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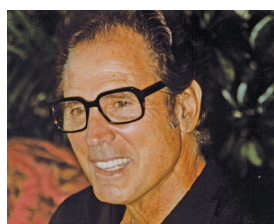
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Pine Cove Property Owners share with community

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Depleting their treasury by nearly half, the Pine Cove Property Owners Association handed out more than \$7,000 to nearly a dozen local organizations on Saturday.

Both the Idyllwild HELP Center and the Idyllwild Area Historical Society were beneficiaries of \$1,000 checks. (See the accompanying list for the complete list of awards.)

American Medical Response, the new ambulance provider to the Pine Cove neighborhood, sent two officials to formally introduce the crews and company to the community at the PCPOA meeting.

AMR General Manager for Riverside County Douglas Key stressed that the company "... wants to be more than just an ambulance company."

He described the plans to implement a Community Health program. He encouraged residents to register with the program. Besides names, they will collect medical treatments and health status, and drop by homes on a weekly basis when needed, such as to administer blood sugar tests or other check-ups.

"We hope you never have to use the ambulance," he concluded.

During the first week of service, AMR only had a couple of calls, according to Jack Hansen, operations manager. He assured the group that

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Lemon Lily Festival fun

Candice Cook, left, fired up to try her hand at roping.

Above, **Emmerson Renner** enjoys herself on the wooden horses at the Lemon Lily Festival over the weekend. *PHOTOS BY JOHN DRAKE*

Sunny's defenders speak out

By JACK CLARK,
CO-PUBLISHER

Sunny, the resident Nature Center cat, who held that post longer than most, has been removed by Riverside County, but numerous Sunny supporters seek her return.

A quartet of Hill locals publicly rallied behind Sunny, the Nature Center cat, on Thursday. The four spoke passionately during the public comment portion of the meeting of the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District Advisory Commission in Town Hall, urging the

committee to save Sunny's job.

As the Town Crier reported in the paper of July 9, concerned citizen Sue Nash filed a formal complaint with the county regarding Sunny's presence in the food preparation area at the Nature Center, which is contrary to the county's environmental health requirements. Riverside County Parks Resources Bureau Chief Keith Herron responded to her, first by attempting to restrict Sunny to the indoors and banning her from the kitchen. But neither directive was practicable owing to the many persons actively moving about in and around

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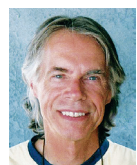
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Lawmakers flying bills to keep drones out of wildfire air space

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Inappropriate, wrongful, dangerous or threatening behavior often elicits response from government. And now, today's ground-bounded air navigators have crossed the line. Last week, state and federal legislators announced plans to control the use of unmanned aircraft systems, commonly known as drones, over wildfires.

Owners of these aircraft interfered with air resources battling the recent Lake Fire. Media reports and a U.S. Forest Service press conference last month during the fire caught the attention of local legislators, who have introduced legislation to punish the "voyeurs" for interfering in efforts to fight wildfires.

On Thursday, July 9, Assemblyman Mike Gatto (D-Glendale) and Sen. Ted Gaines (R-El Dorado) announced bipartisan plans to introduce Senate Bill 167, which will make it a serious state crime to fly a drone over a wildfire.

Then Friday, July 10, Rep. Paul Cook (R-Apple Valley) introduced H.R. 3025, "The Wildfire Airspace Protection Act of 2015." This bill will institute a federal criminal penalty on anyone who launches a drone that interferes with fighting wildfires on federal property. Anyone convicted under the act would face a fine and imprisonment for up to five years.

Currently, the Federal Aviation Administration typically issues temporary flight restriction during wildfires that require aircraft, manned or unmanned, that are not involved in wildfire suppression operations, to obtain permission from fire managers to enter specified airspace. The FAA, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of the Interior and other wildland fire management agencies consider drones, including those used by members of the public for hobby and recreation purposes, to be

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According to California Highway Patrol Officer **Mike Murawski**, at 8:35 p.m. Friday, July 10, **Justin Chrysler**, 19, of Idyllwild, was driving his White Ford F-150 with passenger **Baylee Huston**, 18, of Idyllwild, northbound on Highway 243 when he got distracted and lost control, crashing into a large boulder just north of Highway 74. Idyllwild Fire Department transported both Chrysler and Huston to San Geronio Medical Center. Chrysler complained of upper back, neck and chest pain and Huston had upper back and neck pain.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Caltrans project on Highway 371 creates significant delays

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Caltrans is widening shoulders to 4-foot widths on Highway 371 in a 5-mile stretch from Cary Road to Kirby Road. During the project, only one-way traffic is permitted, causing, on average, 20-minute delays in each

direction.

Repair work, including an overlay of new pavement, takes place during construction from Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Highway 371 through the Anza Valley is a heavily traveled commuter route between Temecula and San Diego and the des-

ert communities of the Coachella Valley.

The project, which started at the end of June, is projected to run through late 2015 to early 2016, according to Caltrans Public Information Officer Joy Schneider.

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

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 7/16



80/56

Sunny.

Friday 7/17



79/55

Sunny.

Saturday 7/18



73/56

Chance of Thunderstorms.

Sunday 7/19



74/57

Chance of Thunderstorms.

Monday 7/20



76/56

Chance of Thunderstorms.

Tuesday 7/21



78/56

Sunny

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
7/7	82	55		
7/8	73	47		
7/9	67	44		
7/10	68	40		
7/11	76	46		
7/12	81	52		
7/13	82	49		

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
7/7	89	63		
7/8	89	60		
7/9	89	60		
7/10	83	55		
7/11	79	59		
7/12	86	53		
7/13	90	61		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 0.03
To date last season (Idy): 0.04
Total last season (Idy): 20.02
To date this season (PC): 0.04
Total last season (PC): 20.72

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 0.0
To date last season (Idy): 0.0
Total last season (Idy): 10.0
To date this season (PC): 0.0
Total last season (PC): 27.75

Idyllwild temperatures are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. Idyllwild moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 9 a.m. (and additional times if noted) at the Idyllwild Town Crier, an official CoCoRaHS reporter in cooperation with NOAA. Pine Cove moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. by resident George Tate at personal weather station KCAIDYLL1, an official www.wunderground.com reporter. 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 us on the Internet at www.idyllwildtowncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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aircraft and therefore subject to TFRs.

In his press release, Cook said, "I couldn't believe it when I heard that aerial firefighting was brought to a grinding halt because a reckless individual decided to fly a drone over the Lake Fire. Not only did it put the lives of aerial firefighters in jeopardy, but the loss of air support for fire crews allowed the wildfire to spread ..."

While there is no state penalty for violating these federal restrictions, California law dictates that it is a misdemeanor to interfere with the lawful efforts of a firefighter or company to extinguish a fire, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000. SB 167 will charge offenders a vastly increased penalty for the violation and also will consider adding incarceration as a penalty when the offense involves unauthorized drone use.

"I'm pleased to join with Sen. Gaines to introduce legislation that will punish criminals who ignore the safety of our emergency response professionals and the people they are trying to protect," said Gatto. "There can be no patience with persons or groups who would risk others' lives in this way."

Drone interference with firefighters at the Lake Fire was not the only incident. The next day, firefighters had to temporarily suspend air operations at the Sterling Fire. And media reported that drones also delayed the take-off of air tankers fighting Sunday's Mill 2 Fire.

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

Idyllwild-area property assessments reach all-time high

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Property assessments for 2015 in the Idyllwild area are 3.3 percent greater than last year, according to Riverside County Assessor's Office. The \$765.6 million valuation is the greatest ever recorded for Idyllwild.

Last week, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Peter Aldana announced that property values for the whole county were assessed at \$242.7 billion, a 5.8-percent increase from last year and the highest total assessment roll since 2008.

"This is the third consecutive year of growth and we are nearing our peak assessment roll of \$242.9 billion in 2008, a good indicator of a steadily appreci-

ating real estate market," Aldana said.

Property owners whose assessment increases under Prop 8 will receive a notice from Aldana in their regular 2015-16 tax bills, which will be sent in October by Treasurer-Tax Collector Don Kent, according to the county's press release.

Beginning in mid-July, Riverside County property owners will be able to view their 2015-16 roll value online at www.riverside-acr.com. Properties can be searched by address or parcel number.

Property owners who disagree with their property's assessed value may file a free decline-in-value application online. Applications are due by Nov. 2 and are available at [## Idyllwild area assessments](http://www.river-</p>
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Year	Value	Change	Change %
2015	\$765,608,544	\$24,650,193	3.33%
2014	740,958,351	27,941,630	3.92%
2013	713,016,721	28,399,158	4.15%
2012	684,617,563	7,102,577	1.05%
2011	677,514,986	-19,842,486	-2.85%
2010	697,357,472	-26,728,612	-3.69%
2009	724,086,084	-37,837,343	-4.97%
2008	761,923,427	20,111,347	2.71%
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Property owners disputing the value set by the Assessor's Office may file an appeal with the Riverside County clerk of the board until Nov. 30. An application to appeal a

changed assessment is available on the clerk of the board's website at www.rivcocob.com.

For more information, visit www.riversideacr.com or call 951-955-6200 or toll-free 1-800-746-1544.

Town Crier garners national awards

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Honors for Town Crier columnist Conor O'Farrell and photographer Cheryl Basye have extended beyond California's borders.

Last week, the National Newspaper Association announced the winners in its 2015 Better Newspaper Contest.

O'Farrell was stunned, almost speechless, when told that he was the third place honoree for his "Off the Leash" column in the Best Serious Column, Daily & Non-daily Division, circulation 3,000 to 5,999 category.

But the judges described his work as, "Thorough coverage of a niche community with special attention to details. Excellent

local news opportunities."

Basye received an honorable mention for her "Butterfly Daze" photograph, which the judges thought was "very well done!" When learning of her recognition, Basye said, "That is really nice." Her category was Best Feature Photo, Non-daily Division, circulation 3,000 to 5,999.

Both honorees also were recognized in the 2014 California Newspaper Publishers Association Better Newspaper Contest.

These are not the first national awards bestowed on the paper. In 2013, stories about the Idyllwild School smARTS program and the construction of the playground at the Idyllwild Community Center site were recognized and there were several awards in many prior years also.



American Medical Response held an open house at the Pine Cove Water District boardroom Saturday. Here, AMR Paramedic Richard Alvarado takes Sherry Edwards' blood pressure.
PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Town Crier Photo Contest!

Deadline for entries: 5 p.m., Friday, August 21, 2015

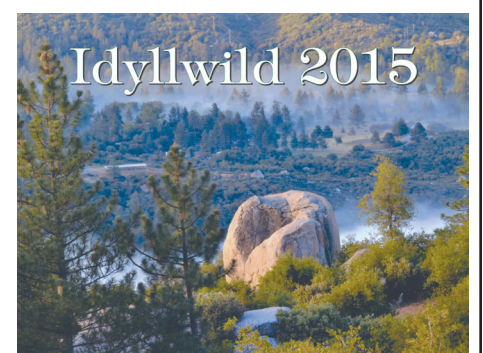
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The Rules

Contest is open to everyone. Submit up to three 8" x 10" glossy color images. If images are digital, they must be submitted on a CD or DVD, be at least 300 dpi when scaled to 8" x 10" and must be accompanied by high-quality glossy color prints for judging. Include your name, address, phone number, e-mail and location on the back of each print (make sure you use a pen that doesn't smear or bleed onto other prints). Also, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for safe return of your work. **Limit 3 submissions per person.**

You can drop off your entries at the Town Crier at 54405 North Circle Drive, or mail to Town Crier Photo Contest, P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Sorry, no email submissions.

While the Town Crier will reserve the right to publish the photos and use them in promotional material, photographers will still own the rights to their work. Questions? Email: halie@towncrier.com



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OUT LOUD



Three of us who braved last Thursday's summer concert huddled through the entire event, watching chairs fold up and people leaving in swarms as the sun rolled away and temperatures dropped.

Children — who carry that warm, brown fat — never seemed to notice. They ran, whirled through the playground and ate ice cream, including our grandchildren. Evey even pulled off her fleece jacket which I quickly claimed to cover my legs.

Amy brought hula-hoops and the kids grabbed them up, taking to the dance floor, entertaining the scarce audience and even the performers.

The great music of Llew Matthews and band got some folk up dancing and staying warm. If not for a bum knee, I would have been there, too.

Jack arrived in short sleeves and went home to retrieve a jacket. He texted me from home, urging me to pack up because the thermometer read in the low 50s. But Mandy and I toughed it out and Jack returned because we loved the music and the kids showed no sign of freezing. No one else's kids showed signs of slowing down either.

Historically, the record-lowest temperature on July 9 read 60 degrees in 1936. (The highest, by the way, was 120 degrees in 1958.)

Last Thursday, then, broke a record with a low of 44 degrees.

I thought many who left early were probably tourists, believing that crazy Idyllwild people enjoyed their outside entertainment every summer in frigid weather. "Why, they even feed their children frozen desserts."

