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Photo by Star staff.



Road crew continued this week to finish road repairs and resurfacing.

Working together with the County of Riverside Transportation Department, on-site Paul Castillo Construction Inspector and the professional Road Crew, along with the Water Districts and the cooperation of the community the roads are now a smooth drive.

The First Day of Fall Is a beautiful day in Idyllwild!

North Circle Drive is almost finished and connected to South Circle Drive.

"We are actually ahead of the schedule," Paul Castillo, Construction Inspector shares with The Star. "Per the specifications we were to have it done at the end of October. Which is good. Now to get all the minor things out of the way." Paul added that, "Any of the problems were able to be resolved quickly. There were some water breaks due to the vibrations and age of the pipes. We are working really well with all the Water Districts here, they have been very responsive. "



Photo by Hiram Matthews

Breakfast with Mayor Max III and Vice Mayor Meadow greets Tatiyana and her son Tyson for breakfast at Amelia's Donuts and More.

Mayor Max III and Vice Mayor Meadow send Love and Kindness all around!

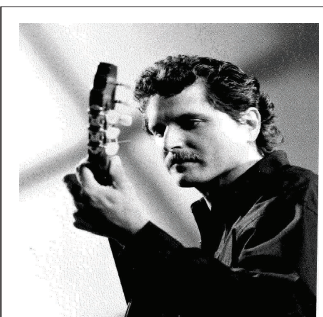
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The Star provides a place *for we the people* to carry on a dialog with the community, as well as with the county and state government officials.

*The Star wants to address that in the proofing of the first edition, Kristy Frazier was not the sole proofreader and is not responsible for the errors that were found in the publication. Though we reserve the right to edit spelling and punctuation, we also take responsibility to admit when we have erred.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A place where you talk and we listen.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

THE STAR WILL PUBLISH BI-WEEKLY
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Please contact THE STAR for more info. Call:
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WHY THE STAR?

Why publish a newspaper? Why did this editor/publisher leave retirement, sell her home and move to Idyllwild? Well, here is the answer. I believe that God gives us all assignments. He has always asked someone to give their life for a worthy cause. He seems to be quite interested in providing opportunities for the individuals to whom He gives an assignment.

A question asked by a reader: What is The Star all about? What does it represent?

Answer: Anyone over the age of 50 may remember their early school days when the teacher rewarded a student with a gold star. Sometimes it would be placed on the forehead or on the work accomplished. The Star logo represents a community acknowledging a job well done. No matter be it an individual or a business many strive to achieve the valued 5 star rating.

The Star logo also is designed to represent the impact of a community working together. Whether the community serves as a launching pad for a new business or encourages a collaboration of entrepreneurs, working together builds and strengthens the community. The logo represents the total community and the individuals who make up the community.

The Star possesses integrity, values, and a desire to exceed expectations. It welcomes the opportunity to challenge itself and to serve the community it calls home.

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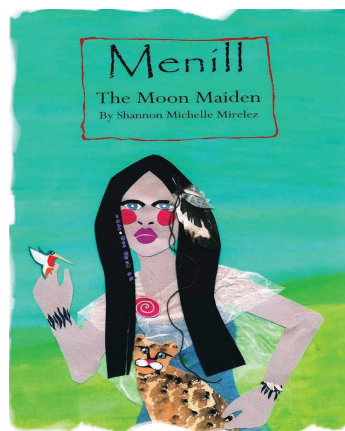
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It's Story Time at the Idyllwild Nature Center



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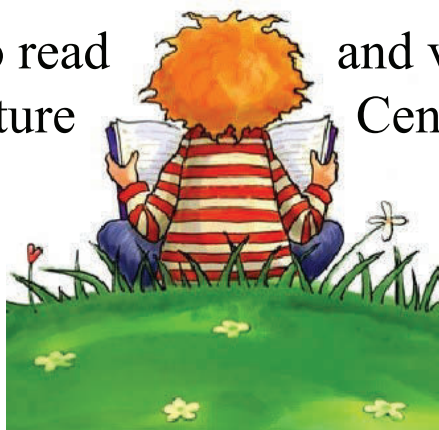
Enjoy the beautiful fall season at the Idyllwild Nature Center and discover the Story Time adventure of *Menill The Moon Maiden* by Shannon Michelle Mirelez

SUSAN RIGHETTI - Guest Speaker

Idyllwild Rotary Club guest speaker was Susan Righetti, representing the Friends of the Idyllwild Library. Susan shared about Story time at the Nature Center.

