



COMING SOON!

GARNER VALLEY GETAWAY

Offered @ under \$500K. Great Room. Vaulted ceilings & lots of windows. 1 Bedroom and Loft. Equestrian ready; Barn, Arena, Round Pen plus Tack & Hay storage. Separate Guest Studio.



Larry Bischof
CalBRE# 01310589



Text Friendly Cell or E-mail
951-236-9777
Larry@hilltoprealty.com

HILL NEWS

Director passes

Idyllwild Water District Director Geoffrey Caine died Saturday ...



PAGE A2

Flowers

of the forest

Idyllwild loses ...



Stephanie Hamlet
Anne Marie Bennstrom
Prescott
Brian Thompson ...



PAGE A3

Dr. Richard MacNeal

Bill Lowman remembers his friend and an Idyllwild Arts philanthropist ...



PAGE A3

HAPPENINGS

Film festival



Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema begins next Tuesday. ...

PAGE B1

Fashion show

Idyllwild Arts' "Rustic Wedding" fashion show to benefit Help Center ...



PAGE B1

'Chairs for Charity'

Artists create chairs for the Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation's 50th anniversary celebration ...



PAGE B3

Member-supported

TC updates and continues the appeal ...

PAGE A4

Member Supported

Idyllwild Town Crier

Idyllwild's Only Newspaper

ALMOST ALL THE NEWS — PART OF THE TIME ... ONLINE ALL THE TIME AT IDYLLWILDTOWNCRIER.COM

VOL. 73 NO. 9 IDYLLWILD, CA THURS., MARCH 1, 2018

A&E CalendarB7 Classifieds.....B4 Games.....B5 Past Tense.....B8 Service DirectoryB6
Churches.....B8 Community Calendar.....A7 OpinionA4 Public Notices.....A6 Weather.....A2

County stresses AMR provides ambulance service to Pine Cove

Idyllwild Fire serves its constituents first, supports AMR, if needed

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Pine Cove residents were assured that American Medical Response is their primary emergency ambulance service. "Residents from Pine Cove will only receive a responding IFPD ambulance when AMR is unavailable and the closest available ambulance is from See EMD, page A2



In celebration of the birthday of Dr. Seuss, Rachel Torrey reads "Dr. Seuss" books to children at the Idyllwild Library Monday morning. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

Governor revives water bill tax

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

With little attention and no fanfare, Gov. Jerry Brown plans to resurrect the idea of a state tax on local water bills. Last summer, the state Assembly held a hearing on Senate Bill 623, which would impose a monthly fee on the size of a customer's water meter.

Individuals served with a one-inch meter would pay 95 cents per month. If the meter were between 1 and 2 inches, the state tax would be \$4 monthly. The highest rate would have been \$10 per month for meters greater than 4 inches.

Low-income customers would have been exempt. The bill also proposed a tax on fertilizer and milk

The estimated revenues, greater than \$100 million annually, would be used to repair or construct safe drinking water projects in disadvantaged communities, which did not have the capability to raise the construction funding themselves.

Then, no further action was taken, except for several editorials throughout the state panning the idea. However, Brown has revived the proposal and included it in his fiscal year 2018-19 budget.

"The Administration is proposing statutory language, consistent with the policy frame work of SB 623, introduced in the 2017-18 legislative session. The Governor wants to establish a program that ... provides grants, loans, and administrator contracts or

services to assist eligible communities and households in securing access to safe and affordable drinking water," according to his budget document.

In 2018-19, the governor is proposing an initial budget of \$4.7 million. This will be used to establish the program and begin its implementation, including an assessment of how much funding will be needed.

The most commonly found contaminants are arsenic, perchlorate and nitrates from human actions or nature. The first is often natural mineral deposits in the water way. Military and industrial areas are the usual source of perchlorates. And nitrates frequently are come from fertilizers, which is why that product is being taxed,

too.

The State Water Resources Control Board already has identified more than 300 water systems that are contaminated. Nearly half a million residents may be served from these systems, according to the SWRCB. The state has a law declaring that safe, clean, affordable and accessible water is a basic human right.

The Legislative Analyst noted that the total revenue likely to be collected has not been determined. Further, many of the unsafe water systems have nitrates. Consequently, the cleaning of these systems may be subsidized by clean-water systems rather than the polluter. Finally, the state does not yet have an estimate of the funding needed to repair or restore

safe water to these communities.

Local water district general managers were skeptical of the potential success of the program and concerned about how it might affect their districts. A state tax on water bills is significant competition for additional operating revenue.

"It's a tough question," said Victor Jimenez, Fern Valley's general manager. "I don't think [the money] will go where it is supposed to go. And where is the federal money for safe water?"

"If it is the same [as SB 623], it was not well thought out how this would work," expressed Idyllwild's General Manager Jack Hoagland.

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Democrats overtake Republicans in Riverside County

3rd District has most voters and most Republicans

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Secretary of State released the first report of the number and party affiliation of voters registered for the June 5 primary last week.

In Riverside County, 1.4 million voters are eligible to register. As of Jan. 2, 958,000 county residents have registered.

Of the total Riverside County registered voters, 38 percent, or 364,600 voters, have reg-

istered as Democrats. The Republican Party has 335,600 (35 percent) registered voters.

More than 200,000 county voters chose No Party Preference. Less than 50,000 registered as one of the minor party members. (See the table below.)

The Hill is in the 3rd Supervisorial District, which has the most registered voters of the county's five districts. The 3rd has about 9,600 more voters than the 5th and more than 27,000 registered voters than the 2nd District, which has the fewest.

The 3rd also has the greatest number of registered Republicans, 41.4 percent. None of the other four districts has more than 36 percent.

The 3rd District has the fewest registered Democrats, 60,500 or 29 percent, while 43 percent of registered voters in the 4th and 5th districts are Democrats.

With 47,900 voters registered with no preference, the 3rd District also has the most non-committal voters.

May 21 is the deadline to register to vote in the June 5 primary.

Registration can be done online at <http://registertovote.ca.gov/>, or a paper application may be picked up at the county elections office, library, Department of Motor Vehicles offices or U.S. post office. Voter registration applications must be filled out completely, and

See Voters, page A8

Idyllwild Town Crier

ROBIN OATES
REAL ESTATE INC.