The weather has been uncanny lately, hasn't it? We'll just ensure this week to bring a blanket. I'm not missing the Dorsey band.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

Wrong headline

EDITOR:

What? She is being evicted, not retiring. Wrong headline. The county is trying to evict her. Sunny is still at the Nature Center, not at ARF, and the committee to save Sunny collected 75 signatures July 7 being forwarded to Supv. Washington.

Keith Herron at the county has made this decision based on one complainant who has inundated him with emails and complained to county supervisors.

Everyone I have spoken to hates this decision. This is not the Idyllwild way and not democratic. Sunny has no voice to protest. She is loved by everyone and this health issue is bogus.

We have had cats for 40 years and never had any illness; employees and volunteers have never had any illness.

Retiring sounds like she's going to some island to live off her pension and sip mai tais. In fact, she will become another homeless cat and does not deserve to be treated this way.

That disease, toxoplasmosis, is transmitted chiefly by uncooked meat. Symptoms generally pass unremarked in adults.

BILL WALKER
IDYLLWILD

Sunny a public safety risk?

EDITOR:

I recently received a flier concerning an odd complaint about Sunny, the feline Nature Center greeter. Upon my visit to the facility along with my sister, we were greeted by Sunny. Sauntering over to my sister who had just sat down, Sunny walked into her lap, curled up and purred as my sister started petting her.

Have you ever walked into a children's zoo and had the animals walk up to you? Have you walked into a store and met a medical dog and spoken to its owner? Ever been to New York and have a police horse come over for a friendly nuzzle, or a horseback rider moseying through Idyllwild enjoying the scenery. Outside coffee shops are greeted daily by beautiful, intelligent dogs and their loving owners.

In the town of Idyllwild, there are bobcats, coyotes, mountain lions, deer, raccoon and a bigfoot or two roaming freely.

Are they a risk to public safety?

SHARON SAVARY
IDYLLWILD

Bad Sunny!

EDITOR:

Busted! They finally caught up with that desperado, Sunny. Was Sunny one of the gang of thieves over the past several years who have repeatedly broken into and burglarized Idyllwild businesses? No.

Well, was Sunny part of the gang of thieves who stole the painted deer statue? No.

Was Sunny texting, speeding and driving recklessly on Highway 74? Then was Sunny drunk in public? No.

Well, what crime did this outlaw cat do then? They say Sunny walked on a counter where Nature Center staff had their food and drinks. For shame, for shame. Bad puddy tat.

BILL O'CONNOR
IDYLLWILD

Sunny threatening our lives?

EDITOR:

My wife and I are contributing members of the Nature Center. We enjoy strolling through the museum with our dog Jake, who is always very interested in the various scents from the reptiles, animals and furs.

We enjoyed that friendly cat, Sunny, usually sitting regally on a chair near the cash register. Jake and Sunny had a friendship built on mutual respect. I saw lots of people enjoying Sunny and it never occurred to me that this cat was a problem.

Then, we enjoy walking the Loop Trail and the beauty of the area. Now, it is a shame that Sunny isn't there anymore because apparently we will all succumb to toxoplasmosis if we are near a cat.

I have had five cats, long-lived cats, in my life and I nor anyone who came into my home ever succumbed to toxoplasmosis.

Help! I just looked outside. There is a squirrel on the deck, a jay in the tree, a lizard on the steps, a fly and moth in the kitchen. I'd better get inside the refrigerator for protection.

It's ironic that the Nature Center has great info on the Native Americans and pioneering settlers that preceded us in Idyllwild, maybe even braving the dangers of a domestic cat. I guess now in the 21st century we are so weak that a domesticated cat, fully vaccinated, is a threat to our very lives.

Too bad, Sunny. By the way, we have
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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.

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Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

Letters

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had food prepped at the Nature Center on several occasions and at the time of this writing, we are still alive. Reading on the Centers for Disease Control website, I found that the only way cats can transfer toxoplasmosis is through feces — not through the air, touching, etc.

So unless you happen to clean out Sunny’s litter, there is simply no problem. For Sue Nash to say she “has no agenda” is disingenuous. Obviously, her agenda is to get rid of the cat. What a waste of County Park funds to deal with this. The whole “case” is nonsensical and pathetic.

PETER DAVISON
IDYLLWILD

Happy anniversary to the Clarks

EDITOR:

You have done a magnificent job for the past two years. The paper that I have been reading since 1956 is wonderful and every week I look forward to its arrival. I know that Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell are very proud of all of you.

This is the best paper that I know as it really tells what is happening. You all know what needs to be done and it happens every week. Keep up the good work.

Happy anniversary.

KITTY KIELEY HAYES
PALM SPRINGS

Mountain Fire investigation?

EDITOR:

While at the dump, I stood on a ridge behind the dumpsters and wondered at the puff of smoke that caught my eye. As the smoke grew denser, so did the flames, now leaping and spreading rapidly. I could clearly see the source of the flames as they slowly widened and lengthened as the wind fanned them. Now more than 200 yards long and nearly as wide, the flames jumped the road at the fire station while nobody there had any idea what was rapidly developing.

The mountain was on fire.

As I drove back into town, I thought what better place to inform residents of Idyllwild of the fire than Higher Grounds Coffee Shop. I stuck my head in the door and said, “I just left the dump. The mountain is on fire and it is spreading fast.” Every face had turned to see who was talking and they could clearly see that I was not joking. I went home to Pine Cove and told the wife to start packing.

By the grace of God, we were spared an evacuation order as the fire blew away from us.

We travel 243 past the fire area quite often and each time we see exactly where the fire started, where it crossed the road, and where it just exploded. Anyone driving this part of 243 can clearly see the same.

Can anyone explain to me why nothing has come to light as to why the fire started, who is responsible for starting it and who is going to pay for all the damage? Was it improperly maintained equipment? Was it a repair-person’s mistake? Either way, the property owner is the responsible party.

We are told that an investigation is still in progress and I must ask, “Why?” It would not take half a day to clearly see why and how this fire started and who is responsible. So why the delay?

Cost to fight the fire? \$27 million-plus.

Who has a campaign fund that grew suddenly from an anonymous donation?

How much to buy an investigation?

MARK MITCHELL
PINE COVE

Government not on our side

Editor:

I enjoyed Kristina Baker’s letter about the FDA. It’s rare that someone is aware of how far off base the FDA is.

I read some years ago about the beginning of the cur-

rent agency: This was around 1900. It seems there was a whole trainload of spoiled flour and the predecessor to the FDA would not OK it. Political pressure was brought to bear and the head of that agency resigned, refusing to OK the flour. The FDA was thus born and its first act was to designate the spoiled flour as OK for human consumption.

From what I hear, the FDA continues at the same ethical level; in other words, the tool of drug companies, producers of industrial-quality food and other special interests.

The latest news is that our Congress is currently passing a bill to allow the drug companies to market drugs without the safety testing procedure, basically a carte blanche.

I’m sure there are honest, competent people in government, but in general, I’d describe government as “not on our side.” So good luck with writing your representatives to right this wrong. I believe it will take an association of nutritionally and politically aware consumers to make a dent in the situation, people who used to be called “health nuts,” but who were just smarter than average.

ERIC TOWNSEND
IDYLLWILD

Respect our flag

EDITOR:

I’m sure everyone will agree, our Independence Day parade is one of our great, small-town Idyllwild traditions. The Idyllwild Rotary and all the volunteers are to be commended for such a wonderful parade.

One incident gave me pause, however: A woman marching in the parade waved an American flag that was so large she couldn’t help but occasionally drag it on the ground. She didn’t just let the tip touch the pavement, but she really dragged it.

I’m sure the entrant meant no disrespect, but the bottom line is that she dragged the flag on the ground numerous times.

The U.S. Flag Code states: “The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.” We all should respect our flag.

MAUREEN ROSE
FERN VALLEY

Lost sales because of festival

EDITOR:

This past Fourth of July was a complete disaster for sales for Forest Whispers (in The Fort). A weekend I was counting on turned out to be worse than a normal weekend. We will not list all the things that were not right, just the ones that bugged us the most.

People selling food that hurts our local restaurants just ticks me (Forest Whispers) off. It is tough enough to survive in that business without flatlanders selling food on what should be one of the biggest days of the year for local businesses.

Next, kid zone and carnival food should be held in the park and huge jump houses for the kids have no place right in front of our stores (Forest Whispers and Himalayan Treasures), let alone in the middle of a street. They should be in the park that we are so proud of, not next to a booth selling wine.

If you need four generators to run your booth, then you should not set up in the middle of town.

Lastly, if you are going to ask a merchant in town to lose the entire day of sales so you can have a circus in the street, you should ask permission from the merchants whose stores you are setting up in front of.

I (Forest Whispers) would have closed up and gone to another town if I had any idea that your idea of a fun Fourth of July was a circus in front of my store.

As it was, I lost 91 percent of normal Fourth of July sales. It was my worst sales day of any Fourth of July in the last 10 years.

MATT McDONALD
IDYLLWILD



Political letters during election season are paid at 10 cents per word. No letters will be accepted the week before the Aug. 25 election. This year’s races include Idyllwild and Pine Cove water districts candidates.

Is IWD hiding something?

I do not know if it is just me since I am a candidate running for one of the seats on the Idyllwild Water District Board, or do they treat all their customers the same way?

They have made it very difficult for me to review the water district documents under the California Public Records Act. I have only been allowed about one hour a week at their prescribed time. I have been told that the board room is “being used” the rest of the time. That means that of the 45 hours per week the IWD office is open, they are using the board room for 44 hours.

This past Friday, July 10, I went to the IWD office about 11:30 a.m. to deliver correspondence (with questions for the board members) to the GM to be included in the agenda for Wednesday’s meeting on the evening of July 15. The staff told me the GM was busy, so I was unable to deliver it to him directly.

Finally, after more than two hours trying to connect with the manager, he informed me that the agenda was full and my request would not be able to be included. I gave him the letters anyway telling him I hoped he would reconsider since the correspondence was delivered to him within the 72-hour window to put on the agenda.

The irony of this is that one of my questions addressed bringing more “transparency” to those in attendance at the regular board meetings. Recently, there had been a policy change where in the past, those in attendance received their own copy of the board packet to follow along. Now, a binder containing the board packet is passed around making it far more difficult to follow and understand. How can anyone address their concerns if they can’t look at the minutes, financial reports, warrants, operations report and work in progress, etc., while a binder is being passed around?

IWD posted its upcoming agenda and I was able to review it on Saturday, July 11. There was nothing unusual or time-consuming in the agenda, but my correspondence had not been included. This makes me wonder what is going on with this board. Are they concealing things they do not want us, their customers, to know about? I hope they change their agenda. I just wanted to ask our elected officials questions.

STEVEN KUNKLE
IDYLLWILD

Time for change in Pine Cove Water

Speak with state experts, engineers and other districts as I have done. Rain’s pure as snowmelt, percolating into groundwater. UCLA graduate, honors in science, teacher, resident 13 years. I passionately care about Pine Cove’s water supply. Please vote.

SHARON KAFFEN
PINE COVE

MATTER OF FACT

The caption under last week’s photo of Linda Fuller on page 15 was incorrect. It should have read: Children’s Center Art Teacher Linda Fuller stands between two former students who took the class when they were little. They are Kat Nichols and Emma Brandt, currently taking a photography class at the Idyllwild Arts Summer Programs.

Town Crier regrets the error.

June Rockwell says customers should be IWD's priority

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Idyllwild Water District residents will have a choice of five candidates for the three director seats up for election in the August mail-in ballot election. Running for re-election are Board President Jim Billman and directors Warren Monroe and Dean Lattin, who is in his first election. The two challengers are Steven Kunkle and June Rockwell.

Voted ballots must be received by election officials no later than the close of the polls on election day or be postmarked on or before election day, Aug. 25, and received no later than three days after election day to be counted.

Before August the Town Crier will interview each candidate. On Wednesday, Aug. 5, the Town Crier will hold a candidates forum for IWD voters. The forum will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Idyllwild Nature Center.

The first candidate interview is with June Rockwell. Interviews with the other four candidates will appear in the July 23 and July 30 issues of the Town Crier.

Rockwell is from San Diego and spent many vacations in Idyllwild until she moved here about 15 years



June Rockwell, candidate for Idyllwild Water District board.
PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

ago with her daughter, who attended Idyllwild School.

Rockwell operates her own business, keeping books for both Jo'An's and Idyllwild Property Management.

TC: What will you contribute to the board?

If elected, she believes she will bring a greater balance and more openness to the IWD board meetings.

"I'll be more open and listen to the community and encourage more discussion of issues," she affirmed. She feels the current board is, unfortunately, aloof from the public and its concerns. Her priority would be to enable and serve the community.

As an example of her view of the board's attitude toward IWD customers and her differences, Rockwell pointed to

the 12-percent water rate increase for 2013-14, the reduction in the gallons provided before charges and the sewer rate increase this fall. While raising customers' costs, IWD directors rewarded themselves in the fall of 2013 with a decision to raise their own compensation — from \$50 to \$100 for attending the meetings, board or committee.

"I won't take the money. It's appalling," she said defiantly. "I'll donate it to families who can't pay their water bill."

Rather than friendly notes on the bills, Rockwell would encourage IWD to identify agenda items so the public would know what the board will consider at meetings.

