional process essayed in its overall six-movement structure. Particularly revelatory in the unfolding of this performance was the integral balance maintained between the wind and string sections, especially in the first and third movements; the latter section of the orchestra was at its most effective in the final movement's short, contrasting sections.

Following the intermission (when both orchestra and audience had a chance to relax and reflect), the stage was reconfigured for the first movement of Mozart's last piano concerto; a smaller accompanying en-



JAZZ FUNDRAISING: On Monday, at the monthly meeting of the membership of the Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation, President **Anne Erikson** (left) presented **Pamela Jordan**, IAF president, with the final donation of \$6,000 from the proceeds of the 2014 Jazz in the Pines festival. PHOTO BY COURTESY OF ANNE ERIKSON



NEW MEMBER: Soroptimist International of Idyllwild President **Karen Doshier** (right) inducted **Suzanne Avalon** at the Wednesday, Feb. 4 meeting. PHOTO BY THERESA TEEL

semble provided the award-winning soloist with a more than adequate backdrop for the foreground pianistic display. Ms. Helen Hanxiao Lai's distinct manner of presentation proved that she had not only the music's requisites (the so-called "Mozart touch," with as much bravura as necessary) but also the way around such melodic intricacies as the traditional classical period ornamentation; this was particularly evident in the cadential portion of the movement, where the proper amount of fortissimo was both forceful and substantial.

As a conclusion to the evening's proceedings, what would have normally been the opening offering on the program, proved a more than worthy final demonstration of orchestral prowess, and Mr. Verville's forces assembled put forth their collective best execution with a minimal amount of player fatigue. Their corroborative efforts on Beethoven's "Egmont" overture were a spectacularly put-forth, once-more cooperation of orchestral forces (chiefly horns and strings) in a display of the

Legacy in Writing Valentine's edition

Idyllwild Library hosts a special Valentine's Day version of "Creating a Legacy in Writing" this Saturday, Feb. 14, from 1-3 p.m. This monthly event is led by Katya Williamson, MFA. This Saturday's participants can create a "Valentine of appreciation for a special person you have shared a life legacy with."

Bring materials to create a "collage Valentine" effect with writing (additional materials will be provided).

music's essential tragedy and triumph, and a rousing, well-deserved audience response was similarly effective.

Coming up at the end of April — some new musical adventures from these same forces, and one can only continue to expect even more from them in solid formation and presentation.

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DEAR DR KNOW IT ALL:

I've tried every diet there is and I still can't lose any weight. Do you have the answer?

-- BENEDICT

Certainly. In fact, I have several options and they always produce results.

First, try becoming deeply "depressed." You can achieve this condition and dietary cure by taking advantage of any number of horrible life situations. Just focus and obsess on some extreme personal bummer: poverty, shingles, your lack of a love life, etc., etc. Work on it until you are thoroughly depressed with a seriously suppressed appetite. How long you follow this diet will depend on how much weight you need to lose.

Another option is to become ill and develop a healthy "fever." You know, "Feed a cold, starve a fever." The trick is to develop a fever from a moderate illness; definitely not small pox or rickets but something like a serious case of the flu or measles. Make sure it gives you a substantial fever, not just a bad cold. (If you only catch a cold you'll have to "feed" it). Get just properly sick and the pounds will fly off.

DEAR DR KNOW IT ALL:

It's recently occurred to me that the world may not be round. Of course I notice that everywhere I look, the vista seems curved. When I look at the horizon line or lie on my back and look up at the sky, all the edges of my vision are circular.

Then it came to me. My eyeballs are round, too. So maybe it's all just an optical illusion caused by the shape of my eyeballs. I might be seeing things all wrong and the world is actually flat. What do you think?

-- TWILA

Not everyone knows this. We can keep this as our little secret until the word gets out. The world is indeed flat, but the trick is that it's flat on all sides. We're liv-



A TOUCH OF ROMANCE: Classical composer and pianist Michael Staff entertains diners at the Mile High Cafe on Friday night. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



SCHOOL DANCE: Idyllwild Middle School students enjoyed a Valentine's Day dance Friday afternoon in the multi-purpose room. PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

ing on a cube. We don't notice it when we get to the edges because of the cubular nature of the gravitation fields that modify themselves at each corner, influencing and bending our physical senses so that we don't see or feel

anything as we step over a sharp edge. From the Space Station, the Earth still looks round but that's simply because the entire universe is also a cube. And so forth and so on.



Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 21 – AAI Artist Series Workshop
 Saturday, February 21, 10 am-4 pm
 Community Room @ Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center
 Creating Nuno Felted Silk Scarves taught by fiber artist Martha Lumia. Limited to 8 participants.
 \$75 per person includes materials and lunch.
 Registration is open online at www.artinidyllwild.org. Deadline to register is February 15.

MARCH 7 – Eye of the Artist Judged Show & Fundraiser
 Saturday, March 7, 6-9 pm
 Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest
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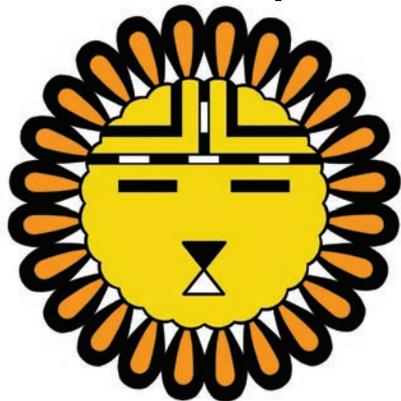
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Journal from



the James

The word from the woods: A century of change in Idyllwild ...

BY DIRECTOR JENNIFER GEE &
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JOHN LAUNDRÉ

“The goal is not to try to live forever. The goal is to create something that will.” -- Fred Rogers

More than 100 years ago, scientists had already begun to flock to the San Jacinto Mountains to study the unique and diverse wildlife that inhabits our chaparral, mixed forest, riparian and meadow habitats. Our sky island separates local wildlife from the surrounding ecological communities and allows them to evolve in isolation from their ancestors. The effect is similar to geographic isolation in rural Appalachia. That is, geographically isolated populations are also genetically isolated. Consequently, for many species, the San Jacintos have given rise to a branch of the family tree that is distinctly different from the rest of their kind down the Hill and across the pass to the San Bernardino Mountains. Geographic isolation also means there are fewer immigrants that populate our region from outlying areas. When populations dwindle, few outsiders repopulate the hill.

