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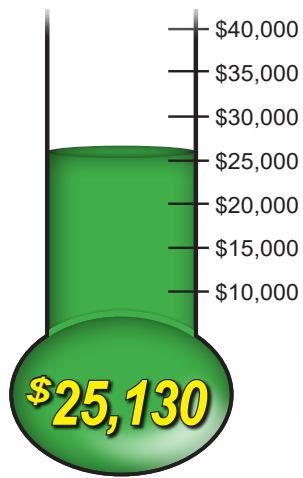

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THURS., JUNE 29, 2023

4th of July Parade — freedoms ring in Idyllwild

BY HOLLY PARSONS
CORRESPONDENT

Idyllwild's Fourth of July celebrations begin with the 57th-annual parade the Idyllwild Rotary Club has sponsored for over 20 years. This classic small-town parade is long on substance, and short on boredom.

The parade is one of a variety of traditions heralding freedom, liberty and neighborly love on this tectonic day. Yet in 1776, the defining issues driving the 13 colony's ultimate stipulation for independence from England detail spectacles of oppression in graphic detail.

The Declaration of Independence holds accountable in no uncertain terms, specifically the King of England for colonial exploitation. Its language would ultimately stand as a definitive demarcation for democratic societies worldwide.

America holds forth as a beacon moving toward realizations of unity and freedom for all — celebrated consecutively on this auspicious day for 347 years and counting.

Drafted by John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Roger Sherman and Robert Livingston, its last line is notable. "And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

The Idyllwild Rotary parades

Undoubtedly, this powerful statement of unity consciousness and rectitude underpinning the objectives of our most cherished U.S. institutions — includes that of Rotary International.

Since 1958, Rotary International's Idyllwild Chapter offers a shining example of a pledge to inclusion and quality of life equal for all. This pledge is principally evident by the multiplicity of events the Rotary sponsors annually, including this parade. Its members' selfless dedication symbolizes an especially poignant commitment to strengthening community unity.

This year the parade will host Rotary District 5330 Governor Jennifer Zinn, representing 61 clubs, 1,915

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Parade information to know

The parade will originate from Fern Valley Corners and proceed to the town center at 10 a.m. with more than 40 participants. Organizers suggest viewers pack breakfast, bring water, set up seating preferably toward the top of North Circle, where the view is best, the day prior or early on the Tuesday, July 4.

Rotary parade organizers appreciate public cooperation: Vehicle access is restricted at 8 a.m. and denied at 9 a.m. from the intersection of North Circle Drive and Highway 243 all the way up to Fern Valley Corners and include staging areas below:

- 8 a.m.: Entries line up from Fern Valley Corners on South Circle down Tahquitz, Middle and Upper Pine Crest, Jameson (all nonparade traffic will be restricted).
- 9 a.m.: All thru traffic will be restricted coming up North Circle, Village Center Drive, Middle Pine Crest, Jameson, Tahquitz to South Circle and from Pine Crest to South Circle.
- Diversion maps will be handed out to drivers to get around the parade set-up and route.
- 10 a.m.-noon: Parade



The University of California Riverside Pipe Band again will play in the Idyllwild Independence Day Parade. Jack and Becky Clark sponsor the band each year. Here they perform Saturday at the San Diego Scottish Highland Games in Vista where they took first place both weekend days in the piping and marching events. PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

Fireworks illegal in Riverside County

All fireworks, including sparklers, are illegal in Riverside County. All fireworks are illegal because they cause serious injuries and very often, cause fires. Riverside County has diverse terrain. The vegetation is very dry where fireworks can easily start a brush fire.

Individuals who cause fires by using illegal fireworks will be held responsible for all suppression costs. These costs can run into the millions of dollars. Read more at www.readyforwildfire.org/more/fireworks-safety/.

For more information on how to report fireworks and what to do if you come across an explosive device, visit www.riversidesheriff.org/DocumentCenter/View/6882/Explosives-and-Fireworks-PDF.

The Riverside County Sheriff's office fireworks report form will be available five days prior and one day after Tuesday, July 4.

For all emergencies, dial 911. For nonemergency dispatch, dial 800-950-2444. Communication centers operate 24 hours a day. All 911 and nonemergency numbers support TTY Communications.

German tourist murderer granted parole

BY DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Tuesday, June 20, California's full parole board granted parole to Thongxay Nilakout, who was convicted of the murder of German tourist Gisela Pflieger during a robbery at Indian Vista Point in 1994, in which he also shot her husband Klaus three times. Gov. Gavin Newsom recommended the board reconsider the December 2022 decision of a two-member panel to grant parole, but the board instead reaffirmed it.

Nilakout's release, and return to Banning, is now "imminent," according to Birte Pflieger, daughter of Gisela and Klaus. Nilakout's parole plans state that he intends to drive a truck for a brother who still lives in Banning. In prison, he earned a GED and completed a truck driving theory class.

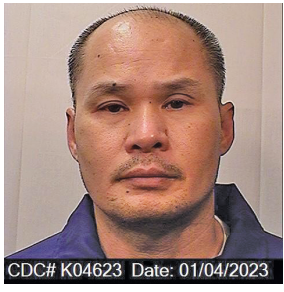
Pflieger has spoken to the press many times since then, and the Associated Press published an essay of hers discussing her experience at the 2010 and 2015 parole hearings for Xou Yang, who provided the weapon and drove the car the day of the murder. She spoke of her 200-mile trip to Avenal State Prison in King's County (before the day of Zoom hearings) and the futility of her effort in the face of "A federal mandate to reduce the number of inmates in California prisons..." Pflieger continued to oppose Nilakout's parole, speaking to the press and initiating a letter-writing campaign that apparently got the governor's attention.

Part of Pflieger's effort included reviewing the inmate's parole plans. The board reviews over a dozen cases in a single day, and she told the Crier, "The paper records for this case alone were well over a thousand pages. There is no way the commissioners could have read every word or every page..." The commissioners do not verify the parole plans...

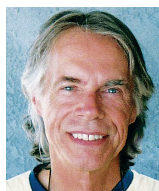
Nilakout was 17 at the time of the murder. He was originally sentenced to life without parole, but a 2012 U.S. Supreme Court decision ruled that mandatory life without parole sentences for juveniles violated the Eighth Amendment, although it left judges the discretion to issue such terms in murder cases. He is now 46. This was his second parole hearing.

Nilakout's accomplices, Khamchan Bret Ketsouvannasane and Yang, were both 19 at the time. Yang received 25 years to life and has been paroled. Ketsouvannasane, who struggled with Gisela before Nilakout shot her, was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. Pflieger has told reporters that she has no intention of telling her now-91-year-old father about the release. Klaus returned to the U.S. from Germany to testify at the trials of the three men in 1994. His testimony was made difficult not only because he spoke little English, but because he had been shot in the mouth and lost part of his tongue.

The story of this crime and the events that led up to it was the subject of a book, "Culture Shock: Based on the True Story of the Tragic Murder of Gisela Pflieger," by Ross R. Koeppe. There is a memorial with a bronze plaque set in a boulder at Vista Point, dedicated to the memory of Gisela.



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New meters showing water leaks for PCWD customers

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

Pine Cove Water District's (PCWD) June 14 meeting included a public hearing for resolution 578, but no members of the public attended. Resolution 578 sets standby fees, which must be voted on each year. It was approved.

May budget figures showed total receipts at \$163,136.64 and disbursements of \$195,942.27, but this includes \$130,000 to the Local Area Investment Fund.

General Manager Jeremy Potter's operations report showed production at 2,652,032 gallons, nearly half a million less than May 2022. "People are conserving," he said. Static Well #10 is up another 29 feet and is expected to continue rising. New smart meters are being installed at a rate of 10 per day. The installed meters are "popping up" on the district's computer system. "We're noticing continuous flows," he said, indicating leaks that customers need to repair, even at rates as low as one-tenth a gallon per hour — a drip. PCWD also is able to monitor water flowing between wells and the treatment plant. "Down on Logan Creek, where well #19 comes in, there's a valve that was busted ... we got that fixed yesterday," he said.

Potter also explained that not all water flowing across roadways is due to leaking pipes. A spring has appeared on Appleton Way. "As it settles down and dries out that will disappear." Another spring appeared on the highway near Cedar Glen. "A spring also, it runs all the time." A bit of shovel work kept it off the road. There is the hope that CalTrans will patch the repair.

In June, valve installation is being interrupted for projects including hydrant maintenance and "valve exercising," where valves are tested to make sure they are working. Also begun in May was the rehabilitation of wells #6 (out of commission for six years) and #13. Fresh paint on tank exteriors also serves as a tamper "tell," to notify of unauthorized access.

Potter reported that PCWD received a quote from Scott Equipment for a snow-blower attachment for the skid steerer: \$11,313.75, somewhat less than expected. He also noted that he met with the district's engineer, John Egan, who is retiring and has suggested a replacement with the same firm. Another rate study is in the works and Potter will begin collecting data for it.

See Water meters, page A6

IWD votes to approve large rate increases

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The Idyllwild Water District (IWD) Board of Directors' Wednesday, June 21 meeting included a public hearing regarding proposed rate hikes. All sitting members of the board were present: President Dr. Charles Schelly, Vice President Peter Szabadi, and directors Steve Kunkle and Stephen Olson. General Manager Leo Havener, Chief Financial Officer Hosny Shouman and legal counsel joined them.