Not enough people are involved, she argued and included herself until she began attending meetings this past year. "It opened my eyes," she stated.

On the board, Rockwell will urge that water policies be better written and explained. She feels from experience that several policies are not well-enough defined and would be improved and better understood with more structure.

TC: What is your view on "will-serve" letters during stages 2 and 3? Should new development be curtailed?

Referring to the recent debate over the issuance of "will-serve" letters for lots without meters, she argued that the district ought to say what its water reserves are before shutting down new construction.

"How can we know the need, without knowing the current capacity? The policy needs clarification," she said. "There are too many loopholes. Policies are too general and not clear."

The board owed the public a valid reason, when asked about curtailing "will-serve" letters, she said, "Not just sit behind a table and say, 'No!'"

TC: How do you assess the district's infrastructure?

If IWD is in Stage 2 water conservation and regularly warns of an impending move to Stage 3, to increase water supply, the district either has to conserve more or find new water sources, she argued.

"It's been nearly two years since there was water in Foster Lake," Rockwell stressed. Then she raised questions about the lack of drilling for new wells during this dry period. "Why is the budget so low for that?" she asked. "From what I saw, there is no money for drilling wells. That's a red flag!"

"Well levels always seem to be going down. Where are they truly at?"

She also pointed out that, for years, IWD has had no continuing or current program for regularly replacing pipeline throughout the district.

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



Recipients of donations from the Pine Cove Property Owners Association were smiling Saturday. Representatives of benefiting organizations are (from left) **Karen Doshier**, Soroptimist Tree Lighting; **Jan Fast**, Woodies; **Edwina Scott**, Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council; **John Edminston**, Mountain Community Patrol; **Bill Tell**, Mile High Radio Club; **Carolyn Levitski**, Idyllwild Area Historical Society; **Jay Mulder**, highway trash pick-up; **Joyce Cummings**, Idyllwild Scholarship Fund; **Capt. Milfred Ferguson**, Cal Fire Station 23; **Mike Feyder**, Mountain Disaster Preparedness; **Janice Murasko**, Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild; and **Marlene Pierce**, PCPOA president
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Community

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when the ambulance does transport a patient to a hospital, the arrangements for back-up service exist and AMR is committed to full protection of the residents.

After the meeting, AMR had an open house at the Pine Cove Water District conference room, where they took blood pressure readings and introduced the crews to the community.

The AMR website address is www.amr-airambulance.com.

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Pine Cove Property Owners Association 2015 donations and gifts to the community

Recipient	Amount
Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild	\$500
Pine Cove Fire Station 23	\$500
HELP Center (Christmas purchases for Pine Cove residents)	\$1,000
Idyllwild Area Historical Society	\$1,000
Idyllwild Scholarship fund (Pine Cove residents)	\$800
Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council	\$500
Mountain Disaster Preparedness	\$500
Mile High Radio Club	\$500
Mountain Community Patrol	\$500
Jay Mulder	\$250
Soroptimist Tree Lighting	\$500
Woodies	\$750
Total	\$7,300

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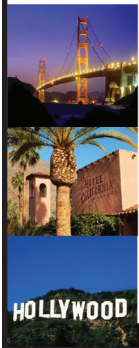
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Eskew happy with Pine Cove Water operations

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Pine Cove Water District residents will have a choice of three candidates for the two director seats up for election in the August mail-in ballot election. Diana Eskew, a board member, who is in her first election, and two challengers — Sharon Kaffen and Timothy Lange — are the candidates.

Ballots must be received by the election officials no later than the close of the polls on election day or be postmarked on or before election day, Aug. 25, and received no later than three days after election day to be counted.

Before August, the Town will interview each candidate. On Tuesday, Aug. 4, the Pine Cove Property Owners Association and the Town Crier will hold a candidates forum for PCWD voters. The forum will be from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Pine Cove Fire Station (Station 23).

This interview is with Eskew, a current PCWD director. Kaffen's interview will appear in the July 23 issue and Lange's interview was in the July 9 Town Crier issue.

Eskew has been a full-time Pine Cove resident for 20 years and visited the Hill and her sister, who had already settled here, for more than 15 years before making it her home. She is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and her two children still live there.

Independent-minded and a pathfinder describe her career journey from the East Coast to here. She was one of the first commercial vehicle drivers in Pennsylvania. She could handle buses to trucks. And she was good at it. For many years, she was a commercial driving instructor and one of the authors of the state's commercial driving manual.

In Idyllwild, she was the office manager at Med Data, which eventually closed its office here. Afterward, she and two friends opened their own medical billing company. Now, she runs it herself.

TC: Why did you originally join the Board and why do you want to continue?

Eskew was appointed to the PCWD board in 2012, filling the term of former Board President Tom Mc-

Cullough, who had died. This is her first campaign in California, although she was active in Pennsylvania politics before coming west.

"Too much drama" kept her on the sidelines here until she attended some PCWD meetings. So she decided to get involved with community business.

"There was no drama and everybody was close," she said. "We agree on most everything and, if not, we talk about how we can come to agreement."

Eskew also emphasized that she brings the perspectives of both a woman and a long-time business owner to the board meetings.

If re-elected, Eskew wants to see General Manager Jerry Holldber continue. "I like the direction Jerry takes with conservation. And we have employees so well trained that they save us money by doing projects, such as laying pipeline, that other districts will put out to contract."

She also stressed that despite the four-year drought, PCWD has always had sufficient water for its customers and continues to have enough to accommodate adding customers without constraints on the existing clientele.

TC: With respect to revenues and water supply, what should customers expect going forward?

Eskew is not worried about either the district's finances or its water supply. Regarding the water, she credits the customers heeding Holldber's early alerts to conserve water use.

One significant contribution to the district's long-term lowered water consumption, she believes, is the frequent offering of rebates for various water-saving



Diana Eskew, Pine Cove Water District director.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

devices, whether it is low-flush toilets or efficient washing machines or even rain barrels.

"I hope more people take advantage of the rain barrels," she urged. "We've already sold more than 250 and are ordering more."

TC: PCWD water production is significantly lower than in 2010, but has increased in the past year. Why do you think PCWD water consumption is starting to grow?

Eskew believes there may be one or more leaks that have gone undetected contributing to the higher-than-needed production. It may require hiring a company to find them. Also, some customers, despite the efforts of many, still will use as much water as they want, regardless of the warnings.

"Some don't think it applies to them," she admonished. "We need to continue to educate our customers."

TC: If you were to cut the budget, what are the priorities?

"I've sat through the budget meetings and looked at the budget every month," she began. "I wouldn't recommend cutting anything. Our salaries are commensurate with other districts."

"What we pay is well worth it. This staff saves thousands of dollars with all the work they do, for example, constructing the pump sites, the buildings at Dutch Flats, and laying pipes."

TC: Should PCWD be concerned about increasing its reserves?

"I don't believe we need to raise rates for this now," Eskew replied. "The auditor and accountant suggest it and I'm not against increasing reserves, but it's not an immediate priority."

TC: How do you assess the district's infrastructure?

"It's right up-to-date," she quickly replied. "We've had no major breaks and regularly replace old pipe with new and are replacing out-of-date meters, too. Every week, LA announces another major leak or blow up."

Conclusion

"[The Board] gets things accomplished peacefully and competently," she said. "We provide the people of Pine Cove with really good water and really great service and it's what I want to be part of."

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Names released in deaths of two men

BY BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

The Riverside County Coroner's Office has released the names of two men who died on the Hill over the past few weeks.

Sgt. Escobar of the Coroner's Office said Michael Maretti, 73, an Idyllwild transient, died of natural

causes in his car in the St. Hugh's Episcopal Church parking lot in Idyllwild. He was discovered Monday, June 29.

Escobar also said the man killed in a fatal hit-and-run on the Fourth of July was Toribio Sanchez-Vidaca, 64, of Escondido. The collision occurred on Highway 74 near Carrizo Road.

DMV handbook available for iPad

The California Department of Motor Vehicles has released the 2015 Driver Handbook for the Apple iPad tablet. It is available in both English and Spanish and can be downloaded free through the iBooks application bookstore.

A demonstration video of the new handbook for the iPad also is available on DMV's YouTube channel.



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

Wednesday, July 15

- 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.
- Pine Cove Water District board, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Girls Reading Club, 2-3 p.m.; Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild Water District board, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Co-dependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Thursday, July 16

- 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 Fairview 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, July 17

- Free Mat Pilates Classes, 9 a.m. Tarah Jade, 54320 N. Circle Dr.
- Fern Valley Water District board, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle 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.
- Well-being With Essential Oils Q&A, 1:30-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Feeding America, 3-4 p.m. Cross Road 243 Church, Mountain Center.

Saturday, July 18

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

Sunday, July 19

- Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Town center at Harmony monument. Call Sue at 909-228-6710.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Open Discussion Meeting (open), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m. Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd., Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spir-

Supervisors approve budget

Sheriff and DA will need more funds later

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

At the July 7 meeting, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors unanimously adopted a budget for fiscal 2015-16.

While the budget is currently balanced, several department heads, including the Sheriff and District Attorney, acknowledged that additional funding will be necessary before the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2016).

But the Board Chair Marion Ashley, District 5, said, "We have adequate funds to take care of things if they come up."

County Executive Officer Jay Orr added \$8 million to the District Attorney's budget and another \$3 million for the Assessor's office. More importantly, both he and Financial Officer Ed Corser warned the Supervisors that the balancing act relied on several million

dollars of one-time funds.

"If we can't continue to find more one-time money [next year], or if we don't get additional money, we will have to look at reserves," Corser said. "But I don't feel that we should ever look at reserves to balance a budget unless we're in free fall like we were during the recession."

A discussion of the use of one-time money followed. Supervisor Kevin Jeffries (1st District) argued that it might be more prudent to use one-time money to pay down debt, which would result in additional funding availability in the future.

Third District supervisor Chuck Washington also expressed some concern about relying on funding which is non-recurring.

"My fear is that we, in government, become a drag on the economy," he said. "I've seen cities get into trouble spending one-time money. But I understand why we're doing it."

Some of the board is hopeful that the audits of public safety programs will yield financial benefits for future

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, July 6 to 12.

Alberhill

- July 11 — Fire, San Lois.

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- July 11 — Medical aid, Kirby Rd.

Idyllwild

itual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
• Narcotics Anonymous, 8-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Monday, July 20

- 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.

- July 6 — Walk-in medical aid.
- July 6 — Medical aid, Idyllbrook Dr.
- July 7 — Medical aid, S. Circle Dr.
- July 8 — Two walk-in medical aids.
- July 9 — Medical aid, N. Circle Dr.
- July 9 — Walk-in medical aid.
- July 9 — Medical aid, Pine Crest Ave.

Tuesday, July 21

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; men's meeting, 6-7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Well-being With Essential Oils Q&A, 1:30-3 p.m.; Women's Council, 6-7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54495 Village Center Dr.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board, 5-7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Sons of the American Legion board, 6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Hemet Unified School District board, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia

- July 11 — Walk-in medical aid.
- July 12 — Dispatched & canceled en route, Temecula Dr.

Mountain Center

- July 6 — Cover assignment, standby, move up, hws. 243 & 74.
- July 6 — Carbon monoxide detector activation due to malfunction, Hwy. 74.
- July 10 — Two responses of cover assignment, standby, move up, hws. 243 & 74.

- July 10 — Traffic collision with injuries, Hwy. 243.
- Rescue or EMS standby.

Pine Cove

- June 30 — Medical aid, Pine Ridge Rd.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department's log system has been down since June 28. Technicians are trying to determine the cause.

Ave., Hemet.

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

Wednesday, July 22

- 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Co-dependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Community service hours

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

On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, July 15

- Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- Keith McCabe & Guest, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- "Terminator Genisys," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Throwback Summer Celebration Lecture Series, Linda Fuller, 7:30 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, July 16

- Summer Concert Series, Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra With Nancy Knorr of The Pied Pipers, 7 p.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- "Terminator Genisys," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, July 17

- Poetry Fridays, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- We Love Our Locals \$75,000 Win, 5-7:30 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- Jazmotazz, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- "Max," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Live entertainment, Lumber

Mill Bar & Grill.

Saturday, July 18

- Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- Yu Gi Oh! game club, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Uncorked Pop-up Gallery, Art Alliance of Idyllwild, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. art show; 6-7:30 p.m. artist reception. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Room & Gallery.
- "Max," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Live entertainment, Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

Sunday, July 19

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- "Max," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, July 20

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Friendship All Around," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Max," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, July 21

- Teen Marble Boogie Marble Run, 5-8 p.m. Idyllwild

Library.

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

Wednesday, July 22

- Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- Visiting With Huell Howser at the Lemon Lily Festival, 3-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Willy B., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- "Max," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Throwback Summer Celebration Lecture Series: Bill Lowman, 7:30 p.m. Krone Library Reading Room, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, July 23

- Music Video Project, "What Does the Fox Say?," 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library.
- Summer Concert Series, Roger Dutton & Friends, 6 p.m.; Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers, 7 p.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- "Max," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, July 24

- Poetry Fridays, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- We Love Our Locals \$75,000 Win, 5-7:30 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine



A free drumming event was held at the Idyllwild Library Tuesday. The event was intended for teenagers, but kids and adults alike came and enjoyed creating some music together. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Shophe & Bistro.

