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Reyes sues IFPD for wrongful termination

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On Monday Feb. 9, former Idyllwild Fire Capt. James Reyes filed a wrongful termination of employment suit in the Riverside County Superior Court against the Idyllwild Fire Protection District.

IFPD Chief Patrick Reitz gave Reyes a notice of termination on July 19, 2014, after nearly six months of paid administrative leave. Reitz ascribed his decision to terminate Reyes to Reyes' action during a medical call on Jan. 17, 2014, which Reitz described as an egregious violation of county



Capt. James Reyes
FILE PHOTO

emergency medical protocols and policies.

In his legal action, Reyes claims that Reitz's termination of him "was motivated in large part by retaliation for [Reyes'] knowledge of improprieties within the department that [Reyes] reasonably believed may constitute violations of

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Fire Code committee hears from SB County

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Mountain Communities Fire Code Committee heard from San Bernardino

County officials and the public last week in the first of its meetings open to audience members.

"Today, the San Bernardino people will tell us

See Fire Code, page 6



VALENTINE'S DAY CUPCAKES: Quintin Hoggan was very proud that his cupcake looked like his toy at Town Hall's St. Valentine's Day art class last Friday led by artist Mandy Johnson.
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Rutherford claims he did not damage AAI deer

'It was not my car'

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

In response to the article in the Feb. 12 issue of the Town Crier about the destruction of artists Fariad and Jennifer Ali's deer sculpture the night of Feb. 6, Rob Rutherford, 56, of Idyllwild, whom the California Highway Patrol arrested that night, called the paper last week.

The deer was next to Harmony Monument and was part of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's public art display. Twenty-two deer, painted by local artists, were displayed throughout the Hill. One was stolen a year ago and the second destroyed that night in February.

Rutherford characterized the story that attributed the deer's demise

to him as "bogus."

"It was not my car," he said. "I saw the deer and I stopped to look at it. I was perplexed at what it was and where it came from. The deer was in the parking lot and I couldn't figure out where it came from."

Rutherford also said he has contacted AAI and offered to fix the damage as a "goodwill gesture."

However, Lesly Martin of AAI is unaware of any overture from Rutherford

to the organization or its board.

"I handle the phone calls and see all the emails that are received at AAI's official email address and toll-free telephone number, and I have not seen or heard any communication from him or his representative," she wrote in an email. "The damaged deer is beyond being repaired or fixed."

While Rutherford admitted CHP arrested him

for a "DUI" that morning, he said he was in the shower when the officer came to the door of his room.

He stressed that it was not his car, although two CHP officers reported that the car that appeared to damage the deer is registered to Rutherford. He did not respond to this statement.

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IFPD cancels finance meeting

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Nancy Layton, chair of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Finance Committee, in consultation with fire Chief Patrick Reitz canceled the committee's Feb. 17 meeting. The next scheduled committee meeting is Tuesday, March 17.

"... we do not have pressing business or substantial regular business of the Finance Committee to attend to next week," Layton said in the email announcing the meeting's cancellation.

At the next meeting, Layton indicated that the committee will address the issue of establishing reserve accounts for the district.

In addition, she told members that the application for the vacant alternate committee member, following Chris Davis' resignation, may be available on the district's website this week.

Transfer Station recycle fee remains

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The \$25 drop-off fee for certain e-waste recycling at the Idyllwild Transfer Station remains in place, according to Mike Williams of Waste Management Inc., who operates the station, and John Watkins, deputy director, Environmental Protection and Oversight, Riverside County Department of Environmental Health.

Reasons cited include legislation that does not prohibit collection of the fees if net costs of the recycler exceed collected state fees from manufacturers through Cal Recycle.

Said Williams, "Costs to collect, package and trans-

port e-waste from the mountain communities to recycling processors [in the greater Orange County/LA County basin] are significant. The \$25 fee at the gate helps offset these costs. We should also keep in mind that residents in the mountain communities are not bound to depositing their e-waste at the WM facilities. Residents are welcome to haul their materials down the Hill to other facilities, which could avoid the mountain fee."

Further questions may be addressed to Watkins at watkins@rivcocha.org or Williams at mwilli13@wm.com.

Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.

Extended hours for County Clerk

The County Clerk's main office in Riverside remains open until 7 p.m. Thursdays only. The main office is located at 2720 Gateway Dr.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 2/19



67/46
Sunny.

Friday 2/20



63/37
Sunny.

Saturday 2/21



59/35
Mostly sunny.

Sunday 2/22



53/35
Slight Chance of showers

Monday 2/23



52/35
Slight chance of showers.

Idyllwild this year

| Date | High | Low | M | S |
|------|------|-----|---|---|
| 2/10 | | | | |
| 2/11 | | | | |
| 2/12 | | | | |
| 2/13 | | | | |
| 2/14 | | | | |
| 2/15 | | | | |
| 2/16 | | | | |

No figures available from IFPD for this period.

Idyllwild last year

| Date | High | Low | M | S |
|------|------|-----|---|---|
| 2/10 | 58 | 36 | | |
| 2/11 | 65 | 37 | | |
| 2/12 | 70 | 41 | | |
| 2/13 | 72 | 42 | | |
| 2/14 | 72 | 45 | | |
| 2/15 | 71 | 46 | | |
| 2/16 | 74 | 48 | | |

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.

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Pine Cove Water sets public hearing for rate increases

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Pine Cove Water District directors will hold a public hearing on April 1 to garner comments from residents and customers about proposed rate increases before making a decision.

In January, General Manager Jerry Holldber discussed the need for more revenues and made some tentative recommendations that were submitted to the board at the Feb. 11 meeting.

In a letter to customers, PCWD President Michael Esnard wrote, "These proposals were based on recommendations from our auditors and were brought by General Manager Jerry Holldber to the board in January. They are aimed at assuring the financial health of the district in the face of rising costs, especially electricity."

The minimum bi-monthly charge of \$53 would increase \$9 over three years. The initial increase would be to \$57, then \$60 in February 2016 and \$62 in February 2017. Water rates will generally increase 20 percent at each tier. For example, the cost of zero to 6,000 gallons is currently \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons or \$9 bi-monthly. If the new rates are approved, this would increase to \$1.80 per 1,000 gallons or \$10.80 bi-monthly.

Also, Esnard noted that the proposal eliminates some of the top tiers for applying the usage charges, thus simplifying the district's tiered levels.

"We're still not fully covering operational expenses," Holldber said. "This helps but we still a little behind. We're able to balance out because of the antenna rentals."

The proposal, if approved, has a recommended effective date of April 1.

Pine Cove resident Marge Muir objected to a decision immediately after the hearing and recommended that if the board approves new rates, the effective date be deferred until June 1.

"To have people come to speak and then vote to pass and put it in effect the same day seems too fast," she stated.

In response, Esnard stressed that the information about the rate increases would be mailed within days and customers would have seven weeks to review and to think about the proposal.

"If we're flooded with phone calls, that's one thing and if there's no response, that's another," Esnard said. "We can change the implementation date if there's significant questions. If people are concerned, we can delay the day."

The public hearing is at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 1, at the PCWD meeting room.

In other business, Shari Cassen of Pine Cove addressed the board about the need to increase capability to capture rainfall. Based on a Los Angeles Times article about less snowfall and more rain in the future, Cassen

suggested more diversions, dams and percolating ponds above the district's wells.

In water business, Holldber reported that January's production was nearly 2.7 million gallons, almost 550,000 more than the January 2014 production.

"It was weather-related and the worst cold freeze in a few years," he said. He also added that the water loss last month was 14 percent. "That's terrible," he admitted. "I don't know exactly what is causing it. We found another leak and several meters which were not registering."

He also reported that the level of the district's static groundwater well no. 10 had fallen 5 feet, the first drop since October.

He also is developing a request for federal grant money to help rehabilitate some of the wells.

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Dems still consider Ruiz vulnerable

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-Palm Desert) represents California's 36th Congressional District, which includes all of the Hill, is in danger, according to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Ruiz first won election to the House of Representatives in 2012 when he up-

set incumbent Rep. Mary Bono. In November 2014, he was re-elected defeating Republican challenger Assemblyman Brian Nestande.

Despite these victories and a pronounced advantage raising campaign funds, the DCCC has identified Ruiz and 13 other Democratic representatives as vulnerable in the 2016 election as part of its Front-

line program. Ruiz also was included in the DCCC's 2013-14 Frontline program.

During the 2014 campaign, Ruiz spent \$3.1 million compared to Nestande's campaign expenses of \$1.3, outspending his challenger nearly \$1.8 million. The incumbent spent almost \$2.40 for every dollar Nestande invested in the race.

Among the threatened

Congressional members are four others from California — Ami Bera (7th District), Julia Brownley (26th), Pete Guilar (31st) and Scott Peters (52nd).

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This week we have a few personnel changes to announce. Denise Selby, our bookkeeper since Jack and I bought the paper, moved on as her pottery business picked up. Samantha "Sam" Hallburn took the position and is your new go-to person for billing inquiries ...

That is, except subscription issues. Halie and I will help you with those over the next two months while Teresa Garcia-Lande, a jack-of-all trades, takes maternity leave.

Lastly, we welcome back Marshall Smith as a part-time reporter. His desk is on the west end of the building with advertising staff Jay Pentrack and Lisa Streeter. Bringing back Marshall freed up Jay's duties to now encompass advertising sales of Palms to Pines Magazine.

In the meantime, anyone with InDesign experience who wants a short-term job drop off your resume to Halie, please.

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Last week, we received the news that Marilyn Weare, former TC co-owner, passed away.

When I started at the paper in 1984, the Hunsakers had owned it for six years already. The Weares lived in town but I never got to know them well.

I assumed, from the little contact I had had with her, that Marilyn was a warm, very classy lady but that she likely wasn't the type to "let her hair down," so to speak.

That I found out differently when I was publisher-editor in 1997 and the TC celebrated its 50th birthday with an open house.

Marilyn stopped in, sat down at an ad rep's desk, kicked off her shoes, put her feet on the desk and regaled me with stories of her TC days. She roared with laughter. I hope never to forget that one visit with her. RIP, Marilyn.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

The little engine that couldn't

EDITOR:

When one's favorite big red classic truck isn't running right, many start by making a list of what could be fixed. If the low-cost, easy-fix doesn't work, one goes onto the next step (often more difficult and more expensive).