In 1908, Idyllwild was just developing as a tour-

ist destination. That year, two scientists from UC Berkeley, Joseph Grinnell and Harry Swarth, conducted an expedition to survey the fauna of the San Jacintos, including areas near by Idyllwild County Park, Humber Park, Fuller’s Mill and the James Reserve. Their survey data along, with detailed notes, photographs and the collection of archived specimen, created a baseline for future generations to use as a benchmark for environmental change. In 2011, a team of biologists from the San Diego Natural History Museum began to resurvey the 20 sites established by Grinnell and Swarth. The centennial resurvey concluded in 2014. In 2016, the San Diego Natural History Museum will publish survey results that span across the last century. Here’s a sneak preview of the results:



1908



2010

“Because there was so much logging in Strawberry Valley in the late 1800s, the landscape used to be more open, evident in the photos above. Also note that 2010 depicts more vegetation at higher elevations, which we think may be due in part to the gradual warming of average temperatures in the mountains,” **Dr. Jennifer Gee** wrote.

PHOTO (LEFT) BY JOSEPH GRINNELL (1908) AND PHOTO (RIGHT) BY DR. LORI HARGROVE (2010)

Species that have been detected with new technology.

- Mammals — Twelve species of bats!

Why have some species disappeared from Idyllwild while others have colonized it? There is no single answer. Some species have spread to higher elevations, retreated from lower elevations, spread to lower elevations, retreated from higher elevations, attraction to urban development or retreated from urban development. The Mountain Quail, Song Sparrow, California Towhee, and Tiger or Western Whiptail appear to have spread to higher elevations. At the same time, some species breed at lower elevations than a century ago, such as the Red-breasted Sapsucker.

What are the consequences of our changing landscape? Predicting and mediating the biological impacts of habitat disturbance remains a great challenge for science and an area of research the James Reserve is actively engaged in. In fact, Janet Napolitano, president of the University of California system, has just awarded a large grant to a team of UC researchers led by Drs. Barry Sinervo and Laurel Fox (UCSC), to monitor climate change across the state of California, including at the James Reserve. Stay tuned for more about that project, and to learn more about the UC president’s award, visit www.ucnrs.org/nrs-climate-research-gets-uc-presidents-2m-research-award.html.

1908 vs. 2015

Species nearly vanished or locally extinct since 1908.

- Mammals — San Bernardino flying squirrel, voucher specimen collected in Strawberry Valley in Idyllwild (1908). The JR is collaborating with the SDNHM to intensively survey for flying squirrels around Idyllwild.
- Herpetofauna — Rubber boa, last collected in 1982.
- Amphibians — Mountain yellow-legged frog (federally endangered), a species common in Idyllwild area only a few decades ago.
- Birds — the Black-chinned Hummingbird, Gray Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Chipping Sparrow, Lark Sparrow and Yellow Warbler.

Species that are new arrivals since 1908.

- Mammals — Desert cottontail and brush rabbit.
- Birds — the Red-shouldered Hawk, American Crow, American Robin, European Starling, House Sparrow and Brown-headed Cowbird.



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Join today’s creative leaders: Mariana Amatullo, George Blake, John Pennington, & John David Mooney, as they discuss the increasing complexity of our world and its demands on artists to engage issues of our global society.

Friday, February 13 2pm • IAF Theatre



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Art in Society panel discussion followed by Q&A

BY BRYAN ASCH
CORRESPONDENT

I'm speaking with Chris Wegemer who could be identified by his profession as a math teacher at Idyllwild Arts Academy, but he would be more meaningfully described as an extremely intelligent, soft-spoken man who could teach us all about perseverance. But that is a story for another time.

Last week, I interviewed Chris because he has been instrumental in bringing an event to the arts school that is sure to become an annual tradition, "Art In Society." Chris has a deep passion for the arts, so I thought the easy first question would be:

Question: Are you an artist yourself?

Answer: No, (with a slight chuckle) not in the traditional sense, but life is art, man, isn't it?

Q: So then what is your main motivation for bringing these artists together in this forum considering you don't have that traditional background?

A: Being up here, it is so easy to become isolated and disconnected from the world. I think it is important for the kids to be exposed to ideas where art can actually engage the world in social ways. The artists we are bringing up are artist activists who use their art for some social justice ends in society. With the majority of the school being international and of means, I feel it is important for them to be exposed to progressive ideas of how art can be applied to society.

Q: Tell us about some of the artists you and the school have invited and why you chose them.

A: OK, in no particular order, but one of the stars of the show will definitely be Claudia Rankine, who writes poetry about the experience of racism in the United States. She is very good at pointing out the subtle ways racism is present in our society without us being aware of it and this is a very good thing for Idyllwild because it is particularly homogeneous.

Another artist is George Blake, an ethnomusicologist who studies racial issues in jazz music and how jazz changed during the 20th century, having started in black communities before becoming integrated (or more appropriated) by whites and how different issues were reflected in the jazz music.



Chris Wegemer

PHOTO COURTESY CHRIS WEGEMER

John Pennington is a dancer in L.A. who also started "A Room to Create" where kids come in to do creative things instead of being on the street. In addition, he is influential in making sure art is featured in the Los Angeles public schools system.

John David Mooney is a very prestigious artist and sculptor who does large-scale industrial sculptures which have been featured in the Chicago Olympics and in many high-profile places worldwide; he has been given three honorary doctorates and many awards for his works. His objective is to bring high-end art to the masses.

The final artist I want to mention is Mariana Amatullo, who if I had to guess just might steal the show. She founded the "Design Matters" program at the Art Center in L.A. She is considered a leader in social design, a field where groups like UNICEF will approach her to use creative and artistic design to address social problems throughout the world.

Q: What is the format going to be for the presentation and what kind of turnout are you expecting?

A: Each artist is going to have approximately 10 to 15 minutes to speak, much like a TED talk. Our goal is to keep it stimulating and flowing. We are expecting a good turnout with seating to accommodate 350. We are really encouraging locals to attend as we are looking to have

this more often, even periodically, throughout the year. Our hope is that this will also start and continue the conversation of art-activism for people from all walks of life to engage in.

Q: What would you expect the layman or the person with little knowledge of art in general to take away from this?

A: To get people to think; to see how they interact with the world. I'm hoping that by these artists presenting what they are passionate about, it will make all of us think about what we are passionate about. I also hope this helps the relationship between the town and the school because I feel like we are all in this together, we all interact and are connected in different ways, and I want this conversation to involve all of us. But the most important thing is that they enjoy it and hopefully everyone resonates with at least one of the artists.

Q: How long is the program and is there a fee?

A: We expect it to last an hour to one-and-a-half hours. There is no fee for attending and refreshment will be provided at the end in an open setting to allow interaction with the artists.

Q: I've gotta say, Chris, that I am honored to shake the hand of a man with such deep devotion to his craft, and further, to witness the dedication you have to the young minds you help shape. Is there anything else you would like to mention about this event or just in general?