- Youth Harpist Recital, 7 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- "Durang, Durang," Idyllwild Actors Theatre, 7:30 p.m. reception; 8 p.m. performance. Rainbow Inn.
- Live entertainment, Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

Saturday, July 25

- Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- Symphonic Band Culmination Concert, noon; High School Wind Ensemble Culmination Concert, 2 p.m.; High School Symphony Orchestra, 4 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

- Bill Saitta & Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- "Durang, Durang," Idyllwild Actors Theatre, 7:30 p.m. reception; 8 p.m. performance. Rainbow Inn.
- Live entertainment, Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

Sunday, July 26

- Pickleball, 8:30 a.m. Idyllwild Community Park.
- Lawrence Spector, 2-4 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe &

Bistro.

Monday, July 27

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "We Will Rock You" awards party, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, July 28

- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Parks Exhibition Center Opening Reception, 8 p.m. Idyllwild Arts.

Free mat pilates community class

A weekly free mat pilates community class is being offered Fridays at 9 a.m. Classes are held at Tarah Jade, 54320 N. Circle Dr.

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Nature Center closed Tuesdays

Until further notice, the Idyllwild Nature Center is closed Tuesdays due to staff shortages. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday.

Movies and conversations

Every third Monday of the month, Spirit Mountain Retreat hosts a movie and conversation for free at the retreat.

The next movie is "I Am," the story of a successful Hollywood director, Tom Shadyac ("Liar Liar," "Nutty Professor," "Bruce Almighty"), who experienced a life threatening head injury and his ensuing journey to try and answer two very basic questions: "What's wrong with our world?" and "What can we do about it?" (78 minutes).

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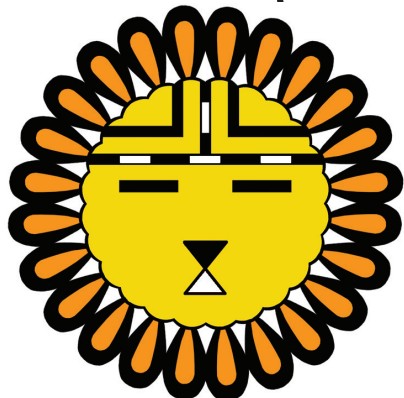
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Mixing it up ...

BY DIRECTOR
DR. JENNIFER GEE

Lots of mythical hybrids lurk in our collective cultural subconscious, from centaurs that are half-human/ half-horse, to human fishes known as mermaids. More commonplace (and real) hybrids are domestically engineered, such as mules and hinnies, the result of crossing donkeys and horses. But hybridization also happens in nature. Individuals from different but closely related species mate and produce hybrid offspring that share traits inherited from both parental species.

When wild animals hybridize in nature, individuals from different species must accept each other not only as their own kind, but also as potential mates. Both kinds of recognition depend on communication through nonverbal and verbal signals. Some species learn to recognize potential mates by imprinting on the voices, language and appearance of their parents.

In many songbirds, females choose a mate based on his singing a particular song — a new catchy tune (starlings), or a familiar oldie-but-goodie, such as the song sung by their father (Darwin's finches). Mate-searching singles can be dazzled by particular traits occurring in their own species but that are even better in a closely related species, such as brighter or bigger plumage than the version found within their own species.

It's not so different in people, right? Exaggerated traits are considered sexy, such as a male's burly muscles, tattoo sleeves or suave mustache.

Enough about people. Let's turn our attention to something more interesting — quail! Three different quail species surround us in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto mountains. They give us a window into the world of interlopers and transgressors that cross species' boundaries and interbreed. California, Mountain and Gambel's quail are distinct but retain the ability to interbreed together. In fact, where California and Gambel's quail occur together, they form a zone of rampant hybridization, which spans roughly 20 km. On their meeting grounds, California and Gambel's quail don't seem to care about what species their mate is.

Why do some quail choose mates of the other species?

The answer is forthcoming. Working with the James Reserve, University of Colorado doctoral candidate David Zonana is pinpointing the physical features that cause pairs of quail to breed together, regardless of their species.

Do quail select their mates based on the same features they use to choose their friends? Zonana has taken careful mug shots of more than 100 quail to compare with each other. He will measure the length of the topknot, the length of the bib and every detail of their appearance.

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Each quail also is banded with a unique numbered band and Radio Frequency Identification tag. RFIDs are similar to the microchip implants used to identify and locate lost pets. Using tags that transmit unique ID numbers, Zonana is able to "see" which quail are hanging out together without spending countless hours watching them. He will know each physical feature of every single quail and how much time they're spending with particular friends.

Stay tuned to hear more about all this, but keep in mind that appearance isn't everything and especially in nature, beggars can't be choosers. As you know from living here on the Hill, we are isolated and don't have as many choices as we would in places where there are bigger populations. For quail, this means that ultimately, the name of the game is to survive and reproduce no matter what the cost.



David Zonana, doctoral candidate at the University of Colorado, Boulder.

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Theater artist Suzanne Avalon produces results

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Theater artist Suzanne Avalon is no neophyte. She knows her stuff, has studied with New York theater royalty, has paid her dues and makes a habit of giving back to the Idyllwild community. She is an experienced actor, producer and entrepreneur who gave up a successful career in Hollywood to come to Idyllwild, raise her children and create a healthier lifestyle.

Theater is in her blood. "My Mom, Mary Tucker, was an actress in Hopalong Cassidy movies," she said. "And growing up my family was bicoastal, living both in Manhattan and in Palos Verdes, California." As a teenager, Avalon played bit parts in sitcoms in NYC, including "Room 222" and soaps, including "All My Children." She studied with famous acting coach Stella Adler, Group Theatre co-founder and New Republic and Nation drama critic Harold Clurman, and Broadway and film director Jack Garfein. "I feel like I had the best experience with these masters," said Avalon.

"I got my feet wet Off Broadway in a production of Williams' 'Glass Menagerie' playing Laura," she recalled.

After years in New York as an actor, Avalon decided to come to Los Angeles to experience what she called the "other side of the camera." She worked in production, as assistant to the executive producers of "St. Elsewhere," then to ABC where she worked in story development and

in developing movies for television.

In 1986, burnt out and remembering Idyllwild from a summer at ISOMATA, Avalon and then husband Frank Ferro moved to the Hill. They opened the Avalon Metaphysical Bookstore, Coyote Art Gallery and the village's first coffee house, Espresso Yourself, in Village Lane. "It was quite a change going from big time Hollywood business meetings to selling incense and crystals, and instead of having lunches at the Ivy in Beverly Hills to having lunch at Jan's Red Kettle," laughed Avalon.

But, she acknowledged, it was a change for the best. "It was a wonderful place to raise my children," she said. "I remember once I was working during the summer as a lifeguard at ISOMATA. I was sitting in the tall lifeguard chair looking out over the meadow. I saw a boy on a bike with a fishing pole with his dog following behind. He was heading down to the Grotto to fish. I thought, 'What a real gift it is for that kid to live here.' The boy was my son."

In 2003, believing that Idyllwild needed live theater to



Suzanne Avalon, actor, producer, entrepreneur and founder of the Idyllwild Actors Theatre, is the featured artist of the week.

PHOTO COURTESY SUZANNE AVALON

justify its reputation as an arts town, Avalon founded the Isis Theatre Company, now known as the Idyllwild Actors Theatre. The first season was a success and included Avalon's role as a dog in "Sylvia," by A.R. Gurney. In the role originated Off Broadway by Sarah Jessica Parker, Avalon played Sylvia, the dog adopted by a husband, in a play about the challenges the dog brings to the couple's marriage. "People remember that first season and still ask me to bark," she said.

Although Avalon heads the oldest established theater company in Idyllwild, she bemoans the lack of a dedicated performing arts space. "Every town needs a playhouse," she said. "I'm bewildered if we are supposed to be one of the top 100 arts towns in the country, why we don't have a performing arts space. We're gypsies without a home and it makes producing difficult. Still, I am so happy to have been given this gift of being the caretaker of this company and having so many dedicated actors and directors work-

ing with us. I have the freedom to make artistic choices, not just the everyday Neil Simon fare. We can stretch and be edgy. The board and I don't have to ask permission. I'm proud of what we are accomplishing."

Avalon has taught acting at Idyllwild Arts Academy and currently serves on the Idyllwild Community Fund Advisory Committee. She recently chaired and organized the group's second "Wine in the Pines" fundraising event. The 2015 event was held to fund continuation of the Idyllwild Youth Grant Makers, a program of the Community Foundation that teaches young people the value of philanthropy.

Avalon produces results, gives back to the Idyllwild community and does so with experience and talent.

For more about Idyllwild Actors Theatre see www.idyllwildactorstheatre.com.

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Free CPR class in July

Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire is sponsoring a free CPR class from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday July 22, at the Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive.

Open to the public, mountain region residents will have priority registration. A waiting list will be initiated on a first-come/first-served basis for non-residents. Class size is limited to 15.

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One summer becomes a lifetime

Bill Lowman concludes Throwback Summer Lecture Series

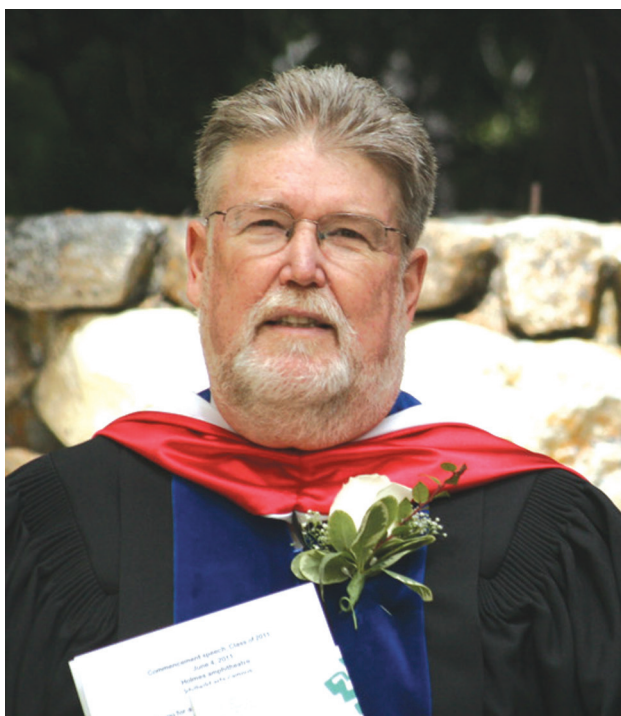
BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In 1965, 16-year-old Bill Lowman came to Idyllwild to sing in Robert Holmes' celebrated choir as part of the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts Summer Programs. He stayed for a lifetime.

First and longtime president and headmaster of the Idyllwild Arts Academy, Lowman concludes the free Throwback Summer Lecture Series. The series celebrates the history of an institution founded "for the purpose of promoting and advancing artistic and cultural development primarily for the advancement of instruction in music and the arts." Over the years, it has grown from a summer program with 40 adult students to one attended by 2,000 children, youth, adults and families and a renowned residential arts school for students from around the world — the only such residential arts school for ninth through 12th grade students on the West Coast.

For much of that history, Lowman, along with Summer Programs Director Steve Fraider, participated in and guided development of the growing institution, finding ways to respond to changes in demographics and economic conditions which, at a critical juncture, threatened the school's survival.

Lowman will give an overview of the history of ISOMATA and the Idyllwild Arts Academy, with a special



Idyllwild Arts President and Headmaster **Bill Lowman** at the 2011 graduation the year he retired. FILE PHOTO

emphasis on conditions in 1984-85 when the Summer Programs had become financially unsustainable and sale of the campus was contemplated by the governing board.

Lowman, who had left ISOMATA in 1976 to start a new arts school in Nevada, was asked back by the board in 1984 to find ways to make the Summer Programs viable. "The objective that first winter was to find a way to make the Summer Programs sustainable," he remembered. "The boarding school was not on the horizon then." After conducting thorough analyses of the Summer Programs, Lowman said it became apparent to him and the board that it was not, by itself, sustainable. "There was not enough programmatic activity to support and sustain the campus. Structurally, it would not work. It was an expensive program to run with insufficient revenue." Lowman said many options were considered, including selling the campus.

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But gradually, the idea of a college preparatory arts boarding school took hold. Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. MacNeal — of the MacNeal-Schwendler software corporation — provided startup funding that allowed the idea of a boarding school to move forward. MacNeal provided financial support from 1985 until 1992, giving Lowman and the board the foundation and security they needed to begin building the curricula, faculty and student body to allow them to take the kinds of calculated risks necessary to ensure the school's critical growth in its infancy.

It was a bold step that facilitated both the continuation of the Summer Programs and the creation of what has become the Idyllwild Arts Academy. "I came thinking my job was to save the Summer Programs and I realized I was building a school," said Lowman. "The solution also had to sustain the summer. Everything on campus had to have dual use."