Your most successful truck enthusiasts will start on the inside and work their way out so that when they are finished the truck runs great and then looks great, too.

A narcissistic, egocentric person will do the opposite, working first on the look and sound of the truck, thinking that if they look and sound good riding around, the town will think they have a great truck.

They spend time and resources on looks and make a lot of noise, ignoring the check-engine light. Often times they drive far from town to use it for activities it wasn't even created for.

The truck's problems become worse. Town folk recommend they fix their problems. But, alas, they have little resources left and even less desire to fix the problem on the inside. They get issued fix-it tickets and repudiate them until they are called into court. They pander for help as legal bills and denial swells. Soon they demand, then eventually they threaten.

The noise and exhaust is especially nauseating for the people who volunteered for years only to see their time, talents and financial donations wasted on activities that aren't even the organization's primary responsibility area.

Many local entities might fit this description, but one is special. It has replaced every part except one, since their problems began years ago, yet the problem inside remains.

Maybe it's time they replaced their supercharged, high-output, turbo exhaust. The check-engine light came on as soon as it was added. It never belonged on a classic anyway.

DR. CHARLES SCHELLY
IDYLLWILD

Warning: telephone scam alert

EDITOR:

We are members of the Mountain Community Patrol, Idyllwild, a group of senior volunteers, ranging in age from 65 through 81-plus, and volunteer for the Riverside County Sheriff's office in Hemet.

On Friday afternoon, Feb. 13, we received a telephone call on our home phone from a man claiming to be with the IRS in Washington, D.C. He insisted we owed income tax from a prior year and asked for our VISA number so it could be paid.

When we refused and began questioning him, he became verbally abusive and threatening, and said the po-



lice would be at our door in about two hours to arrest us. We tried to question him further, but he kept threatening us and said our call was being recorded.

We responded that, as volunteers for our county sheriff's office, we are sure the officers would be very interested in talking with him. He hung up.

My husband called and spoke with an Officer Garcia at the sheriff's office to report the call. She confirmed that it was definitely a scam being tried in many states, and she suggested we contact the Town Crier to let other people be aware.

IRS has several online sites explaining the scam and how to report it to them. You can also contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484 or complete an online complaint form at www.tigta.gov.

TOM AND MARLENE PIERCE
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County stormwater inspections again?

EDITOR:

Every once in a while the government does something so crazy that I get really fed up. I just got a notice from the county that I have two weeks to pay them \$444 to come to Idyllwild to inspect for stormwater runoff. Now, if there were lots of environmental hazardous waste coming off the roof of my house and if the only way they could do the inspection was to hire a limosine to drive from Riverside to Idyllwild via Las Vegas and they would only do one inspection per trip, and we weren't in the middle of a drought and the worst economic times in recent memory ... you get the picture.

I'm wondering if it wouldn't be practical to pool all the money demanded for these ridiculous inspections and use it for a class-action lawsuit against the county. The last time they did this they demanded a couple hundred from one of the local small businesses who didn't own their building and being on the ground floor of a two-story building, had no runoff. Ridiculous.

If Idyllwild were an industrial area with a big potential for hazardous waste it might make sense. So what we've got is trickle-down.

The feds sit in their offices in Washington and make laws that they demand the counties enforce whether they have the budget for it or not. The feds don't supply the funds, just the rules. The county is afraid to tell them to stuff it, so they pass it along to us.

I can only say we need to make it more costly for the county to fight us than to fight Washington. Anybody know a good lawyer who does pro bono work?

ERIC TOWNSEND
IDYLLWILD

Off the Leash

BY CONOR O'FARRELL

Love is active ...

Happy belated Valentine's Day.

I guess Valentine's Day is a time to reflect on what it means to love someone, kind of a State of the Union address for romantic relationships.

When I was young and knew very little, I thought romantic love was something altogether different from other forms of love, say the love of a parent or friend. Over many decades and many experiences I've grown to believe that love is love. Being with a lover may have a sexual component, but other than that, loving another human being is the same for all the people in your life.

When I was a teenager, love was a tsunami of emotions and hormones. I couldn't think, couldn't eat or sleep, I was useless, fixated on when I might see the object of my desire again. Who can maintain that kind of single-minded focus while trying to carry on with the work of living? No one can.

It was a comet that burned hot but never for too long. Back in the day, I used to think marriage was like a really great date that didn't have to end. Go ahead and laugh at my naiveté. But I would wager that we were all there at some point in our youth, never wanting the night to end and being fully convinced we could hold onto this feeling forever.

Feeling: That was the biggest misconception I had about love.

In the acting world,

there are two notions on how to approach an emotionally difficult scene. One is, find an emotional memory that replicates the feeling needed for the scene and call upon it to trigger the response when needed, feel it and the action will follow. The other is, do the action and it will trigger the emotion — act like you're crying and you'll feel like crying.

I tend to use both, depending on the situation. But when it comes to love, I go with act loving and you'll feel love.

The apostle Paul, in his famous epistle on love, 1 Corinthians 13, lists what love looks like: Love is patient, love is kind, love forgives, love is not prideful and more. (Check it out for yourselves). The interesting thing about the chapter is that he never mentions an emotion, only actions.

I think something is to be said for this. When spouses treat each other with love, love flourishes, and when they don't, love withers and blows away. The word "act," as in being an actor, means "to do." The word "love" means "to love," to love even if you're not feeling it today. This, I believe, is what longtime lovers know.

In Hollywood love stories, the movie ends when the lovers finally get together. There is not a love story, but rather, a story of seduction. The love, or better yet, the loving begins after they are together.

Culturally, the language of love is passive. We say, "I fell in love." Falling is an uncontrol-



BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE



There were several correct entrants to last week's photo. I thought I was being tricky by the camera angle and because the barber pole barely showed, but ... **Chris Morse, Warren Rabe, the Jeff Smith family, Merrie VonSeggern and Jim Wise** all got it right. Their names went into the hat on identically sized pieces of paper and **Dolores** pulled the Jeff Smith family's slip. Congrats to them; it's been a while. They win the two-ticket gift card to **Shane Stewart's Rustic Theatre**. Now, where have you seen this roofline before?

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Student exchange help needed

World Heritage, a nonprofit student exchange program, seeks volunteers to serve as area representatives. The group offers qualified students from around the world, between age 15 and 18, the opportunity to spend a high school year or semester in the U.S. with a host family.

Representatives recruit and screen potential host families, as well as supervise the students, organize activities and support host families, students and schools. They do receive compensation to cover expenses for each student placed.

For more information, call 1-800-888-9040 or email info@world-heritage.org.

lable force. The problem when applying that adjective to love is that you fall out of love as uncontrollably as you fell into love. I believe love is active, not passive. Love is what we choose, not what happens to us.

Let's start acting like we love each other and maybe we'll surprise ourselves and discover ... that we actually do.

17 bald eagles spotted in forest

Two adults at Lake Hemet

During the third of four Saturday bald eagle counts this winter, two adult eagles were seen at Lake Hemet last weekend. A total of 17 bald eagles were seen in the San Bernardino National Forest on Feb. 14 during the count period, four more than the January count.

Public volunteers and U.S. Forest Service biologists again saw one adult eagle at Lake Gregory. Observers identified an adult and a young bald eagle at Lake Silverwood. This month counters saw two adult eagles and two juveniles at Lake Arrowhead. At Big Bear Lake, the observers again saw two adults but last Saturday they also counted six juvenile eagles.

Juvenile bald eagles are the same size as the adults but are more similar to golden eagles in their appearance. They do not acquire the white head and tail until about 4 to 5 years of age.

The remaining bald eagle count for this winter is scheduled for Saturday morning March 14. No experience is needed to participate in the counts.

Bald eagles are usually found close to water, such as Lake Hemet, because their diet is primarily made up of fish and ducks. As winter approaches in northern regions, lakes freeze over and waterfowl fly south. For bald eagles, that means the food they eat has become scarce. So, they head south looking for areas with abundant food supplies and end up wintering in Southern California, according to the Forest Service.

According to Robin Elliason, Mountaintop Ranger District wildlife biologist, "The turnout of volunteers on this Valentine's Day was amazing. Approximately 275 volunteers and agency staff participated in the eagle search. The weather was perfect. Almost all of the participants were lucky enough to see at least one bald eagle today."

For those interested in the March count, contact Heidi Hoggan of the San Jacinto Ranger District at hhoggan@fs.fed.us or 909-382-2945 for more information. Local volunteers should plan on orientation at the Lake Hemet Market at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 14.

How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps). Letters must be identified with the author's name, address and weekday phone number.

The Town Crier will not publish "thank-you" letters, consumer complaints, form letters, clippings from other publications or poetry. Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word but are not accepted the week before an election.

We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission. Only one letter per author within a 28-day period. Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff. Letters may be submitted in person, by mail, by fax (659-2071) or by e-mail (becky@towncrier.com).

Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.



Idyllwild Town Crier Editor/Co-Publisher **Becky Clark** speaks to Gov. **Jerry Brown** at a reception in the basement of the Capitol building in Sacramento last Wednesday evening. Clark was there for the California Newspaper Publishers Association's annual Government Affairs Day.

PHOTO BY CRAIG HARRINGTON, INTERMOUNTAIN NEWS

Fire Code

Continued from page 1

about how they implement their program," said Cal Fire Battalion Chief Charlie De Hart, law enforcement and investigations, and committee chair.

Gregg Torrance of the San Bernardino County Fire Hazard Abatement group emphasized that abatement regulations are applied throughout the county, including undeveloped properties in its mountain communities. However, there are limits to what his staff can accomplish.

"We conduct mostly windshield surveys. We have seven inspectors and more than 43,000 notices," he explained. "We have to be able to see [a violation] unless there is a complaint [about the property]."

About 10 percent of the notices result in action, he stated. After a notice of violation is mailed, they conduct a second inspection. If the hazards are removed, there are no fees. If the hazards are still present, a \$124 administrative fee is applied and a third inspection conducted. At least a 30-day period falls between inspections.

For properties with a dwelling or structure, a \$126 warrant procurement fee may also be charged and if necessary, they will seek a work order to have a county contractor do the abatement. This can cost up to \$351 per hour depending upon the contractor.

If the property owner does not pay for the abatement costs, Torrance said a lien is placed on the property. Owners can appeal to a special board, not the courts, and there is a charge for the appeal.

