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Pine Cove committee rejects parcel fee extension

Committee gives property owners a break

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Advisory Committee for County Service Area 38 (Pine Cove) will recommend that the special parcel fee used to pay for ambulance service be eliminated.

CSA 38 will continue to receive a small portion of the property tax payments from the district, but the \$61 parcel fee will be rescinded if the board of supervisors agrees.

"The special assessment itself can be reduced or put to zero when the county determines the assessment is no longer necessary to provide the service the assessment previously funded," wrote Michael Franklin, the county's CSA project manager, in an email. "This reduction would be proposed to the Board of Supervisors during the annual setting of charges. It doesn't eliminate the special assessment, just prevents the continued collection of an unnecessary assessment."

The committee initially began last week's meeting with a continuation of the February discussion of how the parcel fee funds might be used in the future. Marge Muir, committee vice chair, suggested creating some broad uses for the funds — communication and community abatement. In particular, she

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The cast of Disney's "Alice in Wonderland, Jr." are seen here at a Saturday, May 14, performance. Idyllwild Arts Academy Theatre Department students worked with the Idyllwild School students to produce the musical. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

IFPD proposes to manage San Jacinto fire service

City expects major cost savings

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire Department and the city of San Jacinto have been discussing the establishment of a Joint Powers Authority to provide fire and emergency medical services to the city. Currently, Riverside County Fire Department provides these services to San Jacinto.

Both Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz and San Jacinto City Manager Tim Hults said the two agencies will hold a public meeting this month to present the idea and determine whether to pursue it. If there is agreement, the JPA's implementation will be quick since San Jacinto's contract with Riverside County Fire Department for service expires on June 30.

Reitz and Hults have been discussing the idea for several weeks. But it originated with a casual conversation between Reitz and San Jacinto Mayor

Andrew Kotyuk.

"Basically, it's a new agreement and financial stability for fire service in San Jacinto," Hults said. "There's no impact on IFPD firefighters. We'll hire all new firefighters to initially staff one station."

Last week, Hults said San Jacinto has two fire stations. One is a state station and not part of the agreement. The other station belongs to San Jacinto and had about 5,000 calls annually, according to Hults.

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Lost hiker found safe in wilderness

In the early-morning hours of Saturday, May 14, Riverside County Sheriff's Cabazon Station deputies responded to the Palm Springs Tram regarding a report of a hiker in need of rescue. The lone hiker, identified as Daniel De Bias of La Quinta, was reported missing by friends after not returning on time and believed to be in need of assistance.

The Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit was mobilized and responded at first light to the top of the Palm Springs Tram Station to begin their rescue efforts. The Riverside County Sheriff's Aviation Unit responded and was able to locate De Bias at about 12:15 p.m. in Caramba Camp along Tahquitz Creek, and guided the RMRU members to De Bias. After safely reaching him, and escorting De Bias to a safe location, the Sheriff's Aviation Unit was able to transport De Bias and the RMRU members to the base of the Palm Springs Tram Station.

Deputies escorted De Bias back to his vehicle in good spirits. De Bias did not require medical treatment.

The Sheriff's Department would like to remind hiking enthusiasts to carry appropriate equipment for any outdoor excursion. Proper preparedness includes a well thought-out travel plan shared with friends and family, as well as familiarity with common hiking equipment, such as G.P.S., maps and compasses. RMRU offers several helpful, lifesaving tips at its website (www.rmru.org).

Motorcycle mishaps on Hill roads

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Motorcycle mishaps dominated the last week on Hill roads, with three incidents on two days.

At 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 14, Miguel Ibarra, 27, of Winchester, was riding his 2015 KTM motorcycle south on Bee Canyon Truck Trail, 5 miles north of Highway 74. As he rounded a turn, he collided head-on with an off-road Polaris RZR side-by-side driven by Mark Sicola, 49, from Santa Monica, who was driving north at the time. Sicola was not injured but Ibarra complained of leg and head pain and was transported by American Medical Response to Hemet Valley Medical Center.

At 12:46 p.m. the same day, 3/10ths of a mile east of Bee Canyon Truck Trail on Highway 74, Vincent Valdivia, 32, from San Diego, was riding his

2009 red Yamaha motorcycle east-bound when he failed to fully execute a left curve, got onto the shoulder of the highway, fishtailed back onto the road and laid the bike down. Both Valdivia and his 28-year-old female passenger, Dalet Quinones of Chula Vista, were wearing helmets. Valdivia complained of neck and back pain and was transported to Riverside County Regional Medical Center. His passenger was not injured.


At 11:55 a.m. Sunday, May 15, Justin Stryker, 27, of Shawnee, Kansas, was riding his 2015 silver BMW motorcycle south on Highway 243 just north of Saunders Meadow Road when he went around a curve and hit a guard rail. Stryker was not injured in the crash and no other vehicles were involved.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service


Wednesday 5/18



70/45

Mostly sunny.


Thursday 5/19



72/43

Sunny.


Friday 5/20



63/37

Sunny.


Saturday 5/21



61/37

Sunny.


Sunday 5/22



59/39

Mostly sunny.


Monday 5/23



64/39

Sunny.

Tuesday 5/24



59/38

Sunny.

Two snake bites on same day

Just before 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, Cal Fire/Riverside County firefighters, Palm Springs Fire, California Highway Patrol and Riverside County Sheriff's Department deputies responded to a report of an adult female hiker with a rattlesnake bite.

The woman had been hiking on Skyline Trail in Tahquitz Falls west of Palm Springs for several miles when she was bit.

A CHP helicopter located the patient. A sheriff's department helicopter hoisted the patient to a nearby landing zone at La Mirada Road near Sunny Dunes Road in Palm Springs where paramedics transport-

ed her by ground ambulance to an area hospital with moderate injuries.

AMR and Cal Fire/Riverside County firefighters responded to a snake bite victim on Bonita Vista Road in Garner Valley, an incident reported at 2:38 p.m. the same day.

The victim, described as an elderly female, was transported via ground ambulance to an area hospital for treatment of what appeared to be a rattlesnake bite.

The current conditions of the patients were not reported.

Joseph Campbell videos

Spirit Mountain Retreat is offering a series of videos with discussions on Joseph Campbell from 1 to 3 p.m. the Saturdays of May 21, and June 11 and 18.

They include "On Being Human," "From Goddesses to God" and "The Mystical Life." There is no charge for the event.

Idyllwild this year				
Date	High	Low	M	S
5/10	68	39		
5/11	78	40		
5/12	81	53		
5/13	80	47		
5/14	74	47		
5/15	57	40		
5/16	67	36		

Idyllwild last year				
Date	High	Low	M	S
5/10	65	37		
5/11	69	42		
5/12	61	38		
5/13	61	33		
5/14	44	31	0.25	
5/15	44	33	1.23	
5/16	48	31		

Moisture in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	25.41
To date last season (Idy):	17.21
Total last season (Idy):	23.31
To date this season (PC):	25.15
Total last season (PC):	15.54

Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	17.5
To date last season (Idy):	6.3
Total last season (Idy):	11.0
To date this season (PC):	31
Total last season (PC):	27.75

Idyllwild temperatures, moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. 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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Pine Cove water prepares 2016-17 budget

Production continues decline

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Pine Cove Water District's draft budget for 2016-17 increases \$29,000 or 3.5 percent. Last week, General Manager Jerry Holldber presented a draft \$850,000 fiscal 2016-17 budget to the board of directors, who reviewed it. The board plans to take action on the budget at its June 8 meeting.

The small increase in revenue is a combination of growing property taxes and increases in the lease payments for the Rocky Point Communication site.

While salaries and benefits remain level with this year, Holldber added \$15,000 for services and supplies. Within this budget account, maintenance of the system was increased to \$30,000 from \$18,000 and structural maintenance was increased \$5,000, primarily for re-painting. Several other line-items were reduced for a net increase of \$15,000.

"System maintenance is growing partly because of the costs for fittings, valves and other equipment, but the big thing I'm recommending is to do another leak survey of the district," Holldber told the board.

Board member Diana Luther concurred with this recommendation saying, "I'm in favor because of my concern for the water losses." The water loss hovered around 10 percent during 2015. In February, it approached 12 percent, but dropped to 10 percent in April.

Smaller increases were proposed for other programs such as communi-

cations, office expenses, engineering, legal costs and state permits. Helping to offset these increases were proposed decreases for utility costs and vehicle maintenance.

The system improvements account was also a priority. Holldber allocated an additional \$14,000 to increase the total to \$100,000. These funds will augment moneys for well upgrades, pipeline replacements and work on the district's property and structures. The cost of pumps is increasing along with other water system equipment and materials, Holldber noted. The meter replacement program was decreased by \$6,000, but remains at leaving \$7,000 for this year. A supply of new meters will still be available next fiscal year.

Following the review of the proposed budget, Holldber discussed a report on the cost of the rain barrel program with the board. Since 2012, PCWD has purchased 276 rain barrels. The district has sold 268 barrels, of which 118 were sold with a \$12.81 subsidy. The total subsidy of \$1,511 was charged to the conservation budget. Two barrels were donated to local organizations — the Earth Fair and the Soroptomists. The other six, PCWD kept for its use and re-imbursed the conservation fund full cost.

In water business, Holldber reported that production was 2.2 million gallons in April, which was 360,000 gallons more than March, but 376,000 gallons less than April 2015. For the first trimester of 2016, total water production has declined 1.2 million gallons (14 per-

Christi Barrett new HUSD superintendent

The Hemet Unified School District Governing Board selected Christi Barrett as the new superintendent. Barrett, currently the assistant superintendent of Human Resources at Val Verde Unified School District, will take on her new role starting July 1.

The board announced the appointment at its Tuesday, May 17, meeting. In January, Supt. Dr. Barry Karyrell announced his retirement at the end of June.

A reception to meet the new superintendent was held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the governing board room.

Barrett has held various positions in education to prepare her for her new leadership role. She began her career as a special education teacher, and served as a site principal and as an assistant superintendent for two school districts. She currently is in the Urban Leadership Doctoral program at Claremont Graduate University.

Barrett expressed her excitement to come to Hemet as the new superintendent and community member. She said she is looking forward to joining the HUSD team and focusing on academic achievements for all students.



Christi Barrett, assistant superintendent for human resources at Val Verde Unified School District, will be the next superintendent of Hemet Unified School District.

PHOTO COURTESY VVUSD

cent) compared to the first four months of 2015.

"Production last month was the least amount of water produced in many, many years," Holldber said. "Demand is down."

He also noted that the groundwater level of the district's static well had increased one foot in April, which was a positive sign.

Board President Robert Hewitt at-

tributed the improvement to both the customers' conservation efforts as well as the spring rains.

The district's ad hoc committee to revise Ordinance 4, district water policies, met several times last month. Member Joel Palmer said they were nearly finished and hoped to present a final draft to the whole board in July.

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Many Idyllwild residents take issue with any suggestion of replacing the local fire/ambulance department with any other. They feel that any outside entity taking control of the station would eliminate local control.

I think IFPD ceded local control years ago. Most of the employees are off Hill residents, just like at the two Pine Cove stations (fire and AMR).

The fire commissioners are just a mouthpiece for IFPD employees with knee-jerk defensive reactions to grand juries and an administrative law judge, and an illogical and expensive proposal to raise the property unit-fee cap from \$65 to \$162.50, and a lawsuit pending it likely will lose that will cost it a fortune. (A unit-fee cap increase of \$130 failed to pass the voters in 2011.)