Of that first summer as a teenager, Lowman said, "It was idyllic, just what founders Max and Bea Krone had intended. The beauty of it was the program and the artists. I came with my high school choral teacher, Marjorie Dickenson Anderson. It was a very conservative environment, dedicated to music education. We had to wear a coat and tie every night, to dress for dinner. There were 60 in the orchestra and 120 in the choir. It was thrilling."

Looking back, Lowman recalled, "I was really lucky to be part of those choirs and to have the opportunity throughout my career to shepherd the legacy of the Krone into a new world."

Lowman gives his presentation at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, in the Krone Library on the Idyllwild Arts campus. It is a rare opportunity to hear the storied history of ISOMATA and Idyllwild Arts from one of the few who was there through the periods of greatest challenge, growth and transformation.

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Travels with the TC



Resting on the window ledge in the ruins of the 10th century Armenian capital Ani, **Elaine Hoggan** of Pine Cove catches up on Idyllwild's news. In the background is the ancient Silk Road Bridge ruin crossing the border river between Armenia and Turkey. PHOTO BY RANA EROL

Nonprofit grant applications

The Community Foundation, Strengthening Inland Southern California through Philanthropy, is accepting grant applications from nonprofit organizations for four Field of Interest funds until Aug. 4.

The four Field of Interest funds are: Seraphim Fund that aids women and children; Fred and Eva V. Stebler Fund that provides for the treatment and care of indigent children in Riverside County with an emphasis on children with special needs; James Bernard and Mildred Jordan Tucker Fund that benefits wheelchair users; and the Irene S. Rockwell Fund that benefits the city of Perris.

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Idyllwild Arts Summer Program launches Writers Week

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

For many years, the Idyllwild Arts Summer Program has been known as a gathering place for some of the country's finest poets and writers. This year, summer faculty Amy Friedman, Samantha Dunn and Ed Skoog launched the first Writers Week, a cross-discipline conversation among poets, fiction and non-fiction writers, memoirists, essayists and screenwriters.

"For years, this was 'poetry week,' said Friedman. "And it was hard to fill classes. Even though Idyllwild is known as an arts town, it has not been known as a writers' haven. With Writers Week, our vision is to expand this into a cross-discipline, cross-pollinating series of conversations and to grow Writers Week into the best writing conference in the West."

To do so, co-coordinators Friedman, Dunn and Skoog assembled an extraordinary cast of writing talent including Luis J. Rodriguez, the official Poet Laureate of Los Angeles, appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti in 2014. Best known for his "Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in LA," Rodriguez travels the U.S. speaking in schools, conferences, prisons and libraries telling his story and finding ways to inspire writers among many whom society has abandoned.

Also, Natalie Diaz, award-winning poet, is a member of the Gila River Indian Tribe; Malachi Black, author of "Storm Toward Morning," finalist for the Poetry Society of America's First Book Award and assistant professor of English and Creative Writing at UCSD; Kim Krizan, Academy Award-nominated writer best known for creating the characters in the "Before Sunrise/Sunset" film



Idyllwild Arts Summer Program's first Writers Week capped a successful five-day writer conference with dinner, readings and music at Nelson Hall on the IA campus. Here, conference co-organizers **Ed Skoog** (left), **Amy Friedman** (center) and **Samantha Dunn** (to Friedman's right) talk with Fellowship students **Diana Khoi Nguyen** (second from left) and **Randall James Tyrone** (far right). Fellowship student **Anna Killen** is hidden behind Tyrone.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Kids win prizes for summer reading

Idyllwild Library's summer reading program began Monday and includes lots of opportunities to earn prizes.

Between June 20 and July 27, kids entering the Read to the Rhythm, Save for College program have a chance to win a \$500 ScholarShare 529 account.

And between June 20 and Aug. 31, kids who read five books will receive a free kid's meal from the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Music video making at the library

Start the summer off with planning and producing a children's music video. Open to all children and teens, the first meeting will be an introduction and planning meeting for making Ylvis' music video "What Does the Fox Say?"

Masks will be made and songs will be learned in preparation for filming. The event is from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 16, at the Idyllwild Library.

Teen event at library

Teens are invited to the Marble Boogie Marble Run at the Idyllwild Library. All teens are welcome to create and play with marble runs.

The library will provide some premade runs and also have some supplies to create with — or bring your own tubes, funnels or chutes. And bring your imagination.

Food is provided. Teens are welcome to bring extra snacks.

The free event is from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 21.

Free lunch on Thursday

Every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church at 25525 Tahquitz Drive offers a free, warm lunch through the cooperation of Fairway Market. The Caring Community Lunch is open to anyone.

series; novelist Shanna Mahin, MacDowell Colony and Norman Mailer Colony fellow and PEN Center Emerging Voices fellow; and David L. Ulin, book critic of the Los Angeles Times.

Conference attendees experienced a wide sampling of lectures and readings from presenters and five Writers Week student fellows. Friedman noted the success of the concept and the week. "Classes were filled and the excitement was amazing," she said. "Our goal with this convocation is to expand the understanding of what is art. Next year, we're going to add to the disciplines represented by bringing in songwriters Alanis Morissette and Jennifer Warnes."

Rodriguez summed up the feeling of the week. "We make art and art is what makes us," he said. He spoke on "From Trauma to Transformation: How Poetry Can Heal Persons and Communities." "I work with the most troubled, whom most people don't want to be involved with and those who think they have nothing to offer. I

find a way in and plant seeds of understanding with people considered peripheral." And in the process, with street gangs, with prisoners, with Ku Klux Klan kids in West Virginia, Rodriguez finds art. "I have seen so much beauty coming out of street ugliness," he said. "We start with imagination, and even with the most troubled, there is the potential to re-imagine the world. My job is to plant new seeds and to start others thinking about what can be different."

Writers Week ran from Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 10. Co-organizers Friedman, Dunn and Skoog are each award-winning writers and dedicated teachers, excited to be promoting the understanding of writing and facilitating the connection between disciplines. For more about Friedman, Dunn and Skoog, visit www.amyfriedman.net, www.samanthadunn.net and www.edskoog.com.

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Idyllwild Arts 66th Annual Summer Program

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

7:30pm Throwback Summer Celebration Lecture Series:
Bill Lowman, Krone Library

FRIDAY, JULY 24

7pm Young Harpist Recital 7pm, Stephens

SATURDAY, JULY 25

12pm Symphonic Band Culmination Concert, IAF Theatre
2pm HS Wind Ensemble Culmination Concert, IAF Theatre
4pm HS Symphony Orchestra, IAF Theatre

TUESDAY, JULY 28

8pm Parks Exhibition Center Opening Reception,
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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Idyllwild Actors Theatre does Durang

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Actor and playwright Christopher Durang writes comedy — satire, dark comedy, parody and absurdist. The Idyllwild Actors Theatre next presents a full stage, al fresco celebration of 12 of Durang's shorter pieces, called "Durang Durang, a Blissfully Silly Collection of Plays."

Durang's play titles often capture his particular fascination with the gothic and goofy, the giddy and glorious such as early cabaret pieces at Yale with co-author Albert Innaurato, "I Don't Generally Like Poetry But Have You Read 'Trees?'" and "The Life Story of Mitzi Gaylor" and, with Wendy Wasserstein, "When Dinah Shore Ruled the World." At Yale, again with co-author Innaurato, Durang launched his first professional production, "The Idiots Karamazov," starring then-student Meryl Streep.

In 1980, Durang's one-act play "Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You" ran Off Broadway to rave reviews and earned him an Obie Award (the Off Broadway equivalent of a Tony) for best play. In the 1980s, Durang, again showing his delight for turning the familiar on end, wrote an original screenplay for Warner Brothers called "The Nun Who Shot Liberty Valence." In 2013, Durang won a Tony and Drama Desk Award for Best

Play and Outstanding Play respectively, for his Chekhov riff "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike."

By now you get the picture or the plays-on-words you are likely to experience by attending IAT's "Durang Durang" on Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25, under the stars in the garden of the Rainbow Inn.

Directed by American Film Institute grad Ken Luber, "Durang Durang" stars Michelle Marsh, Jeri Greene, Preston Sparks, Jeannette Rogers, Christina Lee Nordella, Jacob Teel, Mark Rogers, Barbara Rayliss and Suzanne Avalon. Luber, a recipient of the Inland Theatre League award for directing, promises the audience an evening of intelligent and enjoyable theater by a great contemporary comedic playwright.

IAT founder and producer Avalon touted having outdoor, summer theater evening productions as a welcome new addition to the Idyllwild entertainment scene. "I'm really excited to have this as a new venue, the Rainbow Inn stage and garden," she said.

Curtain time on both Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25 is 8 p.m. There is a reception prior to each performance at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and are available at the door and online at www.idyllwildactorstheatre.com. For other questions, call 951-692-9553.

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"Durang Durang, a Blissfully Silly Collection of Plays" by Tony Award-winning playwright Christopher Durang plays Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25, as a main stage Idyllwild Actors Theatre production under the stars at the Rainbow Inn. Shown here in rehearsal are Barbara Rayliss (left) and Michelle Marsh in a scene from Durang's short piece "Phyllis and Xenobia."

PHOTO COURTESY SUZANNE AVALON.

So You Think You Know the Hill?

BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE



Maury Bousquet, Kathy Nielson, Linda Otterbeck, Dorothy Silliman and Merrie VonSeggern — all *Usual Suspects* — all correctly identified last week's photo as being a natural wood railing at Idyllwild Vacation Rentals behind the Candy Cupboard on North Circle Drive. Out of the hat Dolores Sizer pulled Otterbeck's name. So, Linda, please pick up your two tickets to Shane Stewart's Rustic Theatre at the Town Crier. I'll give you a hint as to this week's photo: It's not in Tahiti.

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

Handwriting analysis class

Elizabeth Miller and Antoinette Berthelotte of Idyllwild Hypnotherapy and Counseling Center are hosting an Introduction to Handwriting Analysis from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, July 17, at the Caine Learning Center on Pine Crest Ave.

The free event is presented by Margaret Rondeau, a handwriting specialist.

Spanish Book Club at library

A Spanish language book club will meet every other week in the Idyllwild Library study room. The first title the club will read is "Doce Pilares" (Twelve Pilars) by Jim Rohn and Chris Widener.

The next meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28.

For more information, call Edgar or Jannette Santiago at 951-719-9454.

Adults win prizes for summer reading

The Idyllwild Library's adult summer reading program began July 1. All adult patrons are invited to participate through the month of July.

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Note: No children, please.

Junior Naturalists have four new programs



TLC ...

BY BRYAN ASCH
REPS TRAINING CENTERS

What does it take to be truly happy, healthy, and perhaps even excited at the opportunity to take on a new activity, goal or just a new day? Many variables are in this equation making it difficult at times to figure out. And when expected to take ourselves to task on this immensely laborious effort, we get overwhelmed with information from every direction.

A healthy physical and mental being is fundamentally essential for all we wish to accomplish. So how do we ensure we are being given the correct information?

Find the professionals who aren't just experts but who also really care — care about you and your concerns, how you feel physically and mentally, your fears or phobias and your budget.

Do professionals who demonstrate the balance between technical skill set and humanity, knowledge and compassion, operating with business ethics exist in today's world narrative?

Welcome to a brave new world, my fellow Idyllwildians: professional caring by professionals who truly care. An alliance is forming among a select group of local health-care practitioners with the intent of putting together easy-to-follow, complete programs involving all aspects of a healthy lifestyle, one that effortlessly integrates into our lives while transitioning our behavior from unhealthful patterns into models of efficiency with ease of application.

This alliance already has an incredible pool of talented individuals and businesses, all of which are located conveniently on the Hill and dedicated to consistently innovating their ability to provide what is necessary and needed, including, but not limited to medical specialists, therapeutic massage, acupressure and acupuncture, rehabilitation, strength and cardio training and conditioning, dentistry, nutrition, yoga and self-defense. We even have select restaurants that have shown interest in dedicating healthful, yet flavorful, menu items.

The lead for this endeavour is the practice of Dr. Kenneth C. Browning and his staff. TLC is not just an acronym for tender loving care, but for therapeutic lifestyle changes, too. Ken is a Western medical doctor taking the time to dialog with colleagues, as well as health-care professionals from all areas, including Eastern, homeopathic, etc., to find the right path for each individual.

Fatigue, aches and pains, excess weight, depression, anxiety and other causes of reduced well-being are not normal features of aging. The reality is that chronic disease is predominately caused by unhealthful lifestyles and is largely preventable and reversible.

Imagine a world in which our interactions are unimpeded by physical or mental limitations; a world in which we tell our grandchildren to hold the camera snapping a few pics of us enjoying our lives again as opposed to being relegated to the voyeurism of living vicariously through theirs. Well, don't imagine any longer and instead come ride the rapids of change that lead to the rivers of your youth.

Stay tuned for more updates on the new, forming Idyllwild Health Alliance and more useful health tips from our growing list of professionals.

BY SALLY HEDBERG
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

This Saturday at the Nature Center, the Junior Naturalists will be learning "What's Beneath the Earth." This program will focus on geology and is open to ages 6 to 12. Mentor Sherri Domenigoni will present the program, along with Monique Grover and Lyric Hemmer, summer interns provided by a grant from the The Community Foundation.