Examples of the violations include weeds and grass taller than 4 inches; pine needles, cones or leaf litter more than 2 inches in depth; and dead trees.

He stressed that abatement is enforced within 100 feet of structures, including neighboring lots, even if they are vacant. "Whoever owns the property has to clean or gets a notice," he affirmed. A description with pictures of how to create defensible space is available at www.readyforwildfire.org/defensible_space.



Members of Riverside County's Mountain Communities Fire Code Committee listen to San Bernardino County fire inspectors. Seated at the table (clockwise from left) are **Charlie De Hart**, Riverside County Fire Department; **Kathleen Edwards**, Pine Cove resident and formerly with Cal Fire; Idyllwild Fire Chief **Patrick Reitz**; **Sue Nash**, Idyllwild resident; **Adam Gomez** and **Greg Torrance**, San Bernardino fire inspectors; Bautista Division Chief **Bill Weiser**; and **Joe Lewis**, RCFD fire inspector. PHOTO BY EDWINA SCOTT

Warren Faurot, a member of the public attending the meeting, asked, "If abatement reduces the value of a property, has that 'taking' been tested in court?" None of the meeting participants were aware of any court cases addressing this question, although they believed that the necessary abatement should reduce the risk of fire and therefore improve the property.

If fire agencies can adequately implement and enforce the state's public resource code (4291) for defensible space, Marge Muir of Pine Cove suggested that vacant lots might be addressed within the community.

And Scott Fisher of Pine Cove asked why any enforcement needed to change. "It's already working and [these actions] won't change any fire-insurance rating. That's largely based on the proximity to the national forest and state lands."

Fire threats can emanate miles away, not just from adjacent lots, Fisher said, and referred to the numerous fire brands that floated miles during the Mountain Fire.

However, De Hart replied that firefighters' safety was another important criterion.

Before the meeting ended, De Hart stressed that the committee was still evaluating the issues and possible solutions and

Some Pine Cove residents confront committee

By J.P. Crumrine
News Editor

As the latest Mountain Communities Fire Code meeting began, Pine Cove residents Norm Cassen and wife, Shari, expressed their disappointment and objection about how the process has evolved.

"It's an insult to the community that the only group represented is the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council," Shari said. She and her husband urged representation from local businesses, especially the real estate industry, and other volunteer groups with large memberships.

Then Norm accused MCFSC of a conflict of interest, charging them with gaining a financial interest with each property abated.

In fact, MCFSC seeks grant funds to perform the numerous projects on the Hill, including the wood-shake shingle replacement. Funding agencies usually require some matching contribution from the property owner.

Besides reviewing abatement contractors, MCFSC will oversee the contracts and ensure abatement occurs within the current county regulations. This staff is paid and a portion of grant funds covers these costs.

Norm also accused the county of using the fire code implementation to "build a cadre of inspectors." This staff would be paid for from money such as the state fire prevention fee.

The committee had been waiting to hear about the San Bernardino County program since December. Twice, a meeting was scheduled, but the San Bernardino officials had to postpone because of weather conditions and other reasons. Nevertheless, Norm admonished the committee for canceling those meeting and implied the reason was lack of openness.

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would meet again with County Fire Chief John Hawkins.

"We don't want to change the environment. We just want to reduce the levels of fire threat that create hazards," said Riverside County

Fire Inspector Joe Lewis. "Defensible space is not moon-scaping. It's also removing hazard to you, firefighters and law enforcement."

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Another effort to repeal state fire fee

Once again a state legislator is attempting to repeal the controversial state fire prevention fee. Last week, Sen. Mike Morrell (R-Rancho Cucamonga), introduced Senate Bill 198 to eliminate the fee, which was enacted in 2011.

"While the legality of the fire tax is more than questionable, it is also fundamentally unfair," said Morrell in a press release. "It forces a small percentage of Californians to pay a disproportionate share of fire prevention services."

"Additionally, approximately 98 percent of the homes in state responsibility areas are within areas already covered by local fire districts or county fire departments," he noted. "As a result, many of these property owners are essentially

being double-taxed without any appreciable increase in the services provided."

Opponents of the fee contend that it is really a "tax," which is the basis of an on-going class-action lawsuit. The Howard Jarvis Tax Association initiated the litigation contesting the fee's legality.

When an assemblyman, Morrell also introduced a bill to repeal the fire fee. While it was passed in its first policy committee hearing, the Assembly Appropriations Committee eventually killed the bill.

SB 198 will be referred to committee and set for hearing in the spring.

Assemblyman Jay Obernolte (R-Big Bear Lake) is a principal co-author of the measure.

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.

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Megadroughts may be part of SoCal's future

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

A research report published on Feb. 12 predicts "megadroughts" for California, droughts much larger than historical droughts.

Two NASA scientists and a colleague with the Earth and Atmospheric Sciences of Cornell conducted the research that covers weather patterns from more than 1,000

years ago.

"Such 'megadrought' events exceeded the duration of any drought observed during the historical record and had profound impacts on regional societies and ecosystems," the authors wrote in the article's introduction. In the conclusion, they said, "There is ≥ 80 percent chance of a multidecadal drought during 2050-2099..."

The analysis em-

ployed multiple climate models and resulted in "markedly consistent drying during the later half of the 21st century," the results concluded. Exacerbating the lower moisture was the increased greenhouse gas concentrations.

Nevertheless, the report did not conclude that climate change was the cause of the potential megadroughts, since several had occurred cen-

turies ago, between 1100 and 1300, merely significantly amplifying the rapid moisture loss.

All the models generally predicted a reduction in winter precipitation and a "dramatic shift toward drier conditions." The authors felt these drier conditions will be significantly drier than any historical period for which they have data.

"Our results point to a remarkably drier fu-

ture that falls far outside the contemporary experience of natural and human systems in Western North America, conditions that may present a substantial challenge to adaptation," they wrote in the conclusion.

The duration of these droughts will create problems unaddressed currently. Already, groundwater aquifers in California's Central and Coachella valleys are

dropping from growing water demands.

Thus, the simplistic solution of more wells may not adequately relieve the need for water, they suggest.

In its Sunday edition, "The Sacramento Bee" reported that future population growth in the state may outpace water conservation efforts despite the evidence that consumers are using less water.

Helmet contributes to Sunday fatality

BY BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

A Palm Springs man was pronounced dead at the scene of a traffic collision Sunday afternoon in Mountain Center.

Timothy Brunner, 58, was riding a white 2000 Harley-Davidson Softtail at 3:50 p.m. eastbound on Highway 74 one-tenth of a mile west of Keen Camp Road when he entered a right-hand curve at 40 mph, too fast for the turn, according to California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Darren Meyer.

Meyer said Brunner crossed the double-yellow lines and the motorcycle went down, ejecting Brunner, who slid under the front of a white 2006 Dodge Ram pickup driven by James Kutsch, 66, of Mountain Center.

A contributing factor to Brunner's death was that he was wearing a "novelty" helmet, Meyer said. A novelty helmet is a fake-shell helmet and is not California Department of Transportation-approved, he said. "I wouldn't let my kid ride a bicycle with this helmet," said Meyer.

Kutsch was not injured in the crash.

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DeForest leaves school board

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On Thursday, Feb. 12, the Hemet Unified School District announced the resignation of trustee Dr. Lisa DeForest, effective Feb. 11. She had served on the board for almost seven years.

DeForest resigned because of her move from the district.

The governing board will begin the process of filling the vacancy in Trustee Area 3 (Hemet) at its Feb. 24 board meeting. The board will have to decide whether to make a provisional appointment or order an election.

"I only got to work with Dr. DeForest for a relatively short time, and I found her to be forthright, diligent and honest," said board member Vic Scavarda of Idyllwild. "She was not afraid to offer a different perspective on certain issues, and she was an effective representative for her constituency. I also appreciated her sense of humor. She will be missed."

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT FEBRUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

IWD Mission Statement: To provide reliable water & sewer service in a safe, cost effective & environmentally sound manner in accordance with the community needs

California is planning for an ongoing drought. State and federal agencies are putting contingency plans in place and calling for close coordination and ongoing conservation as drought conditions evolve. Early storms have improved California's water outlook only a little. (For current California water conditions: www.water.ca.gov/waterconditions/waterconditions.cfm) The Idyllwild Water District is currently in Stage Two and if conditions don't improve we will need to declare a Stage Three by summer. In spite of recent rainfall, Foster Lake, which feeds several of our wells, is still dry. Please check our website (idyllwildwater.net) for pictures of our well renovations. We must plan for the worst and in response to our local water needs, the District is currently rehabilitating several wells and repairing our horizontal wells. The Oakwood well rehabilitation is now complete. Conditions could be much better and we need your efforts to protect our precious resource. At this time of year a main concern is water loss due to frozen and bursting pipes. As you ready your house for the colder months ahead, don't forget about your water system. When water freezes, it expands. So if the temperature of your pipes drops below 32 degrees, even for a short period, you run the risk of a pipe fracture or worse. Take the following precautions now to avoid a major headache later. We have had several incidents of frozen pipes that have been reported to us.

Inside Your Home: Inside your home pipes can freeze! Anywhere cold air blows on a pipe, it creates the potential for freezing. Make sure your pipes are well-insulated and make sure you fill in all the cracks. If your bathroom pipes run along an outside exterior wall, try keeping the door(s) open to allow heat inside or consider using a fan to help circulate the air, or purchase a small space heater for some extra, temporary heat. Finally, don't turn off the heat completely when you leave home during the winter. Instead, set the temperature to at least 55 degrees F or higher. If you have multiple heat zones, be sure to adjust all thermostats appropriately.

Outside Your Home: As nighttime temperatures begin to drop we want to remind customers to prepare their homes for freezing. Please consider wrapping/insulating exposed plumbing. If you are away for an extended period of time be sure to turn your water off at your meter. This is also a good time to check your entire property for leaks. Exterior landscape irrigation, toilets, ice makers, swamp coolers and washing machines are the usual locations for leaks.

If You Suspect You Have Frozen Pipes: You turn on the faucet but nothing comes out, or the water is turned off but you hear rushing water running anyway. This could be a sign that you have a leak somewhere. You should turn off the water lines immediately and investigate. Contact a plumber or other competent individual for advice.