Robin Oates
Broker/Owner
CalBRE# 00591170

(951) 236-7636
robin@robinoates.com

Idyllwild MLS's
#1 Listing Agent and
Idyllwild MLS's
#1 Selling Agent
for years 2015 & 2016



LOTS OF ROOM, INSIDE AND OUT
Spacious, updated home with appealing expanded design including large kitchen, 2 bedrooms, 1.75 baths plus detached guest quarters/studio, large front deck and usable grounds with carport, extra parking, two storage buildings and fenced back yard. #7974 \$279,000



JUST SOLD \$270,000

Water board delays new regs limiting unnecessary waste of water

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The State Water Resources Control Board had planned to adopt permanent regulations to govern the wasteful and unnecessary use of water, regardless of whether a drought emergency has been declared. During the recent drought emergency, which Gov. Jerry Brown had declared from January 2014 to April 2017, the SWRCB had adopted temporary measures to encourage water conservation and limiting the unnecessary waste of water.

But as the board's Feb. 20 meeting began, Chair Felicia Marcus announced that the discussion of the proposed regulations would be a workshop and, "... the board won't take action to-

day; we do want to hear from all the commentators."

Some small changes were made and the SWRCB staff will circulate that again for public comment before the board acts, she said. No new date has been set to approve the final regulations.

However, staff did report that if the regulations were adopted in April or May, they could be effective July 1.

In May 2016, Brown issued an executive order (B-37-16), "Make Conservation a California Way of Life." EO B-37-16, which sets forth actions designed to ensure water is used more wisely, eliminate water waste, strengthen local drought resilience, and improve agricultural water use efficiency and drought planning. To eliminate

water waste, it directs the board to permanently prohibit practices that waste potable water.

This was the SWRCB introduction to the following proposed prohibitions:

- Using potable water to wash sidewalks and driveways;
- Allowing more than incidental runoff when irrigating turf and other ornamental landscapes;
- Using hoses without automatic shutoff nozzles to wash motor vehicles;
- Using potable water in ornamental fountains or decorative water features that do not re-circulate the water;
- Irrigating turf and ornamental landscape during and within 48 hours following measurable rainfall;
- Hotels and motels laundering towels and linens

daily without providing guests the option of using them again;

- During a drought emergency, the serving of drinking water in restaurants and bars without it being requested; and
- As of Jan. 1, 2025, irrigating turf on public street medians and parkways unless the turf serves a community recreational or civic function, the turf is irrigated incidentally with trees, or the turf is watered with recycled water by an irrigation system installed prior to Jan. 1, 2018.

Most of these are familiar to California residents, and Hill water districts already implement some such as the car washing and sidewalks and driveways in their Stage 2 or 3 water conservation policies.

The most serious com-

ments regarding the proposed regulations were concerns about how they would affect water rights. While the SWRCB staff said in its introduction that they reviewed this issue and do not believe the enforcement would impinge on water rights, several people felt differently.

Nevertheless, Danielle Green, representing several clients, said, "These regs are the beginning erosion of California's well-established water law policy."

At the end of the general comment period, board member Dorene D'Adamo requested more comments from the staff, especially legal counsel, in response to the public comments.

Another area that was the target of many comments was the amount of rainfall that would be mea-

sured to discourage watering within the next 48 hours. The original draft had 1/10 of an inch, but after so many comments, it was increased to a quarter of an inch.

Yet, several members of the public recommended deleting a specific amount since it creates confusion within larger districts. For example, a representative for the Los Angeles Water and Power District argued that rainfall from big rain events does not fall evenly across large districts. While some areas might receive a quarter of an inch, other neighbors could receive less.

He recommended leaving the implementation of this restriction to local districts.

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Voepel offers legislative package to benefit students, families, workers

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Assemblyman Randy Voepel (District 71) submitted a package of legislation last week for the benefit of working Californians and their families, children and students. He called it his "cradle to career" legislative package.

The individual bills cover a gamut of issues. Voepel argues that the adoption of each will remove government barriers to starting careers, paying student debt and easing the journey between work and parenthood.

"This collection of bills ... are aimed at improving the lives of Californians throughout all stages of their lives," Voepel said in the release announcing the legislative package, which he said has bi-partisan support.

For example, Assembly Bill 2481, "Infant at Work Program," would establish a pilot program allowing parents of infants to accommodate them in the workplace.

Voepel's description says, it "would permit a state agency to allow parents of infants (between the ages of 6 weeks and 6 months old) to bring the infant into the workplace. This bill would reduce po-

tential costs of child care, strengthen the parent-child bond, and improve employee morale."

Another bill would create greater flexibility for the 40-hour workweek. AB 2482, "Flexible Workweek," authorizes the private sector to permit 10-hour workdays within a 40-hour workweek, without triggering overtime pay. This arrangement would have to be approved by the employer.

"This voluntary arrangement between employers and employees would establish a mutually beneficial environment for working families, students, caregivers, and anyone else who would benefit from such workplace flexibility," Voepel said in his press release.

Besides these two bills, the package includes bills addressing licenses for state-regulated occupations (AB 2483), compensatory time off (AB 2484), repayment of student loans (AB 2478), the sharing of future income in return for student loan assistance (AB 2479), and scholarship tax credit (AB 2480).

Voepel represents Idyllwild in the state Assembly.

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Local Review Board has one update

By SUSAN MONROE
STAFF REPORTER

Before the meeting of the Local Review Board of Idyllwild Historic Preservation District was held on Thursday, Feb 22, Barbara Jones shared that "the primary reason for the local review board is to listen to the public about outside home or business modification." If the Local Review Board approves modification plans those plans can be sent to the Riverside County Planning Department.

The LRB received from the county a Historic District Alterations Permit

Flowchart. According to the flowchart, the initial question to be answered is: "Does the proposed project involve more than routine maintenance in a designated County Historic." If the project is routine, then no alteration permit is necessary and the project can proceed.

If, however, the answer to the question is yes, then the flow chart describes the process necessary for projects that need more than routine maintenance.

