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Idyllwild's **Micah Hitchcock** (No.5) lays up a shot during a game last week against St. John. Other Idyllwild players are **Edgar Santiago** (No. 35), **Max Swanson** (No. 20), **Ben Goulding** (No. 23), and **Michael Williams** (No. 12). Idyllwild boys won 31-26. For more sports coverage, see pages 14 and 15.

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Congressional candidates chase contributions

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The 2012 race for the 36th Congressional District is heating up. At least, the candidates — Rep. Mary Bono Mack and her Democratic challenger, Dr. Raul Ruiz — were beneficial recipients of donors' largesse during the fourth quarter of 2011.

Ruiz raised \$100,000 in individual contributions during the latest reporting period. From July 1 through Dec. 31, 2011, his total contributions were about \$205,000, including a \$5,000 personal loan to the campaign. At the end of the year, Ruiz had almost \$180,000 available for the campaign.

Officially, the party primaries are still four months away (June 5) but Ruiz seems to be the Democratic choice to face Bono Mack in 2012. He will be the seventh consecutive Democrat to attempt to unseat the incumbent.

Preparing for her eighth race, Bono Mack collected \$645,000 in contributions during 2011. Nearly 45 percent (\$290,000) came from individuals and another 55 percent (\$355,000) came from committees. On Dec. 31, Bono Mack had \$525,000 in cash for the campaign.

At the beginning of 2010, when her opponent was Palm Springs Mayor Steve Pougnet, Bono Mack See [Contributions, page 11](#)

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Auf Wiedersehen, Lowmans Bill and Carolyn to leave for Salzburg posting

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Former Idyllwild Arts CEO and headmaster Bill Lowman is the new director of the University of Redlands (Redlands), Salzburg (Austria) Program. Lowman and his wife Carolyn leave in May for a month in Berlin for intensive German study at the Goethe Institute, and for a 2-year posting in Salzburg, beginning July 1.

The Lowmans could stay longer, but the agreement with Redlands at this point is for two years. The couple will keep their home in Idyllwild.

Lowman is a Redlands graduate and attended the university's overseas semester in Salzburg in the fall of his 1968-69 academic year.

"We weren't looking for a job," said Lowman of his new position. "It was a pleasant surprise." Lowman said Redlands officials contacted him to see if he would be interested in submitting an application for the directorship. Lowman had served as chairman of the 50th-anniversary celebration of the Salzburg Program, which began in 1960, and had stayed in touch with classmates from his Salzburg semester. Also, from his years as head Idyllwild Arts administrator, Lowman was experienced in living and learning environments, which is what the Salzburg Semester is about.

As Director of the Redlands Salzburg Program, Lowman will oversee faculty, staff and the 35 students who attend each of the program's two semesters. He



Bill Lowman.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

will also ensure Salzburg's administrative compliance with Austrian governmental regulations, compiling and filing the many required forms and reports.

But it is the opportunity to teach a course each semester that Lowman said he is most anticipating. Lowman See [Lowmans, page 22](#)

Todd resigns as Chamber president

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Nick Todd, Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce president since October 2010, submitted his resignation both as president and director to the board. His resignation was effective Feb. 1. Todd cited personal and family reasons, but noted he would remain involved in an advisory capacity.

Under Todd's presidency, and under previous President Mimi Lamp, the Chamber executed a dramatic turn-

around, substantially increasing the membership base, building appreciation for, and confidence in the Chamber's leadership. An accomplishment of Todd's tenure was overseeing the installation and completion of David Roy's town monument, which is named "Harmony."

During this same period, the Chamber hosted the first post-Jazz Festival, in-town jazz night with Marshall Hawkins and friends. Because of its success, Jazz in the Pines promoters are cancelling the annual Saturday night dinner

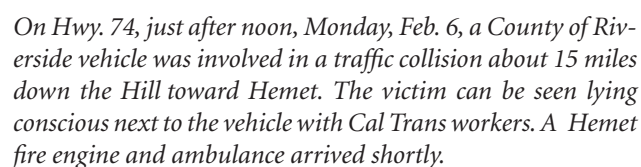
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Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Saturday, Jan. 30 to Feb. 4, 2012:

Jan. 31 — Medical aid, Rolling Hills Road, Garner Valley.

Feb. 4 — Debris fire, Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

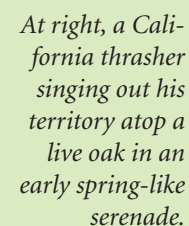
Jan. 12 — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony burglary in the 54000 block of Jameson Drive, Idyllwild.