These are some of the many recommendations and procedures to help protect your system. The District has pamphlets that can help you winterize your property.

We are updating our records. When the office needs to call a customer regarding a possible leak or other matters, many times the phone has been disconnected. Many of our customers have also switched to cell phones and we don't have those numbers. We would like you to call us with the best contact number and, if you wish, please provide us with an email address in case you are traveling, so we can promptly make contact if any problems are noted. Your updated information can also be emailed to: jeannine@idyllwildwater.com.



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

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.; Fireside Book Club, 2-3 p.m.; Unclaimed Property 101, 2-2:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Co-dependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Thursday, Feb. 19

- 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.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Lake Hemet Municipal Water District board, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fair-

view Ave., Hemet.

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

- High Valleys Water District board, 6 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.

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

Friday, Feb. 20

- Fern Valley Water District board, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
- AARP Driver Safety Class, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Monica Sierras at 951-659-5932 for information and location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (The Courtyard Building).
- Feeding America, 3-4 p.m. Cross Road 243 Church, Mountain Center.

Saturday, Feb. 21

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

Sunday, Feb. 22

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Town center at Harmony monument. Call Sue at 909-228-6710.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study meeting (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m. Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd., Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.

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

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

Monday, Feb. 23

- 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. 24

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; men's meeting, 6-7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District board, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Women's Council, 6-7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

- 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.
- Spanish Class for Home-schoolers, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Unclaimed Property, 2-2:30 p.m.; Idyllwild Photographers, 4-5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous,

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

The Idyllwild Fire Station did not respond to requests for its fire logs this week.

Sheriff's log

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

Idyllwild

- Feb. 8 — Public disturbance, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 8 — Vehicle theft, 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Report taken.
- Feb. 8 — Alarm call, Maranatha Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 8 — 911 call, Daryll Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 10 — Lost property, 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Report taken.
- Feb. 10 — Assist other department, 26000 block of

Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.

- Feb. 10 — Suspicious circumstance, 53000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 11 — Alarm call, Ridgeview Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 11 — Fraud, Forest Knoll Dr. Report taken.
- Feb. 13 — 911 call, Idyllbrook Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 14 — Follow up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 14 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Feb. 9 — Trespassing, Logan Creek Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 11 — 911 call, Cedar Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 13 — Vandalism, Hotei Ln. Unfounded.
- Feb. 14 — Vehicle theft, ad-

dress undefined. Unfounded.

Pine Meadows

- Feb. 10 — Public assistance, Penrod Canyon Rd. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Feb. 8 — Alarm call, 21000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 9 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 10 — Alarm call, 19000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 13 — Suspicious circumstance, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 13 — Shots fire, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Feb. 14 — Alarm call, 16000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

Twin Pines

Job, College and Resources Fair

Cucamonga Christian Fellowship Church is sponsoring The Inland Empire Job, College and Resources Fair with 40 local employers on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Register online at <http://cefive.org/job-fair>.

Full- and part-time positions are available in: administration, clerical, transportation, customer service, education, financial services, healthcare, nursing, law enforcement, management, manufacturing, non profit, retail, sales and more.

The unemployment rate in the Riverside-San Bernardino-Ontario MSA fell to 7.2 percent in December 2014, down from a revised 8.0 percent in November 2014, and below the year-ago estimate of 8.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 6.7 percent for California and 5.4 percent for the nation during the same period. The unemployment rate was 7.4 percent for Riverside County and 7.0 percent in San Bernardino County.

Health care for local uninsured

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

The next event is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 11. Services include general medical exams, sick-child visits and health screenings for blood pressure, diabetes and vision.

These services are offered to people who do not have health insurance. For more information, call 951-486-5765.

- noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
- Idyllwild Water District board, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Mountain Region CPR class, 6-9:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., Pine Cove.
- Codependents 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 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. 18

- Riverside County Date Festival, Fair & Carnival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio.
- "The 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.
- Hillbilly History Games, 5-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Idyllwild Community Center Speaker Series, Reception, 5:30 p.m.; Kay Wanner, "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.

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

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

- 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.
- "Fifty Shades of Grey," 2 p.m. Rustic Theatre.



ECLECTIC ENTERTAINMENT: Jessie Estrada (left), Christina Nordella (back), and Rachel Welch (right) entertain patrons at Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro with a night of belly dancing last Thursday. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

p.m. Rustic Theatre.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 24

- Pickleball, 8 or 9 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Fifty Shades of Grey," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

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

Thursday, Feb. 26

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

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Friday, Feb. 27

- Ken Luber book talk, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- We Love our Locals, 5-9:30 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck, "Into the Storm," 5:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

Saturday, Feb. 28

- Yu Gi Oh! Card Playing Club for teens, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.

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Monday, March 2

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TC IN TEXAS: Jenny Kirchner and close friend Pixel recently visited Texas for several family reunions. Here, as they enter the state while heading to Bowie, Texas where her grandfather grew up, her great aunt still lives and grandmother went to high school, Kirchner stops to catch up on Idyllwild news. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

FASHION JACK



BY JACK CLARK
FASHION CORRESPONDENT

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EDITH, TEMECULA

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Friends of the Idyllwild Library

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library announce the return engagement of **Penelope Engard** this year in the first of her bi-monthly PowerPoint presentations in the library's Community Room from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23.

The subject of the February program is "WPA Murals." One of the more controversial of all the New Deal programs, the eight-year operational period of the Works Progress Administration remains a landmark project, whether viewed as an aesthetic boondoggle or as a true American renaissance. In particular, the Federal Arts Project gave fiscal and motivational opportunities to nearly 5,000 artists in the years 1935 to 1943, resulting in the creation of some 2,500 mural projects in all 48 states of the union, as well as individual incentives to other media for such talents (budding, flourishing or otherwise) as **Dean Cornwell, Stuart Davis, Fritz Eichenberg, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Jackson Pollock Joseph Stella,** and others.

The focus of Engard's



From left, **Virginia Lumb** and **Tori Thomas**, members of Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, help collect items for the Idyllwild HELP Center on Saturday's Soroptimist Day of Service. Emphasis was to collect items for the Soroptimist Women's Cabinet, a new project started in partnership with the HELP Center that supplies items needed for personal hygiene. More than 40 bags of food and hygiene items were purchased by community members and donated for the cause. PHOTO BY SUSAN DE ANTONIO

presentation will be those murals and artists native to California, both during the WPA years, immediately following the Second World War and into the turbulent 1960s and 1970s. Pictorial information also will be embellished by her thoroughgoing knowledge of the historical background, as evidenced from her previous series of library lectures.

Admission is free of charge (though donations to the Friends are always appreciated) and light refreshments will be available ...

Soroptimist International of Idyllwild

Soroptimist International of Idyllwild is presenting a program and fundraiser on the realities of human trafficking and the sex trade in the local area, including Hemet and Riverside County. Held in conjunction with the annual Celebrating Women in the Arts, **Opal Singleton**, president and CEO of **Million Kids**, will present "Seduced: The Grooming of America's Teenagers." The event starts at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 18, at the **Rainbow Inn**.

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Parks Exhibition Center Curator **Mallory Cremin** poses at the Sculpture Invitational Exhibit Friday night at Idyllwild Arts Academy. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI



Attendees and artists visit the Sculpture Invitational Exhibit in the Parks Exhibition Center at Idyllwild Arts last Friday. From left, **Dore Capitani**, **Trish Tuley** and **Michele Marsh**. The exhibit runs through March 13.



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Artist **Mely Barragan**'s 2004 sculpture "La Cadena" is one of many on display at the Sculpture Invitational Exhibit on the Idyllwild Arts campus in the Parks Exhibition Center. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Art for the Animals seeks entries

Art for the Animals, a fundraiser to benefit shelter animals in Riverside County, is calling for donations of artwork from artists of all skill levels.

Selected pieces are auctioned off at a live auction event or on the Department of Animal Services' webpage to raise funds for homeless pets. All of the contributions are used to provide special care and enrichment for Riverside County shelter animals. Submit artwork from until 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26.

A live auction is from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, March 29, at the Riverside Art Museum. Admission is free.

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Marilyn Hansen Weare, once Town Crier owner, passes

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Marilyn Hansen Weare, who with her husband Luther, purchased the Idyllwild Town Crier from founders Ernie and Betty Maxwell in 1971, died at the age of 92 on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015. She was living in Yorba Linda at the time of her death. Born into a family of Danish immigrants then living in Cleveland, Ohio, Marilyn was always proud of her Danish heritage, said daughter Andrea Sanborn.

Her death was reported by Andrea, longtime Idyllwild resident with her husband Bill and now living in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Marilyn is survived by daughters Marla (David) Johnson of Tustin, and Andrea (Bill) Sanborn, as well as six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Marilyn's husband Luther predeceased her in 2000.

Marilyn lived an exciting life, especially in her youth. She joined the Women's Army Corp during World War II in 1944 at the age of 21. She served in an intelligence unit for the Army Signal Corps and had a top-secret clearance. After the war ended, she and older sister Maggie re-enlisted so they could serve with U.S. occupation forces in Germany.

From Marilyn's diary of her time in Berlin comes this excerpt, courtesy of Andrea: "One of my first days on this Berlin assignment was to attend the monthly quadripartite conference of the Reparations Committee. It was also one of the early indications of the growing rift with the Soviet Union. Something had happened in the field to anger the Soviets, and my boss was directed by Washington to calm the troubled waters and to make an official apology."

"General Zorin of the USSR gave an angry speech,

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Christina Nordella offers free, 15-minute healing sessions from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. The next date is March 3.

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Marilyn Weare at her desk at the Town Crier in the old stone building, probably around 1973. PHOTO COURTESY ANDREA SANBORN

the palms of my hands began to sweat, and my boss admitted that someone had goofed and gave the official apology. The Soviets then tried to stop all rail travel into Berlin from the U.S. Zone by threats. This inspired the Americans in Berlin and the press in the USA to call for retaliation by arming a train and shooting our way through. Cooler heads prevailed — the Berlin Airlift."

After discharge from the Army, Marilyn studied briefly at Ohio State University in Columbus. A trip to Los Angeles to visit Danish relatives living there changed Marilyn's life. She became so enamored with Southern California that she decided to stay. She met Luther at the home of mutual friends. They married in 1954 after a whirlwind courtship.