The LRB meets quarterly and currently has no projects to review.

Susan Monroe can be reached at susan@towncrier.com.



From left to right, Barbara Jones, President Warren Monroe, and Ron Kammeyer of the Local Review Board of the Idyllwild Historic Preservation District. PHOTO BY SUSAN MONROE

Mahjong Club at library

Open to anyone interested in the game, the Mahjong Club meets from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Idyllwild Library.

Voters

Continued from page A1

be postmarked or hand-delivered to the county elections office at least 15 days before the election.

To request a paper voter registration application be mailed to you, call 800-345-VOTE (8683) or email www.sos.ca.gov/elections/contact/.

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Riverside County voter registration as of Jan. 2, 2018

Party	Registered	Percentage of total eligible
Democratic	364,640	38.06
Republican	335,571	35.03
American Indep	30,346	3.17
Green	2,774	0.29
Libertarian	7,047	0.74
Peace & Freedom	3,425	0.36
Unknown	1,641	0.17
Other	4,868	0.51
No Party Preference	207,706	21.68

Total registered voters 958,018 (65.3%) of eligible voters

Riverside County Third Supervisorial District

Voter registration as of Jan. 2, 2018

Party	Registered	Percentage of total eligible
Democratic	60,452	29.21
Republican	85,589	41.36
American Indep	8,376	4.05
Green	619	0.30
Libertarian	1,902	0.92
Peace & Freedom	599	0.29
Unknown	296	0.14
Other	1,196	0.58
No Party Preference	47,897	23.15

Total registered voters in the 3rd District are 206,926.

DRIBBLE Shoot rebound SCORE!



Adult Co-Ed Basketball

\$40 per player

(Must be at least 15 years of age.)

Orientation, Skills Day & Team Draft Picks are on Monday, March 12th at 6pm

Sign up at Idyllwild Town Hall @ 25925 Cedar St.

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

Deadline to register Friday, March 9th

Games will be on Tuesdays & Thursdays

First game is Tuesday, March 20th

Schedule to follow.

For more information, please call Idyllwild Town Hall at (951) 659-2638.



Idyllwild Water District
P.O. Box 397
Idyllwild, CA 92549

NOTICE OF VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a vacancy exists on the Board of Directors of the Idyllwild Water District, a public agency, as of March 1, 2018. The Board of Directors will use the appointment process to fill the vacancy.

Registered voters interested in applying for the appointment may submit a letter of interest and any background information that will assist the Board of Directors in making its appointment decision. Please direct letters, resumes and any questions to the President of the Board of Directors, Dr. Charles Schelly. Information submittals will be accepted until 5:00 pm on March 14, 2018.

Ninth-annual Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema begins next week

Films shown at the Rustic Theater, Silver Pines Lodge and Town Hall

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

“Vermijo,” the first film in the ninth-annual Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, will be shown at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 6. That evening, “Lies We Tell” starring Gabriel Byrne, Sibylla Deen and Harvey Keitel will be the official opening feature of the festival.

These are just two of the more than 100 films to show during the festival, which will culminate Sunday, March 11, with the IIFC Film Awards Ceremony at the Rustic Theater.

Erika Christensen, film and television actor (“Traffic,” “Parenthood” and more), will co-host the Awards Ceremony with festival Founder/Director Stephen Savage.

There are thrillers, there are dramas, there are documentaries, there are short films, and many of the films have been nominated and won awards at other festivals

this fall and winter.

This year, IIFC will offer several other events — a Children’s Film Festival, several seminars and a benefit showing — during the festival.

The first seminar, “Film Scoring and Licensing Songs for Movies,” will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at the Mile High Café. Besides the good cuisine, the availability of a baby grand piano made it a fine location for this seminar, he noted.

Savage has invited several celebrated and talented filmmakers, composers and lawyers to this seminar. “We’re going to talk about how you get a director to score a film,” he said.

Kim Allen Kluge and Kathryn Kluge, who composed the original score for Martin Scorsese’s “Silence,” will be speaking. David Minasian, who has written numerous musical pieces for films, including his latest collaboration with Justine Hayward of the Moody Blues,

“The Wind of Heaven,” also will speak.

Friday evening, Savage and others will discuss “Bang for Your Buck Filmmaking and the New Distribution Frontier.” Joining him will be Will Wallace, well known to fans of the IIFC. Also on the panel for how to make a film without sufficient funds will be Randall Harris, president of Livies, Free Animal Sanctuary. Its documentary on equine therapy for veterans will be shown prior to the panel discussion.

“I am most pleased with the development of the festival and how it has grown. It’s crazy, I hear about it everywhere,” Savage said proudly. “This year, we’ve had more community help than ever before. People are still approaching us.

“We’re a fast-growing film festival. But we’re caught between being a small good independent film festival and bringing in corporate sponsorship,” he added. One of the current sponsors, Riverside County Film Commission, is major but not corporate.

And the IIFC future

may change and grow. Savage said the festival is working toward and close to achieving its accreditation with the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences — the Oscars.

Between the seminars and Sunday’s Award Ceremony, two special events will occur Saturday, March 10. The first, at 11:15 a.m. at the Rustic Theater, will be a special fundraiser for the Live

Love Foundation. Seven-year-old Violet Brielle Spataro will be here and Brett Culp’s documentary “Look to The Sky,” which features Violet along with other young people who demonstrate “the spirit of Superman,” will be shown.

Later, the fifth-annual Children’s Film Festival will begin at 2 p.m. at the Idyllwild Library.

As of a week ago, Sav-

age said based on the calls he has had or heard about from festival staff, he expects a record attendance in 2018, which is why he still encourages local residents to get a festival pass for the whole event. They are still available even though prices went to \$35 Tuesday.

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.



The ninth-annual Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema begins Tuesday, March 6, at the Rustic Theater. Crowds (as seen here) gather quickly and linger each day of the festival waiting to meet and talk to the numerous filmmakers attending the growing event. FILE PHOTO

The ‘Rustic Wedding’ fashion show

By SUSAN MONROE
STAFF REPORTER

The “Rustic Wedding” fashion show, put on by Idyllwild Arts Academy, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Idyllwild School Gym, to benefit the Idyllwild Help Center. “Brides” and “grooms” will model the gowns and suits. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Help Center and Idyllwild Pharmacy.