Do PC folk get lesser fire/ambulance services through county and contract? I have yet to hear a complaint. On top of that, PC's local advisory committee recently decided to drop property parcel fees from \$61 to \$0 because its reserve fund is flush.

Now, out of the blue, IFPD's negotiations with the city of San Jacinto beg the question whether Idyllwild residents protective of the IFPD sacred cow will continue feeling they have local control.

I believe IFPD employs a couple of power-hungry leaders whose personal goals stand in the way of local control. The lame-brained ideas the commissioners and finance committee members continue to put forth appear to come from these power-hungry individuals.

We've seen grand jury reports of misbehavior, fiscal irresponsibility and the cart leading the horse. This is the local control you want? I hope San Jacinto residents ask questions soon or they may experiencing much of the same.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

April Fools?

EDITOR:

Alright, you guys, I have a news flash for you: this is May; April Fools Day was last month. This story about the IFPD and City of San Jacinto Joint Powers Agreement isn't even that funny.

A good April Fools gag has just enough credibility to sucker the reader along until realizing the date. The idea that two public entities could meet in secret and and get this far along without public input beggars the imagination. Come on now, a conspiracy screenplay like that would be laughed out of any Hollywood studio.

I've taken the liberty of suggesting some more credible headlines for next year's April 1 edition, assuming you folks get your calendar straight:

Elvis discovered living in seclusion in Idyllwild

Big Foot captured in Idyllwild

Congress gives Forest Service \$2 bil-



lion for fire prevention work in Idyllwild

Idyllwild awarded 2024 Summer Olympics.

These stories might momentarily lull the reader into believing before realizing it's a joke.

Always glad to be helpful,

BLAIR CENICEROS
CLAREMONT

What's in a name?

EDITOR:

Homonyms are fun, for sure, but just to clarify:

Idyll, according to Webster, means, "an extremely happy, peaceful, or picturesque episode or scene ..."

Idle, of course, means something entirely different and it is not a part of our town's great name.

DARIEN MARTUS
IDYLLWILD



Political letters during election season are paid at 10 cents per word. No letters will be accepted the week before an election.

Editor's note: Because of an editing error last week, this letter is being re-published.

Voting for Supervisor Washington

June 7, 2016, I will be voting to re-elect Supervisor Washington.

During the April 28, 2016, CSA 60

meeting at Fire Station 30 (after about 10 years of the continued appropriation and expenditure of CSA 60 Special Assessments in violation of California Proposition 218), Mike Franklin, Riverside County EDA, stated that the Special Assessment, "... to be used only for purposes of providing equipment and supplies for the voluntary firefighters services, as approved by the voters."

Resolution 2002-205, had been reset to "0."

Go, Supervisor Washington, a breath of fresh air.

CHRISTY HUSS
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Kathy Sacher Wilson joins CSA 36 Advisory Council

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Kathy Sacher Wilson has long been an advocate for Idyllwild's young people, coaching them into volunteer teams of actors and support personnel for her annual Idyllwild Haunted Ghost Town. The event raises money for sports scholarships for Town Hall recreation activities.

Said Wilson, "I am an advocate for the well being of local youth and young adults. I would like to help provide them the tools and resources to succeed in a career and to have a positive future." Her actors and crew for Ghost Town are often the young people she mentors and supports. They learn, under her guidance, to work together productively and to feel pride in the event they help produce.

Wilson applied to join the revamped CSA 36 Advisory Council for a simple reason — she wanted to help expand recreational opportunities for people of all ages, especially for older teens and young adults who need both opportunities for growth and leadership to help them grow. That is what Wilson has tried to do with her Ghost Town.

As for her service on the advisory council that will begin meeting in July, Wilson said, "Recreation has not been managed properly for many years and has often been incomplete. We need activities for all ages, including the older teens, young adults and seniors. Recreation is not just youth sports, although they are important. We once had classes for activities like gymnastics, dance and martial arts. I would like to see a return of these classes, as well as a theater workshop for all ages."

Wilson noted the need for organized hikes, fun runs, summer outdoor movie nights, community events and tournaments. "Local recreation should be viewed as a business," she said. "Yes, we have the CSA funding, but we can also bring in additional revenue and possibly grants and program sponsorships. Scholarships for low-income youth are very important."

Wilson ripped recent county association with her Ghost Town enterprise. "Last year, the girl working at Town Hall coordinating recreation said she could help with staffing for Ghost Town. We have never had paid staff, only volunteers, but if she wanted to help [as a volunteer], great. The first weekend [of Ghost Town] we noticed several unfamiliar faces, paid staff as it turned out, just standing around. The second weekend she brought up 15 and some said they were on overtime."

Wilson said the amount the county deducted from her revenues was unjustified and thwarted the purpose for which Ghost Town was organized — raising scholarship money for youth recreation. "This is just one example [of county mismanagement]," she noted. By serving on the CSA 36 Advisory Council, Wilson hopes to avoid this



Kathy Sacher Wilson (center) is seen here with her Idyllwild Ghost Town crew and helpers. It has long been Wilson's goal to provide mentorship and opportunities for Idyllwild's young people. She is a newly appointed member of the County Service Area 36 Advisory Committee, advising 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington on tax-funded Idyllwild recreation and street lamps.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

kind of what she sees as fiscal irresponsibility.

"The Town Hall building has been neglected for years," she noted. "The outdoor stage is rotten. The lack of proper rain water irrigation needs to be addressed. The bottom floor [of Town Hall] floods every time we have a substantial rainfall."

Wilson is the mother of five and the current executive officer for the Idyllwild Association of Realtors. She also is a bookkeeper for several local businesses. "Our family has had a home on the Hill since 1967," she said. "We made it full-time in 2002. My grandparents came to this country in the 1920s from Austria and visited the Hill often. Both my father and father-in-law were community oriented, and it was how I was brought up."

Wilson worked with much-loved Jimmy Campbell at Town Hall when he managed recreation. Her dedication to providing opportunities for Idyllwild's young people has been demonstrated by the events she has organized over the years on their behalf.

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An original Ernie Maxwell front page from the TC, May 16, 1952, in honor of the Town Crier's 70th anniversary this year.



BY BOBBIE GLASHEEN

Rummaging in a drawer for stray M&Ms, I come across an envelope, splotted and stained with what I hope is coffee. Aha! It is addressed to me.

Carefully, even reverently, I draw the invitation from the envelope. The card stock is feathery and all but falls apart in my hands. This could be worth something to the right person.

Immediately, I see myself on "Antique Roadshow" but I dismiss the image when the appraiser mistakes me for the antique. I wonder if that happens often.

I sink slowly onto the bed with the envelope in my hand. I do that a lot lately. Lie down. Is there something wrong with me? Am I dying somewhere? Well, yes, I suppose I am. Of course, I am. I am old.

The invitation reads:

Dear Bobbie:

You are invited to a party that will run until the party goes falter. We will celebrate at this party. Just make sure that you are packed and ready to go when the festivities conclude.

When the chocolate runs out.

When the laughter has faded to a whimper.

When the party is over. RSVP.

This party, that I am now attending, is about to end. But I am not ready to leave. There are too many laughs yet to explode into the air. Too many breathtaking faces to behold. Too many arguments to be undertaken.

I want to stay yet awhile with Sweetcakes, my husband, and our noisy little dog, Mr. Weinerman. I am having just too good a time. Great party.

Inserting the invitation carefully into the envelope, I place it back in the drawer. Weinerman and I leave the room and close the door gently. We descend the stairs together, and he careens wildly down the steps. He is, after all, my Dachshund, a can-do dog in a can't-do body.

He rolls the last few steps, tuchus over teakettle, and I laugh. I laugh some more.



The Spiritual Oneness Center held an open house last weekend, described as a big success.

PHOTO BY RICHARD BARKER

Tony Teora, engineer and writer, runs for AD 71

Ran in 2014 against Brian Jones

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Editor's note: Three names will appear on the ballot for the Assembly District 71 race. However, Leo Hamel has withdrawn from the race, but not in time to have his name removed.

Centrist Republican Tony Teora repeats his run for Assembly District 71, this time against Santee Mayor Randy Voepel. Voepel, a conservative, is favored in the race both by money raised, name recognition in East County San Diego and establishment endorsements.

In his run in 2014, Teora, a New Jersey native and engineering graduate of Rutgers University, took about 24 percent of the vote in the June primary. He moved to San Diego in 1994 and currently serves as a vice president, data solutions manager for Union Bank. He also is a published writer of seven science fiction books. He lives in Julian with his wife and son. He serves on the Julian Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 468 in Julian and is a Freemason, Lodge 35.

Teora said he is running again to bring smart solutions to major problems facing California. "I'm also running to make this world a better place for my [18-month-old] son." With an engineering background and additional course-

work in computer science (University of Maryland), IT executive education (Harvard Business School) and Japanese (University of Maryland), Teora touts his logical and scientific approach to problem solving.

He also believes straight party line voting by career politicians never solves the problems facing everyday voters. "As an engineer, I look at math and statistics," he said. "Real poverty is rising, and many Republicans won't acknowledge the imminent threats of climate change."

Teora said California needs centrists who can cross party lines to get the work of the people done. "Political gridlock is a result of straight party line voting." As with his 2014 run against Jones, he believes Voepel, as a staunch conservative, also will vote along party and strict Republican-issue lines. "If non-politicians like myself can't get in [to elective office], then we have a problem. This war between Republicans and Democrats is a waste of time."

Teora is pro-choice, sides with Democrats on gay rights and believes government must begin to take steps to face the very real threats of global climate change. "Millions of people will die with climate change," he said. "And those that are most threatened are often the least equipped to deal with these changes. We need to adapt with the times."



Tony Teora is a Republican candidate for Assembly District 71.

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He believes the current educational system needs to be revamped to provide more student loans for non-academic fields—for becoming an electrician, a dental assistant, a legal assistant or a certified car mechanic. "What about more trade schools for computer training?" Teora asked.

Teora characterizes himself as a fiscal conservative dedicated to not solving all problems through taxation. But he does believe if deficits can't be fixed by cutting spending, then revenue must be raised and appropriate new taxes must be considered.

As a rural resident of San Diego County, he wants to see strong fire protection but opposes the fire protection fee because it was not approved by voters.

Teora acknowledged he is remiss in not having visited this part

of the assembly district that he seeks to represent. He has scheduled a meet-and-greet trip to Idyllwild for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 21.

"I strongly believe in the Constitution of the United States," he said. "I will vote my conscious and not that of a political action committee, a special money interest or even the party line if I do not agree that vote is in the best interests of the people."

"I'm not a career politician and I think that is a good thing. My public finance forms are available to the public. I do not accept one penny from special interests or corporations. Try to find another candidate in a major party that can make that honest claim."

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Governor holds line on new spending

Anticipates revenue decline

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

"Things don't last forever. The surging tide of revenue is beginning to turn as it always does," said Gov. Jerry Brown at the news conference Friday, May 13, releasing his May revisions for the fiscal year 2016-17 budget proposal.

Brown's statement, which began the conference, demonstrates his fears about the future, reflected in the current budget proposal. "That's very important and why we are preparing for a time of necessity," he continued. "Deficit spending is on the horizon and that assumes no recession."

The May revision revenue projection is \$120 billion, which is \$600 million less than the January budget proposal. Consequently, expenditures are planned to be \$122.2 billion, \$400 million less than January's estimates. The Rainy Day Fund was reduced to \$6.7 billion from the January forecast of \$8 billion.