A: Worth mentioning is that each of the featured artists will be offering master classes to the students before or after the event, with our goal to eventually offer adult workshops down the road. But I must say that the most important message is, "All are welcome."

As we end the interview, I can't help but smile as I watch Chris climb into his car, or more aptly put, rolling modern art affectionately hand painted by some of his students. This disheveled hodgepodge of teenage artistic expression somehow represents all that is still right in our little world. It makes me smile because it reminds me that freedom of expression is the ultimate expression of freedom.

Please join me in the IAF Theatre at Idyllwild Arts Academy at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, and look for follow-up interviews with the artists and reviews in next week's edition of artist of the week.

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SPORTS

Basketball

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

In the 7- to 9-year-old division, the American Legion Sea Dragons had a good week with a 2 wins and 1 loss record to move into second place. Their only loss for the week was an overtime thriller to the Cougars.

The Cougars won with clutch free throw shooting by Brody Posey, who made 4 of 4 shots from the charity stripe and also finished with 25 points. The Sea Dragons set up a last chance play with two seconds to play in the overtime period for Mecino Harrington to shoot a 3-pointer, but it narrowly missed, and the Cougars one 24-23.

However, the Sea Dragons came back the next night in a rematch with the Cougars and avenged their loss with a resounding 22-14 victory behind Nathan Dunning's 11 points, including an exciting 3-point shot from the top of the key. Teammate Mecino also kicked in 6 points of his own to help seal the victory.

In the same division earlier in the week, the CJ Fast Food Crocs got a hard-fought win over the division-leading Red Kettle Dragons with a 14-9 victory supported by the constantly attacking Ethan Sheppard, who put in 10 of the teams 14 points.

In the 9-11 year old division, Jo'An's Heat continued their difficult-to-defend passing and fast-break attack on offense. Not normally seen at this level, the down-court passing on the break and precision half court passing, resulting in easy shots, has made this team difficult to defend, resulting in their 6-0 division lead.

The Rustic Theatre Alpacas are making a move of their own though. After a slow 0-3 start, they picked up two wins this week to move from last to second place in the division, with tough rebounding, defense and a balanced scoring attack.

Basketball Standings

Ages	Team	W	L	T
6-8	Red Kettle Dragons	4	2	0
	American Legion Sea Dragons	2	2	0
	Idyllwild Property Management Crocs	2	3	0
	CJ Fast Food Cougars	2	3	0



BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE



Only three folk, that I know of, correctly identified last week's photo, which was the chimney top at American Legion Post 800 on Marian View Drive: **Maurie Bousquet, Ray Vreeland and Jim Wise.** Wise's name was drawn from the hat, so he gets the gift card worth two adult tickets to **Shane Stewart's Rustic Theatre.** Congrats, Jim! By the way, the gift card does not need to be used the same week you receive it. OK everybody, take a gander 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.

9-11	Jo'An's Heat	6	0	0
	Rustic Theatre Alpacas	2	3	0
	Rotary Storm	2	4	0
	Leigh's Purple Penguins	1	4	0

Volleyball

Town Hall Adult Coed Volleyball Coordinator **Ginger Dagnall** gave these standings for the teams:

All teams have improved significantly over the years. Most matches are played to the fourth and fifth games. That means teams aren't going down in three games without a fight.

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	Wins	Losses
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Steele steady at Torrey Sunday

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

It wasn't one of his better tournaments this year, scoring wise, but Brendan Steele kept composure and patience throughout. Sunday, the Idyllwild native was 2-over-par on the day, giving him a 1-over-par 69-72-74-74 — 289 for the tournament and finishing him in a tie for 45th.

He did record four birdies Sunday, including this one at the par 4 14th hole. (See photo.) Note the claw grip he is employing with the short stick.

His putting was not off; he needed 1.727 puts per green and gained 2.708 strokes on the rest of the field; he stood 19th in the field in both those categories. But through eight tournaments this year, Steele's proximity to hole stat has been high — 36 feet, 5 inches, which ranks 104th on the tour. This suggests that his approaches have left him with birdie putts that are too long to be dropped with any consistency.

Steele has been working with Rich Smith, his swing coach, and lately has incorporated one of Smith's swing keys into his pre-shot routine on full swing shots. (See video attached to this story at our website, towncrier.com.) He says this swing key is designed to help him keep his butt down and his shoulders rotating under and through, something many of us amateurs would do well to emulate.

Steele is taking this week off, but currently is expected to tee it up next week at the Riviera Country Club in the Northern Trust Open in Pacific Palisades.

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



Keegan Bradley watches as Brendan Steele sinks a 15 footer for birdie on the 14th hole at Torrey Pines Sunday. Notice the claw grip that Steele is using with his short putter this year, a carry-over from his belly-putter days.

PHOTO BY JACK CLARK

★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★



Idyllwild School second-grade teacher Connie Chavez chose (from left) Hunter Nuñez and Silas Jang as students of the week because they have tried their very best to improve in all subjects in school. They have been reading daily and are trying to catch up on their AR tests. They made the most growth in their MAPS test. Silas had a 30-point growth in math and 25 points in reading. Hunter had an 11-point growth in math and 24 points in reading. "I am absolutely proud of these boys," she said.

PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK



Above, the Sea Dragons (blue) beat the Killer Crocs Friday night 22-14. From left, Bailey Easley, Mecino Harrington-Reynosa, Jake Fay and Nathan Dunning.

PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK



Idyllwild School principal Matt Kraemer organizes the annual Super Kids Bowl, left, held at Tahquitz High School in Hemet. From left: cheerleaders Kinsey Boatman, Sarah Conley, Katrina Zavala, Janessa Rerucha, Daniella Morales, Delana Cutter, participant Christopher Ortiz, Essi Nukarino, Dout Jimenez, Kiaya Mathes and Alicia Guerrero.

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BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

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Carly (right) and **Sadie** are twin sisters about 2 years old. Sadie loves attention, especially around feeding time. Carly, on the other hand, is very shy. She only shows love to her sister. They can be adopted together or separately.

Tommy is in his favorite spot ... lounging in the sun in the outdoor cattery. Yes, he's a big boy, but so gentle. He can often be found napping with one eye open always checking out the birds. He is about 3 years old, very mellow with other felines and OK with



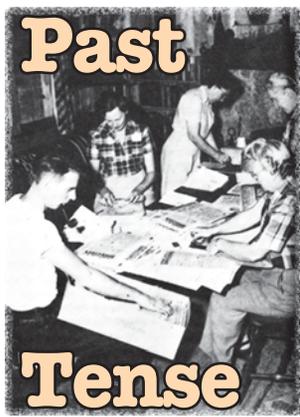
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60 years ago - 1955

An Idyllwild Inn cabin was badly damaged in a fire. A bucket of cleaning fluid and a throw rug, left near a floor heater, ignited starting the fire.