Two academy students, Hannah Wakelin and Lexi Kuykendall, will be masters of ceremony this year. They will tell the audience about the up-cycled designs, and the academy designers, as Idyllwild residents model clothing. The term “up-cycled” refers to when a fashion designer uses recycled clothing, and/or fabrics, to create a wearable piece of art. All fabric used for the up-cycled designs were obtained at the Help Center Thrift Store.

Quinn Jensen, a high school student at the academy, recovered a suit in “repurposed rustic western.” Mark Davis, who will model Quinn’s creation at the fashion show, asked for “something bright with prints.” Quinn first covered the jacket with a white bed sheet. Then, she added dazzling shapes and colors.

Fashion student Michelle Yan created a short-sleeved flowered jacket and black pants from previously used suits and raincoats. The result is a suit that is lighter and more wearable.

Maeve Gillespie is one of the designers for the wedding ensemble. She is almost finished making a soft liquid peach and lace rehearsal

dinner dress for the bride.

Sharon Barr is the bride-to-be. She will be modeling the bride’s dress, made by Vanessa Chang, junior level student in fashion design at the Art Academy. Sharon will model the dress at the fashion show but she will also wear it at her own actual wedding that will be held at an undisclosed time and place after the fashion show. Sharon works at the Academy for the Summer Program.

Sharon Barr will be marrying Dorian Sabenorio. Dorian is a fireman. Adam Chao, a junior at the Act Academy in fashion design, is making a one-of-a-kind suit for the groom.

Sharon says she is very “environmentally conscientious” and likes the idea of up-cycled clothing to wear at her actual rehearsal dinner and wedding. She is not superstitious about Dorian seeing her in her wedding dress before their actual wedding. Dorian is glad to be wearing an original design and says he “likes doing their wedding on a budget.”

The bride and groom aren’t the only two in the wedding who will have their own original up-cycled clothing; designs are also being created for the mother-of-the-bride, a bride’s maid and a ring bearer. Sharon’s mother is coming to the fashion show, all the way from South Africa, Sharon’s home country. She will be bringing a surprise piece of fabric from South Africa to add to Sharon’s dress for the actual wedding.

Just another reminder: purchase your tickets in advance at the Help Center or at the Idyllwild Pharmacy.

Susan Monroe can be reached at susan@towncrier.com.



Fashion student at the Arts Academy, Maeve Gillespie, shows her nearly completed rehearsal dinner dress for the bride. PHOTO BY SUSAN MONROE



Bride-and-groom-to-be, Sharon Barr and Dorian Sabenorio, will model their wedding attire created by Arts Academy students at the upcoming fashion show called “Rustic Wedding.”

PHOTO BY SUSAN MONROE

STUDENT SHOWCASE SPOTLIGHT SERIES 2018

Spotlight on Dance
Wednesday, March 14, 2018

VIP Reception 6:00pm • Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland Ballet 7:30pm
IAF Theatre - Idyllwild Arts

To receive your complimentary ticket, call 951.659.2171 x2330 or visit
idyllwildarts.org/spotlight2018

Seating is limited.
*VIP Reception tickets sold separately



Au Jean Rhee, seated, sings her composition, "Chewed Up," accompanied by (from left) Jackie Giroux, Alex Babin and Caelen Perkins as part of the Songwriting Concert at Idyllwild Arts on Tuesday, Feb. 20. Another 16 songs were included in the concert, demonstrating the creative and musical skills of the students.

PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



On Feb 26, Phillip Ferranti discussed the various hiking opportunities in the Coachella Valley. His presentation was at the Idyllwild Library.

PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



Continuing the Idyllwild Rotary Club's tradition of "who am I" talks, Barbara Larsh formally introduced herself to the club on Wednesday, Feb. 21. She shared her transition from Canada to Southern California, including a variety of different jobs. Most recently she has been a paralegal, and has been a very active member of Rotary, exemplifying its motto: Service Above Self. Idyllwild Rotary President Roland Gaebert presented her with an official mug in appreciation for her talk.

PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



The Toler Gibson Band played at Middle Ridge on Friday, Feb. 23. Gavin Toler is on guitar and sang vocals, and with him are (from left) Charlie Woodburn (drums), Kenneth Gibson (guitar and vocals) and Lee Miracle (bass).

PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

Support for families of elderly

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

A series of 12, two-hour support group workshop classes include "Living With Dementia," "Signs of Stress," "Communicating in Challenging Situations," "Legal Issues Part I and II," "Managing Medications," "Taking Charge of Your Health," "Emotional Health," "Grieving," "A Natural Reaction to Loss," "How To Talk To Your Doctor," "Caregiver Burnout" and "Healthy Lifestyles."

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

Mental health urgent care center

A mental health urgent care center provides around-the-clock assessment, psychiatric support, medication management and customized services to adults voluntarily seeking assistance in crisis situations.

Desert Crisis Walk-In Center is located in a remodeled storefront at 2500 North Palm Canyon Drive, Suite A4, Palm Springs. The center will remain open 24 hours a day throughout the year. RI International, a private provider of behavioral health programs, is operating the center under a contract with Riverside University Health System.

Guests also may be referred to the walk-in center by mobile crisis teams or law enforcement. All visits and stays are voluntary. Length of stays cannot exceed 23 hours.

During that time, guests will participate in the development of individualized care plans that include recovery education, peer-to-peer support, mental health services, nutritional counseling, coordination and referral to community-based services.

Steve Steinberg, the director of RUHS Behavioral Health, said the center will help relieve pressure on local emergency departments that get overwhelmed by individuals brought in by law enforcement on involuntary psychiatric admissions known as a 5150

HINT! A Masked Murder Mystery


March 2 and 3 at 7:30pm

March 4 at 2pm

Bowman Theatre
Idyllwild Arts Campus

Idyllwild Arts events are always FREE and open to the public.

A Commedia
Adaptation of the
Board Game Clue!