She also spoke of our combined efforts to build and place easels holding topical information for events at the Idyllwild Nature Center. Rotarians Thom Wallace (master craftsman), Roland Gaebert, Steve Espinosa and David Cutter were instrumental in this building project.

I like to read and visit the Nature Center





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Celebrating Steve Espinosa: A Pillar of The Rotary Club of Idyllwild

Submitted by Eric Tracy

Warm greetings to our esteemed Rotarians and the vibrant community of Idyllwild. Today, we take great pleasure in celebrating a man who embodies the spirit of service, camaraderie, and dedication that lies at the heart of our club - Steve Espinosa.

Steve has been part of our Rotary family since August 2006, and his unwavering commitment is nothing short of inspiring. As fellow Rotarians, we can attest to the energy he brings to our weekly meetings at the American Legion. His dedication shines through as he is always the first to open the doors and set things up, and the last to leave, ensuring everything is locked up and secure.

But Steve's contributions extend far beyond our meeting room. He leads the Banner Buddies, a group of committed Rotarians who meet weekly at the Red Kettle for breakfast. They then proceed to rotate the informational banners that hang across our beautiful town, keeping both tourists and residents informed of upcoming events. This act, though simple, has a profound impact on our community's sense of unity and togetherness.

What sets Steve apart is his readiness to lend a hand whenever needed. Be it a text or an email seeking help, Steve is often one of the first to respond. His reliability and willingness to assist are testaments to his character and embody the true spirit of Rotary.

We cannot express enough gratitude for Steve's tireless efforts. He is an asset to our club, and his dedication helps us in our mission to create positive, lasting change in our community and around the world. His actions remind us daily of the power of collective action, and how each one of us can contribute to making our community a better place.

In recognition of his hard work and dedication, we want to extend our deepest thanks to Steve. Through his actions, he exemplifies the Rotary motto, "Service Above Self." His dedication enriches our club and strengthens our resolve to make a difference.

Join us in celebrating Steve Espinosa, a true embodiment of Rotary spirit. Let his example inspire us all to continue serving our community with unwavering dedication and enthusiasm. Together, we can accomplish so much more.

INVITATION

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President Barack Obama, September 25, 2012

William "Bill" Davila Guitarist - STARS OF IDYLLWILD

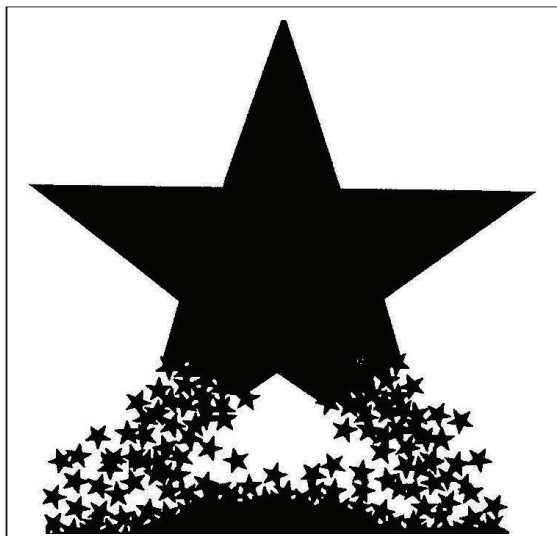


Photo courtesy of William "Bill" Davila

Today was a most unusual day. I met three very gifted and courageous individuals. Their lives are so different from each other and yet so very much the same.

Courage is demonstrated in such different ways. We often see where it takes courage to stand for something that you believe in. Whether anyone agrees with that belief or not. Sometimes it takes courage to just stand. And then there are those whom it will take every ounce of strength they have to even speak.