50 years ago - 1965

The building of two miles of new streets started for a 40-acre Pine Cove subdivision that would contain 130 homes.

45 years ago - 1970

In an economy move, the local post office discontinued Saturday window service.

40 years ago - 1975

Loggers started clear-



An Idyllwild youth group in Skunk Cabbage Meadow about 1955. From left, **Dale Bischof** and **Doug Dement** (lying down); seated, **Pattie Davies**, **Gladys Turner**, **Carol Michelsen** and **Susie Shinn**; standing, **Pat Boss**, **Don Morlan** and **Ernest Maxwell**. PHOTO BY RONNIE WILSON

ing the land behind the former post office to make way for the shopping center planned along Strawberry Creek.

35 years ago - 1980

Idyllwild Fire Chief Bud Hunt volunteered to make a free inspection of any Idyllwild home to de-

termine the proper location for a smoke detector.

30 years ago - 1985

About 30 people representing a variety of special interest groups attended a U.S. Forest Service workshop to express their views about off-highway vehicle (use in the National For-

est. Among the concerns raise were the lack of OHV opportunities and the need for limiting OHVs.

20 years ago - 1995

Parents, teachers and administrators at Idyllwild School were finishing plans for a fundraising campaign to provide the school's playground with new equipment. At the time, the playground had only one swing set.

15 years ago - 2000

Jazz legend and film star Herb Jeffries performed at a special concert held at the Tyrol Mansion in Pine Cove to benefit jazz pianist Harry Pickens who was struggling with serious health issues.

5 years ago - 2010

Saturday's torrential rain's final drops broke and washed out a 30- to 40-foot section of Highway 74 in the area of the Cottonwood Fire burn just as the final straw once broke the proverbial camel's back.

1 year ago - 2014

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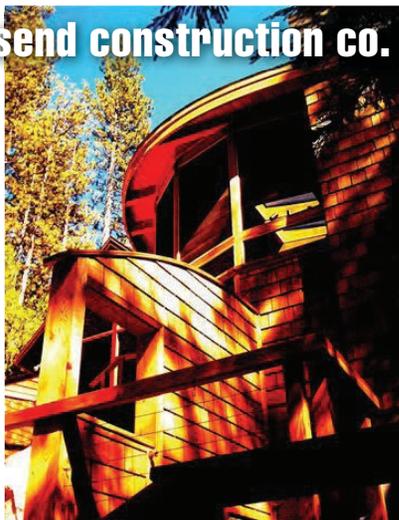
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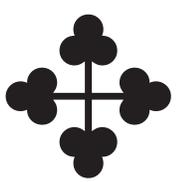
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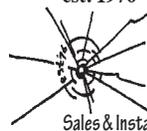
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Lemon Lily Festival introduced to California Native Plant Society

BY KATE KRAMER
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

Last month I gave a presentation about the Idyllwild Lemon Lily Festival at the state meeting for the California Native Plant Society in San Jose. Native plant lovers from across California were a receptive audience for the story of the festival and the local efforts in conserving and restoring the Lemon Lily.

We were assigned a time slot in the "conservation negotiations" session and asked to emphasize the process of how people worked together. After a flurry of emails from Dave Stith, my co-author on the talk, and others, I attempted to put the history of how the Lemon Lily Festival in Idyllwild came to be. This report is happily supplied to the Town Crier. With the photos, I was able to show members of the California Native Plant Society exactly what the festival looked like (and how much fun it is).

The place to start, of course, is with the Lemon Lily. Most "native plant people" are familiar with native lilies, but not with our Southern California Lemon Lily. As this meeting took place in Northern California, some background was in order.

Lilium parryi is a beautiful yellow lily that grows along high-elevation creeks and streams, and wet meadows from a small bulb-like rhizome. The Lemon Lily is mainly restricted to the mountains of Southern California with a few populations known from the mountains of Southeastern Arizona.

This winsome lily can produce multiple 6-inch showy yellow flowers per plant in a season, and, is very easy to fall in love with. It was once very common in the creeks and meadows of the San Jacinto Mountains (and probably in the San Gabriels and San Bernardino, too). Older visitors attending the festival have even shared memories of seeing it in some of the creeks around Idyllwild.

We have reason to be-

lieve it was much more common from a single observation made by Harvey Monroe Hall, the first botanist to do a flora survey of the San Jacintos in 1902. On one day, a single bulb collector removed more than 5,000 bulbs from the Idyllwild area. Bulb collecting was quite common in those days as hobby gardeners from the turn of the last century were keenly interested in new garden plants.

Between the bulb poaching and continuing drought conditions, Lemon Lilies have become rare. Only those who can venture into the high country really have the chance to see them.

Next I explained and described Idyllwild — a small community without a single ski-lift or large, recreational lake. Our area attracts artists, nature lovers, rock-climbers and Pacific Crest Trail hikers. Families from all over Southern California visit Idyllwild, especially on summer weekends to escape the heat. People live and visit here because they like nature.

An important part of the history of the current interest in Lemon Lilies comes from a loosely organized group of rather serious amateur botanists, key among them, our own Stith, who started hiking and learning about plants from Tom Chester. As an energetic amateur botanist, Chester has made plant lists for many of the local trails in San Diego and Riverside County.

Chester is the one who brought the observations of Harvey Monroe Hall to our attention about the massive bulb poaching that happened earlier in the last century. Stith and Chester set out to survey and count the Lemon Lily plants on Forest Service and State Park lands.

Stith has been tracking one area, Candy's Creek, for at least five years now. He and I were talking one day when I made a completely off-the-cuff remark that "we ought to have a Lemon Lily festival" so that more people

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Quote of the Week

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CRISISLINE, 683-0829 or 1 (800) 339-7233. Alternatives to Domestic Violence (ADV) provides information, counseling and shelter services for battered women and their children.

Hot Flashes? Women 40-65 with frequent hot flashes, may qualify for the REPLENISH Trial - a free medical research study for post-menopausal women. Call 855-781-1851. (Cal-SCAN)

Announcements

DID YOU KNOW Newspaper-generated content is so valuable it's taken and repeated, condensed, broadcast, tweeted, discussed, posted, copied, edited, and emailed countless times throughout the day by others? Discover the Power of Newspaper Advertising. For a free brochure call 916-288-6011 or email cecelia@cnpa.com (Cal-SCAN)

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TRAIN AT HOME TO PROCESS MEDICAL BILLING & INSURANCE CLAIMS! NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! Become a Medical Office Assistant now with our online training program!! HS Diploma/GED & Computer/Internet required to participate. 1-877-649-3155. (Cal-SCAN)

Websites

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Help Wanted

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

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

Help Wanted

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 AAHOME CARE@ME.COM Visit us at AA-HOMECARE.COM to download an employment application.