IdyllwildArts
idyllwildarts.org

'Chairs for Charity' raising money for the arts

BY SUSAN MONROE
STAFF REPORTER

The Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation has been supporting Idyllwild Arts through fundraising for 50 years. In honor of its 50th year, this year it is sponsoring "Chairs for Charity" that continues to benefit the student scholarship fund of the Idyllwild Arts Academy and Summer Program.

The fundraiser kicks off at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery in Idyllwild, with a show from March 28 to April 8. The show then moves to La Quinta Museum from April 10 to May 20.

There will be two receptions. The reception in Idyllwild also will be held at Middle Ridge from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31. The reception in La Quinta will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 3. The public is invited to both receptions at no cost, and there will be live entertainment at Middle Ridge.

Fifteen artists are making chairs in both two- and three-dimensional designs. Four of the artists creating chairs are students currently attending Idyllwild Art Academy. The chairs will be represented in numerous media. Three of the artists, Darcy Gerdes, Charlotte Horton and Mark Wilden, shared with the Town Crier.

Gerdes started her art career at the age of 5 doing caricatures in Anaheim. She said, "I went to someone's house and asked for the breadwinner. I knew they were the ones with money." If she was able to reel the breadwinner in, Gerdes made a caricature of a member of their family.

Later, she worked as an illustrator for 15 years. Now, Gerdes is an award-winning artist.

Two people especially influenced her art career — her high school teacher, Mrs. Mason at Anaheim High, and a neighbor who was an accomplished animator, Ken Southwood, also of Anaheim.

The chair Gerdes is creating for the fundraiser is called "As Above, Also Below." She said, "My chair is a growing chair, made from planted trees reflecting the connection of its roots and growth to oneness. It is a fact," said Gerdes, that there are "those who love to grow a chair out of trees. The process takes four to eight years using ancient technique combining cooperation between nature and craftsmen."

Gerdes quotes Leonardo da Vinci saying: "... learn how to see. Realize everything connects to everything else." As a resident of Idyllwild for 17 years, Gerdes wants to give back to the community. She also has participated in many Art Alliance of Idyllwild fundraisers over the years.

Charlotte Horton also will be creating a chair for charity. The medium she loves is copper wire. Charlotte said, "When I picked up copper wire, my art grew out of it."

Nature is a real inspiration to Horton. She creates the strength and beauty of trees, "their roots anchoring them to the Earth, as their branches reach toward the heavens." Horton is especially fond of oak trees that she finds in a canyon near Murrieta where she lives. She says it is the "oaks' twisty structure that I love."

Horton said of her chair, "The chair is made from Pal Tiya Premium, an all-weather sculpting medium. The tree itself is twisted from 100 percent recycled electrical wire that I found at my local recycling center."

Artist Mark Wilden got started in art when he began carving soap and pipe stone in the 1970s. After 40 years as a finish carpenter, he began creating ta-

bles and stools out of wine barrels. The San Jacinto Mountains introduced him to burl wood and red shank. Into the natural cracks in the wood, Wilden inlays turquoise, lapis and malachite.

Many of Wilden's pieces resemble animals. He likes to bring out the character in each piece of wood, leaving as much natural beauty as possible.

Wilden's chair is being made of cedar from Idyllwild and redshank from Anza. The seat and back are made out of cedar, inlaid with turquoise from Kingman, Arizona. The legs are made of the trunk and branches from native redshank brush that grows in the San Jacinto Mountains. The chair's name will be "Trilogy of 1909." The cedar is 109 years old.

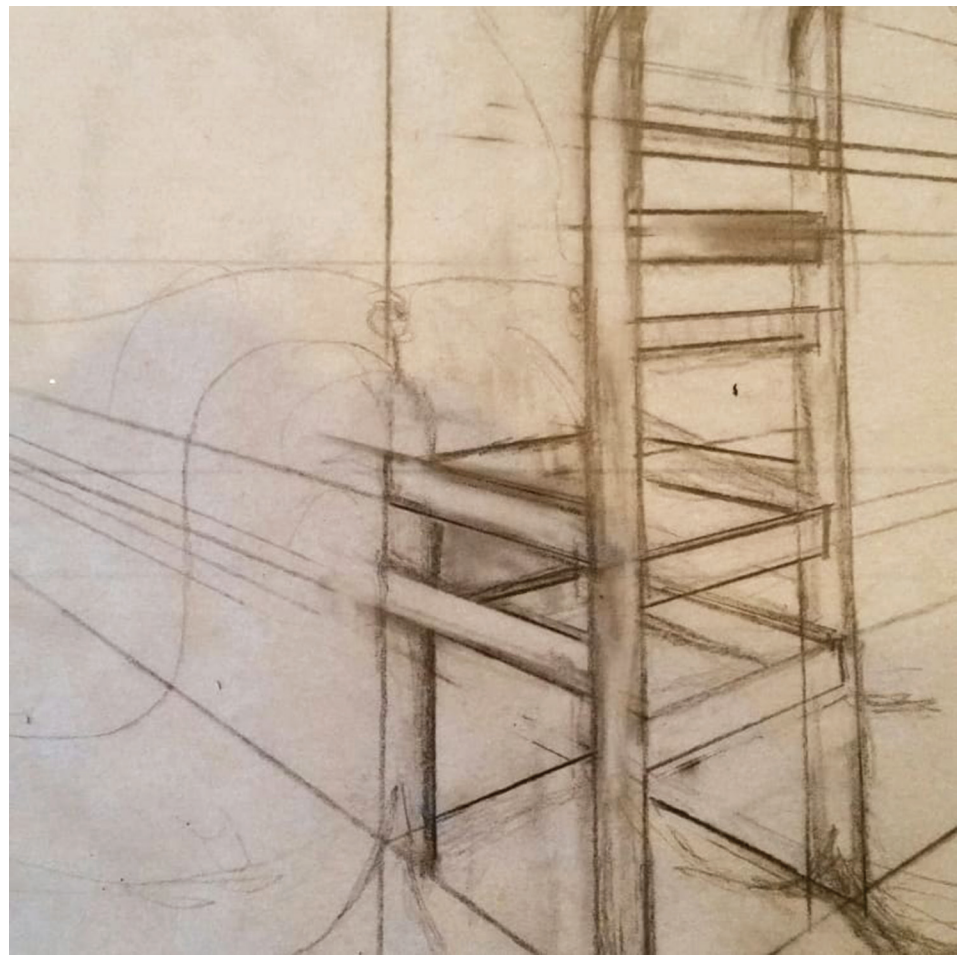
Online bidding for chairs will open at the end of March. To place a bid, visit www.associatesofiaf.org. On that site will be a link for bidding, along with photographs of the chairs. Some chairs being made by artists, however, will not be available online, rather they will be presented at the live auction on Saturday, May 26, during the 50th-anniversary celebration.