If you have not heard of or listened to William "Bill" Davila, guitarist, and musician extraordinaire, The Star would like to introduce you. William "Bill" Davila is not only an internationally recognized guitarist, but he is a prolific musician, music professor, radio personality and producer, recording artist, composer, vocalist, audio engineer and musicologist. He is also an award-winning published poet.



Even though Davila has all this in his repertoire, he is also an amazing individual who wears more badges of bravery than some five-star generals I have met. Taking into consideration, those who trained for battle have a bootcamp experience to prepare for what life or war throws at them. There is no intent to minimize the impact of the trauma that many of our veterans have weathered through. However, when as a child life brings a bombardment of experiences parallel to the warfare trauma as that of an adult soldier, life can surround an individual and take them to a place no one would volunteer to go, and few would escape.

This week, The Star met an extraordinary guitarist and individual, William "Bill" Davila. Experiencing an early life that no one would wish for anyone, it is not short of a miracle that such an individual can and does rise above the ashes, to express through music that they are very much alive. Davila has shared his gifts and talent with so many others, that they might grow into accomplished musicians and be elevated in the music industry.

List just a few of Davila's Performances for Professional Organizations, they are:

International Congress on Women in Music
 Institute of Fine Arts, Mexico
 American Musicological Society
 American Society of Composers, USA
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 Bing Theater, Los Angeles

As Bill shared the experiences of traveling in Europe, France, and Mexico, he shared his the many opportunities to meet, instruct and play with world famous musicians and entertainers. He met with many of those who were known to bring to us a sense of peace through the unique tones and sounds of instruments new to the western world.

Recognized as a highly qualified teacher of music, he is appreciated as one who not only understood the science of music, but the significance of the emotion of music, the essence of a tone and how rhythm moves the very soul of each of us.

Acclaimed by the Los Angeles Times as "an accomplished, virtuosic guitarist" and a "commanding and sensitive performer," Davila has been heard across the country on National Public Radio, PBS, and HBO, as well as on England's Channel Four.

Because of Bill Davila's talent to play acoustical guitar, classical music, and demonstrate the expression of Flamenco, Davila is known for his expertise and gifted talent. He would be the first to share that discipline and study delivers knowledge however, it is the doing that brings the proof of understanding and of the value of the acquired knowledge.

While living in Idyllwild, Davila has played locally and for private events. He continues to teach and plays now for the joy and peace that comes with his life of solitude and spiritual growth. If anything in his life were rushed, it would be to return to his home, to enjoy an introverted life, after many years of traveling and living a highly energized life.

Davila has given private lessons in Classical Guitar, Jazz Guitar, Flamenco Guitar, Blues/Rock to list a few. His performances can be heard on his Youtube site at Willaim Davila-Sketches for Guitar All.

The Star, with great respect and gratitude, thanks William "Bill" Davila for allowing this private interview into his life and for sharing his musical talent and achievements that are like none other.

David Roy and Sugar Bear - STARS OF IDYLLWILD



David Roy - Keyboard & Vocalist

Sugar Bear and David Roy have been entertaining Idyllwild residents and visitors for more than five years. They delight lunch and dinner guests at Fratello's Ristorante & Pizzeria with a diverse selection of music on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Their weekend music starts early in the day, when Fratello's opens for lunch and ends at closing time in the evening. It is not unusual to see little children moving to a new beat as their parents reminisce to popular tunes from years past.

Sugar Bear brings a little old school with a new school vibe to their style, as he makes his selection of sax. David notes that there is not a song list, but requests are welcome as he introduces the third entity to the group, "Phillip or (Fill-up) D' Jar." The tip jar is always available to accept donations of gratitude with gratuities. With David on the keyboard, Sugar Bear picks up his sax, and with Fill-up present, the trio is ready.

David recalls his coming to Idyllwild. Sugar Bear asked him to come up to Idyllwild to entertain with him. "I've been playing with him for about 5 and a half years."

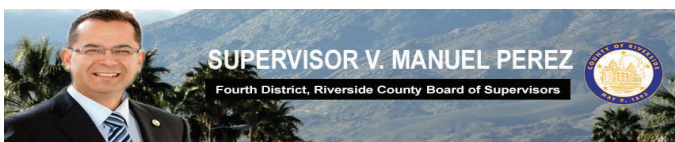
David shares, "One of the things that brings me back is the ambiance here, the people and the city itself. Where I'm from it's all hills, mountains, and trees. So, anytime I come up here, it is like going on vacation and going home." Sugar Bear adds, "We have met some great folks and had good times up here."