On July 25, "The Power of Plants" has interns Haley Neu and Alyssa Ford working with mentors. "Flying with the Birds" on Aug. 1 features bird naturalist Susie Hamson and her interns Monique and Lyric. The final program is Aug. 15, "Can you Relate," and is all about mammals and fun with mentor Scott Fisher and intern Leela Kintz-Roozen.

The cost is \$4 per child and \$3 if the family is a member of the Nature Center. All Junior Naturalist programs are on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Don't forget Butterfly Daze Saturday, Aug. 8. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., learn about the Monarchs. See them up



Idyllwild Nature Center Junior Naturalist interns, from left, Monique Grover, Haley Neu, Alyssa Ford and Leela Kintz-Loozen. Not shown is Lyric Hemmer. PHOTO BY JYOTI KINTZ

close in the Butterfly Pavilion as they land on your piece of watermelon. There will be lots of butterfly crafts and games. The summer interns, Haley, Alyssa, Monique, Lyric and Leela, will be helping, too.

The Idyllwild Nature Center is located at 25225 Highway 243 in Idyllwild. The phone number is 951-659-3850.

Art Farm and Flea Market

Mountain Feed and Hay in Mountain Center sponsors an Art, Farm and Flea Market the fourth Saturday of the month in the summer.

Featuring local arts, food and crafts, the event is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 25, Aug. 22 and Sept. 26.

Poetry Fridays every week at library

The public is invited to read, write, listen or experience the beauty and necessity of poetry on Poetry Fridays at the Idyllwild Library.

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Off the Main Roads

By HELENE LOHR, RIVERSIDE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

Life through the lens ...

Out on a forest trail, I was just closing on a particularly gorgeous specimen of *Passiflora Edulis* Sims with my iPhone camera when the phone gave the morose little beep of a dying battery. What? It was fully charged when I headed out!

I glanced down with surprise at the glowering red battery icon ... How could I have used that much battery in the last two hours?

The answer was pretty simple. I was completely immersed in experiencing the world through my viewscreen. A couple hours of continuous use was more than enough to use up the battery.

Thinking back, I realized that lately I had been spending far more time behind my camera lens than I had directly experienced the sights, smells and sounds of the world around me. I recognized that I needed to once again re-evaluate my use of technology in nature—to find a balance that enhances my connection, rather than detracting from it.

Here are some key steps I use to help me find my personal balance between technology and nature:

1) Realize that modern technology is not inherently nature's enemy. It's just a tool. Used correctly, technology absolutely can help us connect better with nature.

Online nature photography can motivate us to visit a beautiful place. Google Earth can help us plan our expeditions. Hiking forums, web-based meetup groups and amazing outdoor photo communities like Yonder can inspire us to join together with others.

At the same time, unaware usage can narrow our experience of nature—shut down our senses, funnel our experiences through the camera lens, have us checking our social media or chatting on the phone while out on the trail.

In order to see if you need to rebalance your personal relationship with tech and nature, ask yourself on which side of this equation do you usually fall?

2) Test for addiction. The instant gratification of snapping a photo provides your brain with a quick shot of dopamine. If you're not sure where you stand, try this simple test for addiction.

Stash your camera in your pack for the day. If you find yourself automatically reaching for it at every beautiful view instead of letting your eyes explore and caress the mountains and valleys, then you might just consider a more extreme digital detox for your addiction.

3) Leave it behind. As a digital detox, choose designated times or trips you will leave your technology, i.e., cameras, music and even phones behind. Just experience nature through your own eyes and ears.

No matter how useful your technology is, it should not become a replacement for your own senses. Using our own eyes and ears helps us develop and strengthen mental pathways that actively connect us to the patterns of the world around us.

4) Interact with nature without your tech. Sit on a rock and draw what you see. Write or even just deeply listen to the world around you. All are far more intimate and revealing interactions with nature than simply snapping a photo.

Photos are so quick and convenient, we don't have to be really there to take them. A more committed form of "recording the moment" may ask more of you, but also can give you the gift of far greater connection with your world.

In the end, technology is only a tool. It offers the opportunity to get closer to nature and an equal potential for separation. It is in how we use our tools, our technology—mindfully. That is how we define our relationship as addicts or independents.



The Town Crier Fireball team was up to bat against Jo'An's Eagles Wednesday, July 8, during Town Hall Minor League Baseball at Idyllwild School. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Steele out at Scottish by one

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele came up shy of playing the weekend at the Scottish Open in Gullane, Scotland, on Friday.

The Idyllwild native posted a 1-under par 69-70—139 to miss the cut by one stroke.

The Scottish was his last chance to qualify for The (British) Open Championship to be played next week on the Old Course at St. Andrews, Scotland, after missing the same opportunity last week by a hair at the Open de France.

We expect we'll next see Brendan play in the \$5.8 million RBC Canadian Open, July 23 to 26, on the Glen Abbey course at Oakville, Ontario, Canada. But the official field will not be announced until late afternoon on July 17.

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



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Michael Dante brings Hollywood to Idyllwild

BY SALLY HEDBERG
SPECIAL TO THE TOWN CRIER

If you are a movie buff, a TV watcher, reader of books or just an Elvis aficionado you won't want to miss Michael Dante's author talk and book signing at the Idyllwild Library. Branch Librarian Shannon Ng has a series of events planned all around his previous famous visit in Idyllwild filming "Kid Galahad." The making of this movie starring Elvis Presley put Idyllwild on the map in 1962. Michael was one of the actors who struck up a friendship with Elvis during this film.

The first event will be the showing of the classic film "Kid Galahad" at 11 a.m. in the library. The film's story is about a shrewd gambler who wants to use a boxing champ, played by Elvis, as his pawn and it's up to Elvis to show him what winning is all about. Following the movie at 1 p.m., Michael will give a presentation with a question-and-answer session and share many stories about Elvis and his own experiences as an actor. Following the presentation, Shannon will hand out maps prepared by the Idyllwild Area Historical Society. These self-guided maps show all the filming locations. IAHS has a permanent display, including pictures and the

original poster.

Michael is very recognizable and it's no wonder. During his career, he appeared in 30 films and 150 TV shows while under contract with three major studios. Besides appearing in many Westerns, he appeared in the TV shows "Get Smart," "Bonanza," "Perry Mason," "Maverick" and "Gunsmoke," just to name a few. He won the Golden Globe of Westerns and many other awards for his movies. He was awarded the Southern California Motion Picture Council Award for the "Best of the Best" in the Performing Arts.

He lives in Rancho Mirage with his wife Mary Jane where he is very active in many charity events. He will be a special guest at the yearly Star Trek Convention in Las Vegas Aug. 6 to 9. He was cast as a Capelian chieftain on "Star Trek" and worked on many episodes. He also will be a special guest at the 60th anniversary of "Gunsmoke" in Dodge City, Kansas, Sept. 25 to 28.

Michael will sign his new autobiography, "Michael Dante — From Hollywood to Michael Dante Way," and will have personal autographed photos with Elvis, both for sale. The Idyllwild Library is located at 54401 Village Center Drive, Idyllwild. The event is free and open to the public.



Author/Actor **Michael Dante** to speak at the Idyllwild Library this Saturday. PHOTO COURTESY MICHAEL DANTE

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Friday July 17

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Monday July 20

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In addition to new owners Greg and Lynn Adams, they also have new hours, now opening at 11 a.m.

LACASITA

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An ownership change for Idyllwild Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro occurs this week. The new owners, **Lynn and Greg Adams** (left), receive the key to the bistro from the original owners, **Dave and Julie Dillon** (right) over the weekend.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



Maureen McElligot (center) with Nature Center volunteer **Scott Fisher** (left) and Master Gardener **Bill Bair** (right) opened this year's Lemon Lily Festival with a blessing for the native Lemon Lily Saturday morning.

PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Churches and Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

Christian Science Church

25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-Noon.

Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship

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Idyllwild Assembly of God

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Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers bring cowboy swing

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers, Arizona imports, are award-winning practitioners of Western music — the music of the American West, composed by and about the people who worked and settled the western United States and Canada.

The five-piece group appears next, Thursday, July 23, for Ken Dahleen's Idyllwild Summer Concert Series. Directly related musically to English, Scottish and Irish folk ballads, Western music celebrates life on the open range — the loneliness, the beauty, the challenges, the freedom and the heartaches.

Named 2012 Western Music Group of the Year by the Western Music Association, the Rustlers are led by songwriter, vocalist and bass player Marvin O'Dell. O'Dell, a retired

Baptist minister, stressed their evening of everything from cowboy classics and Western swing to cowboy gospel and patriotic tributes will be family friendly. In honor of Herb Jeffries, the band will perform O'Dell's tribute to Jeffries, "The Bronze Buckaroo." "He had wanted to record with us, but his health was failing and it didn't work out," remembered O'Dell.

Reflecting the genesis of Western music and the ranch houses where the music was originally performed, the Rhythm Rustlers are a string band, with strong vo-

cal harmonies. Joining O'Dell are Jean Sudbury on fiddle, award-winning guitarist and vocalist Dan McCorison, with Gale Rogers and Audrey Pett joining on vocals.

O'Dell said the Rustlers would keep the tempos lively and throw in an occasional cowboy waltz for those whose tastes run to sweet and sentimental. Otto Gray, an early cowboy band leader, believed all Western music tempos came from the gait of a cowpony — a walk, a trot or a lope — and that the richly harmonious singing also was very improvisational, reflecting

the freedom of the open range.

So if your ears and hearts hanker for cowboy sentiment found in standards like "Cool Water," "Back in the Saddle Again," "Red River Valley" and "Ghost Riders in the Sky," put your arm around your fellow or gal, break open a beverage and reminisce about those days and nights spent among the tumbleweeds, cacti and cattle — in a time when things were simpler and sweeter.

On the other hand, if dancin' is your thing, break out your boots, your steps, your glides and moves, and find your place on the dance floor. It will be crowded.

RHRR takes the stage at 7 p.m. Locals Roger Dutton and Friends open for the Rhythm Rustlers at 6 p.m.

The budget for the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series is financed through

sponsorships and donations. As of this writing, \$16,828 of the \$31,000 budget has been raised. Anyone wishing to become a sponsor of the series may contact Ken Dahleen at 951-659-2229. Water and ice sales at the concert venue are donated to help fund the series.

For more information about the Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers, visit www.redhotrhythmrustlers.com or www.musikode.com.

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



The Red Hot Rhythm Rustlers, an Arizona-based, award-winning cowboy music band, is the Thursday, July 23, headliner at the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series. PHOTO COURTESY RED HOT RHYTHM RUSTLERS.



Despite the chilly weather Thursday night, a few dancers took to the floor during the Lew Matthews Quintet at the Idyllwild Community Center site. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Support for families of elderly

The Riverside County Office on Aging offers the Care Pathways Program Offers, a support for families caring for older adults. Support for Families Caring for Older Adults.

A series of 12, two-hour support group workshop classes include "Living With Dementia," "Signs of Stress," "Communicating in Challenging Situa-

tions," "Legal Issues Part I & II," "Managing Medications," "Taking Charge of Your Health," "Emotional Health," "Grieving," "A Natural Reaction to Loss," "How To Talk To Your Doctor," "Caregiver Burnout" and "Healthy Lifestyles."

To register for the next series of classes, call 951-867-3800 or 1-800-510-2020.



Travels with the TC

Todd Hoggan of Idyllwild is up north in Humboldt studying small mammals for the U.S. Forest Service Redwood Science Lab. His wife, Heidi, mails him the Town Crier so he can stay in touch with the town he loves. PHOTO BY TODD HOGGAN



Ryan Strickland of Idyllwild and Ben Shackelford of Huntington Beach recently climbed the Muir Wall, one of the longest routes on El Capitan in Yosemite. The two spent six days and five nights on the wall to complete the 2,800-foot climb. Here, Ryan is relaxing with the Town Crier in his portaledge about 2,000 feet up. PHOTO BY BEN SHACKELFORD

Off the Leash

BY CONOR O'FARRELL

From captivity to liberation: a theological journey...

On June 26, my wife and I celebrated our 17th wedding anniversary. We had a lovely day at the beach and got home that evening.

It wasn't until getting home that I read the paper and got the news of the Supreme Court's ruling on marriage equality. I had a profound feeling that this was a historic time in our country's history, on par with the passing of the Civil Rights Act in 1964.

How ironic that this historic ruling on marriage equality by the court fell on the same day as our wedding anniversary. The next day I took to Facebook and posted a couple of articles about the court's ruling and some comments of my own on why I supported the court's decision.

What followed were some comments challenging my position, mainly by friends more conservative than me, mostly for religious reasons. A good healthy debate followed.

I understood the conservative Christian point of view because I spent a lot of time with the conservative evangelical movement in the 1970s. I came up through the ranks, studied my Bible, honed my theology, could quote verses by memory and spoke in a form of "Bible speak" that only the initiated could understand.

I was a true believer and was entirely miserable. The joy that some believers spoke of was foreign to me; the only comfort I had to hang onto was that I was right. I believed in the right things.