In 1971, Luther took early retirement from his South Bay job in the aerospace industry and moved from Palos Verdes with his family to Idyllwild to pursue his dream of owning a small-town newspaper. The Weares bought the paper in late 1971 and took over operation of the Town Crier in January 1972, with Marilyn serving as business manager.

Andrea remembers her parents made many equipment purchases and publishing improvements during the six years they owned the paper. Andrea remembers working after school stuffing grocery fliers in the paper, typesetting and mimeographing. "I have many good memories of working with my parents at the paper," said Andrea.

The Weares sold the paper in 1978 to L.B. and Dorothy Hunsaker.

"She was an extraordinary woman who will be deeply missed," remembers Dwight "Buzz" Holmes. "She was a longtime Idyllwild Master Chorale member and a great



Marilyn Weare, business manager and partner with her husband, Luther Weare, of the Town Crier between 1971 and 1978. PHOTO COURTESY ANDREA SANBORN

contributor to the Idyllwild community."

Andrea suggested that if anyone wants to honor her mother they could make donations to Idyllwild Arts. Visit www.idyllwildarts.org/page.cfm?p=1046 for details. After retirement from the paper in 1978, Marilyn worked as executive secretary at Idyllwild Arts, then known as ISOMATA. She was also active in the Soroptimists and P.E.O. in Idyllwild.

She will be buried in York, Maine.

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Idyllwild Arts panel explores the artist as social activist

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild Arts Academy President Pamela Jordan spoke to an enthusiastic audience of students and community members at the first in a series of public discussions on the role of the artist in society, at the IAF Theatre on Friday, Feb. 13.

Directly addressing her students, she said, "Idyllwild Arts is not only a place to make art, but it is also a place to use one's art to make a difference." She recalled that a founding principal of the school and summer program was the broader integration of art with society. She referenced founder Max Krone who said, "The arts provide the best common ground for friendly cooperation among the peoples of the world."

In introducing moderator and faculty member Chris Wegemer, Jordan credited him with having the passion and vision to initiate this public discussion of the role of the artist in society by convening a distinguished panel of artists to talk about how art can influence social change.

Before introducing the panel, Wegemer talked of how Idyllwild Arts was, from the beginning, a forum for societal change where many activist artists taught at the Summer Program for then-Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts. He quoted German playwright Bertolt Brecht, "Art is not a mirror held up to reality, but a hammer with which to shape it," in setting the theme for the afternoon — that artists are not just lonely creators, separate and



The panelists who discussed "Art in Society" at Idyllwild Arts on Friday were (from left) John Pennington, George Blake, John David Mooney, Claudia Rankine and Mariana Amatullo.



Claudia Rankine, award-winning poet.

apart from society, but are often important instruments of social change, moving civilization in new directions through the practice of their craft.

The panel included Mariana Amatullo, co-founder and vice president of Designmatters at Art Center College of Design in Pasadena; Claudia Rankine, Henry G. Lee, professor of poetry at Pomona College in Claremont and National Book Award finalist; George Blake, doctoral candidate in ethnomusicology at the University of California, Santa Barbara; John Pennington, artistic director of the Pennington Dance Group and A Room to Create in Pasadena; and John David Mooney, internationally known sculptor.

Pennington spoke first of Bella Lewitzky, his mentor, who founded the dance program at IA, noting that one of her seminal beliefs was that art is a catalyst for societal change and social justice. Pennington, who was a member of her company for 14 years, said Lewitzky created dances about social issues that mattered to her. "She could not understand war and these themes kept making their way back onto the stage," he remembered. He recalled Lewitzky refusing to name names before the House Un-American Activities Committee in the 1950s, when she said, "I am a dancer, not a singer."

"By her act of non-compliance, she gave others the courage to [refuse to comply]," Pennington said. And, illustrating how activism in art can have economic consequences, Pennington recalled Lewitzky's returning a \$70,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts because it contained a clause forbidding creation of "obscene" art. Although the grant return put the Lewitzky company's future at risk, Pennington noted Lewitzky said she would not accept a grant with censorship as a condition. The clause was eventually removed in subsequent NEA grants. Pennington encouraged students to "live your lives and change the lives of those around you. Find a mentor, strive for excellence and contribute to your community."

Using jazz as his reference, ethnomusicologist Blake encouraged students to find their "emotional virtuosity," and like great jazz improvisers, "work with who's around you, learn to listen and make it meaningful."

Sculptor Mooney asked students, "Why, when we



John Pennington, artistic director of the Pennington Dance Group, and 14 years with the Bella Lewitzky Dance Company.

create art, do we give it all we've got?" He posited that art fills voids, in space and in society. "Discover where the voids are and fill them," he encouraged his audience. "Be a problem solver. By giving, we become. Give your talent back to society and make the place a better place."

Poet Rankine said that although she does not think of herself as a social activist, she is an active listener, at all times, to everything in her life. "I pay attention," she said. "I try to take moments of everything I have read or heard and find a place for it in the piece." She challenged stu-

dents to "be aware, be conscious. All of that awareness contributes to the making of art and the making of you."

Amatullo, the last of the panel to speak, got an extra round of applause as mother of IA senior Theatre Arts student Nico. Her day-to-day work, in the program she created for the Art Center College of Design (Designmatters), is specifically designed to have students work to advance social change by applying good design to an array of social problems. "Remember a key concept — as artists you have an amazing opportunity to make a difference through who you are," she said. "Listen to yourself and integrate who you are, where you come from, your passion and your education in learning to create and influence change," she said.

In answer to a student question of what is success in the arts, Rankine answered, "You sign up for a lonely life. You're always striving for something that doesn't exist. Success happens when that thing that you imagined gets made." Amatullo reminded students that their projects, their activities, affect the spaces and people around them and encouraged students to "learn by failing better and learning from those failures."

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With regulations easing, Cuba beckons

Idyllwild residents discuss visits

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

With President Obama's Dec. 17 announcement of the United States' intention to reestablish diplomatic relations with Cuba, many U.S. residents and companies have begun to plan trips to and investments in Cuba. It seems Cuba, as a travel destination and potential business opportunity, has rapidly jumped to the top of many U.S. residents' bucket lists.

Some Idyllwild residents have already gone, as part of tour groups permitted to travel to Cuba for one of 12 authorized purposes, including family visits, journalism, professional research and professional meetings, humanitarian projects and educational activities.

Erin O'Neill, a professional underwater photographer, went with the Women Divers Hall of Fame under the auspices of a conservation group called Ocean Doctor headed by David Guggenheim. She went in late December 2014 and was there on New Year's Eve.

Heather and George Companiott went a year earlier with Heather's sister's non-profit, Center for Democracy in the Americas. Both O'Neill and the Companiotts came back with glowing praise for the Cuban people — their



A part of old Havana showing government efforts to restore historic architecture.

PHOTO BY ERIN O'NEILL

warmth, their fun-loving nature, and their affection and warm welcome for Americans.



Rolling her cigar, looking fine and waiting for tips from passersby eager for a picture, an old woman in old Havana.

PHOTO BY ERIN O'NEILL

Both gave high marks to the Cuban health-care system, since both O'Neill and George had to avail themselves of Cuban medical care while there. For O'Neill, it was an eye inflammation, treated effectively and for free. O'Neill pointed out that tours are required to have medical insurance that can be used in Cuba for tour members.

Another member of O'Neill's party fell face-first into rocks and required extensive treatment including CAT scans and plastic surgery, all professionally taken care of by Cuban medical, at no additional charge. Said O'Neill, "Medical care is free to all Cubans and is of very high quality. Education, through university, is also free and of high quality. And there are no homeless people living on the streets, no beggars asking for handouts and there is no hunger." She acknowledged that although Cubans are poor as a whole, there is virtually no income disparity. "Doctors work for the about the same money as private taxi drivers," she said.

O'Neill also was impressed with Cuba's environmental preservation efforts, especially in protecting healthy coral colonies and in reforestation of large mountain areas

that had been denuded under the pre-Castro regime. One reforested area is now a UNESCO sustainable village site and biosphere habitat. "Their conservation efforts are so amazing and the results are incredible," she said.

Because of the nature of O'Neill's tour — diving expeditions and visits to remote areas, she saw firsthand the protected coral colonies, the healthiest in the Caribbean, according to O'Neill. Her group also saw cultivation of officially endangered fish species that are being carefully expanded, as well as ongoing major mountain reforestation projects.

For George, his use of the Cuban health-care system came courtesy of some bad langostino,

a seafood. "The nurse came to the hotel, gave me antibiotics and there was no charge," he said. "It could not have been better. And the people overall were so well educated. I'm glad we went before it changed. We just wrapped ourselves in another culture and immersed ourselves."

As to rapid change, Heather's sister, Sarah Stephens, who heads the nonprofit Democracy for the Americas in Washington, D.C. does not think change will come quickly. "We're a long way from getting the embargo lifted," she said. "Only Congress can lift the embargo; it can't be done by presidential executive action."

Stephens founded her advocacy group in 2006 after working with the Center for International Policy in Washington, D.C. She has been part of groups that directly negotiated with Fidel Castro and has long been engaged in the effort to normalize relations with Cuba. She was actually in Cuba on Dec. 17 when the announcement of

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reopening diplomatic relations was jointly made by Obama and Castro and broadcast to the Cuban nation. “We had no idea the announcement was coming,” said Stephens. “We were in the room with a group from a Cuban think tank when the announcement was broadcast. There were tears on both sides. The Cubans [in our negotiations] stood up and sang their national anthem. They were proud. On the street it was the same.”

The United States and Cuba have a long history together. After the defeat of Spain by U.S. military in the Spanish American War, Cuba was under a U.S. military government from war’s end in August 1898 until Cuba achieved formal independence in May 1902. But U.S. influence in Cuba continued through significant U.S. corporate investment, as well as trade and travel between the two countries.

That came to a halt on Jan. 3, 1961, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower severed diplomatic relations with Fidel Castro’s government, after two years of diplomatic relations following the success in 1959 of Castro’s revolution. The cited reasons for severing relations were that Cuba was moving closer to the Soviet Union’s sphere of influence by signing a trade treaty with the U.S.S.R and Castro’s insistence that the U.S. reduce the number of staff at its embassy, fearing that the embassy was fostering spying.

Long noted for its climate, architecture and gracious people, Cuba has been virtually off limits to most Americans, requiring tour group licenses from the Treasury Department that could takes month to obtain.