"A couple years ago, we did a show here in Idyllwild, inside the Rustic Theatre. We brought up a few drummers and some other musicians. This event was a collaboration of musicians from other areas as far away as Riverside. There is a high caliber of musicians needed when you do a show, you have to do your best. First impressions are so important, you only get one shot.

What's in your future? "I will do this until the day I die. I love it up here. It's like cruising. The place is beautiful, the people are beautiful. So, what more could you ask for? My thing is, I don't play for me, I play for the people. Like David says, I love, love the people. As long as the people are happy. I've done my job."



Sugar Bear - Saxophonist



SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ
Fourth District, Riverside County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Perez Statement on Desert Healthcare District - Press Release

COACHELLA VALLEY – Supervisor V. Manuel Perez is speaking out in strong and urgent disagreement over a decision by the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors to relieve its Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Conrado Bárzaga, of his duties. Supervisor Perez became aware of the decision today and will be writing a letter to the Desert Healthcare District for its meeting on Tuesday evening.

“This was very shocking to learn of this morning, that Dr. Bárzaga, an experienced and capable administrator of the Desert Healthcare District, was suddenly removed from his position. In his tenure over the past four years, working with the Board, Dr. Bárzaga helped the district serve the entire Coachella Valley, bring equity and address health disparities and the health crises of COVID-19, monkeypox, mental health, opioid overdose and homelessness.

“It doesn't appear that there was any reason given for the change in Dr. Bárzaga's employment with the Desert Healthcare District. We would have to gather information to make sure it was truly a matter of performance, and not on some unfair grounds. In my opinion, Dr. Bárzaga was the best CEO and his positive impact on the district was noticeable. I am hoping the Desert Healthcare District Board will reverse this decision.”
Supervisor Perez's office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CONTACT: Darin Schemmer, Office of Fourth District Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, (760) 863-8211



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Weekly Devotional: Finding Peace

"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!" Psa: 31:24

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."
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Two old guys were sitting on a cabin porch discussing the weather and politics.

One old guy has his Blood Hound with him. The hound is howling like crazy. As they continued to talk, the hound gets louder and louder.

One old guy asks the other, "What is wrong with your dog?"

The other old guy answers, "He is sitting on a nail. When he gets tired of howling, he will get up off the nail."

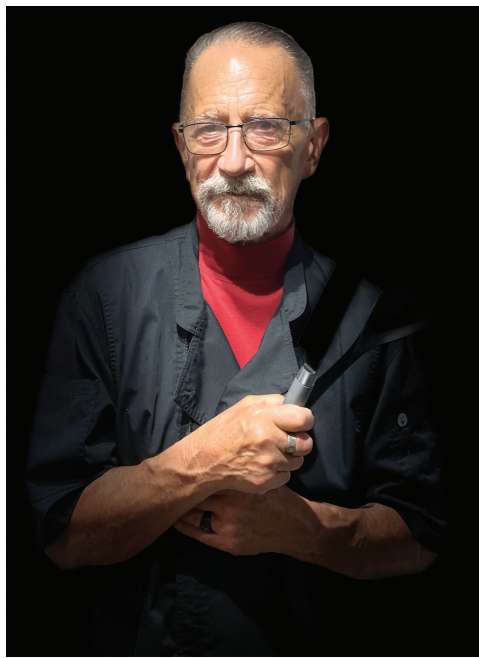
The old guy with the hound says, "Some folks are like that too!"



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Chef Gary

SHRIMP COCKTAIL

Pick up large frozen shrimp (8 to 12 per pound)
The smaller the number the larger the shrimp

In a pot of boiling water add pickling spice
(available at sprouts market)

Cook the shrimp until they turn pink.