I was much like the Pharisees during Jesus' time. "White-washed tombs" is what Jesus called them, clean and righteous on the outside but on the inside they had no love of God.

My life came crashing down in my late 20s and I was forced to take a new path, a path full of grace, a path without judgment, a path that led me to see the life of Christ with new eyes and begin to hear his voice with new ears. Aslan was on the move.

I came to believe that God is not bound within the cover of a book, that God transcends literature, gender, sexuality, race, nationality, religion and all the other things that humans create as a way to distinguish ourselves from others. God transcends it all.

Jesus spent a good deal of time calling out religious leaders who replaced their love of God with a love of "The Law" (i.e., The Book), a love for a moral code that was brutally enforced for centuries.

Why is it that we, who proclaim the message of Jesus, continue to fall back on old habits? What is so comfortable about "The Law"? Are we like the eternal prisoner, who, when once released, commits a crime so they can return back to the cell they feel so comfortable in. They choose captivity over freedom because captivity is what they know and sticking to what you know is easier than adapting to a new way of thinking.

Paul tells us that we are free from "The Law" and Christ tells us to love the Lord our God with all our heart and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. He encourages us to do this because it fulfills all the laws and the prophets.

Are not our gay brothers and sisters our neighbors? Should they not be entitled to the same joys we experience ourselves, joys given to us from above, namely, the joy of intimacy with another human being?

Let's be honest with ourselves. We cherry pick verses from the Bible that reinforce what we already believe. When we use Leviticus to justify our discrimination against gay people, "for a man to lie with a man as he does with a woman, is an abomination to the Lord," we overlook the preceding verse that states that if a man



David Jerome entertains visitors during the Lemon Lily Launch and Taste Idyllwild event held Thursday at the Nature Center. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



Successful art fair

Another successful Second Saturday Art Fair was held this past weekend. PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

sleeps with another man's wife, the sentence is death.

I don't hear many Christians advocating the death penalty for adultery, but yet pluck out a verse and use it as a way to discriminate against Gay people? Do we treat menstruating women differently? The Bible says we should. Do we gouge out our eye if it offends me? I certainly hope not. The word of God is a gift, it is good news to captives and release to the prisoners, it is not a tool of separation and exclusion.

In the early church, we Gentiles were not allowed to join the followers of Jesus. We weren't part of the tribe, and we were unclean and unwelcomed. Then, in the Book of Acts, Peter goes into a trance and dreams of food.

God says, "Go ahead and eat." Peter replies, "Oh no, Lord, I have never eaten anything common or unclean." God says, "What God has cleansed, you shall not call common."

Like Peter, we all have room to grow, new ways of seeing the world. At one time or another, we have all been the outsider.

When I stand before God I would rather be judged for being too accepting of people — of all people — than to be judged for being too rigid, too intolerant of others. When it comes to the message of Jesus, it is always better to err on the side of love.

June 26, 2015, was a historic day in our country's history, I'm sure the conflict is not over but I look forward to the day when it becomes merely a footnote.



LIVE MUSIC

**Wednesday, July 15 -
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Friday, July 17 - Jazmotazz

Wednesday, July 22 - Willie B.

Friday, July 24 - That's All Folk

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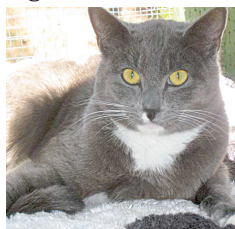
BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

All four paws up to our Chihuahua, **Peanut**, aka **Paco**. All it takes is great behavior and smiling eyes, and you find yourself in the loving arms of your new forever human. Good for you, Peanut. We will always love you, too.

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Mr. Grey has spent the last month wishing his best buddy **Tommy** was still around. It took him awhile but he's coming around. And he wonders if you have a friendly cat that



he could share your home with? Mr. Grey is about 4 years old, and very polite. He is a bit shy in the beginning.

ARF has many cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. All pets are spayed, neutered and current on shots. Visit www.arf-idyllwild.weebly.com and click on Petfinder. There is also a link for Facebook.

You can always call ARF at 951-659-1122. Calls are answered before the end of the day. ARF is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

Creature Corner is sponsored this week by The Spruce Moose and Chena.



Past

Tense

65 years ago - 1950

Realtors were advertising cabins with fireplaces for \$3,750 and acre-sized lots for \$1,250.

60 years ago - 1955

C.L. Emerson died in Hemet at the age of 82. He had been associated with the early development of Idyllwild and purchased the Idyllwild Inn in 1917.

55 years ago - 1960

Dr. Max Krone said ISOMATA (now Idyllwild Arts Academy) was considering plans for a year-round college prep school, with an emphasis on the arts.

50 years ago - 1965

A town-wide party was being planned by the Idyllwild Property Owners Association for Rita Patton, who had just retired as postmaster after 26 years of service in Idyllwild.

45 years ago - 1970

A plan to widen North Circle Drive to 66 feet



The Town Crier received word last week that one of its former writers, **Mickey Miller Regal** (shown at the TC in the late 1960s or early 1970s), recently died. The former resident was 89. FILE PHOTO

was rejected. After Riverside County Planning Commissioner Robert O'Donnell told his colleagues that local residents opposed the proposal, the Planning Department turned down the proposal.

40 years ago - 1975

Tragedy marred the Fourth of July holiday on the Hill when a 19-year-old Riverside man drowned at Lake Fulmor.

35 years ago - 1980

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors voted to increase the county dump fees from \$10 to \$18.90 for single-family residences. The increase would appear on the 1980-81 property tax bills for homeowners in

the mountain areas.

30 years ago - 1985

Former Riverside County Supervisor Kay Cenicerros led a dedication ceremony renaming the Scenic Trail, a 2.5-mile trail from Humber Park to the South Ridge Trail, as the Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail in honor of the longtime Hill resident.

25 years ago - 1990

A dedication ceremony was held for the installation of a bronze plaque commemorating the Idyllwild Tree Monument and listing names of the more than 160 donors who made its creation possible.

20 years ago - 1995

Careline California

was named as provider of ambulance service for Pine Cove. However, about 40 Pine Cove residents attended the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners meeting to make a plea that the Idyllwild Fire Department provide service for Pine Cove residents.

15 years ago - 2000

Ken Dahleen was putting together his first Summer Concert Series. The first concert by country group The Nightriders would be held in the open lot behind the Idyllwild Tree Monument (now the site of the Village Centre shopping plaza).

10 years ago - 2005

After being a primary club in the Idyllwild area for 45 years, the 39ers disbanded.

5 years ago - 2010

The endangered Lemon Lily, native to the Hill, now had its own month thanks to the efforts of Idyllwild citizens who were promoting the Lemon Lily Festival.

1 year ago - 2014

Bright green new foliage had begun to carpet land ravaged a year earlier by the Mountain Fire, which began at privately owned Gibraltar West Ranch in Mountain Center on July 15, 2013.

Rhythm and whoos

Tawny Harrington (center) sings about owls and plays her guitar for this week's story time at the Idyllwild Library Monday morning. Participants (from left) are **Gabriella Clark-Igoudin**, **Quentin Hogan** and **Amelie Peebles**. Tawny's son **Kylo**, far left, accompanied her on guitar.

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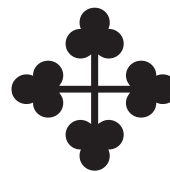
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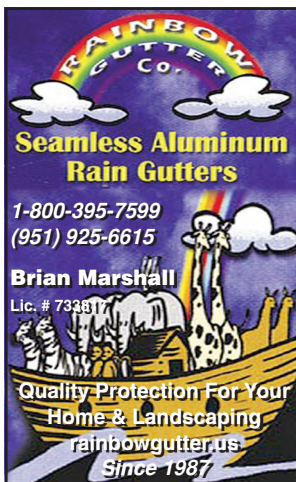
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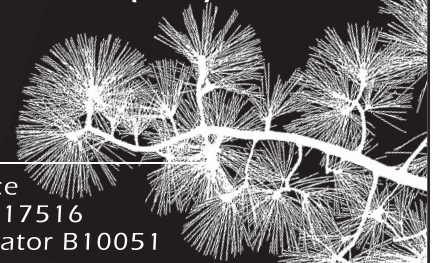
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WORD SEARCH

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Almost	Glory	Nests	Thinks
Angles	Hears	Piano	Title
Aren't	Hunts	Ranches	Trail
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as BIKINIS-N-MARTINIS, 10810 Inland Avenue Mira Loma, CA 91752, Riverside County. LEVECKE CORPORATION, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma CA 91752. A California Corporation CA A 27762.

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

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

Registrant Signature: JOSEPH R. LEVECKE Secretary

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

FILE NO.: R-201505629

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

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). 6064. Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates,

are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk

Pub. TC: June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PUR COLD PRESSED JUICE, PUR COLD PRESSED, PUR JUICE CO., THE JUICE CHICK, 54675 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 4218, Idyllwild, CA 92549. A TRIBE CALLED EARTH LLC, 54675 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild CA 92549. A California Limited Liability Company.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 03/13/15.

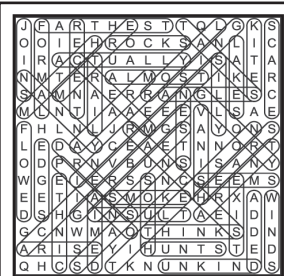
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Registrant Signature: SHON CHRISTOPHER HARTMAN Managing Member

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

FILE NO.: R-201506240

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b)



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OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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Pub. TC: June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as UNCLE BOB'S DISTILLING CO., 10810 Inland Ave. Mira Loma, CA 91752,

Riverside County. LEVECKE CORPORATION, 10810 Inland Ave., Mira Loma CA 91752, a California Corporation.

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

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

Registrant Signature: J. NEIL LEVECKE President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on June 2, 2015.

FILE NO.: R-201505562

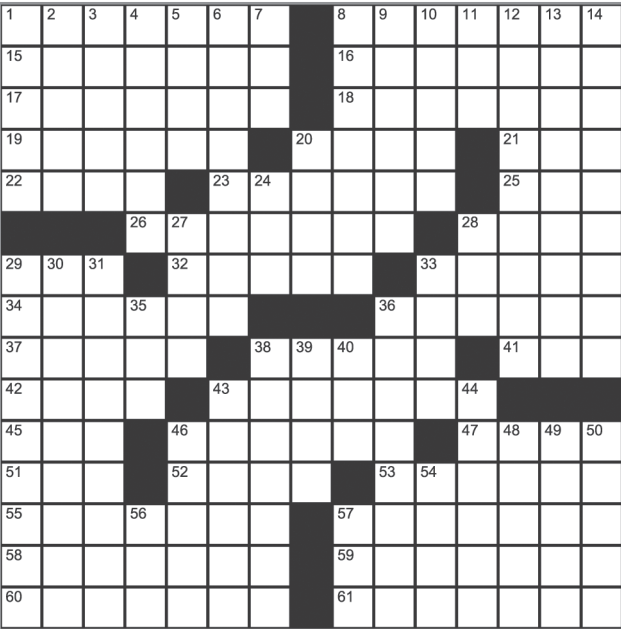
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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1. Become agitatedly confused
- 8. Two-____ (lieutenant)
- 15. Small dirty uncomfortable room
- 16. Childish
- 17. Involves
- 18. Profound
- 19. Eyelike markings in animals
- 20. Big game
- 21. Dusk, to Donne
- 22. "I, Claudius" role
- 23. Vexatious
- 25. 100 lbs.
- 26. Error
- 28. 1922 Physics Nobel
- 29. Increase, with "up"
- 32. Kind of wave
- 33. Skin problem
- 34. Some N.C.O.'s
- 36. Back
- 37. Best
- 38. Newswoman

DOWN

- 41. Undertake, with "out"
- 42. At one time, at one time
- 43. Malicious coward
- 45. Bird's beak
- 46. Employee
- 47. Battery contents
- 51. Calendar square
- 52. "ER" doctor
- 53. Japanese emperor
- 55. Rack
- 57. Card game with 48 cards (var. spell.)
- 58. Pertaining to family favoritism
- 59. Sets down in writing
- 60. African pests
- 61. Subject of this puzzle

- 4. Hello and goodbye
- 5. Drudgery
- 6. Marks used to indicate an omission of words
- 7. ____ gestae
- 8. Pig iron containing manganese
- 9. Adjust an instrument to a desired pitch (2 wds)
- 10. Have another go at
- 11. Anger
- 12. Fir tree seed producers
- 13. In a different place
- 14. Pointing inward
- 20. Computer info
- 24. "Acid"
- 27. Any thing
- 28. A small piece
- 29. Moving upward
- 30. Weddings
- 31. Farsighted

- person
- 33. Boris Godunov, for one
- 35. Gangster's gun
- 36. Disturbing
- 38. Units of astronomical length
- 39. Says "When?"
- 40. Adaptable truck, for short
- 43. Something extraordinary
- 44. Member of an armed gang of robbers
- 46. Formal orders
- 48. Desert bloomers
- 49. Runs in neutral
- 50. What ____ thou here?
- 54. ____-European
- 56. "____ a chance"
- 57. Pandowdy, e.g.