Twelve members of the public, including this reporter, attended. Among them were the two candidates for the still-open fifth seat on the board, the final choice now resting with the Riverside County Board of Supervisors after the four directors split two and two on who to fill the seat.

During public comments about the proposed rate hikes no one questioned the need for a new sewer plant, but only asked that rate payers not be saddled with the cost, and expressed the hope that the project could be completed entirely with grant funds.

David Hunt handed over a neat list of recommendations for grant seeking, asking if IWD has applied for more than one grant, and whether it has asked for help from the county with grants, even with the grant writing process. (However, the application process is to begin with rate hike permissions in place.) The letter went on to suggest contacting representative Rep. Raul Ruiz and 4th District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, and reiterated reasons that Idyllwild should be eligible: as Havener averred in one of the "town hall" meetings about the rate hikes, Idyllwild is an "economically disadvantaged community," and IWD's sewer serves the downtown area, a benefit to Pine Cove, Mountain Center and Fern Valley residents, and tourists from everywhere else.

Opponents of the rate increases several times turned their comments into questions, questions the board had to listen to in silence because of public comment rules ... One repeated question was, "Rates were raised five years ago, and capital improvements planned. How many of those projects were completed? Where did that money go?" The questioners left after the letters of protest were counted, at which point President Charles Schelly was able to speak to their concerns: The board just finished its annual public budget workshop sessions. They, as ratepayers and members of the public, chose to attend or not. Anyone wishing to know about past infrastructure projects can come to the office or look online and find budgets that include projects proposed and completed.

Schelly counted the votes at the table. The outdoor box was checked for any last-minute protests. Ninety-one envelopes were counted. Upon request, Schelly opened the envelopes to check for multiple protests by one individual owner with several parcels. Two envelopes contained three each, raising the total to 95. A member of the public asked about a certain landlord who owns 30 parcels with sewer service and had expressed opposition. Schelly answered that he had specifically looked for that name among the envelopes and had not seen it.

Since the number of sewer protests needed was 294, there was no need to read each protest to find if the authors wished to protest hikes for water, sewer or both. After the announcement of the total, Schelly said, "The board of directors may now proceed to consider the proposed resolution to adopt the increases ..." The board then unanimously voted to approve the first year's increases, which includes reducing the tiers for water usage to two, and increasing the Tier 1 price per cubic hundred feet (748 gallons) from \$2.34 to \$5.30.

Although well below the number needed to deny the board the authority to raise rates, it still represented a substantial number of ratepayers, and a success for the organizers who reached out to IWD customers during the last few weeks. When the board considers annual rate increases in the coming years, that group may weigh in again by nominating and voting for new directors.

Effective July 1, water customers will see an 8% rate increase each year for five years. Sewer customers will see a 13% rate increase each year for five years.

Other board actions included the approval of the fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 budget. This, legal counsel reminded the board, had been split into two sections, one of which includes pension matters. Kunkle is a retired IWD employee and recuses himself from votes on pension matters.

The FY 2023-24 budget projects a total of \$3,343,658 and expenses of \$2,361,242, an operating margin of \$982,446. Capital commitments included on the water side are the Strawberry Creek Pipeline (\$500,000) and re-coating the Foster Lake tank (\$250,000.) On the wastewater side, the budget includes a new generator (\$175,000) and blower (\$75,000.) \$65,000 was included for the purchase of land for the new wastewater treatment plant. These capital expenditures are projected to take \$82,554 from reserves, leaving \$2,917,446.

After the public had left, the board continued in closed session to consider the negotiations with Idyllwild Arts Foundation for the land purchase for the new sewer plant, and another parcel.

Next board meeting is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 19.

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Monday 7/3



87/60

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Tuesday 7/4



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Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	P	S
6/20	74	43	0.00	0.0
6/21	75	39	0.00	0.0
6/22	72	39	0.00	0.0
6/23	74	34	0.00	0.0
6/24	77	38	0.00	0.0
6/25	78	40	0.00	0.0
6/26	77	44	0.00	0.0

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	P	S
6/20	87	44	0.00	0.0
6/21	86	54	0.00	0.0
6/22	77	59	0.06	0.0
6/23	85	55	0.00	0.0
6/24	87	50	0.00	0.0
6/25	90	48	0.00	0.0
6/26	92	54	0.00	0.0

The Town Crier's Idyllwild daily high and low temperatures and rain and snow totals in the past were taken directly from the National Weather Service website, which gets its Idyllwild weather information from automatic weather sensing equipment at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. [We are seeking reliable Idyllwild and Pine Cove full-time residents to provide this information. Residents who follow CoCoRaHS procedures would be strongly preferred. CoCoRaHS is an organization of private, amateur weather observers that provides carefully collected data for use by the NWS. If you are interested in providing us with rain and snow reports, please contact jack@towncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

Our weather season is July 1 to June 30. Our season totals now have been corrected for the period July 1 through September 17, 2018, which prior to this issue of the TC had been in error. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit us on the Internet at www.idyllwild-towncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.



A clear day near Idyllwild Tuesday morning with temperatures in the low-70s.

PHOTO BY EDDIE ALCAZAR

Submit your local weather photo Tuesday mornings before 10 a.m. to: submit@towncrier.com

Parade

Continued from A1

members and current Rotary President David Cutter. Zinn is on deck to witness the Rotary Club of Idyllwild in action ... whose community events and fundraising efforts directly impact hundreds of lives on the Hill.

Educational scholarships alone gifted from The Idyllwild Rotary Charitable Foundation total more than \$5,000 annually. Also, the local Rotary contributed about \$15,000 to help sustain 30 Idyllwild nonprofits in 2022. Idyllwild is a tiny village, rich in culture, cooperation and mutual aid, thanks to the generosity of all its nonprofits, not the least of which is Rotary.

Grand marshal

This year's 4th of July Parade is proud to honor Dr. Marshall Hawkins as grand marshal. Idyllwild has been the beneficiary of Hawkins' residency since 1974. His presence on the Hill, both personally and musical-ly as a jazz master performer, educator and founder of the Idyllwild Arts Academy's jazz program, is unsurpassed. Many distinguished artists call Idyllwild home but Hawkins' ongoing contributions and generosity of spirit are legendary.

Much has been writ-ten about this extraor-dinary man, yet under-neath his modest coun-tenance one consistent message prevails: "The heart is the only lan-guage in jazz; it gives us humans a rite of pas-sage. It's an experience we all can share," he said.

And share he has. When asked how many albums he's cut, his re-sponse, "My students are my albums." Haw-kins' jazz can be en-joyed weekly in ses-sions with his trio at Ferro.

Historically speaking

Memories abound in the colloquial mind

of another local celebrity, Marge Muir. Founder of Muirs Mountain Realty upwards of 40 years ago, Muir was for decades an active contributor to and organizer of the Idyllwild community.

Muir's earliest memories of an Idyllwild parade is the Bear Festival Parade and yes a bear, dutifully caged, presided, as did Muir, who organized the first. Local businesses like Kretzinger Plumbing towed a flat bed with a volunteer sitting bald eagle on a toilet and the lo-cal Jeep club paraded as well. "Everyone came out to help," she recalls.

Somewhere along the line the Bear Festival gave way to the 4th of July Parade. Muir remembers, "There were always horses, lots of horses and Bud Hunt [rest his soul] drove the honey wagon behind just to tidy up. We even had a silver mountain man one year," Muir mused.

"Then Rotary took over the parade with the addi-tion of multiple car clubs," Muir bemoaned, "and stag-ing the parade took over Fern Valley Corners instead of the picnic atmosphere existing when 70 or so people seated together waited for the parade to advance from North Circle and Tahquitz Drive. I liked it better," she stated.



Idyllwild Rotarians at work on one of many community projects.
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Holiday closings

- Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Tuesday, July 4, to observe Independence Day are:
- Area post offices
 - Fern Valley Water District
 - Hemet Unified School District
 - Idyllwild Health Center
 - Idyllwild Library
 - Idyllwild Nature Center
 - Idyllwild Pharmacy
 - Idyllwild Town Crier
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 - Idyllwild Water District
 - Pine Cove Water District
 - PNC Bank
 - Riverside County offices
 - U.S. Forest Service

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• Mt. San Jacinto State Park

IWD's lack of respect

DEAR EDITOR:

I wonder why I think I won't get burned when I put my hand on a hot stove. Again.

I really thought my experience at the Idyllwild Water District meeting would be different this time, but once again I got burned with the complete lack of respect demonstrated by the general manager (GM).

As a member of the community and a ratepayer, I voiced my concern about the recent water quality (has



your water looked murky or cloudy?) and impending rate increase. Did the GM address my questions? No. Instead he laughed and once again disregarded my realistic worries and queries. I really did think it would be different this time. I was wrong.

And what did the board of directors do while the GM was thoroughly disrespectful? Nothing. In our county water district, the GM should be held accountable by our board members. Yet the board remains silent.

Maybe they also disregard community concerns? Maybe our questions are too insignificant to warrant a response? I'll never know. Because this time I learned my lesson. I'm steering clear of that hot stove.