The celebration will be held at the Idyllwild Arts campus beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person and include beverages, dinner, music, dancing, a silent auction and the inaugural "Chairs for Charity" exhibit and auction.

Tickets for the May 26 event can be purchased online or by sending a check to The Associates 50th, P.O. Box 303, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

Michael Slocum, Associates president, will lead the festivities for the 50th anniversary.

Susan Monroe can be reached at susan@towncrier.com.



Artist Darcy Gerdes gives a glimpse of her unfinished Chair called "As Above, Also Below." Darcy has a unique perspective.

PHOTO BY SUSAN MONROE



Artist Mark Wilden shares a sneak preview of pieces of his Chair he is calling "Trilogy of 1909." Notice the inlaid turquoise.

PHOTO BY SUSAN MONROE

Idyllwild Shuttle expands its services

BY SUSAN MONROE
STAFF REPORTER

A white van with black lettering on its side reads "Idyllwild Shuttle." The van, idling at the far side of the Pine Cove Market parking lot, awaited passengers. The driver will tell you the service is free — a free community service for everyone.

Ken Hinkle said he is "a regular rider," and that he's been using the shuttle from when it first began.

Reba Coulter, Idyllwild Shuttle services manager, said the free service is the result of a grant by the Riverside County Transportation Commission in conjunction with Forest Folk Inc., a charitable organization with the mission of enhancing life for seniors.

Along with the grant, she is grateful for the assistance given by 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington, as well donations from the Rotary Club, the Community Foundation, the Art Alliance and numerous individual donors whose help keep the shuttle service running. Grant renewal time is just around the corner, too.

The Idyllwild Shuttle has expanded its services and changed its schedule to provide more "flexibility, options and connectivity," said Coulter. The schedule changes went into effect Monday, Feb. 26.

Formerly, the Idyllwild area service was every Wednesday and Friday. Beginning Monday, it will be every Tuesday and Friday. The following are the times and places where you can connect with the shuttle to get to town:

Pine Cove Market: 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
Idyllwild Help Center: 10:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.
Strawberry Plaza: 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Village Market: 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
If you require door-to-door service, call a day in advance to set an appointment.
Formerly, the off-Hill service was Tuesday to Palm Desert and Thursday to Hemet. Beginning Monday, Feb.



Ken Hinkle of Pine Cove, a regular rider, waves before boarding the Idyllwild Shuttle going to town.

PHOTO BY SUSAN MONROE

26, off-Hill service is Monday and Wednesday, and all shuttles will be routed through Banning. There is no set schedule. Idyllwild Shuttle asks that you call the day before you want to go off-Hill before 3 p.m. That way, a flexible schedule can be made to service you and others the next day.

It is not a new service, but Idyllwild Shuttle wants to remind riders that the shuttle provides service to bus and train stations along its route, as well as to the Palm Springs airport.

Pick up your schedule at the Town Crier. It's orange. Susan Monroe can be reached at susan@towncrier.com.

Talk on owls at the library

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library presents a Science and Nature talk on owls given by Kurt Leuschner, professor of Natural Resources at College of the Desert. His specialties include the fields of ornithology, entomology, desert ecology and natural history. The free event is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at the library.

Children's Film Festival March 10

The Idyllwild Children's Film Festival is from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Idyllwild Library.

Co-sponsored by the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema and the Friends of the Idyllwild Library, the library presents a free festival of film shorts for children.

CREATION SYMPOSIUM

MARCH 17, 2018 * 1-5 P.M.

Do You Ever Wonder...
Who & Why? We Have Answers.

BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
ANSWERED

THE SCIENCE OF BIBLICAL CREATION

CREATION KID'S CAMP
DURING PRESENTATION
ALL AGES WELCOME!

IDYLLWILD ASSEMBLY OF GOD

TOWN HALL
25925 Cedar St., Idyllwild, CA
For Information Call: 951-581-0012

Idyllwild Service Directory

- New ads placed at beginning of month only
- Deadline for new ads: 5 p.m. last Thursday of month
- Unless the heading is currently running, your ad must be 2 col. x 2" or larger.
- Minimum insertion: 1 month
- One copy change permitted monthly
- Deadline for copy change: noon Friday

PRICES

- 1 COL. X 2" = \$20.74 PER WEEK
 - 1 COL. X 2-1/2" = \$25.93 PER WEEK
 - 2 COL. X 2" = \$41.48 PER WEEK
 - 2 COL. X 2-1/2" = \$51.85 PER WEEK
 - 2 COL. X 3" = \$62.22 PER WEEK
 - 2 COL. X 3-1/2" = \$72.59 PER WEEK
- Color is now included!*

Questions? Call Town Crier at (951) 659-2145 or Email: Mandy@towncrier.com

Abatement

IDYLLWILD YARD SERVICE
Abatement,
Property Maintenance,
Raking,
Light Hauling
951-659-9748
Call: 951-326-5796

Appliances

IDYLLWILD APPLIANCE & Repair Co.
•Sales on new & used appliances
•Quality service on appliances & heating systems
Chris Rockwell
659-9845
idyllwild.appliance@gmail.com
Lic#A42153

Construction

RENOVATIONS 951.659.4001
facebook.com/SoCalRenovations
socalreno@gmail.com
Jacob Teel,
General Contractor
Setting a new standard in renovation
Locally owned & operated
Class B & C33 Lic. #873664