Since Brown became governor in 2011, the state's \$27 billion deficit has slow-

ly been whittled down. But the horizon, which worries Brown, is not rosy. After fiscal year 2016-17, current projections indicate the state will have deficit spending through 2019-20 without the specter of any economic turnaround.

While the budget projections through 2019-20 include the Proposition 30 tax increases, the deficit would widen if they are not extended in the November election. If they fail, Brown said, "We'll manage with some cuts."

When asked if he supported the extension, Brown repeated what he has said in recent months, "I leave it to the people of California. I said it was temporary when it passed." His budget summary said, "Until the voters decide this important question, no significant new ongoing spending commitments should be made. The May revision reflects this principle."

His lack of optimism is re-enforced when he related a budget report from Moody's. To be ready for a recession or downturn, California is ranked 19 out of the

20 largest states.

"We can't have any significant new spending and must get ready for the downturn," he stressed. "There are no halcyon days ahead."

In the midst of the budget despair, Brown stressed that his priorities have helped the needy, and he will continue their support. First, health insurance has been expanded for millions of Californians. Medi-Cal has grown from 8 million recipients to 13 million. A minimum-wage bill has passed, state education funding has been directed to students with the greatest need and the state now has an earned income tax credit. According to the press release, these initiatives have totaled more than \$19 billion.

The Legislative Analyst's Office's initial response to the new budget proposal concurred with Brown's recommendations. "Since January, the state has made several new ongoing budgetary commitments, some of which carry substantial ongoing costs for the state in future years. These changes, together with reduced estimates of revenues and reserves, mean there is now less capacity than there was

in January to make additional budgetary commitments ... Our office suggests the Legislature adopt a robust target for budget reserves for the end of 2016-17."

The May revision does include a proposal to mitigate homelessness and help improve the affordability of housing, and endorses a Senate proposal to fund the construction of housing for the homeless using \$2 billion of bonds backed by Proposition 63 income tax revenues.

The revision also includes some smaller increases for other programs such as drought resiliency. Another \$11.4 million was added for tree removal. About \$6 million is for grants to local entities and \$5 million for Cal Fire equipment and overtime.

In response to Brown's budget adjustments, state Sen. Jeff Stone issued a release stating, "I applaud the governor's call for fiscal restraint and call on my Senate colleagues to continue to build California's Rainy Day Reserve Fund and not to propose costly programs that spend taxpayer money we do not and will not have."

Fish and Game Commission considers expanding Lands Pass

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife manages more than 1.1 million acres. State law authorizes the establishment and imposition of an entrance-of-use fee, called a Lands Pass.

The CDFW charges a Lands Pass fee for visitors to certain areas who do not possess a hunting, fishing or trapping license. For 2016, a daily Lands Pass costs \$4 and an annual pass is \$22.50.

The Lands Pass applies to only seven CDFW areas. The closest to Idyllwild is the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, located between the Ramona Expressway and Gilman Springs Road. The other six areas are the Gray Lodge, Grizzly Island, Los Banos, Imperial, Elkhorn Slough and Upper Newport Bay wildlife areas.

At its June 23 meeting, the state Fish and Game Commission will discuss expanding the Land Pass program to 28 other areas. At the August meeting, the commission will vote on adopting regulations to expand the program.

The additional 28 areas are Ash Creek, Bass Hill, Battle Creek, Butte Valley, Cache Creek, Crescent City Marsh, Eel River, Elk Creek Wetlands, Elk River, Fay Slough, Hollenbeck Canyon, Honey Lake, Hope Valley, Horseshoe Ranch, Lake Earl, Mad River Slough, Mendota, Mouth of Cottonwood Creek, Napa-Sonoma Marshes, North Grasslands, San Felipe Valley, Shasta Valley, South Spit, Tehama, Upper Butte Basin, Volta, Willow Creek and Yolo Bypass wildlife areas, and Batiquitos Lagoon, Boden Canyon, Bolsa Chica, Buena Vista Lagoon, Canebrake, North Table Mountain, San Elijo Lagoon and Woodbridge ecological reserves.

Santee Mayor Randy Voepel seeks AD 71 seat

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Randy Voepel, longtime Santee mayor and insurance underwriter and broker, is analytical by nature. "I call myself a manly nerd," he said. "I like analysis and problem solving. As mayor of Santee, I've worked hard to implement a conservative, limited-government vision for Santee."

Voepel has been mayor of Santee, a San Diego suburb of just over 54,000, since 2000. Under his administration, he notes crime has dropped, city payrolls and spending have lessened, budgets have been balanced and a rainy-day fund has been put in place. Voepel says his administration has done this without raising taxes. "As a result of these policies, Santee now boasts the best business environment and smallest pension liabilities in the region," he said.

Asked why, with a successful local brokerage practice and a strong record as mayor, he wants to leave for the stress of Sacramento as the Assembly District 71 representative, Voepel said, "I'm an adventurer and I like to conquer mountains. I'm a worker bee who likes to solve problems. I only sleep four to five hours a night." He's also retiring from his 39-year brokerage practice.

Voepel noted there's an opening now to solve across-the-aisle problems in Sacramento. "There's a new atmosphere there. With moderate Democrats

in the Central Valley fighting with progressive Democrats, there's an opening and a window to get things done," he said. "I make alliances and friends, and put together people who can get results. At heart, I'm a small-town mayor."

On the issues, Voepel is a strong supporter of Second Amendment gun rights. "I believe all law-abiding citizens should be entitled to own firearms as individuals, either for recreation, protection or both. As your Assembly member, you can rest assured I will oppose any and all efforts to restrict your Second Amendment rights."

He has made a public pledge to "never raise taxes." He opposes abortion. "My faith tells me that all life begins at conception and I believe we have a moral duty to protect all forms of life."

To grow the economy in California, Voepel believes in having government get out of the way. "At the state level, we need to reduce regulations, bureaucratic red tape, taxes and other impediments to a healthy and prosperous economy."

Before going into business in the San Diego area, Voepel completed two Navy tours of duty in Vietnam. "My core values are conservative Republican. I'm known as a man of my word. I have 20 years of being recognized on the ballot. You've got to send a strong person up there. With me, you have a man of experi-



Randy Voepel
is a Republican candidate for Assembly District 71.
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RANDY VOEPEL

ence and character. I will go up there to represent you and work hard. I'll be prepared because that's in my nature."

Voepel has the majority of endorsements from prominent Republicans, including that of state Sen. Jeff Stone. Other than Stone, all other endorsements are San Diego-based, including current AD 71 Assemblyman Brian Jones whose term in office has ended.

Neither Voepel nor his challenger, Tony Teora have ever been to Idyllwild and know little of the town's demographical makeup or issues. Idyllwild sits at the northern terminus of AD 71. The majority of district residents live in San Diego County, with only Riverside County communities Aguanga, Anza, Idyllwild/Pine Cove, Pinyon Pines and Valle Vista (east Hemet) in the district. District registration is 44-percent Republican, 28-percent Democratic and 22-percent no party preference. The district population is overwhelmingly white (64 percent) with Latino next at 24 percent.

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Tips for no-party preference voters

May 23 is the deadline for eligible California citizens to register to vote for the first time or to update their voter registration information for the June 7 presidential primary election.

Secretary of State Alex Padilla has provided the following tips for voters registered with no-party preference planning to vote in the June 7 primary.

"The June 7, 2016, presidential primary is fast approaching, but voters registered with no-party preference still have time to request a partisan ballot with presidential candidates," Padilla said.

The Democratic, American Independent and Libertarian parties allow persons who registered to vote as having no-party preference

to cast a ballot in their presidential primary.

Voters with no-party preference who vote at the polls can request a Democratic Party, American Independent Party or Libertarian Party ballot on election day from a poll worker.

Voters with no-party preference who vote by mail were sent a post card from their county elections office asking if the voter would like to receive a ballot with presidential candidates from those three parties. Voters who did not return this post card will receive a non-partisan ballot without presidential candidates.

"There is still time for voters with no-party preference to request a new ballot—even if they have already received a ballot in the mail," Padilla added.

To request a ballot with presidential candidates, contact the Riverside County elections office no later than May 31 to request a vote-by-mail ballot with presidential candidates from those three parties.

An alternative choice is to bring the vote-by-mail ballot to the polls on election day and exchange it for a ballot with presidential candidates from those three parties. If you have lost your original vote-by-mail ballot, you will have to vote on a provisional ballot at the polls—your vote will still be counted.

One can also choose to bring their vote-by-mail ballot to an early voting location and exchange it for a ballot with presidential candidates from those three parties. If the vote-by-mail ballot has

been lost, you will have to vote a provisional ballot at the polls and your vote will still be counted.

Contact the county elections office for early voting locations and availability or visit www.voteinfo.net/Elections/20160607/docs/Early_Vote.pdf

Voters registered with no party preference who would like to vote in the June 7 presidential primary for a Republican Party, Green Party, or Peace and Freedom Party presidential candidate must re-register to vote with one of those respective parties by May 23, 2016.

Californians can check their voter registration status through their county elections office. Riverside County has online tools that allow voters to check their voter registration.



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For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 9. Submit listings and changes to becky@towncrier.com.

Wednesday, May 18

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- 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.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Finance Committee, 2 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- 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.
- Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive debting and spending, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Thursday, May 19

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

"We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Free warm lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Fit After 50 exercise, 1:30-2:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Lake Hemet Municipal Water District board, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
- Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
- 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. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Friday, May 20

- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
- Fern Valley Water District board, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Supv. Chuck Washington quarterly meeting, noon-2:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr. Appt. only.
- Feeding America, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Cross Road 243 Church, Mountain Center.

Saturday, May 21

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Legacy Writing with Katya, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Sunday, May 22

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study meeting (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m. Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd., Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- Highly Sensitive Persons gathering, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Monday, May 23

- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive borrowing and spending, 7-8:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Tuesday, May 24

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District board, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Fit After 50 Exercise, 1:30-2:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m.; Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661

Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

- Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.
- ESL Class, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

Wednesday, May 25

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4 p.m. Hill House, 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.
- Idyllwild Photographers, 5-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive debting and spending, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

The Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls Monday to Sunday, May 9 to 15.

Idyllwild

- May 9 — Three medical aids.
- May 10 — Two medical aids.
- May 10 — Fire, other.
- May 11 — Three medical aids.
- May 13 — Medical aid.
- May 14 — Two medical aids.
- May 15 — Three medical aids.

Pine Cove

- May 12 — Medical aid.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, May 6 to 14.

Idyllwild

- May 6 — Alarm call, Cassler Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Missing person, 27000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Unfounded.
- May 8 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Alarm call, 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Suspect info, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Public disturbance, North Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Public disturbance, 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Alarm Call, 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- May 10 — Suspect info, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 10 — Public disturbance, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Handled by deputy.
- May 11 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 12 — Alarm call, 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.

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- May 13 — Incurable minor, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- May 9 — Welfare check, Laurel Trl. Handled by deputy.
- May 10 — Public assist, Rockmere Dr. Handled by deputy.
- May 10 — Suspect info, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 11 — Fraud, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 12 — Public disturbance, Acorn Ln. Handled by deputy.
- May 12 — Public disturbance, address undefined, Handled by deputy.
- May 13 — Suspicious circumstance, Cedar Dr. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows

- May 7 — Follow-up, address withheld, Handled by deputy.
- May 12 — Miscellaneous criminal, address undefined, Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- May 9 — Assist other department, Big Horn St. Handled by deputy.
- May 13 — Public disturbance, Coyote St. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- May 7 — Two area checks, 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74, Handled by deputy.
- May 8 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 10 — 911 hang-up from cell phone, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 11 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- May 12 — Danger to self/other, Bighorn Dr. Report taken.
- May 13 — Suspicious vehicle, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- May 14 — Missing child, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Musical event end of May

The Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation is sponsoring an afternoon of classical music performed by the Marion View Ensemble in the Ponderosa Concert Hall in Pine Cove.