Look out Idyllwild. Our rates increase July 1.

KRIS KIRSCHBAUM
IDYLLWILD

CalPERS and CalSTRS data hacked, retiree payments safe

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, personal data, including Social Security numbers, of more than 760,000 California Public Employees Retirement (CalPERS) system members was stolen from a vendor who works for the agency.

In its press release, CalPERS said the following personal information was taken: “First and Last Name; Date of Birth; and Social Security Number. It could also have included the names of former or current employers, spouses or domestic partners, and child or children.”

Anyone who was receiving an ongoing monthly benefit payment as of this spring had their data taken. This includes retirees or their survivors from all public agencies that CalPERS serves, including school districts and local public agencies. According to CalPERS, it would not include a CalPERS member who is not yet receiving a retirement payment.

“This external breach of information is inexcusable,” said CalPERS Chief Executive Officer Marcie Frost in the news release. “Our members deserve better. As soon as we learned about what happened, we took fast action to protect our members’ financial interests, as well as steps to ensure long-term protections.”

CalPERS has sent letters to these members and is offering two years of free credit monitoring and identify restoration services from Experian. CalPERS stated, “If you have not received this letter by June 30 and believe you have impacted personal information, please call Experian at 833-919-4735. Please have the engagement number B097509 ready when calling. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. PT and Saturday and Sunday, 8:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. PT (excluding major holidays).”

For questions about the situation, visit the CalPERS website, which now has a dedicated page (calpers.ca.gov/PBI) or email CalPERS at PBIquestions@calpers.ca.gov.

If you are receiving a monthly CalPERS payment, either a direct check or direct deposit, these payments or pensions will continue uninterrupted, according to CalPERS.

The company whose data files were compromised is PBI Research Services/Berwyn Group. It involved one of its applications, however, this application is used by thousands of organizations worldwide, including California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) and Genworth Financial. CalPERS was not the only client whose data was stolen.

CalSTRS also said there was no unauthorized access to its network and existing pension payments are not affected by this incident.

“We know that members may be concerned ... The members and beneficiaries whose information was involved will be sent a letter identifying resources available to them to help protect their personal information, as well as contact information for a dedicated call center staffed by trained representatives who can assist in answering questions about the incident. The letters will be mailed the week of June 26. If you believe that your information may be involved but do not receive a letter by July 23, 2023, please contact CalSTRS to confirm that your contact information is correct in our records.”

CalPERS and CalSTRS use PBI's services to ensure accuracy in their payments to retirees and beneficiaries. Both agencies transferred their data to PBI in a secure, encrypted format.

PBI provides services to CalPERS to identify member deaths. These services ensure that proper payments are made to retirees and beneficiaries and prevent instances of over-payments or other errors, according to the CalPERS release.

The security incident did not impact its information systems, CalPERS stressed several times. PBI has reported the incident to federal law enforcement.

CalPERS also has revised and strengthened the protocols on its members' benefit website, “my CalPERS.” These safeguards also will be used if a member calls CalPERS or makes a personal inquiry at a regional office.

Supervisors approved new terms for two FVWD directors

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

At its Tuesday, June 27, meeting, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors officially appointed the Fern Valley Water District directors for full terms beginning in December.

A mail-in election had been scheduled for Aug. 29 because the current terms of incumbents Kevin Scott and Christine (Chrissie) Teeling will expire in December.

Since Scott and Teeling were the only people to submit candidacy papers, the Registrar of Voters recommended the board appointment them. This will avoid the cost of an election.

Pursuant to the State Elections Code (Section 10515), it is the supervisors' responsibility to then appoint the qualified candidates to the term for which they filed.

Scott joined the board in June 2022. He was appointed to replace former director and bboard President

Richard Schnetzer, who had served since October 2014 when he replaced Ron Korman.

Teeling was appointed July 2022 to replace Walter Bonneau Jr., who had been appointed in October 2020 to replace Trischa Clark, also a former board president.

The terms for the other three board members — Jon Brown, Gary Erb and Robert Krieger — will expire in December 2025. All three were approved for four-years terms in 2021 by the bboard. Again, the number of candidates was equal to the number of seats to be filled.

In her comments about the “Impact on Residents and Businesses,” the registrar wrote, “Filling out those various vacant positions with qualified individuals who will serve their respective constituents will benefit the community.”

In the recommendation to the supervisors, the registrar of voters certified these individuals “... are qualified for the office stated, having duly filed the required documents for nomination to the respective office.”

FVWD pipeline replacement contractor OK'd

By BECKY CLARK
EDITOR

Fern Valley Water District's (FVWD) special meeting last Thursday was quick, having only two items on the agenda.

The board unanimously authorized General Manager Victor Jimenez to hire El-Co Contractors Inc. for the pipeline replacement project at Howland and Cougar roads, and Silver Tip Lane.

FVWD has used the contractor twice before and has been happy with the results.

In his request for authorization, Jimenez wrote, “In the past, the District has put projects out to bid as well as contracting directly with contractors and it appears that contracting directly with contractors saves the District money as well as providing a better quality product.

“If the District puts a project out to bid, then the District has to go with the lowest responsible bid, but that doesn't always translate into the best contractor for the job, nor the best quality project. In order to put a project out to bid, we have to pay to have engineered plans drawn that protect the District against contractors that are looking for any reason to submit change orders. El-Co Contractors have proven time and time again that they are very fair about discussing and negotiating any changes that arise from unforeseen conditions.”

The project bid is \$920,800, \$117,000 lower than budgeted and a cushion for unforeseen circumstances.

The board met in closed session with its attorney regarding anticipated litigation. The board voted to have its attorney, Gregory Snarr, continue communications with Metron Farnier to explore replacement options for failing meters recently installed.

Hemet-Ryan has Exclusive Use helicopter

On June 16, Cal Fire entered an Exclusive Use (EU) contract that strategically places multiple EU helicopters throughout the state to assist with the anticipated surge in fire activity. These helicopters are owned by private vendors and provide aircraft that meet forecast demand and fill a unique role or mission set.

This year, helicopter Three-Seven-Sierra will be based out of Hemet-Ryan Air Attack Base and will be available to assist firefighters in combating wildfires. Three-Seven-Sierra is a Sikorsky S-64 — more commonly referred to as a Skycrane, and has a tank mounted to the belly of the helicopter that can deliver more than 2,000 gallons of water per drop.

“Having access to these additional firefighting aircraft significantly aid the department in meeting its goal of keeping 95% of fires contained at 10 acres or less,” said Cal Fire's Hemet-Ryan Air Attack Base Battalion Chief Dave Rodriguez. “In addition to our air base's aerial firefighting fleet, the S-64 will be beneficial in slowing the spread of dangerous wildland fires and keeping Riverside County residents, visitors and our firefighters safe. “

The EU helicopter at Hemet-Ryan Air Attack Base will be on contract for a minimum 90 days and may be extended, based on wildland fire activity in the region.



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The Thomas Mountain prescribed burn Friday.

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Prescribed burn extended on forest

The recent unfavorable winds caused some delays on the prescribed burn on Thomas Mountain, according to San Bernardino National Forest Public Information Officer Stephanie Bishop. The burn was scheduled to end Thursday, June 22.

However, with the availability of favorable weather conditions, the San Jacinto Ranger District made the decision to proceed with the prescribed burn Monday and Tuesday, June 26 to 27, with mop-up following for several days.

The primary objective remains consistent, focusing on working the interior of the fire and consuming the accumulated downed and dead fuels. Residents and

visitors will see flames and smoke visible throughout the day and evening.

Highway 74 traffic may experience brief closures due to aerial operations. These closures are to protect both the firefighters involved in the operations and the public using the highway.

During these operations, certain areas will be temporarily closed to the public: Forest Road 6S13, Tool Box Springs Yellow Post Sites, Thomas Mountain Yellow Post Sites and the Ramona Trail. These closures are for the safety of both the public and firefighters involved in the operations.

Prescribed fire plays an important role in forest

health and in reducing extreme wildfires and their negative impact, according to the U.S. Forest Service. These fires also help reduce heavy fuel loads while simultaneously opening the conifer forest structure and maintaining the health of meadow habitats.

Fire also is used to enhance native plant communities and cultural landscapes, and improve wildlife habitats. Another goal is to provide defensible space for communities and developed areas within and surrounding the national forest. With all fire comes smoke, and the U.S. Forest Service works to mitigate smoke impacts from prescribed fires on the communities in the area.

State reviewing appeals process for renters

By JP CRUMRINE
CORRESPONDENT

On May 30, the state and several organizations representing low-income renters signed a settlement in which the state agreed to review its appeal process for more than 100,000 California tenants.

According to the 2017 American Housing Survey, more than a third of households in Riverside and San Bernardino counties were renters.

More aid isn't guaranteed. But for renters who applied for and were denied or delayed rental assistance during the COVID-era, the state's Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) has agreed to reconsider some of these applications.

It also agreed to flesh out the appeals process for applicants and provide more detailed explanations when an application was or is denied.

Tenants' rights advocates brought the case in the state courts. The plaintiffs alleged that the California HCD unconstitutionally operated the state's COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), which has led to qualified applicants missing out on the assistance they were promised after the pandemic.