American Legion Post 800 Prime Rib Dinner Night held on the first Friday of the month is steadily gaining popularity with Idyllwild residents, as more than 90 people were served on Feb. 3.

Jan. 16—An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony burglary

Jan. 31 — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony burglary in the 59000 block of Burnt Valley Road, Anza. The case remains open but suspended.



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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

More trails with photo opportunities ...

No discussion of scenic views would be complete without talking about South Ridge Trail, which offers excellent views of both Strawberry Valley (Idyllwild) and Garner Valley. Although the nearly mile-long road to the trailhead can be a little iffy and downright impassable in the winter months, you can usually get to the trailhead in a high-clearance vehicle, like a pickup or SUV.

The 3.6-mile trail goes to the summit of Tahquitz Peak. Since the ridge is wide open in many places, the views are truly magnificent. On the lower sections of the trail you can see south into Garner Valley and beyond.

As you get higher, you can see in all directions. Gazing up at Tahquitz Peak, which becomes very scenic as you approach the summit.

After you negotiate the final 19 switchbacks and arrive at the summit, the views are indeed spectacular and make the hike well worth the effort. You can also approach the summit from Humber Park via Devil's Slide Trail. Either way, the views make this a great hike for anyone — especially for a photographer.

The Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail, which used to be called simply the Scenic Trail, does live up to its name. Although it lacks the dizzying heights of the mountain peaks, it offers great views of Tahquitz and Suicide rocks, Marion Mountain, as well as nice views toward Fern Valley and Idyllwild. I prefer to hike the trail from the base to Humber Park. Either way you go, you'll find beautiful vistas.

Although I have talked about the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway in the past, there is no doubt that the rotating tram cars with two 360-degree turns in the 9-minute ride, offer great views of both the mountains and the desert. I recommend an early start so you'll have time to hike through Long and Round valleys. If you are ambitious, head to San Jacinto Peak.

The greens of the mountain juxtaposed with the browns of the desert make for some dramatic contrasts. I took my video camera along so I could capture the entire tram ride up to the upper station.

The trail to Strawberry Cienega has always been one of my favorite spots for gorgeous views that make you



Suicide Rock, as seen from the Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail.



The eastern side of the San Jacinto Mountains, as seen from a Palm Springs Aerial Tramway car.

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think you are in some place other than Southern California. This trail makes you feel as though you have been transported to the Sierras. You can access it from Deer Springs Trail on the west side (right turn at Strawberry Junction) or the Angel's Glide Trail by turning left just before you enter the San Jacinto State Park.

There are simply too many great views in Idyllwild and the surrounding mountains and I could write a book and not include them all. Around every corner or switchback lies another vista worthy of viewing by both the eye and the lens.

Sometimes the best views can be from your own deck or in the middle of town. You just never know when a cloud will drift by and create a fantastic feast for the eyes or a photo-op.

The mountains, trees and rocks will always be there but the sky is always changing and when it comes to great views in Idyllwild the sky is the limit.

LOLA'S KITCHEN

By DOLORES SIZER

Unusual foods people eat ...

I love food but there are some things I will not eat. Different cultures have unusual cuisines. One's delicacy may be another's un-touchable.

When I was a little girl, my maternal grandfather traveled to a Mexican grocery store. There he would purchase a barbecued calf head with the brain and eyes still in. The brain is considered a delicacy. I remember standing on tiptoe barely seeing over the table and seeing those eyes staring back at me.

Menudo is another, tripe is used. A web-like under belly of the cow. It has to be boiled first and smells awful while cooking but the finished product is delicious.

There is an old Mexican expression, "menudo para los crudos." Which literally means, "menudo for a hangover." If you have a hangover have a bowl of menudo for breakfast and it will pass quickly. Ah, great memories of my mother's menudo.

Mexicans don't waste anything. They also eat tripas, the intestines. Tripas are deep fried in lard. Actually I have tried them, very tasty. Southern chitlins are similar, made with the intestines of hogs.

Portuguese eat blood sausage called, "chourico de sangue," made with blood or dried blood. I've never tried it. I looked it up online, it is deep, dark and red.

Once while watching a TV documentary, I believe in Australia, a man had to rely on the wilderness for sustenance. It was hard to watch him eat the big, fat white worms. They looked like short, fat slugs and were alive when eaten.

Upon mentioning this column to my daughter, she recalled a visual arts class in college where the professor mentioned a remote tribe, possibly in South America. If the tribe thought a visitor was too thin, they would offer a basket of roasted tarantulas. It was considered an insult if the visitor refused. Apparently they taste like crab.

No recipe this month, I made myself sick.