The event is at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 29, and the address will be provided with paid ticket orders. The cost is \$35 per person and tickets may be purchased at www.associatesofiaf.org or mail checks payable to the Associates to Musicale, P.O. Box 303, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Seating is limited.

Seniors welcome at food share

The longstanding senior food distribution with no economic qualification was disbanded late last year.

However, according to organizers, seniors are still welcome at the weekly USDA food commodity program. No one has to qualify for distribution.

The USDA food distribution is the first Tuesday of each month at the Mormon Church at the corner of Highway 243 and Tollgate from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bring a box. The next distribution will be Tuesday, June 7.

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. Event charges may apply.

Wednesday, May 18

- VA Senior Show III, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Senior Creative Writing Readings, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- "Geology of the San Jacinto Mountains," Joe Milgore, 3-4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Thursday, May 19

- VA Senior Show III, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Vocal Jazz Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Home-schoolers Art Class, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- ICC Speaker Series, Walter Parks, "History of Idyllwild Arts," 5:30 p.m. reception, 6-7 p.m. talk. Silver Pines Lodge.

Friday, May 20

- VA Senior Show III, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Art Alliance of Idyllwild "Front and Center" Judged Art Show, noon-6 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Barbara Longbrook's adult retirement party, 3-5 p.m. Ferro.
- Live music, 5-8 p.m.; Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- Catie's Crab Shack Game Board, 5-9 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- Jac Jacaruso, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

Saturday, May 21

- David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; Pete Olson, 1-3 p.m.; Keith McCabe 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
- Art Alliance of Idyllwild "Front and Center" Gal-

lery & Art Hot Spot Tour, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Judged Art Show, noon-5 p.m.; Artist Reception, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

• VA Senior Show III, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

• Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; live music to 8 p.m.; Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

• "Discovering Joseph Campbell thru Mythos I," 1-3 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

• Jazz in the Gardens, Associates of Idyllwild Arts, 2-4 p.m. 52695 Idyllbrook Dr.

• Tom Hynes Jazz Trio, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.

Sunday, May 22

- Chamber Music Brunch, 11 a.m.-noon. TBA; Who We Are & What We Stand For: A Night of Senior One Person Shows, 2-4 p.m. Rush Hall; French Exam Final: Murder Mystery, 7-8:30 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
- Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; Live music to 8 p.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- Art Alliance of Idyllwild "Front and Center" Judged Art Show, noon-6 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Michael McNevin & Carjacked, 1-4 p.m. Ferro.
- Stratford Players reading, "Last Tango in Little Grimley" & "The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley," 2-4 p.m. & 7-9 p.m. Cafe Aroma.

Monday, May 23

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Butterflies," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Cheyenne Womack, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
- 3Skinz, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.

Tuesday, May 24

- Steven Leigh Morris, author, "Fowl Play," 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.

Wednesday, May 25

- Film screenings & receptions, 2-10 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Friday, May 27

- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild HELP Center fundraiser, "Lovers and Other Strangers, 5-6:30 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. play. Town Hall.
- Live music, 5-8 p.m.; Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- Catie's Crab Shack Game Board, 5-9 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- Forest Folk potluck & movie night, "The Quiet Man," 5:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.
- Keith McCabe, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
- Hot Flash & Men-O-Pause, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.

Saturday, May 28

- David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; Hot Flash, 1-3 p.m.; Zema & Sumi, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

• "Picasso," Arn Hancock Trust art show, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Lightbender Gallery.

• Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; Live music to 8 p.m.; Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

• Barbara Longbrook's community retirement party, 1-4 p.m. ICC Children's Playground.

• Idyllwild HELP Center fundraiser, "Lovers and Other Strangers, 5-6:30 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. play. Town Hall.

• Sojourn, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.

Sunday, May 29

- "Picasso," Arn Hancock Trust art show, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Lightbender Gallery.
- Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; live music to 8 p.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- The Stiff Joints, 1-3 p.m. Cafe Aroma.
- Zema & Sumi, & Bill Saitta Quartet, 1-4 p.m. Ferro.
- Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation's Spring Musicales of Classical Mu-



Emily Hill (center), accompanied by her mother Angie (left), received the Idyllwild Rotary Eighth-grade Citizenship Award and Scholarship from Scott Fisher (right) at the May 11 meeting of the Idyllwild Rotary Club. Emily's teacher, Christy Tilley, described her amazing leap in maturity, responsibility and desire to succeed over her three years at Idyllwild School. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

- The Marion View Ensemble, 3 p.m. The Ponderosa Concert Hall.
- Idyllwild HELP Center fundraiser, "Lovers and Other Strangers, 5-6:30 p.m. dinner; 7 p.m. play. Town Hall.
- Heard of Cats, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
- HoJo Blues, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.

Tuesday, May 31

- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
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Eighty-two-year-old PCT hiker aims to complete the trail

Turtle Don would likely be the oldest

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

"Turtle Don" Davis is no stranger to thru-hiking. At the age of 70, he completed the entire Appalachian Trail. His wife hiked parts of the trail with him and helped resupply him in that hike.

And he has hiked, in smaller sections, all but 200 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail in upstate Washington. Passing through Idyllwild last week, Davis, who turned 82 on April 27, would likely be the oldest hiker to complete the PCT, if he succeeds. He is determined to do so.

"I started at Campo, at the border, on April 25. My intention is to complete the trail."

He easily shoulders his 38-pound pack, has the lat-

est and lightest equipment and understands the challenges of ice, snow, elevation gains and major temperature changes facing him. "I have a Whippet Ski pole that helps in steep conditions with ice and snow," he said. It also helps that he knows the trail.

Asked if he joins others on the trail, he said, "Speed determines who you hike with. I decided, after my wife died, that I would not have a hiking partner. I like hiking on my own." Even so, Davis is averaging about 11 or 12 miles a day. "I have to pick it up to make it all the way," he said.

Davis is a retired high school English teacher from Merced. He is well-prepared physically for his current hike. "In many summers, I hiked the Sierras with my daughter and her roommate," he recounted. "I hiked the full Appalachian Trail when I was 70 and had hiked for many years before. My first thought of hiking the PCT was in 1975.

"Thru-hikes have a certain dynamic — a pressure to hike a certain number of miles a day and with a weather-controlled timetable [arriving in Canada before likely major snowfalls]."

Asked about where he camps and what he eats, Davis said, "Most of the time I camp by myself. I find a flat spot where I have room to pitch a tent — the flatter the better. I can be close to the trail, I don't mind seeing or hearing the other hikers. I cook one meal a day and otherwise I snack throughout the day — string cheese, jerky, trail mix, almonds, raisins and dried fruit. I write down the amount of water I use each day. And I have lightened my load and made cooking easier by using an Esbit solid-fuel stove. I'm very organized."

And being retired, with financial resources, Davis said he is prepared to make the trip. "Some of these kids just run out of money."

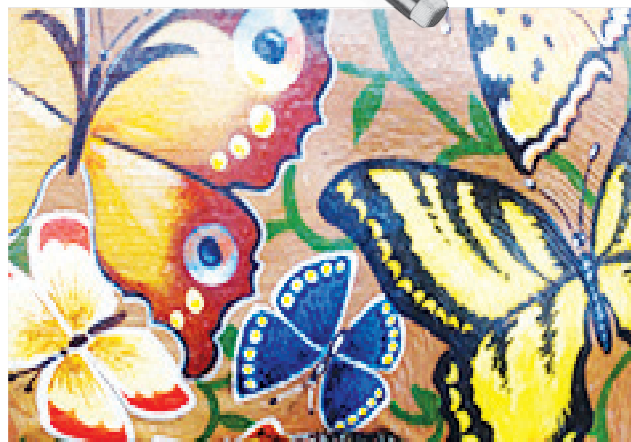
Davis won't run out of money and believes his prior hiking experiences and fastidious preparation will enable him to complete the trail within the allotted time.

As to his trail name, Davis said he saw a box turtle on the trail this year. "The name seemed a good fit," he smiled. He said he would keep us posted on his progress.

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



"Turtle Don" Davis, 82, of Merced, is seen here just before setting out on the next leg of his PCT thru-hike. If Davis completes the 2,650-mile trek, he will likely be the oldest hiker to do so. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH



I'm sorry, but we're going to have to hold over last week's contest for another week because all my emails were lost forever when we switched email systems last week, and I know several entries were among the lost.

So, please, if you entered last week, by email or otherwise, please enter again this week. And I will accept entries — new or old — up until noon Monday, May 23.

The picture above is the same as last week's.

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.

Harpist in concert June 18

Harpist Christian Chalifour is moving back to Idyllwild from the desert in June, and performing in his Welcome Home to Idyllwild Concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 18, his 65th birthday, at Merkaba.

The evening promises to be an intimate pop and light classical harp performance. Advance tickets are \$15 each at 951-659-2805, at Merkaba or online at www.merkabaonline.com, or \$20 each at the door.

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Local author recounts life as a drama critic and chicken warrior

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

When he lived in the hill canyons of Hollywood, author and drama critic Steven Leigh Morris ruffled feathers and started a neighborhood political war by raising chickens in his condo.

In his book, "Fowl Play, a Novel in Three Acts" (Padra Press, Los Angeles, 2016), he recounts in quasi-memoir style, the chicken war and his life as a drama critic for the L.A. Weekly at a time when print media in major markets was imploding, staffs and positions were being cut, and much was in turmoil. "For comfort, and with the fragile consent of my neighbors, I hatched a flock of chickens in my Hollywood condo, to be housed in garden space behind the building when they grew up, which they did, and they were," he related. "This arrangement eventually triggered a neighbor war, which provides the book's comic thrust. The battles over those chickens were no less fractious than the divide between the Israelis and the Palestinians."

Morris said the chicken war grew into an apocalyptic confrontation and went on for years. "They [the objecting neighbors] put rats in my garden, and went to every agency to file complaints. I had to keep moving the chickens around because of ongoing investigations. They even objected to my planting tulips because they said it ruined the stylistic integrity of the community."

In the introduction to his book, Morris wrote, "This novel attempts to interweave my two great passions in life: the theater and barnyard life. The people in the former seem, for the most part, to know what they're doing and why they're doing it. The creatures in the latter don't



Steven Leigh Morris, author and drama critic, will read from his first novel "Fowl Play" at the Idyllwild Library on Tuesday, May 24.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

give such things a moment's thought, and for that, they deserve respect."

Morris, born in the United Kingdom, came to the U.S. when he was 9, relocating with his family to Cocati in Sonoma County. He received a bachelor's degree in political science from Cal Poly and an master's degree in fine arts in theater/playwriting from UCLA. Although he started in Hollywood as a stage actor, on a trip back to England he picked up a job as the Los Angeles correspondent for a drama magazine in London. And upon returning to Los Angeles, through serendipity, he became the drama critic for the L.A. Weekly. He stayed with the paper for 26 years, eventually becoming the theater editor, until his position was downsized.