HOROSCOPES

July 2015 — Week 3



March 21 – April 19

Will you, or won't you, Aries? Look within for the answer. Pleas for help at work are finally answered. Celebrate with an afternoon gathering.



April 20 – May 20

Yep, Taurus. A family member needs to get a clue, but it is not your place to tell them. Try to do so, and you will regret it. A puzzle is solved.



May 21 – June 21

You snooze, you lose, Gemini. It is that simple. Leave no stone unturned in your research and show up at every meeting ready to go.



June 22 – July 22

You've cornered the market, Cancer. Now it's time to turn your focus elsewhere. A tale of woe ends with a lesson learned. Music soothes the soul.



July 23– August 22

Love it or leave it, Leo. There is no middle ground with this one. You either pledge to give it your all or bow out now. Changes in diet improve a health condition.



August 23– September 22

A difference of opinion gets the week off to a rocky start. Lucky for you, it will be over before you know it, Virgo. A relative stops by with a gift



September 23– October 22

You will never know unless you give it a try, Libra. Sign up! A shouting match at home ends in laughter. Organizational skills are put to the test.



October 23– November 21

Raise the bar, Scorpio. There is money to be made. A walk down memory lane clears up a mystery. A health issue eases with an old-fashioned remedy.



November 22– December 21

Dream on, Sagittarius. You can ask to be repaid all you want, but it's never going to happen. Consider the loan a gift and make a mental note never to do that again.



December 22 – January 19

Practice makes perfect, but not always, Capricorn. No matter how hard you try, you will never master an activity. You can have fun with it, though.



January 20 – February 18

Bold moves set the stage for a takeover. Do your part, Aquarius. People are counting on you. Debt mounts out of necessity. A loan is not the answer.



February 19 – March 20

Trust must be earned, Pisces. If a loved one does not understand that, now is the time to tell them. A complaint is lodged at work.

Applying for Environmental Award
The online application period to apply for the state's most prestigious environmental achievement award is now open. Applications for the 2015 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards program are available at calepa.ca.gov/Awards/GEELA/.
The GEELA program recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses that have demonstrated exceptional leadership for voluntary achievements in conserving California's resources, protecting and enhancing the environment, building public-private partnerships, and strengthening the state's economy. Applications are due Friday, July 24, 2015.
GEELA winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in Sacramento and will receive recognition through a California Environmental Protection Agency-issued press release, promotion through social media accounts, and prominent placement on the CalEPA website. Recipients of this year's award will also receive a 2015 GEELA Winner logo for use on a website or printed materials.

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2015.

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WALTER BRYANT DORSEY
Case No. INP 1500186
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, Street Address: 46200 Oasis Street, Indio CA 92201, Branch Name: Larson Justice Center - Probate.
ESTATE OF: DORSEY, WALTER BRYANT
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF WALTER BRYANT DORSEY
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Walter Bryant Dorsey.
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Donna Jean Dorsey and Philip H. Dorsey in the Superior Court of California, County of RIVERSIDE.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Donna Jean Dorsey and Philip H. Dorsey be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on 08/06/2015 at 8:45 a.m. in Dept. 1A located at 46200 Oasis Street, Indio, CA 92201.
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California

Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for Petitioner: Joel Phillip Driver III
34400 DATE PALM DRIVE, SUITE M
CATHEDRAL CITY, CA 92234
408.806.9895
Pub. TC: July 9, 16, 23, 2015

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following fictitious business name IDYLL AWHILE WINE SHOPPE BISTRO, 54245 N. Circle Dr. Unit C-8, Idyllwild, CA 92549 County: Riverside, has been abandoned by the following person: DANJWINE INC, 54245 N. Circle Dr. C-8, Idyllwild, CA 92549. A California Corporation.
This business is conducted by a Corporation. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 11/18/2011.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
Signed:
JULIE DILLON
Secretary
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 07/07/15.

FILE NO.: I-201103145
CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: July 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDYLL AWHILE WINE SHOPPE & BISTRO at 54245 North Circle Drive Suite C-8, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 4100, Idyllwild, CA 92549. IDYLL AWHILE INC., 26280 THACKER DR, HEMET CA 92544. A California Corporation.
This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)
Registrant Signature: GREGORY TODD ADAMS
President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 7, 2015.
FILE NO.: R-201507086
NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF

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County offering help for businesses
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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: July 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as 88 FAR EAST INTERNATIONAL at 54225 North Circle Drive, #2 & 3, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: 59363 Hwy 74, Mountain Center, CA 92561. YAFEN ----- YAN, 59363 Hwy 74, Mountain Center, CA 92561.
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: YAFEN ----- YAN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 8, 2015.
FILE NO.: R-201507172

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: July 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6, 2015.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as MOUNTAIN WOODWORKS, 26920 Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 1925, Idyllwild, CA 92549. MARC GREGORY KLINGMAN, 26920 Saunders Meadow Road, 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: MARC GREGORY KLINGMAN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 9, 2015.
FILE NO.: R-201507217

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CERTIFICATION
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk
Pub. TC: July 16, 23, 30, Aug. 6, 2015.

NOTICE OF GENERAL DISTRICT ELECTION
PINYON PINES COUNTY WATER DISTRICT
Notice is hereby given that a General District Election will be held in the above district on November 3, 2015 and that the offices for which candidates may be nominated for said election are as follows:
3 Directors
The qualifications for these offices required under the principal act under which the district is organized are that candidates be registered electors residing within the boundaries of the district, or division thereof.
An official Declaration of Candidacy for eligible persons desiring to file for any of the elective offices is available at the office of the Secretary of the District (Please call for an appointment 760-349-3261), or at the office

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Cancer support group in town
A cancer support group meets at 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Idyllwild Library. The group shares strength, hope, comfort and experience of cancer issues — a “soft place land,” it states. It is open to anyone who has experienced the heartache of cancer.
A group also meets from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays in Classroom 113 at the Hemet Valley Medical Center on the north-west corner of Florida Avenue and San Jacinto Street.

of the Registrar of Voters, 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507 (Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.), commencing July 13, 2015. The Declaration of Candidacy must be filed in the office of the Registrar of Voters no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2015.
Appointment to each elective office will be made by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside as prescribed in Elections Code § 10515 in the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees, and a petition requesting the election be held has not been presented to the officer conducting the election by 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2015.
Dated: July 6, 2015
REBECCA SPENCER
Registrar of Voters
Pub. TC: July 16, 2015.

AVISO DE ELECCIÓN GENERAL DISTRITALES
DISTRITO DE AGUAS DE PINYON PINES DEL CONDADO
Por el presente se avisa que el 3 de noviembre de 2015 se celebrará una Elección General Distritales en el distrito mencionado anteriormente, y que los puestos para los que se pueden nombrar candidatos para dicha elección son los siguientes:
3 Directores
Las calificaciones para estos puestos según requiere la ley principal sobre la cual se organiza este distrito son que los candidatos sean electores inscritos que vivan dentro de los límites del distrito, o de la división del mismo.
Las Declaraciones oficiales de Candidatura para las personas elegibles que deseen postularse para cualquiera de los puestos electivos están disponibles en la oficina del Secretario del Distrito (Por favor llame para una cita 760-349-3261) o en la oficina del Registro de Votantes en 2724 Gateway Drive, Riverside, CA 92507 (de lunes a viernes, de 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.), comenzando el 13 de julio de 2015. Las Declaraciones de

Candidatura deben entregarse en la oficina del Registro de Votantes a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. el 7 de agosto de 2015.
La designación para cada puesto electivo lo hará la Junta de Supervisores del Condado de Riverside, tal como se prescribe en el Código de Elecciones § 10515 en caso de que ninguna persona fue nombrada o que el número de personas nombradas sea insuficiente, y que no se haya presentado una solicitud donde se pida que se celebre la elección al funcionario que conduzca la elección a más tardar a las 5:00 p.m. el 12 de agosto de 2015.
Fechado: 6 de julio de 2015
REBECCA SPENCER
Registro de Votantes
Pub. TC: July 16, 2015.

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THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 7/30/2015, AT 14350 LITTLE MORONGO RD, DESERT HT SPRINGS CA 92240 AT 9:00 AM 11, FORD, FLEX, UT, 6MUU816, CA 2FMGK-5CC6BBD00845
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CIVIL CODE 3071 & 3072
On 07/21/2015 at 12620 MEMORIAL WAY MORENO VALLEY, CA, a Lien Sale will be held on a 2012 DODG VIN: 3C6JD6AT4CG169160 STATE: CA LIC: 26072C1 at 10:00 a.m.
Pub. TC: July 16, 2015.

LIEN SALE
CIVIL CODE 3071
On AUGUST 3rd 2015 at 249 VEILE AVE #C BEAUMONT CA 92223, a Lien Sale will be held on a 2011 SCION XD VIN: JTK-KU4B4XB1014935 LIC: 6UOV321 at 9:00 a.m.
Pub. TC: July 16, 2015.



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Sunny

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the center. Herron thereafter issued a directive that there would be no cats at the Nature Center.

Christine Rheaume was the first to speak. She stated she understood the technical public health concerns, but emphasized the Nature Center should be the one place most open to the presence of animals. It is unfortunate, she said, that instead, Sunny has been banned from the center when there have been no incidents of health problems due to cats.

Jacqueline Siff emphasized that Sunny is a wonderful greeter and a great mouser, and that she has kept down rodents at the center. There have been no illnesses associated with cats at the center, she informed the commission.

Janice Murasko pointed out that since the complaint, hundreds of supportive people have come to the Nature Center, specifically to see Sunny. She offered practical solutions and offered to foot the bill for them herself: 1) all kitchen food preparation surfaces should be kept clean with antibacterial wipes; 2) the kitchen doors should be outfitted with self-closing springs or hinges; 3) Sunny should have her own cat water fountain away from the kitchen; 4) food should not be allowed to remain out in the open so as to be an attraction; and 5) if Sunny should get into the kitchen and up on a food preparation service, revert back to 1) and wipe the counter down with the antibacterial wipes.

Murasko said she would pay for it all: the antibacterial wipes, hinges and springs, and the cat water fountain. She said that in two days in front of the post office, more than 150 signatures were collected on a petition to save Sunny's Nature Center job.

De Eskew told the commission she remembers the Nature Center having severe vermin problems before cats lived there, and that the cats provided good vermin control without ever causing any disease to humans. Without a cat, she said, we would have to be exposed to anti-vermin chemicals, which we don't want.

One member of the commission, Martin H. Rosen, seemed somewhat sympathetic, acknowledging that the commission had to follow Brown Act rules, but asking, "Can't we find a solution here? Can't we turn it over to Keith [Herron] or Scott [Bangle] to come up with a solution?" But because the specific matter was not on the agenda, there was no discussion of the Sunny issue by the committee following the public comments.

Outside after the meeting, some of the speakers and other Sunny supporters gathered. Phyllis Mueller, who did not speak during the meeting, spoke up strongly that this was a ridiculous situation brought on by one person whom she viewed as "not rational," saying, "I've never seen so much animosity and hatred for one person" as she has seen regarding this Sunny issue. "Negative energy leads toward death; positive energy leads toward life," she said. "For no good reason, a lot of negative energy is shortening the lives of people here."



Janice Murasko speaking during the public comment portion of the meeting of the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District Advisory Commission in Town Hall. PHOTO BY JACK CLARK

The present physical location of Sunny was a matter of some disagreement among her supporters. Some said she was at the Animal Rescue Friends, others that she was still at the center. ARF did inform the Town Crier that it has located an available home for Sunny.

The commission meets next on Thursday, Sept. 3, at 1:30 p.m. at Park District Headquarters in Jurupa Valley. The TC will follow up on developments.

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

Supervisors

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years. Later in the session, the board authorized Orr to solicit bids for doing these reviews.

"The audits [of these agencies] may lead to more efficiencies and allow us to save quite a few dollars," said Supervisor John Tavaglione, District 2. "If so, then we won't have to use one-time money or reserves and can pay down debt."

Orr stressed that the approved budget will assure that the Sheriff's Department can maintain the ratio of 1.04 deputies per thousand residents in the unincorporated areas, such as Idyllwild.

Neither the Sheriff nor the District Attorney will begin the fiscal year concerned about lay-offs. The budget levels are sufficient for them to maintain current staffing levels, according to Orr.

"I think we're good for this year," he told the board.

However, in Orr's letter to the Supervisors, he did alert them to the future problem, "... ongoing discretionary revenue is not projected to keep pace with the costs of the Board's long-term commitments and mandates impose on the county."

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

Soroptimists ask for donations

With the travel season around the corner, Soroptimist International of Idyllwild (www.siidyllwild.org) is encouraging the community to collect travel-sized soap, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant and lotion during your travels. Collected items will support the Soroptimists in assisting the Idyllwild HELP Center, currently serving the needs of more than 600 people in our mountain community.

In addition to these basic needs, as sponsors of the "Soroptimist Women's Cabinet" located at the HELP Center, local Soroptimists also emphasize that donations of feminine products — including sanitary napkins, tampons and panty liners — are desperately needed. Contact Theresa Teel at thursa@gmail.com or Karen Doshier at 951-452-4599 to donate items mentioned.

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