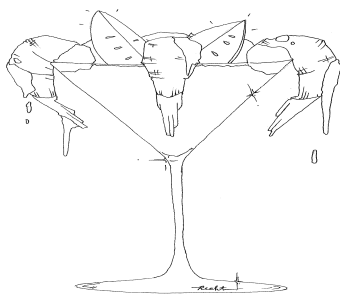
Rinse in cold water and clean, cool in refrigerator for 2 hours

The Famous Sauce

Equal parts of chili sauce and cocktail sauce

Add fresh horse radish, lemon juice, and hot sauce to taste

Mix and enjoy with your shrimp



What Goes with Shrimp Cocktail??

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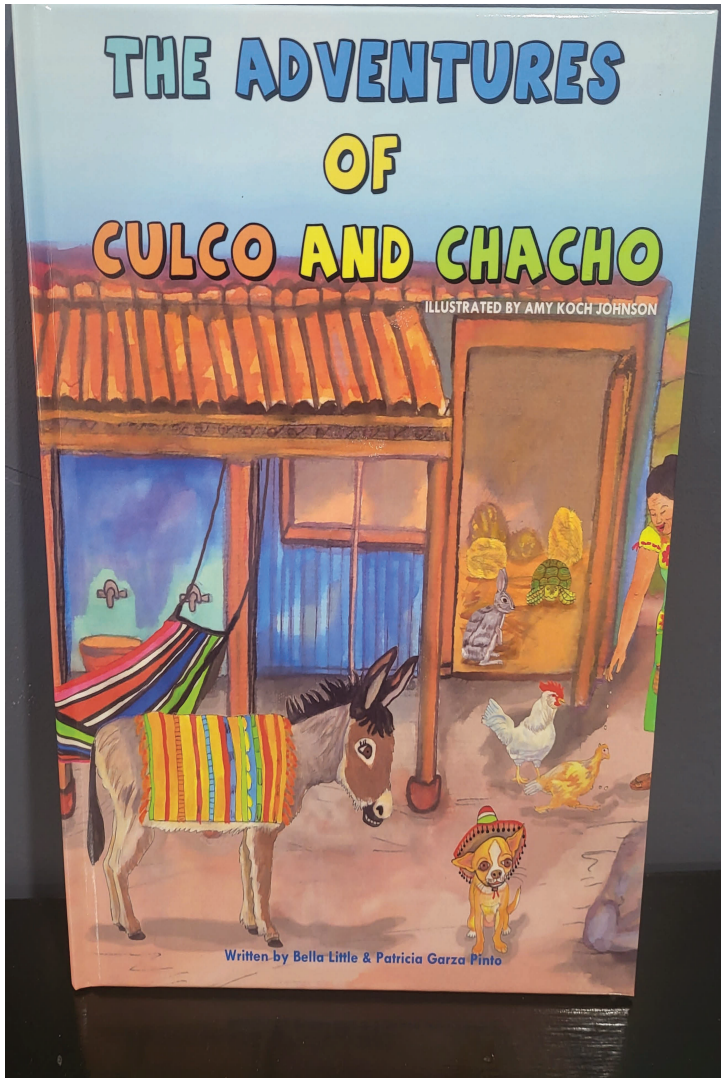
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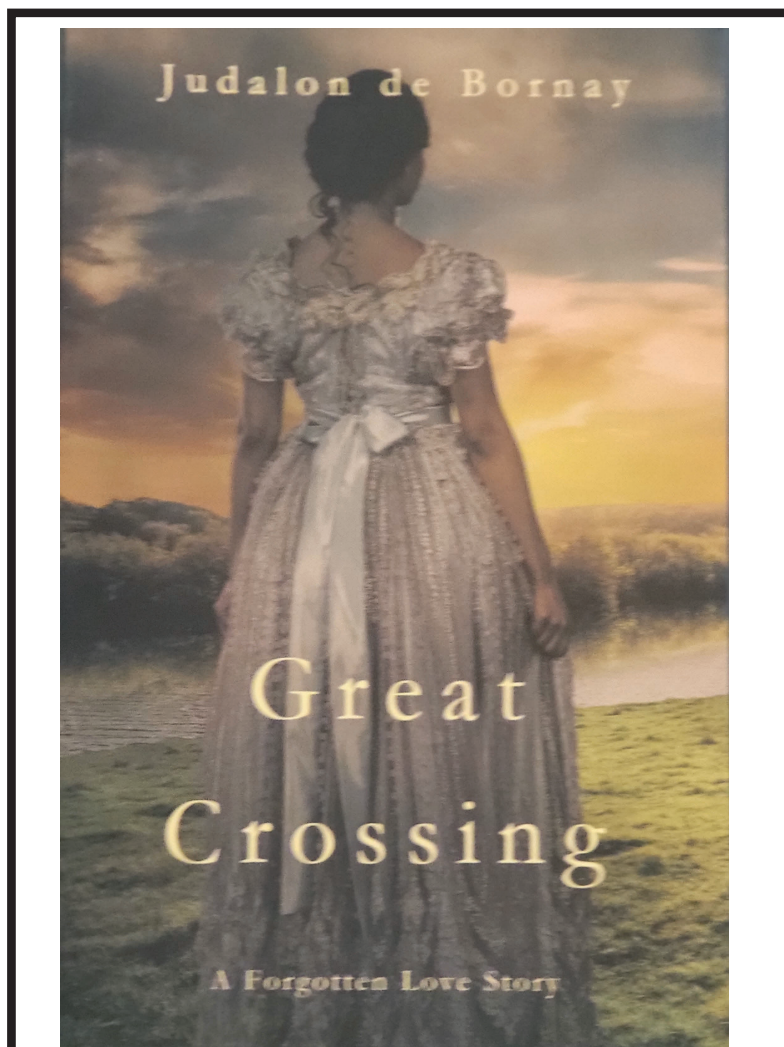