The agreement addresses procedural steps and is not an automatic reversal of the earlier decisions. HCD will review past denials and also undertake good-faith efforts to ensure that all remaining applicants in the program are able to access the program and application/appeal process in their indicated preferred language.

According to the press release Policylink, one of the advocates, these are the steps HCD will take "... to improve its process for the remaining ERAP applications,

- Providing tenants who are going to be denied all or part of the assistance they requested with a detailed explanation of the reason for denial, so they can address issues with the application and have a fair opportunity to appeal;
- Ensuring that tenants subject to recapture of rental assistance funds have a fair opportunity to challenge the state's decision;
- Providing better access to the appeal process;
- Expanding funding to the Local Partner Network, which will assist tenants with navigating their pending applications and appeals;
- Conducting an audit of prior denials to correct wrongful denials of assistance; and
- Providing greater transparency about who is receiving rental assistance and who is not, with data about the race, ethnicity, and ZIP code of people denied assistance."

Also, HCD will work to improve its call center wait times for non-English speaking applicants. Its call center contractor will hire more bilingual staff for the six most commonly used languages.

"In creating the Covid-19 rent relief program, the state promised to cover 100% of pandemic rent debt for tenants in California. We brought this case to ensure that the state lived up to that promise so hundreds of thousands of Californians could survive the pandemic," said Jefferson McGee, state board chair of the Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment.

The release stressed, "Tenants who have been waiting for a decision on their applications will receive an update in the coming months and should regularly check their email, application portal, and postal mail for notifications. Tenants who have been evicted or moved since they applied for rental assistance should contact the Housing is Key program to

update their contact information and ensure they receive any important notices. Those who receive a denial will have 30 days to file an appeal."

In July 2022, the governor's office issued a press release touting the state's efforts to protect low-income renters during the COVID pandemic. Gov. Gavin Newsom proclaimed, "California ran the largest and most successful eviction protection and rent relief program in the country. 340,000 families weren't evicted because of this and the overwhelming majority of assistance went to very low-income households. Homelessness prevented, public health protected, families stabilized."

But these tenant support groups — Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment, PolicyLink and Strategic Actions for a Just Economy — felt the state had not fulfilled its promises and sued CHD.

"This case brought us in contact with so many families who were evicted or facing eviction because of the Covid-19 pandemic," said Jonathan Jager, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles attorney. "We encourage any renters who are still waiting for an ERAP decision to not give up hope. Keep your contact information up to date with Housing is Key and reach out to the Local Partner Network if you have questions about any communications you receive from the program."

The settlement applies to anyone who sought assistance from the state's Housing is Key program prior to April 1, 2022, and whose application is pending or was denied after June 6, 2022. Tenants who have questions about the status of their application can call the program's hotline at (833) 430-2122 or visit the program's application page at hornellpca.neighborlysoftware.com/CaliforniaCovid19RentRelief/Participant.

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& Big Band Staff

July 20th

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July 27th

Terri Olsen

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Water meters

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Office Manager Becky Smith pointed out a hitch with a recently acquired lot from Parks and Recreation, Pine Cove Park. A stipulation in the deed states it must stay a park or recreational facility. Signs will be added saying “enter at own risk” and there are “no facilities,” (the restroom has been closed for 30 years) but a walking trail will remain open to the public. Some parts will be fenced. Parks and Recreation is taking this back to the board and an answer is expected by the end of July. Wells #6, #3 and #18 are on the property, and there is the potential for new wells, according to Potter.

President Robert Hewitt thanked Director Lou Padula for joining him in an ad hoc committee to deal with the district’s lease of space for communications equipment to Comtronix, who have fallen behind in its payments. He read a statement, prepared with the assistance of legal counsel. PCWD

issued terms to Comtronix to pay the back lease account over the next six months (\$1,900 per month) in addition to its existing payments (\$1,700.) Comtronix has accepted the terms and has made the first two payments in full.

The next item on the agenda was the budget for fiscal year 2023-24. It projects income of \$1,261,000 and expenses of the same amount. Smith noted that she is shopping for a better deal on property liability insurance, which has increased by 20%. The board approved the budget.

A final item covered disposal of surplus inventory, the board being required to put a cap on Potter’s ability to dispose of unused equipment at his discretion. The old truck, recently replaced, was sold for \$11,000. It was purchased from Fern Valley Water District for \$3,500 in 2018. The cap is per single item. Potter recommended \$1,000. This was approved.

Next meeting is 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12.



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CVMV2302693
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 13800 HEACOCK STREET, D#201, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553. Branch name: Moreno Valley. JOANNA ESPARZA GUERRERO TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: JOANNA ESPARZA GUERRERO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: a. Present name: JOANNA ESPARZA GUERRERO changed to Proposed name: JOANNA GUERRERO.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 8/16/2023 Time: 8:00 AM, Dept. MV2.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier. Date: May 31, 2023

FILE NO.: BELINDA A. HANDY
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as JAKES, 664 N. PALM CANYON DRIVE, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262, Riverside County.

JAKES PALM SPRINGS, INC. 664 N PALM CANYON DR, PALM SPRINGS, CA 92262
This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 09/09/2022.

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: RONALD LOPES
CEO
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 27, 2023.

FILE NO.: R-202306538
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 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

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

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk
Pub. TC: June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as VALLETTA ROSE INVESTMENTS, LLC, at 30268 SAVANNAH OAKS DR, MURRIETA, CA 92563, Riverside County. VALLETTA ROSE INVESTMENTS, LLC. 30268 SAVANNAH OAKS DR, MURRIETA, CA 92563. This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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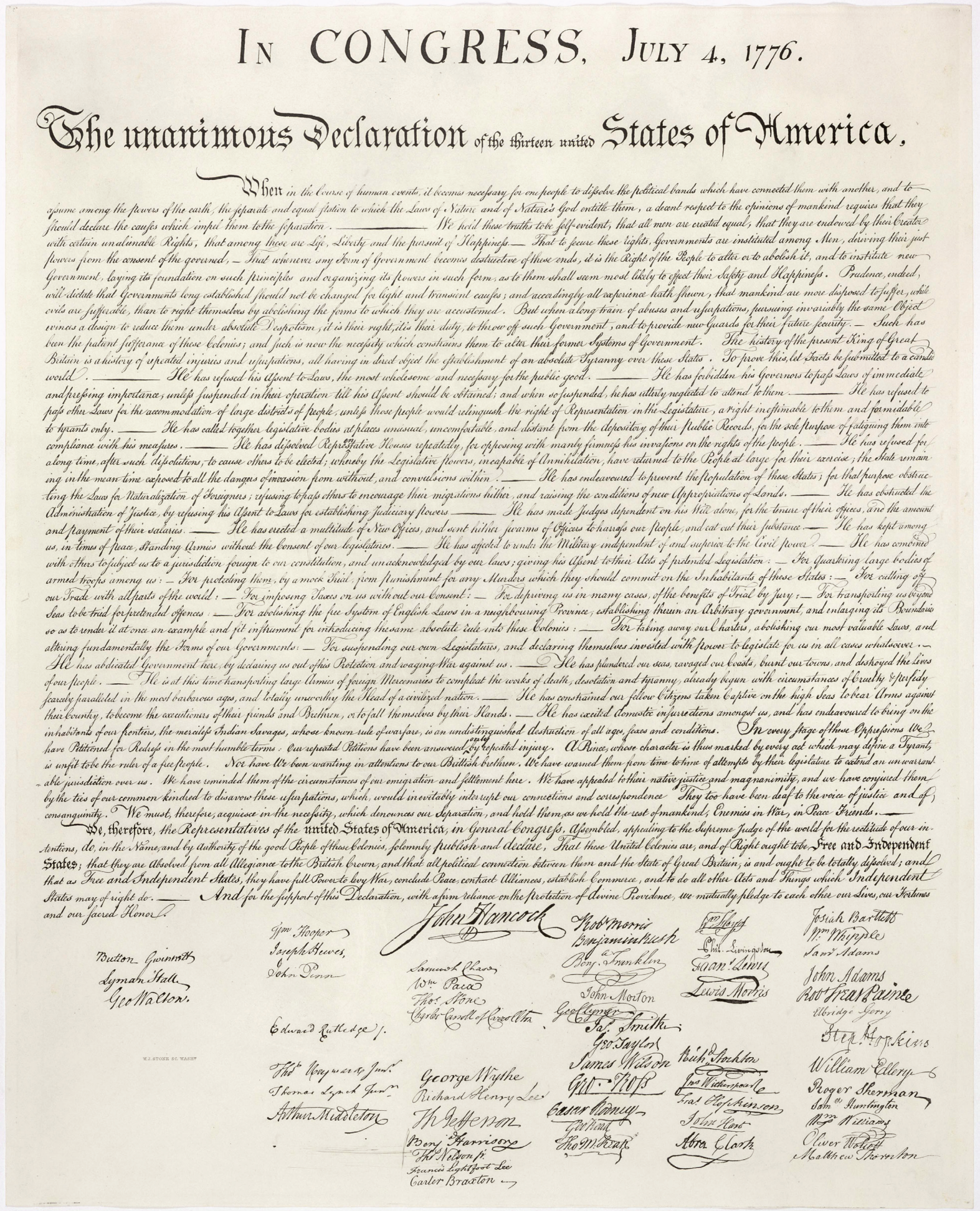
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In Congress, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, —That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most whole-some and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommoda-tion of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places un-usual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly,

for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolu-tions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legisla-tive powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the condi-tions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by re-fusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary pow-ers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdic-tion foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Leg-islation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punish-ment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pre-tended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us

out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cru-elty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to be-come the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our fron-tiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sex-es and conditions.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Peti-tioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeat-ed Petitions have been answered only by repeated inju-ry. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of at-tempts by their legislature to extend an unwarrantable ju-risdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circum-stances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguin-ity. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appeal-ing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and de-clare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all polit-ical connection between them and the State of Great Brit-ain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declara-tion, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Pro-vidence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.



Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

B SECTION

IDYLLWILD, CA

JUNE 29, 2023

Frank DiSalvo kicks off summer concert series

By DAVID JEROME
CORRESPONDENT

The first of 2023's Thursday night free Idyllwild Summer Concerts is set for July 6 at the Butterfield Amphitheater. It will feature series veteran Frank DiSalvo and his classic country band the Sundowners.

The Sundowners feature "the good old boys: Willie, Waylon, Cash, Buck, Merle, George Jones ... no new country!" Like all the headliners, the Sundowners take the stage at 7 p.m.

DiSalvo is a versatile pro and a fixture in the Palm Springs nightclub scene. He fields a number of groups he has brought to the Summer Concerts, including his big band tribute to Frank Sinatra, and, last summer, Swing City II with a tribute to Earth Wind and Fire, Chicago and Blood, Sweat and Tears.

At 6:05 p.m., In the Pocket opens, playing modern roots, Americana and rhythm and blues. Locals Miles Thomas, Jeff Hixon and Scott Bump have been playing together about a year and a half. The trio play acoustic and electric guitars, and sing, bringing some original vocal harmonies to familiar material that includes rock and blues and original tunes. You may have seen them around town at venues like Middle Ridge Winery or Café Aroma.

The series began in 2000 with four shows, and has grown steadily since. Last year the eight planned concerts were extended to a ninth night, featuring Jennifer Singer. Singer's residencies with cruise lines culminated in her position as "Signature Artist" aboard Royal Caribbean Cruise Line's Wonder of the Seas. She will return this year on Aug. 10 for "A Touch of Broadway."

Each year, Ken Dahleen and his crew book the entertainment, make the necessary financial arrangements, and provide the sound and lighting set up to give the

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Frank DiSalvo and the Sundowners to open the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series Thursday, July 6.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Event charges may apply.
See ads throughout the issue.
Email editor@towncrier.com.

• Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

Monday, July 3

• Niños & Nature, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Nature Center.

• Preschool Story Time, "Express Yourself," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Shaolin Qi Gong & Chicks with Sticks, 11 a.m.-noon & 4-5 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.

• Minecraft & Scratch Coding Class, 2-3 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.

• Presidents Book Group, first ladies 2-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Lego Club, 3-4 p.m. Mt. San Jacinto Room, Camp Maranatha.

• Idyllwild Chess Club, 5-9 p.m. Alpaca Brunch Cafe.

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Jazz in the Pines Jazz Faculty Combo Concert, 7:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, July 4

• Rotary Club's Independence Day Parade, 10 a.m. Fern Valley Corners to IdyPark.

• Mah Jongg, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Jazz in the Pines Euphoria Brass Band, 2-4 p.m.; Marshall Hawkins Trio, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ferro.

• Summer Program Faculty & Guest Artists' Opening Reception, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

• Jazz in the Pines Euphoria Brass Band masterclass & podcast, 7:30-9 p.m. Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, June 29

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Lego Play, 10 a.m.-noon Idyllwild Nature Center.

Friday, June 30

• Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Bridge Club, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

• Forest Folk & Idyllwild Shuttle Ice Cream Social, 2-4 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.

• Somos Amigos: Songs on Common Ground, 6:30 p.m. Holmes Amphitheatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, July 1

• Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

• Deep Pit Barbecue, 3-7 p.m.; Barnyard Boyz, 5-9 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Sunday, July 2

• Services, 9:30 a.m.; Steve's Blueberry Pancake Breakfast, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Community Church.

Wednesday, July 5

• Niños & Nature, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Nature Center.

• Preschool Story Time, "Ranger Sonny talks Snakes," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

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• Jazz in the Pines Dave Tull Trio, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Creekstone.

Thursday, July 6

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• Lego Play, 10 a.m.-noon Idyllwild Nature Center.

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4th of July WEEKEND OF MUSIC

 <p>Friday, June 30 4-7 pm (on front deck) Sandii Castleberry Blues, Country & Rock</p>	 <p>Monday, July 3 2-5 pm (on front deck) Adam Glover Croon & Swoon</p>
 <p>Saturday, July 1 2-5 pm (in back yard) In the Pocket Modern Roots and R&B</p>	 <p>Tuesday, July 4 9:30 am-1:30 pm Bryan & Laree Heavenly 70's <i>Enjoy some tunes before & after the parade</i></p>
 <p>Sunday, July 2 2-5 pm (in back yard) KALIDYSCOPE 60's & 70's Hits</p>	 <p>MIDDLE RIDGE WINERY <i>Tasting Gallery</i></p>

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Idyllwild Rotary presents the 57th Annual 4TH OF JULY PARADE Tuesday July 4th • 10am - Noon

The Idyllwild community and surrounding areas warmly invite you to join us in celebrating the 4th of July at our spectacular Idyllwild 4th of July Parade!

This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever, with an array of dazzling floats, live music, and local talent showcasing the vibrant spirit of our community.



**Grand Marshal
Dr. Marshall Hawkins**





Mayor Max

• **8:00 AM** - entries line-up from Fern Valley 4 Corners at South Circle
• **9:00 AM** - All traffic will be blocked along North Circle Drive
• **10:00 AM-12:00** - Parade starts at 4 corners at the top of North Circle continues down to Idyllwild Park in the Center of town

4TH JULY, 2023
email: idyrotaryevents@gmail.com
More info (760) 409-6337 FB: Idyllwild Rotary Club



Concert Series

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community professionally produced and memorable summer evenings. This summer, nine concerts are planned. Dahleen’s Big Band Staff always provides a special program, this year on July 13, when it presents a tribute to Barbra Streisand, featuring Sharon Owens. Dahleen said, “Sharon Owens is Barbra Streisand in the Vegas Legends Show. She tours the world. I was out on tour with her for seven weeks earlier this year. She is incredible.” That show will start at 7 p.m. without an opening act.

The guiding light in Dahleen’s programming has always been “something for everybody,” spanning the years, styles and generations, from the Ghost Notes’ Grateful Dead tribute to the U.S. Marine Corps 1st Division Band. Most of the acts will be familiar to series concertgoers. One new addition is Crucial Culture, a versatile Coachella Valley band with a Latin feel, scheduled for July 20.

The concerts are all free, but donations are gratefully accepted. The funding is met through contributions from the community, and the series always starts on a wing and a prayer. The budget this year is \$36,900.

Dahleen told the Town Crier that the insurance for the series went up, without explanation, from \$562 to \$3,500. He is “questioning” the hike, one more bit of unglamorous but necessary behind-the-scenes effort. Contributions, checks payable to Idyllwild Summer Concert Org, may be sent to P.O. Box 1542, Idyllwild CA 92549-1542, or call (760) 413-4638.

Remember that temperatures drop in the summer evening. Come prepared with an extra layer: Butterfield Amphitheater, 54201 Ridgeview Drive, access through the Idyllwild Community Center Playground Parking lot on Highway 243 just south of town.

FTC warns about new AI technology

You get a call. There’s a panicked voice on the line. It’s your grandson. He says he’s in deep trouble — he wrecked the car and landed in jail. But you can help by sending money. You take a deep breath and think. You’ve heard about grandparent scams. But darn, it sounds just like him. How could it be a scam? Voice cloning, that’s how.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is no longer a far-fetched idea out of a sci-fi movie. A scammer could use AI to clone the voice of your loved one. All he needs is a short audio clip of your family member’s voice — which he could get from content posted online — and a voice-cloning program. When the scammer calls you, he’ll sound just like your loved one.

So how can you tell if a family member is in trouble or if it’s a scammer using a cloned voice?

Don’t trust the voice. Call the person who supposedly contacted you and verify the story. Use a phone number you know is theirs. If you can’t reach your loved one, try to get in touch with them through another family member or their friends.

Scammers ask you to pay or send money in ways that make it hard to get your money back. If the caller says to wire money, send cryptocurrency, or buy gift cards and give them the card numbers and PINs, those could be signs of a scam.

If you spot a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at Report-Fraud.ftc.gov.

Postage stamp price may rise

The United States Postal Service (USPS) again is filing notice with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) to raise mailing services prices effect July 9, 2023. The new rates include a 3-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail Forever stamp from 63 to 66 cents.

If approved, the proposed increases will raise First-Class Mail prices about 5.4% “to offset the rise in inflation,” according to USPS. “The price changes have been approved by the Governors of the U.S. Postal Service.”



In the Pocket, from left, Miles Thomas, Scott Bump and Jeff Hixon, is the opening act for Frank DiSalvo and the Sundowners.