Printing Services

TOWN CRIER OFFERS
A FULL-SERVICE PRINT & DESIGN SHOP
BLACK & WHITE OR
COLOR COPIES
FAX SERVICE
DESIGNING & PRINTING:
Business Cards, Posters, Fliers,
Brochures, Invitations, Catalogs and More!
CALL US: 951.659.2145

Arborist

Contractor Lic: 940092
PRECISION TREE EXPERTS
Board Certified Master Arborist
John Huddleston
951.288.5478
No Cost Property Inspection
Bark Beetles – GSOB – Pine Scale
Tree Removal – Structural Pruning
A-Z All Things Tree!
www.idyllwildtree.com

WATTS & SCARFF
INCORPORATED
GENERAL CONTRACTOR
Edgar L. Watts
Lic. # 760913
Concrete Work &
Concrete Demo
Block & Brick
760.774.6318
stoneworkandwaterfalls.com

Ernie Maxwell Idyllwild Tees
4 styles/colors
•Adult \$20 •Kids \$15
-at The Town Crier-

Rain Gutters

RAINBOW GUTTER CO.
Seamless Aluminum
Rain Gutters
1-800-395-7599
(951) 925-6615
Brian Marshall
Lic. # 733517
Quality Protection For Your
Home & Landscaping
rainbowgutter.us
Since 1987

GO GREEN!
Become a Member and Opt for Online-Only

ONLY \$100 PER YEAR

Auto Repair

Idyllwild Garage
ASE
AUTO REPAIR
25015 HWY. 243
ARB # AB 130423
CLOSED SUNDAYS
We Install Quality NAPA Parts
24 HOUR ROAD SERVICE
Days ~ 659-2613
Eves ~ 659-2748

Is Business Sloooow?
Pick it up! Join the Service Directory!

Call Mandy:
951-659-2145

Electrical Services

Serving Idyllwild Since 2009
J.O.B. Electric
of Idyllwild
(951) 492-8798
Lic. #: 931474 Jevon O. Browning

Septic Services

IDYLLWILD BACKHOE
(951) 659-5329
Septic Systems – Installations & Repairs
Backhoe & Dump Truck Services
Serving Idyllwild 36 Years
Liability Insured Lic. # B C42-332570
DAVID JONES P.O. Box 551
JUSTIN JONES Idyllwild, CA 92549

Cleaning Services

PATTY PEREZ IDYLLWILD PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICE
Patty & Aurelio Perez
General Cleaning:
Commercial, Residential,
Vacation Home; Window Cleaning,
Carpet & Upholstery; Fully Insured
FREE ESTIMATES • Serving Idyllwild Since 1995
(951) 659-6451 • CELL: (951) 805-5515
P.O. Box 110, Idyllwild, CA 92549

Glass

IDYLLWILD GLASS CO.
est. 1976
Specializing in Energy Saving Dual-Glazed Windows
Sales & Installations
Replacement Glass ♦ Mirrors
Skylights ♦ Shower Enclosures
Wardrobe Mirror Doors
Screens ♦ Sliding Patio Doors
Windows
Unlicensed
♦ 54960 Pine Crest Ave. #3 ♦
659-5132 / 659-3741

ATTENTION CONTRACTORS
California Business and Professions Code 7071.13 reads: "Any reference by a contractor in his advertising, soliciting, or other presentations to the public to any bond required to be filed pursuant to this chapter is a ground for the suspension of the license of such contractor."
This is a contractor's responsibility, not a newspaper's, and we are not responsible for it. However, as a courtesy, we will remove references to a bond in contractors' advertising, if we notice it.

Performance Pumping
Septic Tank Pumping
Septic Certifications
New Construction
Leach Systems
Repair & Replacements
Backhoe & Dump Truck
Fully Licensed
C-42 License # 799834
Brad Hamby, Owner
Cell (951) 830-3529
bradhamby@gmail.com

Maids of Idyllwild
Personal/Vacation Home Cleaning
Complete Services Offered
Idyllwild's Longest Established Cleaning Company
Idyllwild Inn Preferred Partner
Rated #1 Vacation Home Cleaning Service
Local Reference List Available
NOW HIRING!
951-294-8888

Graphic Design

Need Some Graphic Design Help?
Town Crier offers graphic design services!
Call 659-2145
Advertising • Brochures • Business Cards • Email Templates
Fliers • Graphics & Logos • Websites & Much More!

When you place an ad in the **Town Crier Service Directory**
Your ad also appears online at no additional charge!
idyllwildtowncrier.com

Perez CLEANING SERVICES
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL
• Serving Idyllwild Since 2000
• Free Estimates
Fully Insured Lic. #021728
Window Cleaning • Vacation Home Inns • Maintenance Services
Camp & Construction Cleaning
Carpet • Upholstery • Full Services
Gloria Perez / Owner
P.O. Box 827, Idyllwild, CA 92549
Cell: 951.663.8433 • Home: 951.659.2633
www.idylcleaning.com • perezcleaning659@gmail.com

Town Crier Contacts

(951) 659-2145
Becky Clark
Co-Publisher-Editor
becky@towncrier.com
J.P. Crumrine
News Editor
jp@towncrier.com
Lisa Streeter
Advertising Sales
lisa@towncrier.com
Susan Monroe
Staff Reporter
susan@towncrier.com
Samantha Hallburn
Bookkeeping
accounting@towncrier.com
Halie Wilson
Operations Manager
halie@towncrier.com
Mandy Johnson
Classifieds, Service Directory & Public Notices
mandy@towncrier.com

Construction

eric townsend construction co.
659-5152
REMODELS
ADDITIONS
DECKS
CARPORTS
GARAGES
KITCHENS
BATHS
state license # 361734

We accept major credit cards
eric@erictownsendconstruction.com

Plumbing

Chaney's Plumbing
24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE
DRAIN SERVICE ~ LEAKS ~ REPIPES
TANKLESS WATER HEATERS ~ REMODELS
NEW CONSTRUCTION ~ VIDEO INSPECTIONS
DEPENDABLE & RELIABLE! ~ LICENSED, INSURED
Credit Cards Accepted
OWNER: RICK CHANEY Lic. # 862139
Cell: (951) 534-1006 ~ Home: (951) 659-8111

STEVEN KUNKLE PLUMBING
ALL PLUMBING REPAIRS
• SEWER & DRAIN CLEANING
• WATER HEATER
• LEAK REPAIR
• GARBAGE DISPOSAL
NO JOB TOO SMALL!
(951) 206-7818 CELL
(951) 659-9683 HOME
CA LIC #493690 INSURED

To find out if a contractor's license is valid and current, call the California Contractors State License Board at 1-800-321-2752 or visit the website at www.cslb.ca.gov

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Email becky@towncrier.com. Event charges may apply.

p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

- Ping Pong, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Thursday, March 8

- Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, 10 a.m.-8:05 p.m. Rustic Theatre, Silver Pines Lodge & Town Hall.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Chess Club, 1-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.