Thank you, Patty Perez, for helping me with the Spanish spelling.

Happy Valentine's Day to my family and friends and my readers, I appreciate your support.

You can contact Lola at dolores.sizer@gmail.com.



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10:30-11:30 a.m.

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3:30-4:30 p.m.

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Zoey Onyx Patlan — Idyllwild's first 2012 baby

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

First Idyllwild baby of 2012, Zoey Onyx Patlan, entered the world 3:20 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, the daughter of Idyllwild residents Juan Patlan and Christy Davis. She made her debut at Hemet Valley Medical Center in Hemet, measuring 20-1/2 inches in length. Baby Zoey tipped the scales at 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

It seems little Zoey took some time deciding when to arrive since. According to mother Christy, she was due on Christmas Day.

Zoey joins eight siblings. Paternal grandparents John and Phylliss Patlan are



Zoey with parents Christy Davis and Juan Patlan.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Idyllwild residents; maternal grandparents David and Judy Davis and James Hawkins live in Pryor, Okla.

As first baby of the year, Zoey wins the Town Crier's annual First Baby Contest. Each year, for many years,

local merchants bundle baby booty that parents can claim on their progeny's behalf. This year's prizes included slippers for baby at Mountain Footwear; a \$24 gift certificate at Wooley's; gift certificate for mom from Idyllwild Beauty Salon; gift certificate from Café Aroma; \$25 gift certificate for the family at Fairway Market; free notarization of Zoe's birth certificate from Town Crier Notary, Shane Fender; an 8"x10" glossy photo of baby Zoe from the Town Crier; and a special gift for the baby from Idyllwild Right to Life.

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

ONLY IN IDYLLWILD

A few weeks ago, I hoofed it to town for the usual stops in the Strawberry Creek Plaza — post office, Fairway and the pharmacy.

As usual, I bought the maximum that I could carry home. At my last stop, the Idyllwild Pharmacy, I accidentally left my groceries on the floor near the checkout counter.

When I got home, tired but content with my purchases, I discovered I didn't have my food bag. My doggie, Amy, was disappointed — as I had promised her "soup" bones (after I cook soup).

It took me awhile to backtrack in my mind. I called Janice Mikuls at the pharmacy. She said my bag was there and she had put my meat bones in the fridge.

I picked my groceries right up that morning and made a good soup, which I shared with Amy.

Beth Nottley
Idyllwild

"Only in Idyllwild" may be sent one of four ways: e-mail to james@towncrier.com, call 659-2145, fax to 659-2071 or drop off at the office, 54295 Village Center Drive.

Soroptimists collecting food

The Idyllwild Soroptimists are collecting food for the Idyllwild HELP Center. Food may be left at the Soroptimist "Hungry House" near the fireplace at the BBVA Bank. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., on March 3, the Soroptimists will have two more collection sites — Fairway and Village markets.

This event is part of the Soroptimist's Saturday of Service where members worldwide gather to carry out service projects that improve lives.

This day of service is held prior to International Women's Day which is always March 8th. Soroptimist have chosen this project to help benefit local Idyllwild people.



The Soroptimist's Hungry House is now in the lobby of BBVA bank.

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SANDRA FROELICH

At right, gathering donations to aid needy families is a sporting affair at the Community Presbyterian Church. On Super Bowl Sunday, members of the congregation vote for their favorite team by placing a donated item in either team's barrel at the entrance to the church. Coordinating the worthy effort is **Ned Roberts**, left and **Pastor Dick Olson**, right. Every year the Church holds its donation Super Bowl, the bin receiving the most items is the team that wins Super Bowl. This year the Giants' bin had 137 items donated and the Patriots had 82 items. By noon Super Bowl Sunday, all the items were given to the Idyllwild Help Center.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 12.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. JoAn's Restaurant, 25070 Village Center Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Women's Guild, noon, Jim Oleson will speak on "Growing a youth group", Community Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- CSA 38, 5:30 p.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- "Campaign Finance Reform/Local Food Issues discussion," 6 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

- IWD Special Meeting of the Personnel Committee, 8:30 a.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
 - MEMSCOMM, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
 - Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
 - Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), noon. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP. Call Francoise Frigola, 659-4146 for more information.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
 - RACES, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- ## FRIDAY, FEB. 10
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or e-mail jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
 - Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
 - Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. BBQ 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

- Occupy Idyllwild for Peace, Justice and Nonviolence "teach-in" 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town center at "Harmony" monument. (909) 228-6710.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Rain Song: Live for a night of worship, presented by the Center for Prayer Mobilization, 7 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study (closed) meeting, noon, Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flat, across from CAL FIRE Station 6.
- Teen Group, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

MONDAY, FEB. 13

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Call (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Idyllwild Community Meditation, mediation from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction available by appointment. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.
- ICRC board meeting, 5:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Alcoholics Anonymous men's meeting (open), 6 to 7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. Call 659-6208 for information.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375



The Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) contributed \$1,500 to the Idyllwild School smARTS Program on Friday, Feb. 3. AAI President **Lea Deesing** (second from left) presents the check to smARTS President **Heather Mello** (second from right). Joining the celebration are smARTS committee members **Laurie Maxwell** (left) and **Mary Norris** (right). PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

What's in the water? ...