AVON - Earn extra income with a new career! Sell from home, work, online. \$15 start-up. For information, call: 877-830-2916. (CalSCAN)

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ATTN: Drivers - \$2K Sign-On Bonus! Love your \$55K Job! We Put Drivers First! Avg \$1100 Weekly + Newer KWs CDL-A Req - (877) 258-8782 www.ad-drivers.com (Cal-SCAN)

Obtain Class A CDL in 2 1/2 weeks. Company Sponsored Training. Also Hiring Recent Truck School Graduates, Experienced Drivers. Must be 21 or Older. Call: (866) 275-2349. (Cal-SCAN)

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Services

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DISH TV Retailer. Starting at \$19.99/month (for 12 mos.) & High Speed Internet starting at \$14.95/month (where available.) SAVE! Ask About SAME DAY Installation! CALL Now! 1-800-357-0810. (Cal-SCAN)

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Services

Are you in **BIG** trouble with the IRS? Stop wage & bank levies, liens & audits, unfiled tax returns, payroll issues, & resolve tax debt FAST. Seen on CNN. A BBB. Call 1-800-761-5395. (Cal-SCAN)

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For Sale

Like new Mapex complete drum set w/cymbals - 6 piece black and chrome - drums 22" bass. 16" tom. 12" tom. 10" tom. 8" tom. 14" snare - cymbals 20" ride. 16" crash. 2x14" hi-hat. 10" splash - throne and heavy duty stands and pedals - practice pads and sticks + more. \$499. Russ (928) 274-6773. rharpley@toast.net

Coleman Powermate gas generator, 2250 watts. \$100. (951) 659-3251.

Misc. for sale. Brass & white scroll queen headboard and footboard, heavy frame, \$75. White Kenmore large capacity washer, nice, \$120. (951) 659-5919.

CHI VITALIZER relaxation massage machine. \$85. Call Karin Greenwood (951) 973-8651.

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Deadline: noon Monday for Thursday publication

- No charge for Found ads: 4x maximum insertion.
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- Information other than what is placed in ad is confidential. No advance information is given on ads.
- We reserve the right to reject classified and display ads that are considered by the editor to be libelous, in bad taste or personal attacks.
- For display advertising, call (951) 659-2145 or toll free 1-888-535-6663 or visit 54405 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, and ask to speak to an Advertising Representative.
- For Classified advertising questions call Dolores at (951) 659-2145 or Email: dolores@towncrier.com

Line Classified Rate Schedule
Includes placement online: www.idyllwildtowncrier.com

Number of Lines	Each time
Up to 10 lines	\$11.95
Ea. addtl. line, add:	\$1.00
Bold Face	\$1 entire ad or 25¢ each word
Center entire ad:	\$1

Display Classified Rate Schedule
Includes placement online: www.idyllwildtowncrier.com

2-inch ad (minimum size)	\$18.95
Each additional inch	\$9.45

For Sale

Metal and glass bay-window display shelving system \$200; burglar alarm system, \$500; PVC-pipe storage box shelving, 4 sets, each holds 15 boxes, \$25 each or \$80 for all. Becky, Town Crier, (951) 659-2145, ext. 11.

Wood stove & furniture. Wood stove, large Hearthstone, soapstone, 1 yr. old. \$2,995. Pottery Barn English cottage brown velvet chair, like new. \$495. Green down sofa, chair and ottoman. Good condition. \$395. (951) 659-2239.

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

Multi-family yard sale. Furniture, clothing, electronics, tools, stroller, much more! Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th, 9 am - dusk. 53810 Tollgate, (1st house past Mormon church).

Multi-family moving sale. Sunday, February 15, 11-3. No early birds. 53345 Doubleview Dr. Books, furniture, everything.

Autos Wanted

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR BOAT TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. FREE 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care of. 800-731-5042 (Cal-SCAN)

WANTED: Old Mercedes 190SL, or other pre-1972 foreign sports car / convertible corvette. ANY CONDITION! I come to you w/trailer & funds. FAIR OFFERS. Mike 520-977-1110. (Cal-SCAN)

Automotive

I won a new casino 2014 Sport 4wd Jeep Patriot, 4 door. \$24,000 value, sell for \$18,000. (951) 500-3505.

Mobile Homes

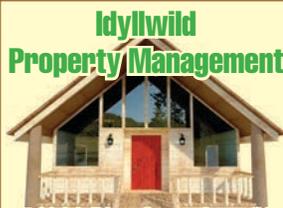
Royal Pines Estates
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www.idyllwildpm.com

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Nice 3BD 1BA Log Home with Wood Stove, Washer, Dryer, Storage. Close to Idy Arts
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24918 Fern Valley Rd
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\$1125/mo

52171 Acorn Lane
2BD 1BA House on quiet street with large yard. W/D included.
\$725/mo

54070 Strawberry Valley
Close to school & town. 2BD 1BA House. W/D hookups. Nice Fireplace. Garage
\$875/mo

Very clean, spacious 2 BR apt. Free laundry, water, trash & outside maintenance. Walk to town. No pets. \$800/mo. Call, (951) 659-5424.

House for rent: 53820 Country Club Dr. \$775. Lg spac. 1bd/1ba hse, hwdwd flrs, all appliances, Window coverings, pellet stove, off street prkg, fenced yd, & Jacuzzi tub in ba. W/D hookups. No pets. Juno Property Management Service at (619) 276-9800.

1 BR apartment upstairs, side entry. Utilities paid. Electric, water and heat. (951) 260-8876.

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Compare Medicare Supplement Plans and Save! Call NOW during Open Enrollment to receive Free Medicare Quotes from Trusted, Affordable Companies! Get covered and Save! Call 844-277-0253. (Cal-SCAN)

Lowest Prices on Health & Dental Insurance. We have the best rates from top companies! Call Now! 888-989-4807. (CalSCAN)

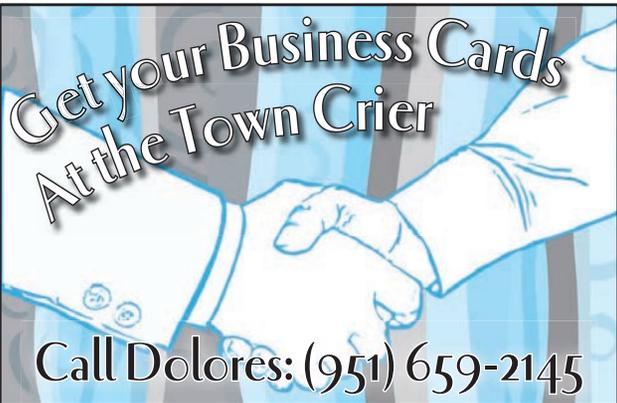
Safe Step Walk-In Tub! Alert for Seniors. Bathroom falls can be fatal. Approved by Arthritis Foundation. Therapeutic Jets. Less Than 4 Inch Step-In. Wide Door. Anti-Slip Floors. American Made. Installation Included. Call 800-799-4811 for \$750 Off. (Cal-SCAN)

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Answers to Sudoku
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
(Puzzle on next page)



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Check out our **YARD SALE KITS!**

Each kit contains:

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- 275 Fluorescent Pre-Priced Labels
- Pre-Sale Checklist
- Sales Record Form
- \$6.50 each plus tax

Stop by the Town Crier 659-2145



WORD SEARCH

(Answers on next page)

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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

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.