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IDYLLWILD ARTS JAZZ IN THE PINES

Monday, July 3

7:30pm | Idyllwild Arts Jazz Faculty
Idyllwild Arts Campus

Tuesday, July 4

10am | Euphoria Brass Band
Idyllwild 4th of July Parade
2-4pm | Euphoria Brass Band
FERRO
6:30-9:30pm | The Marshall Hawkins Trio
FERRO
7:30-9pm | Euphoria Brass Band Master Class & Podcast Recording with Pamela Jordan
Idyllwild Arts Campus

Wednesday, July 5

6:30-8:30pm | The Dave Tull Trio
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Thursday, July 6

6:30-8:30pm | The Tom Hynes Duo
Cafe Aroma
7:30pm | The Joshua White Trio
The Merc, Temecula

Friday, July 7

4-7pm | The Dan St. Marseille Trio
Middle Ridge Winery
6:30-9:30pm | The Idyllwild Arts Faculty
Jazz Jam
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Saturday, July 8

10am | Jazz In The Pines Student Showcase
Idyllwild Arts Campus
12:30-2:30pm | The Yve Evans Quartet
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3-6pm | The Marshall Hawkins Trio
Middle Ridge Winery
HEADLINER
7:30pm | The John Daversa Big Band
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Jazz Combo
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Sunday, July 9

10am | Yve Evans’ Voices of Praise
Idyllwild Arts Campus
2-5pm | The Rose Colella Quartet
Middle Ridge Winery
5-6pm | Marshall Hawkins Autobiography
Preview Reading
Grand Idyllwild Lodge
7:30-9pm | The Bob Boss Quartet
The Rustic Theatre

Monday, July 10

7:30pm | Idyllwild Arts Jazz Faculty
Idyllwild Arts Campus

Tuesday, July 11

6:30-9:30pm | The Marshall Hawkins Trio
FERRO
6:30-8:30pm | The Ron Kobayashi Trio
Grand Idyllwild Lodge

Wednesday, July 12

7:30pm | Idyllwild Arts Jazz Faculty Big Band
Idyllwild Arts Campus

Thursday, July 13

7:30pm | The Tina Raymond Trio
The Merc, Temecula

Friday, July 14

HEADLINER
7:30pm | Marshall Hawkins’ Seahawk MOJO
Women in Jazz: featuring Sherry Williams, Yve
Evans & Rose Colella
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Saturday, July 15

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Showcase
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Guests listen to the program at the second-annual Idyllwild Arts Foundation Founders Day Saturday. Following lunch, a concert was held in memory of **Carolyn Lowman, Nelms McElvain, Donna Cory** and **Francois Gilot**, all former school instructors.

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Several Idyllwild residents met up at the Clan Fraser booth at the San Diego Scottish Highland Games Saturday afternoon in Vista. From left, **Steve Kunkle, Maria Byron, Laurie and Dave Fraser, and Becky and Jack Clark.**

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Jac Jacaruso (guitar and vocals) performed with **Sandii Castleberry** (guitar and vocals) and **Dr. Marshall Hawkins** (stand-up bass) Friday afternoon at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.

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Aron James wrangles a rattlesnake on Linger Lane behind **Dan Roberts'** house recently. He was to relocate the snake after having a herpetologist review the toxins.

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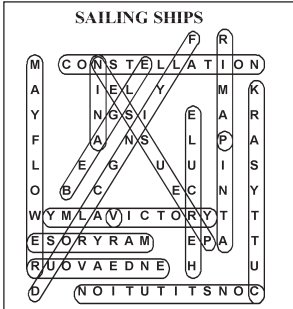
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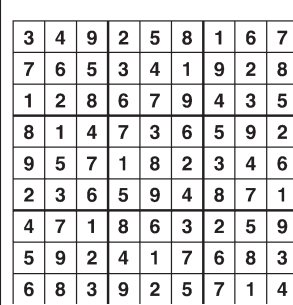
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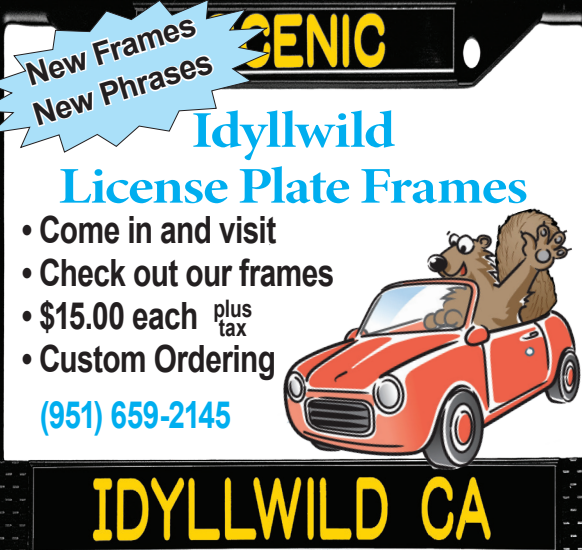


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Night sky

The large image shows just the central portion of M55 taken by the Hubble Space Telescope. Above Earth’s atmosphere, this magnificent view resolves many individual stars in this cluster. How many can you count through binoculars or a backyard telescope? NASA, ESA, A. Sarajedini (Florida Atlantic University), and M. Libralato (STScI, ESA, JWST)

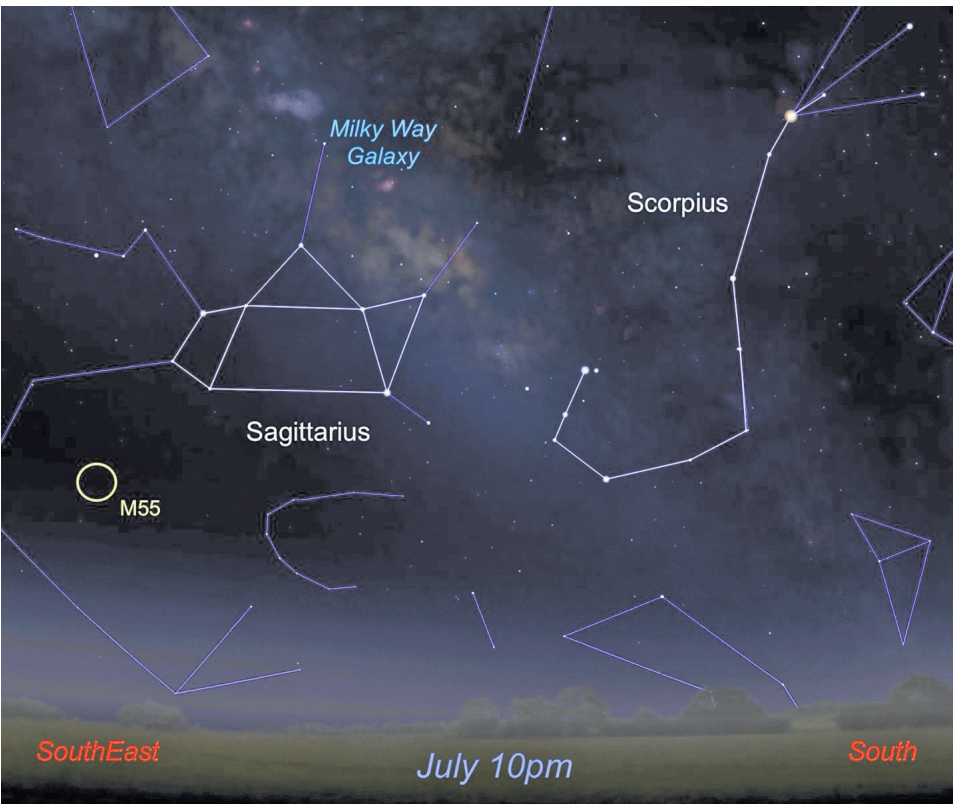
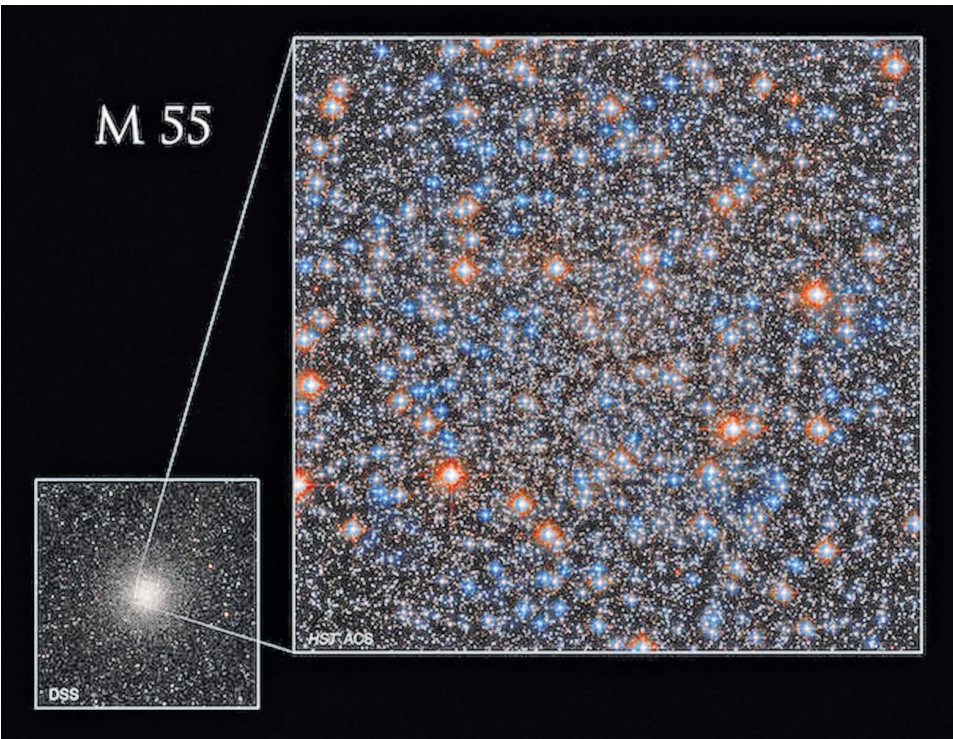
French astronomer Charles Messier cataloged over 100 fuzzy spots in the night sky in the 18th century while searching for comets — smudges that didn’t move past the background stars so couldn’t be comets. Too faint to be clearly seen using telescopes of the era, these objects were later identified as nebulae, distant galaxies, and star clusters as optics improved. Messier traveled the world to make his observations, assembling the descriptions and locations of all the objects he found in his “Catalog of Nebulae and Star Clusters.” Messier’s work was critical to astronomers who came after him who relied on his catalog to study these little mysteries in the night sky, and not mistake them for comets.