But all that is rapidly changing with weekly announcements by U.S. governmental agencies of easing of certain procedural travel restrictions, permitted use of American credit cards in Cuban transactions, removal of tour group licensing requirements, bipartisan efforts in Congress to lift travel restrictions altogether, and agitation by U.S. Gulf Coast farmers, farmers’ unions and shippers to open agricultural trade.

And while many polls show most Americans in favor of lifting travel restrictions as well as the long-standing trade embargo, there is still opposition in some camps, largely because of Cuba’s Communist government and post-revolutionary record of instances of human rights abuse.

Cuba is only one of four countries in the world with which we presently have no diplomatic relations. The other three are Bhutan, North Korea and Iran. We do



Kids on the street in Havana.

PHOTO BY GEORGE COMPANIOTT

maintain full diplomatic relations with many autocratic regimes whose human rights records are not good.

So, with American companies likely to financially benefit from the opening of relations, there seems to be an evolving bipartisan Congressional push for taking down the last barriers to a mutually productive relationship between Cuba and the United States. Legislation has already been introduced in Congress, the week of Jan. 23, to lift the embargo and boost the sale of food to Cuba, a position supported by U.S. farmers.

Stephens is leaving for Cuba this week with a delegation of American senators to see the effects the embargo is having on the country and the Cuban people. “Dec. 17

caused a lot of people, especially many in Congress, to re-evaluate policy toward Cuba. It makes a huge difference to have the presidents involved, both Obama and [Raul] Castro. It’s a scary step for Cuba. We need both Republicans and Democrats in Congress to move this relationship forward.”

“We will definitely go back,” said O’Neill. “I can say, more than with any other culture in the world, that the fate of the Cuban people is in their hands.” The Companiotts, Stephens and O’Neill all hoped Cuba and its people could preserve what makes them uniquely Cuban as doors to greater U.S. travel and investment begin to open.

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Baseball begins early in Cuba — a young boy on the street in Havana.

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County park attracting winter visitors to Idyllwild

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Ranger Jack Altevers of the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District took a risk and succeeded.

Altevers is the supervisory park ranger for the Idyllwild Campground as well as the county parks at Hurkey Creek, McCall and Lawler Lodge.

Beginning his third year managing the Idyllwild facility, he suggested to the parks management that the local campground may still be a favorite camping site even during the winter months.

"It didn't make sense to close down," he said. Last winter, he saw people coming and looking for campsites. "It's definitely successful," he said. "As long as it's good weather, people still want to come."

Traditionally, only Idyllwild campsites two through five, at the very front of the campground, were available for winter use and they were on a first-come, first-served basis. The gate just beyond these sites was lowered and locked from October through March.

But Altevers thought Idyllwild and the campground might attract visitors throughout the year and he has been proven correct. Last season, he opened those four sites up to reservation use and was pleased with the demand. This year, during January, between 10 and 15 campsites have been occupied each weekend.

On Feb. 10, before the Valentine's Day three-day weekend, Altevers said, "Wait 'til you see this weekend. We're completely booked." He was exceedingly proud that all 35 available sites had already been reserved. He was considering opening up the entire campground.

And the whole campground was occupied Sunday morning. More than 55 cars were parked at the numerous campsites. Tents of all colors — blue, red, orange, yellow and purple — were planted from the en-



Supervisory Park Ranger **Jack Altevers** oversees Idyllwild County Park, Hurkey Creek, McCall Park and Lawler Lodge.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



Over the Presidents Day three-day weekend, the Idyllwild County Park was full of campers. Sites from the park's entrance to the back on Delano Drive (seen here) were occupied.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

trance to the back.

Samantha and Enrique of San Diego had never been to Idyllwild before this weekend. "A friend said Idyllwild was cool, so we looked it up and made a reservation," she said.

While not the first choice of some, Idyllwild became a valuable and memorable safety net for others. Michele Gardner of Fullerton had packed up her RV and driven to Joshua Tree.

"I got there and they were full. I Googled campsites and saw Idyllwild," she said. After calling the county campsite and was assured spaces were available, she called her friends and explained that the weekend in the desert had been switched to the mountains.

It's not their first camping trip here, but will be on the top of their list in the future.

The biggest problem Altevers had to solve before beginning this experiment was determining where

visitors could turn around their vehicles. During the summer when the entire campground is open, they can drive to the end at Delano Drive and use the circle to return to the front entrance. But the whole park has not been open.

But near sites 37 and 38 is room to make a U-turn, which also is a convenient place to shut the back of park since it is just past the first restroom facility. He also was able to shut water off just beyond this point.

Safe sledding is another winter issue Altevers has had to address. When it snows, many visitors come to ride sleds; he has to find hillside locations that will protect the sledders from ending up on the park road.

Before the Hill units, Altevers was at Lake Skinner. He chose this assignment in the mountains partly to gain another perspective on the district's various parks and to "grow as a ranger."

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Volunteer Reserve Program

Riverside County Fire Department is accepting applications for Volunteer Reserve positions with Riverside County Fire Department.

Positions available are firefighter, photographer, water tender operator, chaplain and Mobile Emergency Operations Center dispatchers.

Visit <http://rcofd.applicantstack.com/x/openings> to apply.

'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.

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.) Friday, Feb. 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.

Desert hikes offered

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

wildflowers, depending on rainfall. It has great views of Coachella Valley and surrounding mountains.

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

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

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

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."

Art Alliance offers workshop on silk scarf making



An example of wet felting, creating silk from wool, to be taught at an Art Alliance of Idyllwild workshop by artist **Martha Lumia**.

PHOTO COURTESY MARTHA LUMIA

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Martha Lumia, Art Alliance of Idyllwild member, is a self-described “fiber” artist, with expertise in sewing, knitting, crochet and mixed-media paper making.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Lumia is presenting a workshop in “Creating Nano Felted Silk Scarves,” a process employing “hand agitating” wool fibers into silk. The process creates a lightweight, durable and beautiful fabric. The workshop is sponsored by AAI.

Warm soapy water is applied to layers of animal hairs placed at 90-degree angles to one another. Repeated agitation and compression causes the fibers to hook together into a single piece of fabric.

Lumia learned wet felting while visiting San Cristóbal de Las Casas in Chiapas, Mexico.

Cost for the workshop is \$75 and includes supplies and lunch. Participants are asked to bring three old bath towels and a bucket or deep container that can hold water. Of eight spaces, four are filled.

Visit the AAI website for registration details at www.artinidyllwild.org. Registration deadline is Thursday, Feb. 19.

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AWARDS: Students from Mrs. Draper’s kindergarten class were given awards Friday by substitute Mrs. Christiansen (far right). Principal **Matt Kraemer** and school mascot **Rocky** pose with award recipients **Zeyn Hagi, Kaelynn Johnston, Darius Esparza, Nathan Lady** and **Ryley Smith**. Each elementary school grade had their own ceremony that day to receive their mid-year awards.

PHOTO BY TERESA GARCIA-LANDE



POM CHAMPS: The Hemet High Dance Team won first place in the Pom Category at the Sharps Competition, which was hosted at Tahquitz High School Saturday, Feb. 7. The Dance Team also won “Most Spirited.” **Breanna Lewis** (second from right standing), of Idyllwild, received third place in her solo competition. **Laura Tlacomulco** (fourth from left), also of Idyllwild, is a member of the winning team.

PHOTO BY KATHY LEWIS

SPORTS

Basketball

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

In the 7- to 9-year-old division, the Killer Crocs have tightened things up with two wins this week to go into a first place tie with the Ninjas. The Crocs' first week record of 0-1 is now at 4-3, riding on the back of **Brody Posey's** prolific scoring.

In the 9- to 11-year-old division, Jo'An's Heat is running smoothly at 7-0 behind **Cody Fogel's** steady passing, scoring and "pick-pocket" defense. Leigh's Purple Penguins are steadying their ship, moving from last place the first week to second place this week.

This Presidents Day week, all engines are cooling for the holiday break and return for one more week of regular season play, and then one week of playoffs the first week of March. Stay tuned; these fast-paced games are going to affect the weather up here with their own "wind conditions."

Also this week is the return of Adult Basketball via 3-on-3 round up. The league's return behind the energy and effort of **Bo Dagnall** was very satisfying getting 20-, 30-, 40-, 50- and 60-something year olds out of the house, and in some cases (as usual), into a doctor's office or two. Anyway, a break from a "honey do" list is always a welcome thing. Thanks, Bo.

So, this year's championship team were the "Men in Black" of **Matt** and **Justin Nunn** with their trusty side kick **Ryan Priefer**. Their two-out-of-three games victory over **Buddy Beagle's** scrappy crew brought home the 2015 trophy. In all fairness, the Beagle team was playing shorthanded, missing their power forward, so thanks again to Bo and the players for a successful return of adult hoops to the Hill.

Basketball Standings

| Ages | Team | W | L | T |
|------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 6-8 | Red Kettle Dragons | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| | Ninjas | | | |
| | Idyllwild Property Management Crocs | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| | American Legion | | | |
| | Sea Dragons | 3 | 2 | 0 |
| 9-11 | CJ Fast Food Cougars | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| | Jo'An's Heat | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| | Leigh's Purple Penguins | 3 | 5 | 0 |
| | Rustic Theatre Alpacas | 2 | 4 | 0 |
| | Rotary Storm | 2 | 5 | 0 |

Volleyball

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

Last week was a short one but the games were juicy. Idyllwild Garage played Forest Lumber on Monday and the upset went to Forest Lumber. Lumber played tough against hard hitters and servers to win three of the four games.

Tuesday, Idyllwild Pizza Co. beat Idyllwild Inn in four matches, only winning by 2 points in three games. Both teams were playing scrappy and digging lots of balls.