"At the time, the L.A. theater scene was going through an unruly adolescence," said Morris, an engaging story teller and conversationalist. "It was all over the place, with sparkles of brilliance."

Morris is currently the LA Stage Alliance executive director. He received the Critic of the Year prize for his print reviews by the National Entertainment Journalism Awards in 2011. He is the founding editor of the community-funded digital arts venture Stage Raw. He chaired the jury for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2012 and served on that jury in 2011. His theater features have been published in the New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, American Theatre Magazine and Back Stage. His play "Beachwood Drive" was produced in Los Angeles and off-Broadway.

Of Morris' freshman outing as a novelist, Charles Isherwood, drama critic at the New York Times said, "A wryly funny, deftly written and tangibly absurdist novel of urban angst."

As evidence of Morris' quirky and absurdist bent, he convinced Michael Ritchie, artistic director of the Center Theatre Group in Los Angeles, to give an "Arts in America" speech with one of Morris' Rhode Island Reds, Gwendolyn, perched on his arm. The deal with Ritchie was that he would make no mention of the chicken throughout his entire speech. "It was a dada moment," smiled Morris.

Morris and wife Martha Ludlum are Idyllwild residents happy to have fled the Hollywood scene for pastoral peace in Idyllwild. "Idyllwild is a refuge I'm reluctant to leave," said Morris. "I don't want to go down the Hill. Martha calls it 'Brigadoon.' I call it 'the Forest of Arden.'"

Morris will read from his book at the Idyllwild Library from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, in the Community Room. There is no charge for admission.

For more about Morris, visit stageraw.com/team/steven-leigh-morris.

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



Morris, then drama critic for the L.A. Weekly, talked Center Theatre Group Artistic Director **Michael Ritchie** (shown) into giving an entire talk before an esteemed audience with one of Morris' hens, Gwendolyn, on his arm. Ritchie agreed to give the talk and never acknowledge the Rhode Island Red on his arm. Said Morris, "It was a dada moment."

PHOTO COURTESY STEVEN MORRIS



Idyllwild Actors Theatre is holding auditions for our upcoming production of "On Golden Pond" by Ernest Thompson at **The Rainbow Inn, 54420 S. Circle Dr. in Idyllwild on Tuesday, May 24th from 6-7:30pm.** Show dates are July 29-31. To schedule audition time and get more information, please email to info@idyllwildactorstheatre.com or call 951-692-9553.

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'Lovers and Other Strangers' visits Idyllwild for Memorial weekend

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

"Lovers and Other Strangers" is the annual Memorial Day theater production to support the Idyllwild HELP Center. The play, by Renée Taylor and Joseph Bologna, will be presented daily from Friday, May 27, to Monday, May 30, at Town Hall.

The popular play debuted in September 1968 and was a 1970 film, for which the writers earned an Oscar nomination.

The play is about a series of related couples at a wedding rehearsal, ceremony and reception. Bonnie Bedelia, Emmy-nominated actress who played the bride in the movie, is scheduled to be a special guest before the Friday performance.

Conor O'Farrell, producer and director of this production, is well schooled in the classic American community theater. While O'Farrell is a successful professional thespian, the cast is composed of 10 local residents, all of

whom love theater and stage performing, but acting is not their profession.

"It's a play about male and female relationships," O'Farrell said. "So I decided to cast actual married couples."

Of the five couples, eight are actually married. Lou Bacher, who starred in the Idyllwild production of the "Odd Couple," and Dora Dillman are the only stage couple. According to O'Farrell, Dillman was asked if her stage partner Bacher would know his lines. Before she answered, the questioner replied, "It's much funnier when he doesn't."

"That says it all about community plays," O'Farrell said, summing up the work. "I always have some anxiety over these things."

O'Farrell's concern starts from his responsibility as director. For weeks, he oversees dozens of rehearsals. "You see it night after night. Eventually, the surprise, which is comedy, is lost because you see it so much," he explained.

Referring to the 2010 production of the "Odd Couple,"

O'Farrell said, "By opening night, I thought we were in big trouble. It just wasn't funny. But it was a huge hit! We sold out every show and turned people away on the last night."

Six years ago, Bacher, who was chair of the HELP Center at the time, asked O'Farrell to help with some fundraising. He suggested, "... a play always brings in money. In Idyllwild, because it's a small town, people are looking for entertainment on Saturday night. A good play, optimally, brings people out because they're tired of sitting on the couch and there's always music around town."

All the proceeds will be contributed to the Idyllwild HELP Center. Tickets are \$35 and include a catered dinner from the local restaurant, Ferro, which will donate and prepare all the food. The dinner will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall, too.

The couples who compose the cast are Pete and Suzy Capparelli, Ginger and Bo Dagnall, Greg and Sandy Jones, and Patrick and Christina Reitz.

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Christopher Morse (left) sports two broken arms as Bernard to friends Joyce (Barbara Rayliss, second from left), Margaret (Allison Fedrick, second from right) and Gordon (Chic Fojik, right) in David Tristram's "The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley," read by the Stratford Players at Café Aroma on Sunday.
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Holistic health practitioner **Steven Morrison** (right) mixed with interested attendees, including **Julian Geisinger** (center) at Sky Island Organic's first Health Fair, held on Saturday, May 14.
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Nature Center to hold annual festival

The Idyllwild Nature Center is planning its annual Wildflower and Art Festival for Memorial Day weekend. The event includes guest speakers, naturalist-led walks, native plant sales, vendors, children's crafts, more than 100 wildflowers identified and on display, art and more.

Local artist Gerry High will lead a wildflower art demonstration and children's workshop. Bea Torrez will give a native food demonstration and tastings.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 28 and 29. The cost is \$4 per adult, \$3 per child and \$1 per dog.



Construction began on the community garden at Idyllwild Arts Academy Sunday, May 15. Student **Jubilee Heutmaker** (center) initiated the project, with the assistance of **Chris Wegemer** (left), coordinator of the Art and Society Program and teacher of Environmental Science. Student **Mira Winick** (right) also participated. More boxes will be constructed and the entire garden will be fenced, part of a larger, campus-wide sustainability project. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



It was "comedy tonight" at the final of three performances of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" at Idyllwild Arts Academy Sunday, May 15. The typically professional presentation by the Theatre Department featured many talented students who acted, sang and danced their way through a very entertaining production. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



The Idyllwild Arts InterArts Performance Ensemble presented "un-FAIRGROUND," an original performance piece, on May 11. The ensemble devised and wrote the show, a mesmerizing mélange of soliloquy, stage play, concert and interpretive dance that looked at relationships as revealed by passengers on a variety of amusement park rides. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

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Steele 57th at The Players

BY JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele fired a 7-under-par 33-32 — 65 in The Players Championship on the TPC Sawgrass course in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, in Thursday's first round, and tied for second place, one stroke behind the leader. But course conditions changed

and his game changed with them.

All the Idyllwild native could muster for the week was a 3-over-par 65-76-74-76 — 291 for 57th place. He now has 541 FedExCup points on the season, but his ranking dropped from 53rd to 57th.

Brendan has this week off.

Jack can be reached at jack@towncrier.com.



Idyllwild School's **Jenna Arnett** ran the hurdles during the Middle School Track Meet last week.
PHOTO BY CHANDRA LYNN

★ STUDENTS OF THE WEEK ★



Amarilli Severa, pictured in her school photo because she was absent when the Town Crier photo was taken, is honored as student of the week for having the highest GPA in Idyllwild Middle School's seventh grade. **Madison Collis** is honored as student of the week for having the second-highest GPA in the seventh grade.

MADISON'S PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH



Randon Lane (right) receives the coveted Idyllwild Rotary Squirrel from Idyllwild Rotary President **Chuck Weisbart** at the May 11 weekly meeting of the club. Lane, the mayor of Murrieta, spoke at the meeting about the governor's proposed budget and other issues of importance to local citizens. He then answered questions from the audience, some of which touched on his candidacy for Riverside County supervisor.

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Baseball

Bob Lewis, Town Hall director, gave this report for Youth Baseball in recent weeks.

T-Ball League:

On Tuesday, the Padres hosted the Tigers. **Jake Taylor** had a couple of good hits for the Tigers and **Cade Brown** also hit the ball very hard and made some good fielding plays as well.

Minor League:

Saturday, May 14, the Dodgers battled the Giants. The Giants jumped to an early lead thanks to a couple of hits and some good fielding from **Oliver Gonzalez**, but **Darius Esparza** saved 3 more runs from the Giants with a great fielding play and had a big hit in a good comeback as the Dodgers squeaked by the Giants 6-5.

The second game saw the Astros vs. the Angels. **Tyler Sonnier** had a couple of big hits and tagged out a runner at home plate for the Astros. **Remi Mejia** hit the ball hard and drove in a couple of runs for the Angels, but it wasn't enough as the Astros beat the Angels 12-4.

Standings:

	Wins	Losses
Dodgers	4	0
Angels	2	2
Astros	1	3
Giants	1	3

Major League:

Tuesday, May 10, had the Marlins against the Angels. **Alexis Perez** pitched very well for the Marlins, but gave up one mistake — a 3-run homerun by **Christian Lynn** as the Angels blanked the Marlins 3-0.

Saturday, May 14, it was the Mariners visiting the Angels. It was a good pitching duel with **Cristian Gonzalez** on the Mariners and **Jacob Parson** on the Angels. The last inning saw **Liliana Sorenson** knocking in the winning run for the Angels as they barely got by the Mariners 5-4.

Standings:

	Wins	Losses
Angels	3	0
Marlins	0	1
Mariners	0	2

The Friday, May 6, game between the Mariners and Marlins was rained out and is rescheduled for this Saturday.

Quake talk at library

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library will present Joe Migliore (replacing Kerry Berman), volunteer, docent and interpretive guide, who will speak about the history and geology of the San Andreas, and other California earthquake faults.

The event is from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the library.



Idyllwild School pitcher **Peyton Priefer** and Catcher **Maddison Collis** cover home during an intense game against San Jacinto Valley Academy. Idyllwild won in the 7th inning, when **Alexis Perez's** game-winning hit scored team-mate **Sage Barnett**. PHOTO BY CHANDRA LYNN



Idyllwild School's **Aaron Potter** leaps high to block a shot from San Jacinto Valley Academy, who defeated Idyllwild in a match last week. PHOTO BY CHANDRA LYNN

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• Saturday, May 21

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• Sunday, May 22

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Be Responsible

Owning a pet is a big responsibility, sometimes too big. Finding a new home for a pet can be hard, especially for an exotic pet like a snake. Not everyone likes snakes, which may explain why some pet owners have chosen to leave their Burmese pythons in the wild in the Florida Everglades.

Burmese pythons come from Asia. They do not belong in the Florida Everglades, but more and more of them are being found there. Some escaped there during the hurricanes. Some were left there by pet owners. Burmese pythons eat a lot, and because of that, there are fewer raccoons, possums and rabbits in the Everglades, making for less food for other animals. The pythons are also eating larger animals, like alligators, deer and panthers.

Burmese pythons are a big problem in the Everglades, and to stop them from wiping out some animal species and moving into other areas of Florida, wildlife officials now have programs in place that make it harder for pet owners to get a Burmese python. There are also programs to remove the snakes from the area.



Jokes and Riddles

Q: What do porcupines say upon kissing?

A: Ouch!

Q: What is smarter than a talking bear?

A: A spelling bee.