This Week's STAR AUTHOR
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 The Adventures of Culco and Chacho
 Illustrated by Amy Koch Johnson



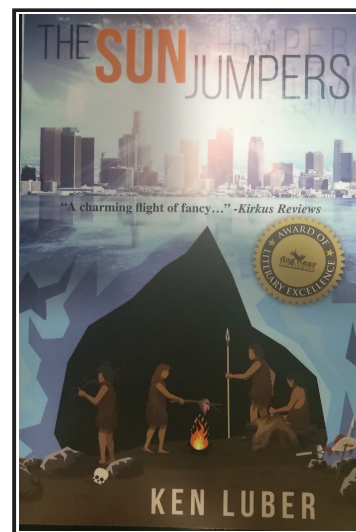
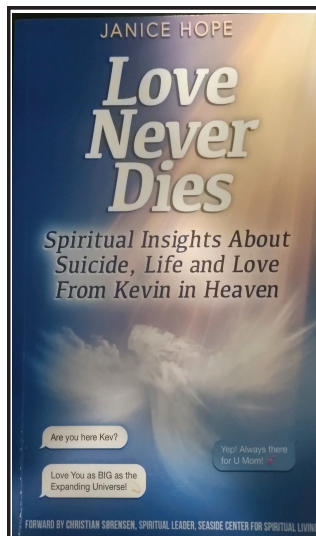
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IDYLLWILD AUTHORS AND THEIR BOOKS



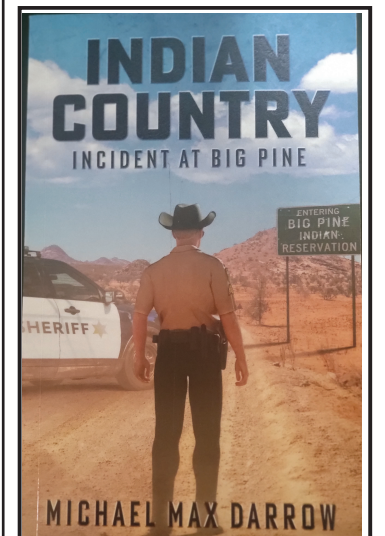
Great Crossing, A Forgotten Love Story, reimagines the relationship between Julia Chinn and Vice President Richard Mentor Johnson, a love that dared to cross barriers and confront relentless obstacles.

Author
 Janice Hope



Author
 Ken Luber

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U.S. NEWS - HONORING THE FIRST NATION'S PEOPLES

Alabama - Coushatta Day Chief - at Texas Capital



Recognizing California Native American's Heritage

The Star will be Honoring the First Nation's Peoples from September - November
As fall begins, we recognize the Cahuilla tribe.