Come support your local adult volleyball players. It's much more fun with an audience. Monday to Thursday games are held at 7:15 p.m. at Idyllwild School gymnasium. The championship is March 7 at Idyllwild School.

| | Wins | Losses |
|-----------------------------|------|--------|
| Idyllwild Inn | 7 | 3 |
| Two games left in season. | | |
| Forest Lumber | 7 | 3 |
| Two games left in season. | | |
| Idyllwild Garage | 6 | 3 |
| Three games left in season. | | |
| Idyllwild Pizza Company | 5 | 6 |
| One game left in season. | | |
| La Casita | 0 | 10 |
| Two games left in season. | | |



Town Hall Adult Basketball 3-on-3 champions are, from left, **Ryan Priefer, Matt Nunn and Justin Nunn.**
PHOTO BY BO DAGNALL



During Wednesday night's adult volleyball match, **Savannah Loutzenhiser** spikes the ball to help put points on the board for her team.
PHOTO BY GALLAGHER GOODLAND



Richard Mozeleski (right) Town Hall youth sports coordinator, presented a plaque last week to the American Legion Post 800 showing photos of all the soccer teams the Legion has helped sponsor. The plaque reads: "Many thanks for all you do from the Idyllwild Town Hall Youth Soccer Program." At left is Post 800 Commander **Danny Richardson** and in background is **Dave Frazer.**
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Lake Elsinore Storm minor league baseball's 'Thunder' comes to Idyllwild School

Promotes reading, health

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Being a 6-foot-tall green dog called Thunder with a red nose and floppy ears is funny enough. But when Thunder, the Lake Elsinore Storm's mascot, misbehaved throughout a presentation for Idyllwild School elementary students, despite the best efforts of his handlers to stick to the script — repeatedly scratching his ample posterior, brushing under his "arms" with his toothbrush before brushing his teeth and then picking his nose — the young students couldn't get enough of Thunder and his zaniness.

Even though childlike in his exuberance and occasional behavioral lapses, Thunder demonstrated that he could also do pushups, jumping jacks and high kicks, underscoring the serious purpose of why he, Chelsey Kessler and Terrance Tucker from Storm management were at the Wednesday, Feb. 11, Idyllwild School assembly.

Storm representatives visit schools with grades K-5 touting a program called "Commit to Be Fit with Thunder." The Storm's presentation asks students to remember what is involved in being healthy:

- H: healthy and happy are best friends;
- E: eating right fuels your brain and body;
- A: activity and exercise are awesome;
- L: lots of sleep, lots of smiles;
- T: Thunder says to think positive;
- H: have fun getting fit; and
- Y: yes it's true it's up to you.

The team's Reading for Rewards program asks the students to commit to reading 10 books appropriate to their grade level and provide the titles on the back of a bookmark provided to attending IS students. A supervising adult signs to verify the children have, in fact, completed their reading assignments, and teachers mail the completed bookmarks to Storm Baseball no later than March 31, 2015.

As their reward, students receive two free tickets to a Storm game, with a variety of available dates in the team's home schedule.

The Lake Elsinore Storm are a single-A minor league team with a player development contract with the San Diego Padres. The Storm, who celebrated their 20-year anniversary in 2014, have spent the previous 14 years as a Padres affiliate posting a 1,026-931 (.524) record. They made the playoffs in nine of the last 10 years. They won the division title five times (2001, 2002, 2006, 2007 and 2011) and hoisted the championship trophy twice, in 2001 and 2011. The 2001 team was named Baseball America's Minor League Team of the Year, with a 91-49 record.

The Lake Elsinore Storm play an April through early September schedule, with playoffs after the first week in September. Visit www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t103 for more information about the team.

Said IS Principal Matt Kraemer of the Storm's visit, "It's a good program. This is the seventh year they've been here."

Judging by the enthusiastic reaction of the students in the gymnasium, the presentation may have resonated with its young audience, helping the students to understand the benefits of exercise, solid health habits and reading regularly as keys to happy and productive lives.

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Thunder — tall, green and goofy mascot of the Lake Elsinore Storm minor league baseball team — high-five's Idyllwild School students after a presentation encouraging students to read and be healthy.

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MARSHALL SMITH

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CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Paws up to **Poppy** the black kitten. He's in his forever home with his new little canine buddy.



Furball Bill is a 3-year-old male with gorgeous champagne color. He's a bit shy, and even though he's 3, he still loves to play. He is good with other felines, and loves to watch the birds or just lie around and look stunning.

Buddy's family is giving him up because they're moving and can't take all of their dogs. He's a sweet boy. Buddy needs people attention, and loves walking, playing and kids. He likes to shake hands for a cookie, play tug rope with you and gives kisses. He is up-to-date on his shots, neutered, chipped and licensed. He's 3 years and 3 months old. A joy! Needs a home or foster by March 1, 2015.



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.

er 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 often can 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 dogs, and loves humans.



We also have **Mr. Grey**, **Mrs. Magoo**, **Whiskers** and **Pepper**.

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This week, Creature Corner is sponsored by Janet McAlpine. To sponsor the column, call Lisa Streeter at the Town Crier, 951-659-2145.



65 years ago - 1950
Final widening of Circle Drive was being completed to permit two-way traffic in the winter.

60 years ago - 1955
Teenage bowling was started at Idyll Hof in the village for youth ages 12 to 15.

50 years ago - 1965
Some home prices listed in the Town Crier's classifieds: A 2-bedroom furnished cabin for \$12,500; a 2-bedroom with garage, horse corral and large, wooded lot for \$13,500; and a 4-bedroom with large lot for \$28,000.

45 years ago - 1970
The County Board of Supervisors gave approval for a proposed 3,700-lot tract in Garner Valley.

40 years ago - 1975
Edna Price, the commu-



Town Crier Business Manager **Marilyn Weare** (left) presented a \$100 check to **Lisa Martin** (right) while **Shirley** and **Irv Severtsen** of Idyllwild Gift Shop looked on in December 1974. Lisa deposited her winning coupon for the paper's annual Snow Guessing Contest at the gift shop. Marilyn died at age 92 last week. FILE PHOTO

nity's beloved nurse and author of "Burro Bill and Me," died from injuries received in a traffic collision.

35 years ago - 1980
Due to heavy rains, the water level at Lake Hemet was believed to have been the highest ever experienced since the dam was built in 1895. Campground personnel successfully hauled 16 threatened trailers out of the rising waters.

30 years ago - 1985
More than 700 people attended each day of the two-day Ethiopian Festival held at Idyllwild School. The event raised more than \$4,000 for Operation California's airlift of famine re-

lief supplies to Ethiopia.

25 years ago - 1990
Blizzard conditions made it impossible to fish, but the Lake Hemet campground became a haven for stranded motorists. About 40 percent of the spaces were occupied by travelers waiting out the storm, according to Cheri Dunkin, gatekeeper.

20 years ago - 1995
More than 300 chicken dinners were prepared and served by employees of Jan's Red Kettle and Idyllwild School seventh-grade students. The event raised \$1,800 for end-of-the-year trips to Astrocamp and Catalina Island.

15 years ago - 2000
Idyllwild Charter High School, which had been threatened with extinction, got a new lease on life when the Pine Cove Water District board unanimously approved a new excess liability insurance policy.

10 years ago - 2005
A group of teens from Idyllwild Bible Church fasted and did volunteer work at the Idyllwild HELP Center during the 30-Hour Famine, part of an international hunger-fighting program by World Vision.

5 years ago - 2010
Recreation Director Bob Lewis' proposed recreation budget for fiscal 2010-11 cut \$46,460 from the previous year's budget of \$237,220. The 20-percent trimming was consistent with county direction to keep budgets in line with previous years.

1 year ago - 2014
A Banning man was arraigned on 13 felony counts connected to nine arson fires in Riverside and San Bernardino counties between 2011 and 2013, the Riverside County District Attorney's office announced. Six of the fires were in the San Jacinto Mountains.

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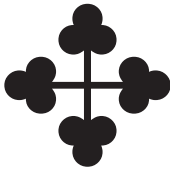
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Reitz and IFPD President Jerry Buchanan had no comment on the filing, except this email from Reitz: "The District has not been served and will not comment on possible pending litigation outside of a board meeting." Filing for case no. RIC 1501542, dated Feb. 9, is on the Town Crier website.

Reyes said he is relieved and "awaiting justice."

The specific incident that triggered Reitz's decision to fire Reyes involved an "infant not breathing." However, Riverside County Engine 23 (Pine Cove) was already on scene and the parents apparently told the 911 operator that the 5-month-old was not breathing and had been without a pulse for at least 40 minutes, according to Reitz's notice of termination.

Among the violations Reitz accused Reyes of committing were entering the residence without equipment, failure to initiate any advanced life support, failure to contact a base hospital, not employing a Broselow Tape or county emergency drug calculation chart or administering epinephrine, and permitting the paramedic from Station 23 to use Reyes' intra-osseous infusion equipment.

After reviewing the incident reports, IFPD's Physician Medical Director Dr. Gerardo Salcedo of Wildomar recommended revoking Reyes paramedic license, according to Reitz. But Reitz was concerned about other issues as well.

In addition to Reyes' alleged mistakes during this incident, Reitz added that Reyes had failed to meet certain training requirements and received a poor performance evaluation in December 2013.

Reyes had 30 days to appeal the termination, which he did in August, but the IFPD commission supported the chief's action.

Reyes maintains that "his handling of this emergency response was proper in all respects," and "the reasons for the termination are without merit or factual basis."

Reyes believes retaliation for his intervention

and testimony before the Riverside County grand jury last spring is the true basis for his dismissal. He testified about action Capt. Mark LaMont had taken toward reserve firefighter Eric Gibby.

This incident is described in a grand jury report released in June 2014. Reyes' complaint says Reitz ordered all employees summoned to the grand jury to contact him before their appearance.

The grand jury report recommended that the IFPD commission consider terminating LaMont and Reitz, which the IFPD commission rejected without any investigation. Buchanan confirmed in August that the commission conducted no investigation nor was testimony taken.

Reyes alleges it was the severity of the recommendations, which his testimony may have influenced, that resulted in his dismissal. "Defendants knew from their receipt of the grand jury report that plaintiff's testimony had been instrumental in the grand jury reaching this finding," his lawyer states.

After learning of Reyes' grand jury testimony, Reitz magnified the investigation of the January incident in order to dismiss Reyes, his complaint states. He stresses that the termination notice never "discloses the outcome of the patient, or charge that the patient's outcome was in any way adversely impacted by any act or omission of Reyes." (The Town Crier did confirm that the infant died.)

The complaint alleges that until Reitz's evaluation of Reyes in December 2013, Reyes had always received standard or better performance evaluations. He claims the negative evaluations started only after Reitz arrived as chief.