Thursday, March 1

- Visual Arts Senior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Creative Writing Junior Reading, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m.; Chess Club (instruction), 1-4 p.m.; Presidents Book Club, Millard Fillmore, 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Chess Club, 1-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.

Friday, March 2

- Visual Arts Senior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Music Recital: Wanjie "Claire" Wanbing, "Icy" Wanqing, "Chris" Wanyu & "Jade" Zhu, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; "HINT": Devised Theatre Production, 7:30-8:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Willy B & John King (classic rock guitar & a touch of fiddle), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

Saturday, March 3

- Stratford Players auditions, "Baskerville," 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Visual Arts Senior Show, noon-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Student Music Recital: Boyang Kang, Jake Goldberg & Dani Beck, 1-2 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; Student Music Recital: Anastasia Preston, Boyang Kang & Dani Beck, 4-5 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; Student Music Recital: Nanauwe Vanderhoop & Michael Ghabban, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; "HINT": Devised Theatre Production, 7:30-8:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
- Miles Thomas (soulful soft & pop rock guitar), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Sunday, March 4

- "HINT": Devised Theatre Production, 2-3:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Monday, March 5

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Let's Go Fly a Kite," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, March 6

- Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, 10 a.m.-7:20 p.m. Rustic Theatre & Silver Pines Lodge.
- Ukulele class, 11 a.m. Royal Pines Trailer Park clubhouse.
- Mahjong, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
- Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Wednesday, March 7

- Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Rustic Theatre & Silver Pines Lodge.
- Holistic healing circle, 2-4

So You Think You Know the Hill?

By JACK CLARK CONTEST JUDGE



Five entries regarding last week's photo: Rochelle Ainsworth, Dave Hunt, Marsha Kennedy, Kris Kirschbaum and Chris Morse. All correctly IDed the entry sign to the Mt. San Jacinto State Park campground not far from the stop sign at the north edge of town. All five in the hat and ... well, we should be used to this by now: Kris wins again. She's gotta be due for about a three-year drought, I'm thinking! So, Kris, please come to the **Town Crier** office to get your \$15 gift certificate made possible through the courtesy and generosity of the new **Village Market**.

OK, then! On to this week's photo. Pretty tough, I think. 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.

Grief support group meets

A grief support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Friday at Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship. The group, GriefShare, helps and gives encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. For more information, call 951-659-0097.

CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," ARF cats talked about Taz, the newest ARF dog.

Little Girl: So, we have another new dog.

Sadie: Taz? You told us about the little guy last week.

Little Girl: Right, but there is another. Oh! Here he is!

Al: Hi! I'm the new guy. You can call me Al.

Little Girl: Welcome, Al. What's your story?

Al: I've been running the roads of this little town and sadly, no one has come looking for me, so ARF has given me a temporary home.

Indigo: I'm sorry to hear about your situation. You're lucky to be with a foster.

Al: True, but he can keep me for only a week, so I'd better get adopted fast!

Little Girl: What kind of dog are you?

Al: Good question. I think I'm maybe part chocolate Labrador and something else that gives me this fuzzy face. I'm told I'm cute. I'm about 3 years old, have lots of energy and love people. Dogs are good, too.

Little Girl: You need to find a forever human who will take you on hikes.

Pepper: Unlike Taz, I think he prefers someone's lap.

Taz: (enters room) You talking about me?

Mr. Gray: We were! Do you want to go on hikes?

Taz: Not so much. I'm 10 years old, for goodness sake. Just give me a loving home, with or without dogs and cats, and I'll be very happy.

Little Girl: By the way, we also have a new feline family member, Sedona.

Indigo: I saw her! She is a beautiful tortoise shell, but she's kinda chunky, ya know?

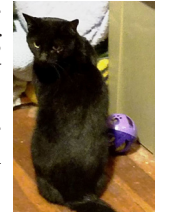
Little Girl: That's because she is pregnant! She should have her babies any day now. I'm so excited.

Indigo: Yay! Kittens bring in lots of humans.

Little Girl: You know it!

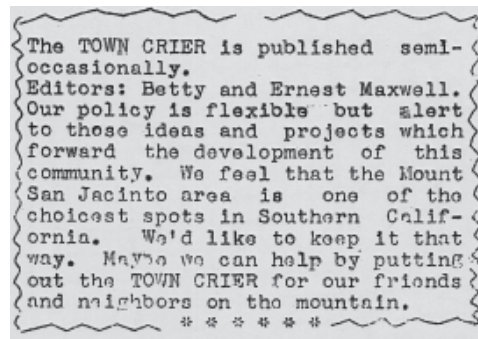
Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of "Days of Our Nine Lives" each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Hwy. 243 on Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 10-2, or by appointment M-F by calling 951-659-1122.

Creature Corner is sponsored by Carole Herman & Sandi Mathers.



The Year Was 1946 ... The war was over ...
A young veteran and his new wife fell in love with this place.

Ernie and Betty Maxwell had a vision for Idyllwild:



Idyllwild Town Crier Vol. 1, No. 1
Published November 1, 1946

It Takes a Village.
That Village Needs a Newspaper.
Thank You For Your Support!

If you haven't already, please sign up for membership.
(See page A5)



Bryan L. Dunn, D.D.S.

IDYLLWILD DENTAL BUILDING

Serving the community's dental needs with gentle professionalism for over 20 years.

659-5011

After Hours Call 652-2744



Manlio Orozco, D.D.S.