In case, you don't have the time to read the entire paper, I'd like to direct your attention to two brief stories on page 15. The subjects of the stories are two young adults, both former Idyllwild residents.

Brendan Steele and Lauren Salter have left the Hill, but both are making a mark in the world. Brendan is becoming one of the best young golfers in the country, perhaps the world.

As I said once before, and the New York Times recently noted, this is phenomenal for a competitor who didn't start playing the game as a kid at the local country club. Steele primarily played soccer and baseball in his youth.

Salter is another local athlete achieving world class status. She won the gold medal in the woman's skeleton this past weekend. Not only is this proof of her budding talent, but a stronger indication of her determination and will power.

In the fall, she failed to make the National Development team, which was her expectation after the 2011 season. Disappointed, she struggled for a short time, then listened to her coaches' feedback and set her goals for the year and future.

She recognizes that it takes time to develop. As you know Salter was not raised in a winter wonderland. She began her skeleton career only a few years ago after college.

But she knows persistence and practice are the critical ingredients. So if we don't hear her name in 2014 Winter Games, I will expect it in 2018.

It's not easy growing up in Idyllwild. The "real" world, at least what we see on TV and read in the papers, seems so far away. The journey through high school requires a daily 50-mile commute, longer than some adults commute to work.

I admire all the local kids who attended Idyllwild Middle School and Hemet High or other schools. Success can be measured in many ways. Although I've mentioned Steele's and Salter's athletic accomplishments, many have found academic, entertainment, artistic or eventual career success.

Last year, Casey Abrams carried Idyllwild's identity to the far reaches of the American Idol viewership. This year, Suzanne Tufan, 25, another Idyllwild native, hopes to grab her star.

I hope today's Idyllwild School students understand what can be accomplished by those who start here and walk the corridors of the local school.

While we may be a small community, it doesn't restraint our ability to dream big.

Go Mountain Lions!!

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Drivers be careful

EDITOR:

To the driver of the white Nissan Armada that failed to stop at the base of your driveway before pulling out onto Highway 74.

You caused me to slam on my brakes to avoid broadsiding you, which would have resulted in certain injury to both of us, not to mention the destruction of both of our vehicles.

My truck was left to me by my son when he died; it's precious to me. Next time you come down your driveway and enter the highway without stopping first, you may not be as lucky as you were today [Jan. 30, 2012].

ANNIE HARDING
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Overland Trail

EDITOR:

Many of your readers may be interested to know that the route of the Butterfield Overland Mail was the route of the Great Southern Overland Trail which brought more gold seekers to California in 1849 than the better known California Trail far to the north.

In addition, it was the route followed by the Army of the West and the Mormon Battalion bringing U.S. Army soldiers to California during the Mexican American War (1846-48).

This very important artery can be easily visited

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



from Idyllwild by car by traveling to Aguanga, turning left on Highway 79 to Warner Springs and following Highway S-2 south into Anza-Borrego Desert State Park.

I will be leading a tour of this route on Feb. 27 for the Anza Borrego Natural History Association located in Borrego Springs.

THOMAS R. TEFFT
PALM DESERT

Chamber president resigns

EDITOR:

As of Feb. 1, I have resigned as President of

the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce.

While my reasons are personal, my belief in the community as a whole has not wavered. I thank all of those who have supported the chamber in its endeavors while I have been a part of it.

Please remember that the board is a 12-member group; but the chamber membership of businesses and individuals and the business community as a whole make it work.

The communities' support is a vital part of the organization.

NICK TODD
IDYLLWILD

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Trivia test

Language: In old England, what was the profession of someone known as a baxter?

Answer: A baker

County Fair coming; set the date

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Riverside County Fair and Date Festival will be held Friday, Feb. 17 through Sunday, Feb. 26 in Indio.