Most easily spotted from the Southern Hemisphere, this “faint fuzzy” was first cataloged by another French astronomer, Nicholas Louis de Lacaille in 1752 from Southern Africa. After searching many years in vain through the atmospheric haze and light pollution of Paris, Charles Messier finally added it to his catalog in July of 1778. Identified as Messier 55 (M55), this large, diffuse object can be hard to distinguish unless it’s well above the horizon and viewed far from city lights.

But July is great month for getting your own glimpse of M55 — especially if you live in the southern half of the U.S. (or south of 39°N latitude). Also known as the “Summer Rose Star,” M55 will reach its highest point in northern hemisphere skies in mid-July. Looking towards the south with a pair of binoculars well after sunset, search for a dim (mag 6.3) cluster of stars below the handle of the “teapot” of the constellation Sagittarius. This loose collection of stars appears about two-thirds as large as the full Moon. A small telescope may resolve the individual stars, but M55 lacks the dense core of stars found in most globular clusters. With binoculars, let your eyes wander the “steam” coming from the teapot-shaped Sagittarius (actually the plane of the Milky Way Galaxy) to find many more nebulae and clusters.

As optics improved, this fuzzy patch was discovered to be a globular cluster of over 100,000 stars that formed more than 12 billion years ago, early in the history of the Universe. Located 20,000 light years from Earth, this ball of ancient stars has a diameter of 100 light years. Recently, NASA released a magnificent image of M55 from the Hubble Space Telescope, revealing just a small portion of the larger cluster. This is an image that Charles Messier could only dream of and would have marveled at! By observing high above the Earth’s atmosphere, Hubble reveals stars inside the cluster impossible to resolve from ground-based telescopes. The spectacular colors in this image correspond to the surface temperatures of the stars; red stars being cooler than the white ones; white stars being cooler than the blue ones. These stars help us learn more about the early Universe. Discover even more at www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2023/hubble-messier-55.

The Hubble Space Telescope has captured magnificent images of most of Messier’s objects. Explore them at www.nasa.gov/content/goddard/hubble-s-messier-catalog/.



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(Answers on previous classifieds page)

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

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8 Leftovers recipe
12 Chinese chairman
13 Roof overhang
14 Arizona tribe
15 Samovar
16 On the rocks
17 Hurler
18 "Syriana" Oscar winner
21 British ref. work
22 Caribou kin
23 Gold-loving king
26 "See ya!"
27 Scale abbr.
30 Privy to
31 "Of course"
32 Cheer (for)
33 Joke
34 Chic, to Austin Powers
35 Five dozen
36 Droop
- 37 Iota
38 1997 film starring Nicole Kidman and 18-Across
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46 Algeria's neighbor
47 Granada gold
48 "Mamma Mia" group
49 La Scala solo
50 Apprehend
51 Katy Perry hit song
52 Adolescent
53 Ninny
- DOWN**
1 Overconfident
2 Bern's river
3 Stereo alternative
4 Linen shades
5 Sped
6 Opposite of "sans"
7 Musical mixes
8 Trembled
9 Undecided
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11 Sly
- 19 Reddish horse
20 Flamenco cheer
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June 2023 — Week 5



March 21 – April 19
You are self-reliant and rarely ask anyone for help. But this time, you might want someone you trust to be there for you while you deal with a difficult matter. Cheer up. Things improve soon.



April 20 – May 20
Your patience begins to pay off. Look for the first sign that your goals are in plain sight. Also, take time out from all your hard work for some fun with someone special.



May 21 – June 21
There could be some lingering effects from a recent setback. But it's all for the best, as you're now beginning to appreciate. Use the lessons you've learned to start over.



June 22 – July 22
What seemed to be a difficult goal to reach is now -- or soon will be -- all yours. Congratulations. An unexpected travel opportunity holds an intriguing new prospect.



July 23 – August 22
A chilly reception to your presentation shouldn't cause you to abandon your ideas. Instead, do tweak up those weaker parts and then, once again, show them what you have.



August 23 – September 22
Hiding your feelings might make you feel safer against rejection. But this could be the time when you'll need to speak up or risk losing out on an important event in your life.



September 23 – October 22
Some co-workers might try to talk you out of accepting a promotion. But you need to follow your own instincts -- and if you believe you're right for the job, then take it.



October 23 – November 21
Some changes are in order, as you come to realize that you need to sort out several areas in your life. Your remarkable insight helps you make the right decisions.



November 22 – December 21
It's time to act on your own behalf and separate yourself from those whose selfish needs threaten your personal and/or professional survival.



December 22 – January 19
Resist your tendency to close yourself off from unpleasant situations. Instead, open up to how things are so that you can help change them to what they could be.



January 20 – February 18
An unspoken problem could be driving a deep wedge between you and that special person. Some honest talking between the two of you starts the healing process.



February 19 – March 20
You might feel you've been going around in ever-widening circles trying to deal with recent workplace problems. Lighten up. A successful end is finally in sight.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

Steele expected to play at Valderrama

By Jack Clark
Pro Golf Correspondent

The golf world is uncertain as to what the PGA Tour/LIV Golf “merger” will look like next year, but early indications are that both tours will finish out their regular seasons for the remainder of 2023.

The next LIV tournament is this week at Real Club Valderrama in Valderrama, Spain, and Brendan Steele is expected to be in the field. The Idyllwild native currently is ranked 155th in the Official World Golf Ranking.

You can watch the entire Valderrama tournament live using the LIV app or catch the action starting at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday on television station KCLA Channel 5, Los Angeles.

Arts & Entertainment Calendar

- Continued from B1*
- Summer Concerts: In the Pocket, 6:05 p.m.; Frank DiSalvo & the Sundowners, 7 p.m. Butterfield Amphitheater.
 - Jazz in the Pines Tom Hynes Duo, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cafe Aroma.
- Friday, July 7**
- Women's pickleball, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - Bridge Club, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Jazz in the Pines, The Dan St. Marseille Trio, 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 - Jazz in the Pines, Idyllwild Arts Faculty Jazz Jam, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ferro.
- Saturday, July 8**
- Art Alliance of Idyllwild Artist Studio Tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Start at Mountain Pottery.
 - Jazz in the Pines Student Showcase, 10 a.m. Idyllwild Arts.
 - Coed pickleball, 11 a.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
 - Jazz in the Pines Yve Evans Quartet, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Harvey House.
 - Jazz in the Pines Marshall Hawkins Trio, 3-6 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 - Jazz in the Pines John Daversa Big Band & Idyllwild Arts All-star Jazz Combo, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Arts.

Creature Corner

By Janice Murasko

Last week in “Days of Our Nine Lives,” ARF cats participated in a quiz about feline health.

Harley: Adoption news! Gather 'round!

Phil: Clearly it isn't I who was adopted. Who was it?

Harley: Miss Kitty!

Phil: Wow! That is wonderful. What a sweet, sweet cat.

Katnis: And Cat Benetar is on a trial adoption.

Don: How wonderful for those two. Soon it will be our turn.

Phil: Last week we talked about feline health. How about brainstorming for fun ways to let dogs and their guardians enjoy summer?

Pepper: That sounds fun. How about if dog guardians get together with other dog lovers? This type of get together is great for meeting new people and for encouraging dogs to socialize and make new furry friends. Dog parents can go for a walk with their pooches on a dog-friendly hiking trail with other dogs and dog guardians before heading for some dog-friendly dining afterward.

Don: That sounds great.

Katnis: How about taking dogs to a beach? The beach is many pups' idea of heaven, with stretches of sand and dunes to run on, shallow water to swim in, and grasslands to explore. Many beaches are dog-friendly year-round, but guardians should make sure to double check before taking Fido out for the day.

Don: Those are some great ideas for our canine friends, but what about us cats?