The winners of Town Hall Adult Basketball are, from left, **Kellen Porter, Matt Nunn, Noah Rutherford and Stefan Carman** (in front).
PHOTO COURTESY BOB LEWIS

Second-place winners of Town Hall Adult Basketball are, from left, **Sean Davis, Buddy Beagle** (holding son **Landon Beagle**), **Ben Goulding, Brian Ensman and Roman Parillo**.
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Time to vote for your favorite volunteer

BY BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

The Ernie Maxwell Community Spirit Award committee at the Town Crier has decided on three top candidates for the community to choose among.

The honor is given to an individual or group who represents EMax's spirit of community and volunteerism. Prior awardees took actions that created a spark sufficient to bring others into the fray just as Maxwell did with his activities involving the environment.

This year, all nominees are individuals who have demonstrated a tangible, perhaps physical, effect on the community. They also were chosen because they have given, without expecting recognition and mostly behind the scenes, for years and years helping improve our community.

The candidates and their accomplishments, in alphabetical order, are:

1. **Jerry Holldber's** local volunteering has spanned five decades, beginning with volunteering as a young teenager at the Idyllwild Institute Fiesta. He joined the Jaycees, serving as chair of six Bluegrass Festivals. Part of the proceeds helped start the Friends of the Mt. San Jacinto County Parks.

As a Pine Cove Fire Department volunteer, he served as an engineer, EMT and ambulance driver for 12 years. He volunteered on the Idyllwild Scholarship Committee for two years.

As a 15-year member of the Idyllwild Lions Club, he co-founded and co-chaired the five Timber Festivals that helped support a special needs camp and Guide Dogs of the Desert. He has been involved in the Pine Cove Property Owners Association for more than 25 years, serving as president and other positions some years.

He has volunteered on the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council for more than 10 years, most years as treasurer. He is chair of the CSA 38 Advisory Committee.

2. **Janice Murasko and Robert Hewitt:** Janice has been involved in the Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild for at least five years.



Christina Nordella



Janice Murasko and Robert Hewitt



Jerry Holldber

Janice keeps Sadie's Clinic going where a vet visits the Hill monthly, offering low-cost services without pet owners having to drive off the Hill.

As a licensed dog trainer, Janice uses those skills to make ARF dogs more adoptable. She writes ARF's monthly newsletter offering helpful tips to pet owners.

She spends endless hours, often single-handedly, keeping ARF going and finding temporary foster homes for animals found or left abandoned on the Hill.

Robert drives his truck around searching for and tracking lost pets when calls come in. He also acts as the Sadie's Clinic vet assistant and has the scratches on his arms to prove it. He also volunteers as a CSA 38 Advisory Council member and president of the Pine Cove Water District board.

The couple started the Paws for Rhythm and Brews fundraiser for ARF last year. Janice, along with Sheila Boynton, also created the fundraiser to nominate a pet as mayor that raised more than \$30,000.

3. **Christina Nordella** is one of the founding members of Idyllwild School's smARTS program, a collaboration between the PTA and local artists, begun more than 10 years ago to bring art back into the school after budget cuts. She has been a volunteer coordinator and volunteer artist.

After losing everything in a house fire a few years before the 2013 Mountain Silver fires, she and Ginger Dagnall held an event to raise money for those who were most severely affected in the two wildfires. It raised

about \$8,000.

In 2007, she re-established the nonprofit Earthwitness Foundation to bring school children from cities in the county to Idyllwild to experience the mountain. They learned about Native Americans and ecology, and were given an organic lunch and snack. EWF has taught more than 550 students, and offers a scholarship to a graduating eighth-grade student and teacher. It also raises money for Cahuilla basket weavers and Idyllwild Arts Academy's sustainability program.

Christina volunteered in the Idyllwild Festival of Cinema. She and Conor O'Farrell created Leg Up Theatre Company to raise money for the ICC project and Idyllwild Middle School sports.

She founded the free Community Caring Lunch every Thursday at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. She also offers free community healing, a 15-minute Japanese accupressure session, once a month.

The four previous awardees were the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council in 2011, Dawn Sonnier in 2012, Robert Priefer in 2013, Annamarie Padula in 2014 and Wendy Read in 2015.

To vote, fill out the form on the back page (no photocopies) and drop it off at the Town Crier office or mail it to Town Crier, Attn: Emax Award, P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Or vote online at www.idyllwild-towncrier.com. The deadline to vote for your favorite nominee is 5 p.m. Thursday, June 9.

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



In commemoration of the Holocaust, **Frances Nassau** (left), a 92-year-old concentration camp survivor, was guest speaker at Friday night's Temple Har Shalom service held at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. Nassau related many of the ordeals she and others endured while being held in the World War II camps. Leading the service was Rabbi **Jules King** (right). PHOTO BY BARRY ZANDER

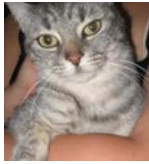


Members of the Garner Valley Gals enjoyed lunch at Russo's in Banning before visiting the Edward-Dean Museum and Gardens in Cherry Valley on Thursday, May 12. Attending were (left side, from left) **Susan Gonzales, Marya Zentz and Judy Sherman;** (and (right side, from right) **Kathy Bowman, Debbie Gray, Sally Burrage, and Barbara Parker.** PHOTO COURTESY KATHY BOWMAN

CREATURE CORNER

BY JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "The Days of Our Nine Lives," ARF dogs and cats were discussing the change in cattery dynamics with the arrival of kittens and possible



Leia



London

departure of Mishka, the husky. **Leia:** (bursting into the room) Well, it has happened again. The dogs are gone. **Bill:** Gone? Do you mean they're with forever families?

Leia: That's right. Mishka is now living in Bishop, and MJ stole the hearts of a lovely couple right here in Idyllwild.

London: Those lucky mutts. If there was a contest between dog lovers and cat lovers, I'm afraid the dog lovers would win. Where are the cat lovers?

Bill: Any news on these kittens we're supposed to be seeing any day now?

Bobbie: Arrgghh. I was hoping that was a dream. Seriously, are we getting kittens?

Leia: That's right, five of 'em. And they're super sweet.

Olivia: Then they're named appropriately: Snickers, Skittles, KitKat, Twix and Cocopuff.

London: Alright, everyone calm down. We need to remember that although kittens are wonderful and cute, they're not for everyone.

Bobbie: Ain't that the truth. They are balls of energy and climb on any and everything.

London: I know some humans truly prefer us older cats. We're way past the goofy kitten stage, we're content to be on or near someone's lap, and we don't require nearly as much attention.

Bobbie: And when we cats age, we don't get all wrinkly and saggy (like those humans). We continue to look strikingly beautiful. Just look at me.

Olivia: Hey, we "teenage" cats are pretty awesome, too. We're playful, but not nutso-kooky like kittens.

Bill: Let's just celebrate that we don't have any dogs invading our space. They've all been adopted and we're canine-free.

For how long will the ARF cats enjoy being canine-free? Will the kittens disrupt the cattery contentment? Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of "The Days of Our Nine Lives" each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Hwy. 243, on Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 10-2, or by appointment M-F by calling 951-659-1122.

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Past

Tense

65 years ago - 1951

Opening of trout season was marred by severe weather and tragedy. Ten camping parties had to be rescued from Dark Canyon Campground and a boy froze to death when he attempted to hike out seeking help for his father who had suffered a heart attack.

60 years ago - 1956

In a story entitled "Pine Cove Humming," the Town Crier reported that Pine Cove had been added to the U.S. Postal Service Star Route, the Pine Cove Country Store was having its grand opening, and a Richfield gas and service station was almost ready to open.

55 years ago - 1961

The Idyllwild Inn dining room offered a complete dinner for \$2.60 and lunch for \$1.25.

50 years ago - 1966

About 750 schoolchildren attending the seven-week outdoor school at Camp Roosevelt (now the site of Camp Ronald McDonald) in Garner Valley planted 2,500 pine seedlings around the camp.

45 years ago - 1971

Riverside County Boy Scouts, participating in the Save Our American Resources project, headed by Idyllwild's Dr. Norman Mellor, added almost two miles of firebreak to the national forest along Red



The demolition of the Idyllwild Inn is shown in this Feb. 21, 1976, photo.

FILE PHOTO, NORMAN P. ROE

Hill truck road.

40 years ago - 1976

The 5th-annual Idyllwild Bluegrass Invitational, a two-day event, drew thousands of people to Idyllwild County Park.

35 years ago - 1981

Nearly 100 people were on hand for the ground-breaking ceremonies at the building site of the Idyllwild Bible Church on Pine Crest Avenue. Until the 4,700-square-foot facility was built, worshippers would continue meeting at Town Hall.

30 years ago - 1986

The secret recipe for the Idyllwild Rotary Club's Memorial Day Apfel Pfannkuchen Pancake Breakfast was taken out of its secret hiding place so that Rotary cooks could review the ingredients.

25 years ago - 1991

Idyllwild School physical education teacher Holly Guntermann was organizing the 10th-annual Idyllwild 5K and 10K Race for June 4.

20 years ago - 1996

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors amended the county gun ordinance to prohibit target practice in Garner Valley.

15 years ago - 2001

The U.S. Forest Service offered some relief for those seeking public restroom facilities in Idyllwild when it was announced that public restrooms would be built in the Forest Service Station on Pine Crest Avenue.

10 years ago - 2006

Idyllwild Arts celebrated

ed its new addition with the dedication of Nelson Hall, which would serve as a dining hall and meeting facility.

5 years ago - 2011

For the first time in many years, the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce had a full board of 11 directors.