Caliente Indian Reservation is a federally recognized tribe of the Cahuilla, located in Riverside County, California, United States. The Cahuilla inhabited the Coachella Valley desert and surrounding mountains between 5000 BCE and 500 CE. (Wikipedia)

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Legislation to preserve the site of the Wounded Knee massacre has cleared the U.S. House of Representatives

Via AP news wire Wednesday - 9/20/2023

The Wounded Knee Massacre Memorial and Sacred Site Act, introduced by Republican U.S. Rep. Dusty Johnson of South Dakota in May, passed the House by voice vote. The Senate is considering companion legislation.

More than 200 Native Americans - including children and elderly people - were killed at Wounded Knee in 1890. The bloodshed marked a seminal moment in the frontier battles the U.S. Army waged against tribes.

This Historic Landmark in South Dakota ensures that the area was preserved as a sacred site.

Leaders of both tribes testified in support of the House bill, which would put federal protections on the land on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Oglala Sioux Tribe President Frank Star Comes Out did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment on the bill's passage. In a previous statement, he said: "We must remember the sacrifices our ancestors have suffered for us. What happened at Wounded Knee is a reminder that we as a Qyate (people) have succumbed incredible odds to survive, so we must honor our ancestors by preserving the land for future generations to come."

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This workshop helped me better understand what human trafficking really is, how it's happening and where, who's involved and affected, and what I can do to protect my child. I'm so grateful! -- Amanda, Parent



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COMMUNITY DIALOG

CARRYING CAPACITY OF THE HILL

by Kristy Frazier

Some of my favorite childhood memories are of summer vacations when my parents took my sister and I to Yosemite Valley. We drove straight to our favorite camp site #14, and if that one wasn't available, we found our second favorite site. Many years later, after I got married and moved away from home, my husband and I frequented Yosemite, but just for day trips. It was always awe inspiring, and a peaceful place to hike, or sit by the Merced River. We had a casual lunch and shopped for mementos.

Going forward several decades, and considering the influx of people into California, it became necessary to make reservations months in advance to camp out in Yosemite.

It was reported, by friends, that the quality of their experience, the air, and the natural environment were being negatively impacted. Studies showed that the trails were eroding, endangering the root system of plants, and nearby water quality.

Reportedly, the presence of people disrupted the feeding and breeding habits of many animals as they focused on the threat that people posed, instead of their everyday subsistence.

Campfires were causing air pollution and had to be regulated. The increased lines at local restaurants were causing people frustration. Car traffic was constant. The noise and trash were excessive. The overall experience of the visitors was being negatively impacted and diminished. And the natural environment was being degraded. It was determined that overcrowding in Yosemite diminished the visitor's experience, and the natural environment. The incredible valley had reached its carrying capacity.

Some people refer to this area of the San Jacinto Mountains as the "Yosemite of Southern California." It is this writer's experience that started when I began coming up to the Hill in 1950, when my grandparents built a cabin. I moved up permanently in the early 70's, and since then I have lived in Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Fern Valley, Mountain Center, and Thomas Mountain Village in Garner Valley. Needless to say, I've seen some changes come to this unique area.

Back in the 90's there was an organization called the Idyllwild Municipal Advisory Council (IMAC), also referred to as HillMAC. It was comprised of local people who were concerned about the carrying capacity of the area.

Issues that were considered included: maintaining the unique mountain village character, the quiet rural environment, the forest Ecosystems within and beyond the perimeter of the village.

In addition, there was concern for the water and air quality, septic and sewer availability, as well as adequate services for public health and safety.

Studies show that a carrying capacity overload occurs when the population growth causes excessive demands on nature. And can result in adverse effects on residents and visitors to the area. This impacts the safety of both, as well as natural ecosystems.

IMAC sought to assure that land use policies and development practices minimize risks to property and provide for only safe, sustainable development and growth. Has this area, the Hill, reached its carrying capacity? Do we need HillMac or IMAC to return to address sustainable issues and concerns? What do you think? Contact: The Star at jo.monroepublishing@gmail.com



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