Pepper: I think next week maybe we could discuss fun things for cats during the summer.

Harley: As long as I don't have to leave my home. It could be so stressful for me to go to the beach.

Katnis: Oh Harley, I really doubt that anyone would find a cat-friendly beach!

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 Highway 243. ARF is open Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sundays 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and during the week by appointment. Please call 951-659-1122.

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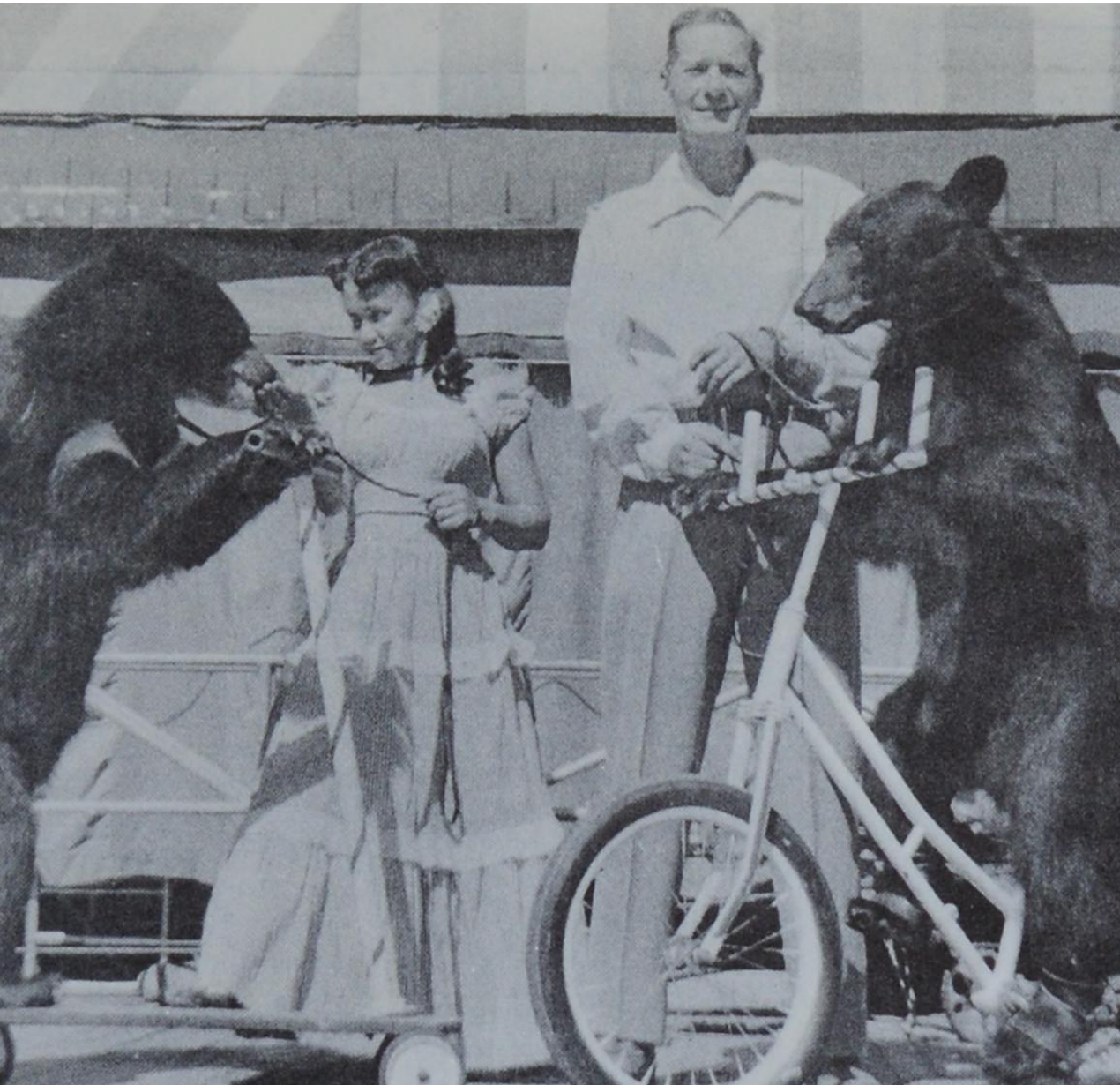


- 75 years ago - 1948**
Movie star Tim Holt was in town with a film company shooting a western picture in Garner Valley. He brought his favorite movie horse, Lightning, for the film shooting.
- 70 years ago - 1953**
Four children — Earlene Dick, Jimmy Johnson, Gary Anderson and Arty Yates — formed the entire graduating class at the local school.
- 65 years ago - 1958**
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Minnich returned to Cow Bell Alley after a 10,000-mile jaunt across the country.
- 60 years ago - 1963**
The first car moved up ca-

- bles to the Long Valley station of the \$8.1-million Palm Springs Aerial Tramway project.
- 55 years ago - 1968**
The Olympic-sized swimming pool on the campus of Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts was opened to the public.
- 50 years ago - 1973**
Local Boy Scout Troop 50, along with 16 more units from the California Inland Empire Council, set up practice camp at Camp Emerson. They were preparing for a trip to Idaho where 40,000 Scouts would assemble for the Jamboree.
- 45 years ago - 1978**
Bill Whitener, Idyllwild County Water District general manager, announced that a 60% cutback in funds generated from local property tax revenue was anticipated for the next year due to the passage of Proposition 13.
- 40 years ago - 1983**
Plans for the upcoming July Fourth holiday weekend were being made all over the Hill. Festivities would include the Idyllwild Gar-

- den Club's flower show, the American Legion's Deep Pit Barbecue, an Idyllwild Lion's Club pancake breakfast, an Ecology Fair at Town Hall, a fine arts show at a local church and a concert in the Idyllwild Pines Amphitheatre.
- 35 years ago - 1988**
At an autograph party, Ernie Maxwell, founding publisher and editor of the Town Crier, was signing copies of his new book, “Pictorial History of the San Jacinto Mountains.”
- 30 years ago - 1993**
Hemet High graduated nine Hill students. More than \$9,000 in scholarships were given to these local students.
- 25 years ago - 1998**
The Fern Valley Water District board decided not to consider a joint allocation of stream resources within its permitted water rights.
- 20 years ago - 2003**
Due to near-normal rainfall, Foster Lake, Idyllwild Water District's reservoir, was at 20 feet and

- full for the first time in five years.
- 15 years ago - 2008**
St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church members completed a labyrinth they spent months building out of bricks next to the sanctuary.
- 10 years ago - 2013**
Long-time Idyllwild Library volunteer Bonnie Doshier, and Hemet Unified School District Trustee Bill Sanborn and family were leaving the Hill.
- 5 years ago - 2018**
The body of Rob Fulton, 63, of Idyllwild, a facilities director at the Desert Studies Center, was found about 200 feet from his vehicle after it went over the side of Highway 243.
- 1 year ago - 2022**
A glitch in an Idyllwild Water District software program resulted in the district losing about 20% of data while transferring from the old meter to the new meter system. The lost data could not be recovered meaning between \$25,000 and \$30,000 in income was lost.



Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Clark, interlocutors to the bear troupe which was to entertain visitors at the Bear Festival in Idyllwild in March 1958, stand with two charges, Malween (left) and Susan.

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Calvary Chapel Mountain Center
29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center, Ca. 92561
Church Office 951-659-0097
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Nursery Care, Children's & Youth Ministries
Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups

Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church
54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA
Father Charles E. Miller
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.; Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church
Sunday Services 11 AM • Sunday School
Phone (951) 659-4471 • www.sthughsidyllwild.org
25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Shiloh Christian Ministries
54295 Village Center Drive
Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Sleme
Sunday Service - 10 am
Healing Room - Saturdays 10 am - Noon
Tel: 951.659.2416 Tel for Prayer: 951.659.0031

Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild
Rabbi Ilana Grinblat - In Person
Shabbat Service Fri June 23, 6pm + Dinner
Shabbat Study Sat June 24, 9:30am + Brunch
St Hugh's 25525 Tahquitz Dr - Every Fri 6pm Zoom Candlelighting
Templeharshalomidyllwild.org (951) 468-0004

Idyllwild Bible Church
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Jeff Giampa
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship
Sunday Worship & Nursery Care 9-10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, Nursery & Sunday School, 10:45-11:45 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups
Call Church Office for Information, 951-659-4775

Community Church
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935
www.icpchurch.net
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. Robert Mitchell
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UCR Pipe Band brings drums and bagpipes to July 4th parade

By JACK AND BECKY CLARK
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For many years now, the University of California Pipe Band has been featured as the final entry in the annual Idyllwild July 4th parade. They will be back again this year, with their appearance sponsored not by the

Idyllwild Town Crier, but by Jack and Becky Clark as individuals. The Town Crier requires all its finances just to keep serving our Hill community with a real newspaper, covering six local governmental agencies and uncounted community groups, activities and happenings around town. There are no excess funds for

sponsoring visitors, not even such distinguished and popular musicians as the UCR Pipe Band. But, at the same time, Becky and I could not envision Idyllwild’s annual July 4th parade without them. We hope the UCR Pipe Band will continue gracing our parade, year after year.

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