1 year ago - 2015

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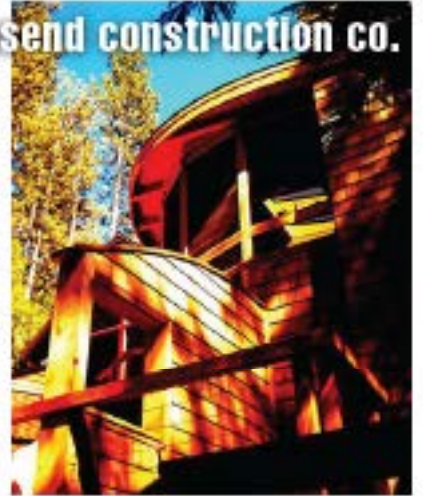
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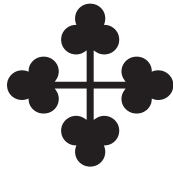
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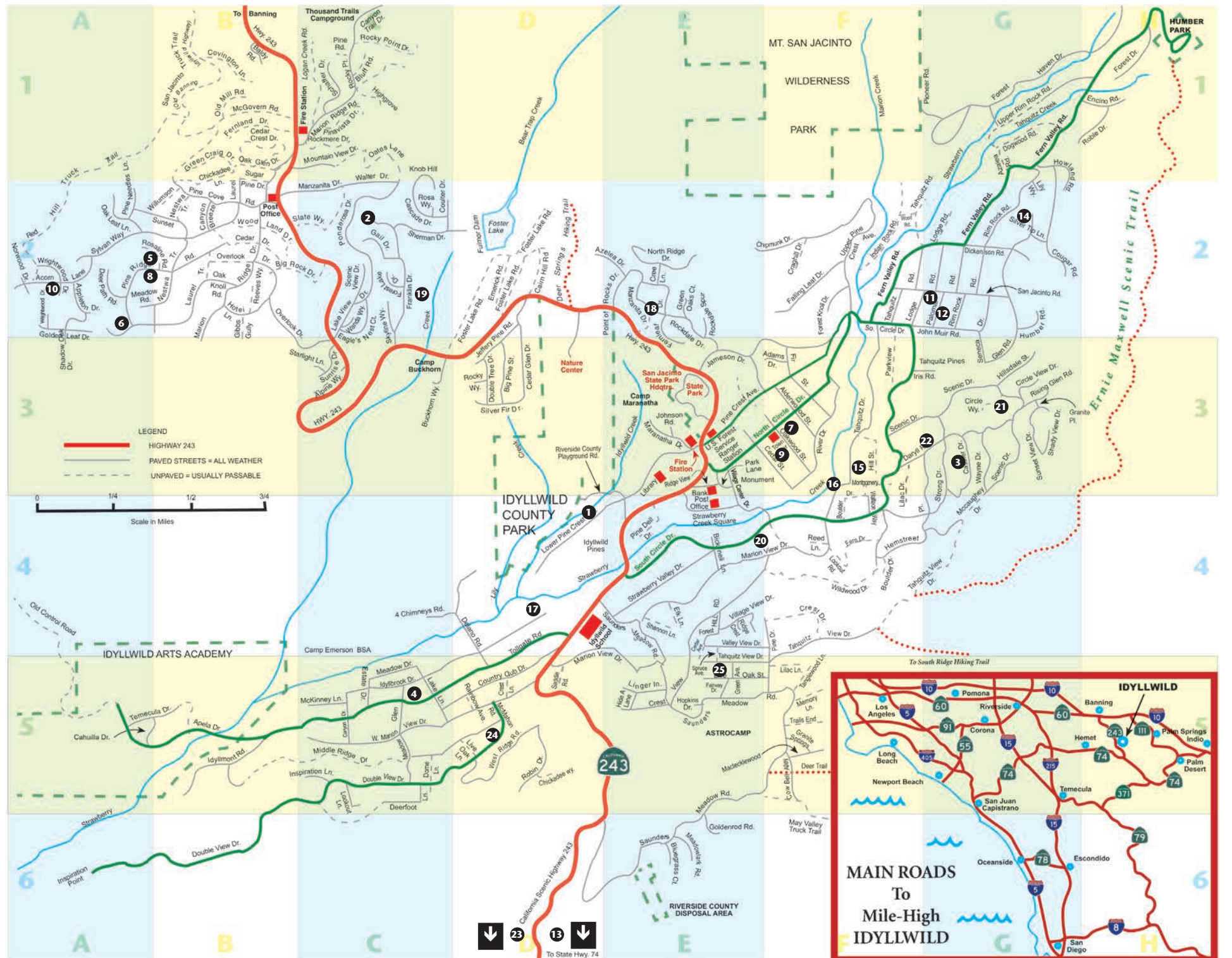
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Two for One: David Salk's Pottery Sale and Yard Sale, Sat. & Sun. May 28 and 29. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Treasures and ??? - 53960 Lower Pine Crest. (1)	52199 Acorn Lane, Pine Cove. Fri. - Mon. 8am - 3pm. Come and take it all. (10)	53350 Tollgate between Lake & Meadow Glen, Idyllwild. Books, kitchenware, tools, housewares, candles, Pampered Chef, women's clothing, costume jewelry, shoes and MORE! Fri.-Sun. 8am - 3pm until everything is gone! (4)	Yard Sale - Fund Raiser. Ham Radios, Antennas, Books, Scanners, Computer Electronics, Battery Chargers, Tools/Hrdwr of all kinds. All proceeds benefit local emerg. communic. MHRC non-profit. May 27th & 28th. Fri./Sat. 8-3. 25121 Glen Rd., Fern Valley. (14)	Tools, tools & more tools. Saws, band saw, miter saw, table saw, tile cutter, 4HP air compressor, fishing equipment, wheelbarrows, misc. 52420 Laurel Trail, Pine Cove. Sat. & Sun. 7am - 4pm. (6)	Largest Yard Sale on the Mountain. Multiple vendors. One day only. Saturday, May 28th. 9am - 2pm. At junction of Highway 74 & 243. Mountain Center's Premiere Open Air Marketplace, next to Mountain Feed and Hay. (13)
Trinkets & Treasures. New & vintage glassware, furniture, art, vintage purses & scarves, dolls, Asian art, etc. 54455 S. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Sat. & Sun. 8am - 3pm. (20)	Big 2-Family Yard Sale Fri., Sat., Sun. 5/27, 28, 29. 8-2. 53730 Idyllbrook. PA speakers, Nuwave Pro Infrared Oven, vintage radio tubes, comp. acces., kitch. gadgets, elect. stove, gas dryer, pitching mach., tools: Dewalt 18vt & Rigid 18vt, 3 panel interior doors, LG G2 Smart Phone, DVDs, roofing staples, Goodyear Wrangler tires, truck bed cover, bedding, designer handbag & way more! (17)	25885 Cassler Dr. Sat. & Sun. 9am-3pm. Lots to see! Lodge Pole Pine Queen size bed frame, baby strollers, dishes, vases, glasses, baskets, clothing, shoes, rugs, cabin games, wood burning stove, dried flowers, ping pong table, tools, electronics & more. (3)	TOOLS. 25456 Palomar, Idyllwild. Fri. & Sat. 8am - 2pm. Tools, household items & bonzai pots. (12)	Oakwood Village Shops-PARKING LOT SALE!!! 54425 N. Circle, Friday and Saturday. Markdowns up to 50% on select new and used items include furniture, electronics, art, clothing and handmade items. 9am - 5pm, weather permitting. (7)	Nice Xmas Decor, bedding, kitchen, rugs, propane heater, stained glass bar light, home decor. Fri. & Sat. 8am - 4pm. 52537 Pine Ridge Rd., Pine Cove. (8)
Man Cave Memorabilia Annual 3-Day Sale. May 27 to 29, 10 to 4. Sports collectibles, rare toys, art, books, CDs, DVDs & VHS, house & yard items. 53560 Double View. (24)			GIANT YARD SALE. 25920 Tahquitz Drive. Fri., May 27 - Mon., May 30. 9:00am - 5:00pm. Lots of new additions! Cold sodas & bottled water, \$1.00. (15)	25890 Cedar St. Sat. 5/28 & Sun. 5/29. 8:00am - 3:00pm. Art supplies, appliances, housewares, tools, books, etc. (9)	Great Yard Sale. Fri., Sat. & Sun. 8am - 4pm. Baby cradle, play pen, picture frames, cedar chest, dresser, office supplies and more! 55295 Circle Way (21)

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Yard Sale

GREAT BIG SALE. Good, useful stuff. 2 big weekends starting 5/20. 54270 Live Oak St., Idy. Follow the green signs up Saunders Meadow Rd. from the elem. school. Tools, camping, housewares, vintage, antiques, shabby-chic, equestria & horse tack. (25)

25075 Franklin Dr., Pine Cove. Fri., Sat. & Sun. 9am - 5pm. Large moving sale. Kids clothing/toys, electric Maytag Gemini Stainless Steel Glass top stove w/ double oven, tools, furniture, large selection of int'l home decor & more! (2)

Spring Cleaning - house-hold, clothes & much, etc. Saturday only. Begins at 8am. 25374 Franklin Dr., Pine Cove. (19)

Spectacular Sale of remaining merchandise from Bob's Vintage Shoppe Antiques. Victrola, Edison cylinders, oak table, armoire, metal signs, oil lamps, pine dry sink & other wonderful items, reasonably priced. Fri., Sat., Sun., 9am-4pm; 52560 Pine Ridge. (5)

Yard Sale. Black Fri. & Sat. May 20, 21, 27 & 28th. 9am - 3pm. Office, kitchen, games, clothes, furn., folding canvas sports chairs, tools, bedding, 8x10' shed. New/used. 243 to Jameson to Rockdale & Manzanita - 1 mile. (18)

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Answers to Sudoku
(Puzzle on next page)

Yard Sale

David Salk's
"Imperfect
But Still Nice"
Pottery Sale
Sat. & Sun. May 28 & 29
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
53960 (1)
Lower Pine Crest

4-Family Sale: Household items, toys, kids clothing, women's clothing, 4-string elec. bass guitar, decorative mirror, small appliances, and much more. Saturday only. 8am - ? 59292 Donna Mae Place, at Barbara Lee Dr., Garner Valley. (23)

Furniture, mountain decor, clothes, knick knacks & more fun stuff! Hours: 9am till all sold. Sat. & Sun. 55021 San Jacinto Rd., Idyllwild. (11)

55050 Daryll, Idyllwild. Fri., Sat. & Sun. Household items, yard tools, clothes, scuba tanks & accessories, kids toys. (22)

AWESOME GARAGE SALE. Asian art, antiques, furniture, antique tools, puzzles, books, stuffed animals glassware, wine rack, and misc. awesome stuff. 26105 Tahquitz Dr. Fri., Sat. & Sun. 9am - 3pm. (16)

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Answers to Crossword
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WORD SEARCH

(Answers on next page)

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Bats	Don't	Hung	Pops	Sort
Bedtime	Drew	Ingredi-	Prince	Spills
Begun	Echoed	ents	Raft	Stand
Blush	Ends	Lace	Raise	Starch
Bumpy	Equals	Lady	Rhythm	Suck
Cherry	Every-	Lids	Rises	Surf
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City	Form	Maybe	Schools	Torch
Clue	Free	Nest	Seal	Trail
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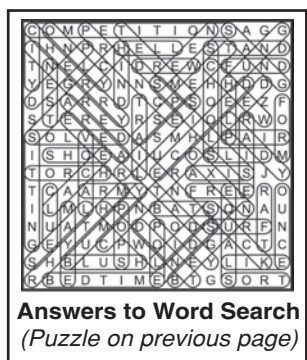
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**SUDOKU**

Difficulty: Hard

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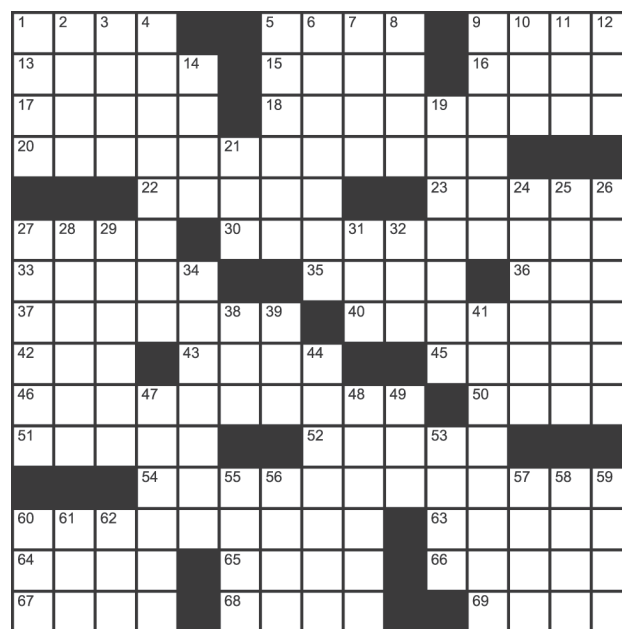
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*Continued →***CROSSWORD**

(Answers on previous page)

**ACROSS**

1. Concrete section
5. Goes on and on
9. ___ gin fizz
13. Takes it easy
15. Chill
16. Cover, in a way
17. A rival
18. Relating to plants
20. _____ & Jelly
22. Coward's lack
23. Hazy
27. Indian type of butter
30. Popular Christmas flower
33. Send, as payment
35. Caribbean and others
36. Engine speed, for short
37. Theory of particle
40. State or jurisdiction of an emir
42. "Wanna ___?"
43. Wyle of "ER"
45. ___ Hall
46. Catholic saying (2 wds.)
50. Easy dupes
51. Alpine call
52. Beef
54. Food cooler
60. _____ estate
63. Run off to the chapel
64. Length x width, for a rectangle
65. And others, for short
66. Male organs
67. Blue hue
68. Beam intensely
69. Mar, in a way
2. "The ___ Ranger"
3. Aquatic plant
4. South German village
5. Dark igneous rock
6. Short haired rodents
7. To ram
8. Accommodate
9. Apparition
10. Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ___"
11. Egg cells
12. Moray, e.g.
14. Pivot
19. Ruin
21. Bug
24. Layers
25. Ace
26. Offices of public officials in the Chinese Empire
27. Touchy
28. Straight
29. Acted badly
30. Or born
32. "Casablanca" pianist
34. Jingled
38. Blubber
39. Fold, spindle or mutilate
41. Securely closed again
44. Flight or journey (Islam)
47. Relating to the air
48. Like some socks
49. Conk out
53. Get ready, for short
55. Feed
56. Pro ___
57. Strengthen, with "up"
58. Airy
59. Medical advice, often
60. Backstabber
61. "... ___ he drove out of sight"
62. Caribbean, e.g.