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.

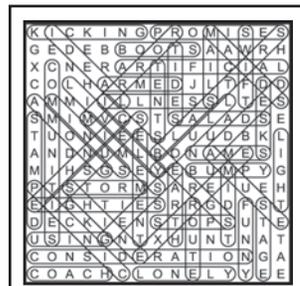
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand 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-2015-00666

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



Answers to Word Search
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BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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CERTIFICATION

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

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

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.

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Obi, e.g. (hyphenated)
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- Eastern pooh-bah
- Eclipse phenomenon
- Athletic supporter?
- Bony portion of the roof of the mouth (pl.) (2 wds)
- "___ we having fun yet?"
- In a foolishly imitative manner
- "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
- Barely beat
- Avis offering
- Partygoer
- "Don't ___!"
- Bookbinding leather
- Bring up
- Gets up on, as onto a horse
- Queen, maybe
- Places to buy car fuel (2 wds)
- Buff
- Youth in Greek mythology whose wings melted
- Conundrum
- Western blue flag, e.g.
- Dracula, at times
- Unfinished detail (2 wds)
- Reserved
- "Is that ___?"
- C.S.A. state
- Word in the Second Amendment
- "Fancy that!"
- State of unrestrained merriment
- Ashes holder
- Excessive maternal protection
- "Trick" joint

DOWN

- "The English Patient" setting
- Spiritual love (pl.)
- Go down
- Verb with thou
- Sacred
- Victorian, for one
- Bach composition
- About Egypt's Lake ___
- Subs (2 wds)
- Supremely spooky
- Crow's home
- Insensitive
- Lighthouse
- Bromo ingredient
- Flat, leavened bread of NW India
- The "A" of
- ABM
- Bison features
- Antares, for one
- Petrol (var. spelling)
- Atomic no. 77
- Common black European thrushes
- Senseless behavior
- Pestilence
- Furnishes better weapons
- C4H8
- Come to light
- Afternoon service (2 wds)
- "Four Quartets" poet
- A Judd
- Type of fur coats
- Lion's share
- Bolivian export

HOROSCOPES

February 2015 — Week 2



March 21 – April 19

Love is in the air. Seize every opportunity that comes your way, Aries. Small changes in budgeting make a big difference in your bottom line.



April 20 – May 20

Romance reaches new heights this week with a getaway for two. Ooh-la-la, Taurus. Financial errors are resolved quickly thanks to new technology. A work goal is set.



May 21 – June 21

No news is good news, Gemini. Leave it be. A tickle of the ivories sets the stage for a dazzling weekend. Make sure you take plenty of pictures.



June 22 – July 22

Picture-perfect results are certainly desirable, but not necessary this time. Do what you must to get the task done, Cancer. A pesky health problem eases.



July 23– August 22

Travel plans hit a snag. Don't worry, Leo. A minor modification will turn everything around. A deadline is met with ease, and a celebration may be in order.



August 23– September 22

Organization is the theme of this week, Virgo. You must make sure everything is in order before you proceed. A project wraps up quickly at home.



September 23– October 22

You're lucky in love this week, Libra, as you share many magical moments with that special someone. One man's trash is another's treasure.



October 23– November 21

Sometimes you have to pick your battles, Scorpio. Instead of going after every cause, why not fight for those that mean the most to you.



November 22– December 21

A senior achieves the impossible. Invite them over for a little celebration. Finances improve with some thinking outside of the box. Good work, Sagittarius.



December 22 – January 19

Love letters of long ago inspire a walk on the wild side. Have fun, Capricorn. An amazing opportunity is yours for the taking. Don't miss out.



January 20 – February 18

Please, Aquarius. You've stalled long enough. Make your request known. You will not be denied. A friend's brave journey begins. Be there for them.



February 19 – March 20

Applause all around. Your attention to detail makes all the difference this week, and the accolades will all be yours, Pisces. A website is launched.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Legals

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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 5375 Denny Drive Anza, CA 92539, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 633, Aguanga, CA 92536. LISA SUE ROGERS LOPEZ, 5375 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

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CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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County Clerk
By: M. Duenas, Deputy

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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.

LIEN SALE

CIVIL CODE 3071 & 3072

On 02/24/2015 at 4188 PIERCE ST. RIVERSIDE, CA, a Lien Sale will be held on a 1997 ULTRA HULL: UB1SS154D596 STATE: CA CF#: 9720S) at

AND

On 02/24/2015 at 4188 PIERCE ST. RIVERSIDE, CA, a Lien Sale will be held on a 1997 HENSL VIN: 1H9BT208U1186148 STATE: CA LIC: 1GH2937 at 10am.

Pub. TC: Feb. 12, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as NGC INDUSTRIES at 12741 Magnolia Ave, Riverside, CA 92503, Riverside County. INLAND EMPIRE INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES, INC., 12741 Magnolia Ave, Riverside CA 92503. 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:
JEFF MCNAMARA
President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 3, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-01090

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A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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

Pub. TC: Feb. 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as MGT NETWORKS at 53825 Marian View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 3027, Idyllwild, CA 92549. MICHAEL TIM GUSTIN, 53825 Marian View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on January 1, 2002.

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 TIM GUSTIN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 3, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-01056

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

Pub. TC: Feb. 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as JOE LABS at 29049 Hidden Meadow Drive, Menifee, CA 92584, Riverside County. JOSEPH ALLEN WINN, 29049 Hidden Meadow Drive, Menifee CA 92584.

Registrant Signature:
JEFF MCNAMARA
President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 3, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-01090

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

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Registrant Signature:
JOSEPH A WINN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 16, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-00556

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
By: K. Moore, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as THE GREEN ANGEL at 45525 Hwy 79 S. #378 Aguanga Ca, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 952, Aguanga, CA 92536. RHONDA BOERSMA (GAYLE), 45525 Hwy 79 S #308, Aguanga, CA 92536.