"I don't see any justification. It's an unwarranted termination," said Stephen J. Horvath, Reyes' attorney. "Retaliation is what's driving the termination. Don't see merit based on his OK service. They don't have the factual support."

Reyes had been with Idyllwild Fire since 1989 and became a captain in 2003.

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CERTIFICATION

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

By: M. Llaneras, Deputy

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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

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

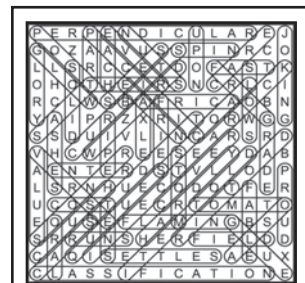
Registrant Signature:
MICHAEL ROY ALLEN

Manager

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

FILE NO.:
R-2015-00066

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

By: M. Gutierrez, Deputy

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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

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

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

Registrant Signature:

MICHAEL MURRAY

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

FILE NO.:
R-2015-00564

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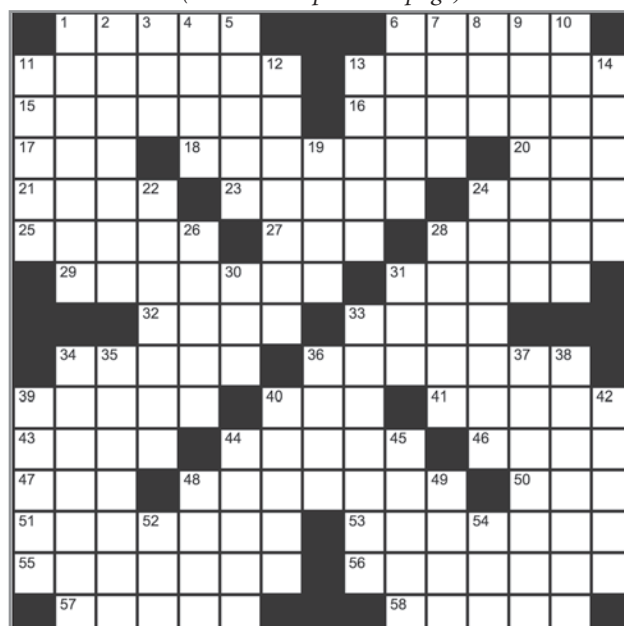
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PETER ALDANA,

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- Daniel ____, Am. frontiersman
- Chronic nag
- Underlying theme
- Exclamation of excitement
- Place in office
- Rose plant fruit
- Abbr. after a comma
- Nutty confection
- "To ___ is human ..."
- Orders to plow horses
- Come to mind
- Taro plant's edible root
- Cab driver in "It's a Wonderful Life"
- ___ grass
- Sheik's bevy
- Daniel Webster, e.g.
- Golden Horde member
- Fat unit
- ___ Scotia
- Artificial leg?
- Extension of library book due date
- Mawkishly sentimental
- Haul
- Bigwig
- Downer
- Stands for
- It has its ups and downs
- CD follower
- Tony ____, Am. singer
- Boy
- "Father Murphy" extras
- Unit of distance used in navigation (2 wds)
- Listlessness
- Men with chauvinistic beliefs
- Small coins of ancient Greece
- Concise
- DOWN
- Baseball batters who lightly tap the ball
- Bawdy
- His "4" was retired
- ___ tide
- Accessory
- Excelled
- Cheat, slangily
- ___ v. Wade
- Desert shrub with scalelike leaves
- Stranger
- Surrounding and blockading a fortress
- Restaurant serving light meals
- Slap target, sometimes
- Erasable programmable read-only memory (acronym)
- Pinocchio, at times
- Vocalizing songs
- Erode (2 wds)
- Before the due date
- Any port in a storm
- Sylvester, to Tweety
- Elephant's weight, maybe
- Quality of having been recently obtained
- Sisterly leaves
- Injure by treading heavily
- Bookbinding leather
- Annul
- Fidelity
- Kind of drive (acronym)
- Perfect, e.g.
- Indicates
- Bright circle?
- Prepare, as tea
- Can of worms?
- Checker, perhaps
- Accident
- Cambridge sch.

HOROSCOPES

February 2015 — Week 3



March 21 – April 19

If at first you don't succeed, try and try again. The adage is true, Aries. Don't give up. There is so much to gain. A loved one delivers.



April 20 – May 20

You lead a charmed life, but not this week, Taurus. Glitches crop up everywhere you turn, leaving you with a lot to do in very little time.



May 21 – June 21

Strengths outweigh weaknesses this time, Gemini. Give it your all, and you will come out on top. A neighbor shares some interesting news.



June 22 – July 22

A family secret is divulged, and it throws you for a loop. Take some time to digest what you have learned before you act on it, Cancer.



July 23– August 22

Up, down, around and around. Prepare for a bumpy ride this week. Lucky for you, Leo, it will not last. You'll be riding high by the weekend.



August 23– September 22

You're not one to push the envelope, but you have no choice, Virgo. Break through the barriers and show what you're made of. A treat kicks up creativity a notch.



September 23– October 22

Travel plans continue to roll along, inspiring you to work harder so you can get away faster. A little-known issue resurfaces. Put it to rest once and for all, Libra.



October 23– November 21

Wild and crazy, Scorpio? Not you! Not when there is work to do. You know how to keep your nose to the grindstone, and this week, it pays off.



November 22– December 21

Teenage angst makes life difficult at home. Hang in there, Sagittarius. Things will calm down eventually. A guest drops by bearing a gift. Be grateful.



December 22 – January 19

At long last, you have the resources to finish a project. Go, Capricorn, go! Friendships come and go. Try not to be too hard on yourself when one slips away.



January 20 – February 18

Appearances can be deceiving. Assume nothing, Aquarius. Someone you think happy may not be. Small miracles at home make for big celebrations later.



February 19 – March 20

The sun finally sets on a project at work, Pisces, and you are free to pursue bigger and better things. A friend makes a bold financial move. Watch and learn.

Think you know the Hill? Answer these...

This Thursday, Feb. 19, Idyllwild Library is hosting "Hillbilly History Games." According to Librarian Shannon Ng, the games will begin at 5 p.m.

As an enticement, Ng has provided a current list of the "Hillbilly" questions:

She was named homecoming queen the same year her brother, David, came home from the AAF.

A new coffee and doughnut bar was a popular gathering spot at the base of what slope?

In 1949, \$2.50 a year would buy you what?

In May of what year, the "Snow Scouts" found there was still 4 to 6 feet of snow up in Tahquitz Valley? Bonus: Name one of the "Snow Scouts".

Bob Simpson provided what service in the community?

Name a member of the Hillbilly Jubilee committee of 1949.

Bill Buchanan studied what at the University of Washington?

Melba and Harris Buchanan owned what business in 1952?

"Kansas Raiders" and "The Kid From Texas" were filmed in the Idyllwild area. Who was the star of these movies?

In what year did Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gorzny move to Idyllwild?

Working as a crane operator, where did Mr. Gorzny commute to for work?

Mr. Covington owned Ice & Fuel. What was his first name?

Ida May Wilder, Barbara Covington, Vee Hogue, Emsy Dunn and Eleanor Johnson hosted a bridal shower for bride-to-be Bar-

bara in August of 1954. What is her maiden name and whom did she marry?

At the opening day of the Community Campfire in 1949, Don Dilworth played what instrument to accompany the singing of "America?"

What year did Charlie Kretsinger leave to work for the Army in Illinois?

What animal spent Christmas in Mrs. Clarke's garbage can?

A roller skating party in San Jacinto for junior high students led to what injuries?

How many books were circulated at the Idyllwild Library in 1953?

What were seaplanes doing in the Idyllwild area in 1952?

Jiggs and Maggie escaped from their cage and ran off. What was so un-

usual about these two being loose in the woods?

C. Kretsinger brought a trained animal to a Community Campfire in 1949 scaring a little girl. What animal was this?

What was the cost of admission to the Public Square Dance in August 1949?

Where would we find the 1952 membership of the "Progressive" Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce?

Where can one find square dancing skirts and blouses in Idyllwild in 1949?

How stringent were fire inspections in 1949?

Back east, the ground hog predicts winter. Out here in the West in 1952, we had our own beast that gave a good sign of the winter to come.

A State Fish & Game trapper made a report from the High Sierras about a blanket

missing. What animal stole the bedding and "snuggled it safely" into his hole?

What business was Ed Pelletier in?

The quartet of ancient instruments played at what location?

Where did summer folk have canasta luncheon parties?

In elementary school in 1950, Sparky Allert won a prize for his Halloween costume. What was his costume?

The Fern Valley Garage became the official Auto Club station. What year was this?

Who was the proprietor of the Fern Valley Garage?

How old was Anita Arnaiz when she married John Alford?

What year did Oscar Lawler donate 80 acres in the San Jacinto Mountains for a youth camp?

What was the Lawler

property's estimated worth in 1954?

In 1954, who organized a Junior Rifle Club, as an affiliate of the Idyllwild Rifle Club?

Late July in 1949, one of the firemen accidentally hit the button on the siren and then the "dad-blamed thing" wouldn't turn off. Chuck Roberts shut off the malfunctioning siren by doing what?

During the years 1901-1911, what year/season recorded the highest snowfall?

July 10, 1953, Town Crier, pages 11 and 12, mentions quite a bit of activity the same day after the paper was delivered the week before, such as a missing parakeet, a live mountain lion at the Wellman's, loose brahmas, bird identification and giving advice on how to cook what?

What time do chipmunks get up?

Legals

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County Clerk
By: A. Acevedo, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as MIDDLE RIDGE, INC., MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY, LILY ROCK CELLARS, COCKTAILS SUR LIE, TALES SUR LIE, TWO CAR WINERY at 52825 Middle Ridge Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 4157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. MIDDLE RIDGE, INC., 52825 Middle Ridge Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549. A California Corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 07/18/2007.

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:
CHRISTOPHER DEAN JOHNSTON
President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 9, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-01325
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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
By: A. Acevedo, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as LILY ROCK NATIVE GARDENS at 54385 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1193, Idyllwild, CA 92549. BRONWYN ELIZABETH JONES, 25220 Palomar Road, Idyllwild CA 92549, JACKIE LYNN LASATER, 54480 Jameson Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on February 11, 2013.

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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:
BRONWYN ELIZABETH JONES
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 9, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-01327
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