DOWN

1. High-five,

HOROSCOPES

May 2016 — Week 3

**March 21 – April 19**

Riches are bestowed upon you all week long. Celebrate your good fortune with those who mean the most to you, Aries. An item is recovered.

**April 20 – May 20**

Trust must and can be earned if you let it, Taurus. A sweet treat gets the ball rolling at work. A conversation concludes at home, and a compromise is reached.

**May 21 – June 21**

Beware, Gemini. Something is amiss at home, and it would serve you well to find out what it is. A business affair is taken care of quickly.

**June 22 – July 22**

You love surprises. A friend does not. Confess now, Cancer. An athletic passion is revived with a household addition. A rule is amended.

**July 23 – August 22**

Pleasantries exchanged at work remind you of a task you have yet to complete. Work it in, Leo. Someone important is watching. A film inspires introspection.

**August 23 – September 22**

Some of the best days are unplanned. Put away your phone and let the week take you where it will, Virgo. You'll be surprised at what ensues.

**September 23 – October 22**

Up for a stroll down memory lane, Libra? Good. A an old pal is about to take you on one. Waste not, want not at work. A call is answered.

**October 23 – November 21**

Oh, yeah, Scorpio. A hunch leads you to the opportunity of a lifetime. Go for it! A furry friend requires some one-on-one attention. Perhaps it's time to go to the park.

**November 22 – December 21**

Sage you may be, Sagittarius, but sage you will not appear if you don't prepare now. Hit the books so you won't be out of your element.

**December 22 – January 19**

Loose lips wreak havoc on a party. Don't add fuel to the fire, Capricorn. A blast from the past drops a bombshell. Speak up and be honest!

**January 20 – February 18**

The heart knows what it wants, Aquarius. Stop fighting it. A freak accident sends a loved one on the path to recovery. Thank goodness!

**February 19 – March 20**

Hush, Pisces. You know too much as it is. A co-worker's lapse in concentration curtails progress on a project. Snap them out of it!

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as OMNIDYNE GLOBAL, 41185 Golden Gate Circle, Suite 202, Murrieta, CA 92562, Riverside County. Mailing address: 38082 Silver Fox Ct., Murrieta, CA 92562. GEORGE MICHAEL KHOZAM, 38082 Silver Fox Ct., Murrieta, CA 92562.

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:
GEORGE MICHAEL KHOZAM
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Apr. 20, 2016.

FILE NO.:
R-201605138

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

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CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Apr. 28, May 5, 12, 19, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as ESSENTIAL AC, 2172 Adobe Ave, Corona, CA 92882, Riverside County. JOHN MICHAEL PEDRO, 2172 Adobe Ave, Corona, CA 92882.

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

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Registrant Signature:
JOHN MICHAEL PEDRO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Apr. 18, 2016.

FILE NO.:
R-201605006

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A

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

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Apr. 28, May 5, 12, 19, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as PHILLIP TARANTINO CONSTRUCTION, TARANTINO CARPENTRY, 1025 S. Gilbert St., #136, Hemet, CA 92543, Riverside County. PHILLIP -- TARANTINO, 1025 S. Gilbert St., #136, Hemet CA 92543.

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

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Registrant Signature:
PHILLIP -- TARANTINO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Apr. 22, 2016.

FILE NO.:
R-201605266

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as HELLERUD DEVELOPMENT, 52620 Chickadee Lane, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 3084, Idyllwild, CA 92549. MICHAEL WADE HELLERUD, 52620 Chickadee Lane, Idyllwild, CA 92549. VIRGINIA KAY HELLERUD, 52620 Chickadee Lane, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 04/01/16.

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

Registrant Signature:
MICHAEL WADE HELLERUD

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Apr. 25, 2016.

FILE NO.:
R-201605329

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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: May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDYLLWILD BEAUTY SALON + FAMILY HAIR CARE, 54240 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1226, Idyllwild, CA 92549. CELINDA CEE ALLERT, 25325 Point of Rocks, Idyllwild, CA 92549. RICHARD NOBLE ALLERT, 25325 Point of Rocks, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 04/11/16.

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Registrant Signature:
CELINDA CEE ALLERT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Apr. 22, 2016.

FILE NO.:
R-201605269

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CERTIFICATION

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as KYLE PICHE CUSTOM BUILDERS, 25123 Cascade Dr. Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 3630, Idyllwild, CA 92549. KYLE WILLIAM PICHE, 25123 Cascade Dr., 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:
KYLE WILLIAM PICHE
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 2, 2016.

FILE NO.:
R-201605690

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

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Pine Cove

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advocated using some money to help individuals who could not afford to abate their property.

Committee Chair Jerry Holldber noted that the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council has money and recently received a grant from 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington for this purpose.

With a current reserve balance greater than \$660,000, members Robert Hewitt and Thom Wallace were reluctant to recommend the parcel fee's extension since the property tax revenue will continue to the CSA.

"If we don't know exactly how we'll spend the money, it's hard to tell the public," Wallace said. He argued that the money, which has been set aside for several years to acquire a new engine for Station 23, could be used for this purposes.

Hewitt expressed similar concerns about recommending a fee extension, even at a lower level, while the CSA 38 balance continues to grow. "I can't support a parcel fee in an election," he said and, referring to the \$660,000, and added, "What's all this money for?"

The vote was 4-0-1, with Muir abstaining.

The fee was initially approved in an August 2004 vote as \$50 with an escalation formula. The as-

essment helped defray the cost of emergency ambulance service, which the Idyllwild Fire Protection District provided under contract with Riverside County.

In 2004, the cost of the contract for ambulance service from IFPD was \$76,446. By 2015, the contract's last year, the cost grew to \$128,858.

A year ago, when Riverside County adopted a new countywide ambulance contract with American Medical Response, it stipulated that the Mountain Plateau (exclusive of Idyllwild) should be part of this service. Thus, beginning July 1, 2015, CSA 38 residents no longer had to pay collectively for the ambulance service. AMR does charge individuals for cost of transport to hospitals.

In other business, the committee agreed to join with the Station 23 staff to develop and construct a flagpole and plaque honoring all of the station's volunteers.

"I like the idea of history and listing the names of all the volunteers," commented member Lou Padula.

The committee also unanimously recommended a 2016-17 budget to the supervisors and that included funds for a new engine and some new funding for fuel-abatement projects in the Pine Cove area.

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Fire service

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problems forced the city to contract the staffing and work at this station with Riverside County Fire Department. Its police service also was shifted to the county and about 17 city employees had to be let go.

Hults and other city leaders wanted to resume better fire service to the city and re-open the station, including adding an emergency squad this year. The proposed costs, quoted to Hults, were more than \$3.5 million. After Reitz and Kotyuk had some conversations, IFPD presented a proposal, which Hults said, "... will save us quite a bit of money."

Based on the preliminary discussion, Hults foresees savings approaching \$1.5 million. This is the reason for its interest in the JPA. Reitz has said that IFPD will benefit from the JPA funding a portion of some staff costs.

Reitz stressed that several options have been proposed and until there is an agreement on establishing the JPA, the staffing and cost details are rough approximations. One option did provide four-person crews. "We'll have to hash out the details," he said. "The city will have to decide what it wants from the JPA."

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Potentially dangerous mosquitoes detected in Coachella Valley

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Aedes aegypti, the mosquito that can carry the Zika virus, has been found in the Coachella Valley. But the Zika virus has not been detected in Riverside County.

While some county residents may have had Zika, they contacted the virus outside the United States. As of May 13, the state's Department of Public Health has identified 46 Zika cases in California, all of which were contracted while the victim was traveling outside California. Nine of these involved pregnant women. None of the cases have involved Riverside County residents.

On May 9, laboratory staff for the Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District detected the *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in Coachella near the intersection of Calle Camacho and Calle Rojo.

The *Aedes aegypti* mosquito has the potential to transmit deadly viruses, including dengue, chikungunya, Zika and yellow fever, viruses not currently transmitted in California by mosquitoes. While the mosquito is not native to California, it has been found in dozens of communities in California over the last few years, including Riverside, San Jacinto, Imperial, El Centro, Los Angeles and San Diego counties, according to a press release from CVMVCD.

The district has been investigating more than 200 homes for the presence of the *aedes aegypti* mosquito and has captured several hundred. Its presence also was found at a

second site in Indio.

While doing this work, the CVMVCD found mosquitoes that were positive for the West Nile virus.

The district plans to investigate further, to evaluate the size of the infestation, to "target problem areas to prevent the spread of these mosquitoes," according to CVMVCD.

To reduce the area attractive to breeding mosquitoes, CVMVCD recommends limiting the amount of standing water near your house, and other actions:

- Inspect yards for standing water sources and drain water that may have collected under potted plants, in bird baths, in discarded tires and in any other items that could collect water.

- Check your rain gutters and lawn drains to make sure they aren't holding water and debris.

- Clean and scrub bird baths and pet watering dishes weekly.

The symptoms of Zika are fever, joint pain, rash, red eyes and muscle pain. These begin three to seven days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. For most people, illness is usually mild with symptoms lasting up to a week. Some infected people have no symptoms at all.

While there is concern about how the Zika virus may affect and damage a fetus, the research is not definitive. According to the federal Centers For Disease Control, "... In a recent article, CDC scientists announced that there is now enough evidence to conclude that Zika virus infection during pregnancy is a cause of microcephaly and other severe fetal brain defects and has been linked to problems in infants, including eye defects, hearing loss and impaired growth. Scientists are studying the full range of other potential health problems that Zika virus infection during pregnancy may cause."

Pregnant women should avoid travel to Zika-known areas and if traveling there, try to avoid mosquito bites. These areas are identified on the CDC website, www.cdc.gov/travel/page/zika-travel-information.

The U.S. Senate voted on a \$1 billion funding bill to help fight the spread of the Zika virus. House Republicans expressed a desire also to provide funding for these initiatives, but cannot agree on how to fund the package.

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Popular SoCal reggae band Inhale performed at the Rustic Theatre Saturday, May 14. New Rustic owner Kevin Nett said he plans to have more live performances at the theater in the future. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

Forest Folk meet and greet

Join the Idyllwild Forest Folk for a meet and greet social from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at the Idyllwild Library.

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