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:
RHONDA BOERSMA (GAYLE)

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 27, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-00858

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
By: A. Ribac, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as EAGLE EYE REALTY, TIGHTWAD REALTY at 53651 Hwy 371, #42, Anza, CA 92539, Riverside County. Mailing address: SAME. SANDRA NELL WILKS, 53651 Hwy 371, #42, Anza, CA 92539.

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

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Registrant Signature:
SANDRA NELL WILKS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 30, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-00979

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
By: K. Moore, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ALEXANDERS CONSTRUCTION at 53640 Idyllbrook, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 855, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JAMES JAY ALEXANDER, 53640 Idyllbrook, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 1994.

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:
JAMES JAY ALEXANDER

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

FILE NO.:
R-2015-01202

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
By: S. Berry, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5, 2015.



ATTENTION LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS ...

Did you know?

- You are required to file a DBA (Doing Business As), also called an FBN (Fictitious Business Name), statement with the county when you start a business.
- Your DBA expires after 5 years, and you need to refile.

The Town Crier can file your DBA for you, saving you from the paperwork hassle and the time and gas it would take to go to the County Recorder's Office.

Call Dolores at (951) 659-2145 or stop by the Town Crier, 54405 North Circle Dr. (office open Mon-Fri from 9am to 5pm. Sat. 10am to 4pm • Sun. 10am to 2pm)

Printer Problems?



Send Town Crier your files. We'll print them for the same low cost as copies. Email: idyllwildtowncrier@towncrier.com

Obituary: Daniel H. Rubin 1950-2015

Daniel H. Rubin was born Oct. 16, 1950, in Nottingham, England, and died January 2015. He immigrated at 6 years old.

A beneficiary of his mom, Winnie's, "Brit Wit" and his own brand of sparkling personality, he was involved in theater at Hollywood High School.

Introduced to Idyllwild in the 1960s, he fell in love with the natural beauty and was living on the Hill by the early 1970s. His mom came up here a little later and stayed the rest of her life.

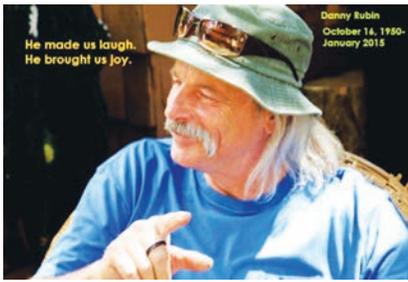
Besides the rock & roll and folk music genres his generation grew up with, he had an encyclopedic knowledge of American blues and was well-versed in jazz as well.

Danny walked nearly everywhere he went mostly because the shell of an automobile would separate him from the nature he loved so well. Forest critters seemed to know and love him in return, coming up to him to be fed by his hand.

Danny was loved by nearly all who knew him because of his drive to make others smile and laugh (and to think about things in new and different perspectives). Such also was his relation to people that he would give his full attention to their story. It seems everyone can tell of a time that he made some profound influence on their lives even for just a few moments.

The Japanese have a perspective that suggests we have two levels of dying. The first is when your body dies and the second is when the last person who remembers you personally passes on. Danny's warmth and caring spirit touched so many people in his life, both young and old, that his second passing may be a very long time coming.

In lieu of flowers or donations, please remember to be kind to each other. Memorial services are pending for spring.



County budget will need some adjustment

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

While county revenues are gradually improving, the budget for the current fiscal year that ends June 30 still projects deficits for each of the principal public safety agencies.

"While local economic indicators continue gradually trending positive, significant budgetary challenges lay ahead," Riverside County Executive Officer Jay Orr said in his

midyear budget report to the Board of Supervisors.

The Sheriff's Department has been able to reduce its projected deficit from \$46 million to \$40 million. The District Attorney revised its projected balance from \$10 million to \$7.5 million. However, the Fire Department's projected loss remains at \$4.2 million.

Orr advised the board to make no changes at this point in the fiscal year. His staff is monitoring

these expenses and working with the department heads.

One item of good news was that the estimated loss at the Riverside County Regional Medical Center has fallen from \$18 million to \$10 million.

But a major budget issue is on the horizon. One result of the passage of Proposition 47 was the transfer of costs for mental health and substance abuse patients to the county. This also includes up-

grades to obtain accreditation from the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

Orr said the county Mental Health Department is requesting 75 more positions. The current year budget change is estimated to be \$2.5 million, which could grow to be \$6.3 million for the full year in 2015-16.

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Lily

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would know about them and want to protect them. Stith ran with this idea, and you know the rest is history.

So, how did this festival of five years running actually start? With the dedicated efforts of an original committee of five people — Stith, Shelley Kibby of the Idyllwild Nature Center, Harold Voorhees of the Garden Club, Denise Huntington of the Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks and Doug Yagaloff, representing the town merchants.

It took many meetings to plan the first festival, and various people cycled through the committee. It was often hard to keep everyone going the same direction and to decide on which ideas to use, but in the end it was a dedicated group of people with a common goal that pulled it off.

Since the talk was in a "negotiations" session, I mentioned some of the challenges, such as turnover of leadership (losing Yagaloff), merchants less involved, results from restoration efforts taking time and planning an event around a blooming plant.

The aspects we have going for the festival are a small, nature-loving community, a consistent supportive institution (the Nature Center), a wonderfully charismatic species and sustained conservation interest from the community.

It was easy to describe the festival (and great to have the photos). I related how popular it has been, with booths of information, special T-shirts, the quilt raffle, the banner contest, the theme of the turn-of-the-century activities for kids, the Penny-Royal Players, the art show, the hikes, the Lemon Lily

and general natural history information talks, and especially, the "Lemon Lily Song." I finished the talk with the clip of the Huel Howser episode of the Lemon Lily Singers in action. That conveyed the love and the fun that has made the festival what it is.

People have been coming up to me since the talk and saying how much they would like to come this year. The 2015 festival is set for July 11 to 12, so watch for more information and be part of the fun.

Kate Kramer is a U.S. Forest Service botanist.

Ruiz has new Palm Desert office

Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz has a new office in Palm Desert at 43875 Washington Street, Suite F.

On Monday, March 9, Ruiz (D-Palm Desert) and his staff will host the grand opening of his new office.

The Indio and Palm Springs offices have been consolidated into the Palm Desert location. Constituents are invited to visit the new office location, meet Ruiz and meet with caseworkers.

The Palm Desert office is currently open to constituents. Also, staff members will hold regular satellite office hours across the district to ensure constituents have access to the services Ruiz's office provides.

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Drought more likely than relief in 2015

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Despite the rainstorms in November and December, 2015 appears to be becoming the fourth-consecutive drought year. However, the National Weather Service is still forecasting above-average rainfall for Southern California between February and April.

Through the end of January, rainfall on the Hill is substantially below the long-term average rain

through January of 14.2 inches. The Idyllwild Fire Station has reported 11.86 inches through January; the Forest Service's Keenwild Ranger Station has received only 6.7 inches and George Tate of Pine Cove reports 12.7 inches. All of these data points are below the average, which includes 5 inches just in January.

At the end of January, the state's Department of Water Resources reported the snowpack was only 25 percent of its historical av-

erage. An exceedingly dry January resulted in the water equivalent dropping 50 percent.

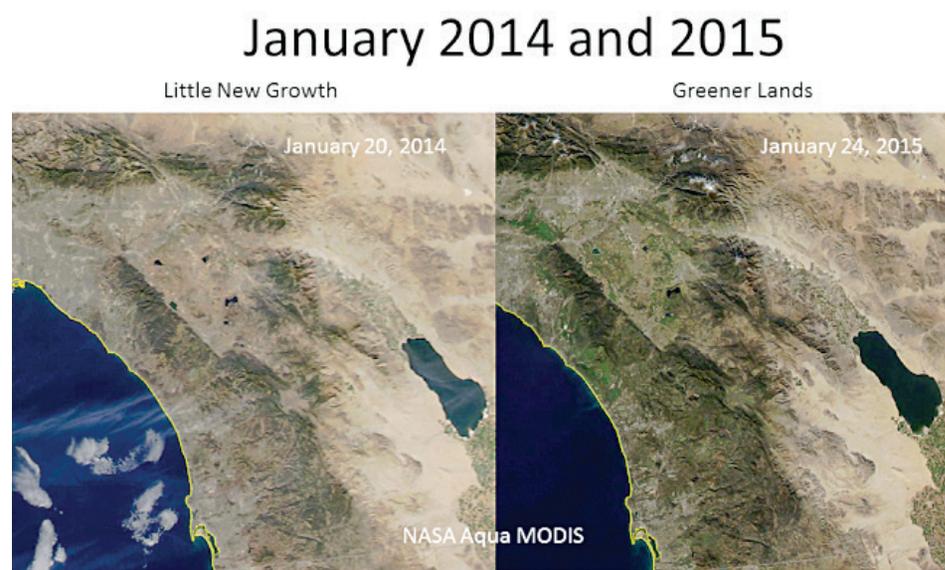
"The absence of precipitation in January, normally California's wettest month, has combined with warmer-than-average temperatures to produce a dismally meager snowpack for a drought-stricken state," according to DWR. "... manual snow survey makes it likely that California's drought will run through a fourth-consecutive year."

Cal Fire's Predictive Services unit was more direct in its description of the past month's weather. "... little meaningful precipitation to important water sheds across the state."

January was unusually dry this year. According to NWS, it was the fifth-driest January in Big Bear, Riverside and Palm Springs since keeping records began in the mid-1800s.

Although Northern California experienced major rainstorms last weekend, January was a record. For the first time, no rain was recorded in San Francisco during the month.

"Most long-term precipitation guidance continues to be bullish with regards to precipitation the rest of this winter in early spring," Cal Fire stated. "Take most of the models at face value,



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These aerial photographs of Southern California compare the landscape of 2014 (left) to the same area in 2015, after the November and December rains, which produced a greener landscape.
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FS budget

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forests and reduce future catastrophic wildfire," said Agricultural Secretary Tom Vilsack in a press release.

The fire management costs — both preparedness and suppression — have outgrown the remainder of the Forest Service's budget for more than a decade. Currently, these funds are more than 50 percent of the agency's budget compared to less than 15 percent in the 1990s.

During a year when fire costs exceeded the appropriated levels, the Forest Service must borrow funds from other parts of its budget. Since 2000, this has happened every year but two. In the worst fire years, the transfer can amount to more than \$500 million.

Then the agency must request congressional approval for supplemental funding to restore the money for its original purpose. This does not always occur; consequently, for several years, the Forest Service has been proposing alternatives to provide the emergency fire funding without disrupting its other programs.

"It is subsuming the agency's budget and jeopardizing our ability to successfully implement our full mission," the agency said in its budget justification.

The largest fires (about 1 percent of fires) consume nearly 30 percent of the suppression costs. This year, the Forest Service has included \$795 million within its suppression budget for the 70 percent of its 10-year average suppression

expenses attributable to 99 percent of all fires.

The costs for the most expensive fires, or 30 percent of suppression expenses, are requested as a special appropriation, which is called the "Suppression Cap Adjustment."

If this funding is approved, the agency believes its budget will become more stable. Access to these funds will be limited and require a declaration from the secretary of agriculture that one of several conditions has occurred and consequently, these monies are needed.

Two of the proposed conditions are a fire greater than 1,000 acres or a fire within 10 miles of a major urban area.

Despite a slight reduction to the total preparedness funding, the Forest Service said it expects to continue to implement its strategy to replace its airtankers. The proposed funding will allow the use of up to 21 airtankers; at least 15 will be next-generation airtankers.

Also, the agency is moving forward with the program to transfer seven C-130H aircraft from the U.S. Coast Guard to the Forest Service. Before the transfer is completed, the U.S. Air Force will retrofit them and install a retardant delivery system. One C-130H airtanker may be available for missions in FY 2015.

Neither the capital improvement nor land acquisition budget propose any major projects in the San Jacinto Ranger District.

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it would seem a return to wetter weather conditions is likely before too long."

However on Thursday, Feb. 5, NWS lowered the probability of an El Niño pattern forming this spring to 50 to 60 percent. As spring arrives, the major indicators for its development weaken, according to weather officials.

But some rain will do lit-

tle to diminish the threat of fires this year. In 2014, the third year of the drought, the U.S. Forest Service acknowledged that its fire season was primarily concentrated on the West Coast.

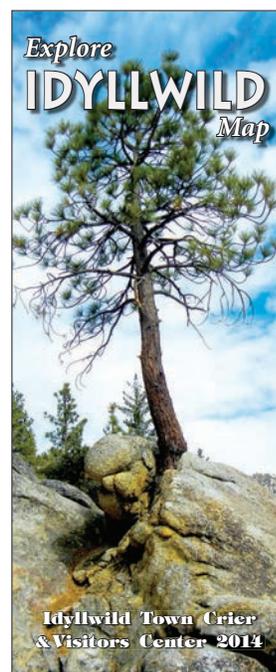
This warning from the Predictive Services Unit has already been issued: "In the absence of wind, there may be enough moisture in the live fuels in brush and shrub

to keep rates of spread manageable this spring, but by the beginning of June, large-fire potential may begin to climb back to above normal. The areas with higher-than-normal potential in June may be inland areas above and away from the marine layer."

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