Although it's a county fair, it is also a celebration of the Indio area's history and prominence as a major international producer of dates. As part of that celebration, some of the entertainment is unique to this particular festival. Highlights include the Blessing of the Dates as well as the award-winning Arabian Nights Musical Pageant, "Aladdin and the Heart

of Agrabah," on the main stage. Also popular is the crowning of the fair's Queen Scheherazade, accompanied by her royal court.

Unique to the fair are daily camel and ostrich races. Not necessarily unique, but no less entertaining, are the pig races. In addition, classes in cooking with dates (not for dates) are offered.

Other main stage entertainment includes tribute shows to Don Henley and the Eagles, Frank Sinatra and the iconic Rat Pack. Headliner LeAnn Rimes appears Saturday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Other rides and festivities common at most other county fairs, such as Motorsports Monster Trucks, a carnival midway, contests, games and food can be found.

The Opening Ceremony and Blessing of the Dates is at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 17. The fair is at the Riverside County Fairgrounds, 82-503 Highway 111 in Indio. See www.datefest.org for more information.

The Town Crier still has 40 free tickets (each worth \$8) to the event. Buy a 2012 Town Crier Calendar and receive two tickets to this somewhat unusual fair.

RENATE'S THOUGHTS

BY RENATE CAINE, PH.D.
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL
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INSTITUTE, IDYLLWILD

Tools and techniques change, principles the same ...

These days quite a few people in Idyllwild thank me for this column. One former teacher recently said "Thank you for telling the truth. "Others have told me, "We need rebels like you."

Some folks may think the ideas I express are radical, but believe me they are far from it. Grab a cup of your favorite brew and let me tell you where I am coming from.

You have probably watched computer savvy kids play with computers. With the right software they are mastering aspects of math, reading, geography, science and technology at a pace no school or classroom can match.

Many times this approach to learning resembles a game as kids repeat certain game-like procedures using trial and error until they master a particular skill. Math, for instance, is acquired as they have to follow a penguin throwing math problems and advice at them, or watching squirrels that are figuring out how to recognize and manipulate geometric figures and predict how the figures fit into a critical pattern.

The list goes on and on but you get the picture. Some of what used to be assigned as homework is now dealt with in ways that are more fun and entertaining. Each time the computer registers a right answer or response, the student gets instant feedback on how well they did. No more turning papers in to be corrected and responded to days later by the teacher's remarks or grade. No more going up before the class to demonstrate a particular skill or strategy while sitting in fear of being called on.

The software for older kids gets much more sophisticated as students are invited to initiate their own learning, do research related to projects, or become experts in a particular area or historical event. Students are not just doing assignments in different subjects, they are being asked to think and act like historians, scientists, entrepreneurs and writers.

They have to figure out how to apply their knowledge, not just pick up new skills and information. The latter are easy, given the availability of infinite information through search engines such as Google or sites like Wikipedia.

Furthermore, hardware and software are advancing daily. Test yourself.

If you have heard of the iPad, give yourself one point. If you have one and are using it, give yourself two points. And if you are following the latest "apps" and what is happening in the world of online education give yourself at least three points.

Why is this important? Because if you want to know what the present and future looks like and you teach or



At its Feb 1 meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President **Chuck Streeter** (right) presents a gift to **Barry Shapiro**, owner of Idyllwild Pharmacy, for being the group's guest speaker.

PHOTO BY STEVE ESPINOSA

have children you need to know this.

This is where interactive textbooks and books are being written by anyone including students. These books do not resemble the books most of us encountered. They are morphing as we speak or read. They include "live" material. Just google Al Gore's "My Choice" for a preview.

There are limitations about distribution but they are legitimate online books with ISBNs and registered by the Library of Congress. They serve as legitimate references on all kinds of subject matter.

All of this is happening as we speak. As a friend recently told me, educators and education represent the kid with his finger in the dike while the flood is coming in from every direction.

So what is the upside? Students still need a great deal of guidance. What the world of technology makes possible is freeing teachers, parents and students to engage in experiences that require students to think, do serious research, defend their point of view and consider others, determine and keep time parameters, master communication skills that help them cooperate with others, deal with the opinions and judgments of experts, adapt to new thinking, think critically, analyze the legitimacy of ideas and websites and practice, practice, practice new skills they need as they demonstrate that they have mastery in a given field.

At the same time our kids will have to have skills any good citizen needs, but adults need to be aware that this generation can get any information on that subject they want.

What they really need are adults who actually practice what they preach. Do adults model staying calm? How? Do adults model that at times they must do things they do not want to do? There are times when everyone has to "chop wood and carry water." How do adults demonstrate constraint, freedom from destructive habits or managing financial independence? Do parents practice listening? How about integrity?

Yes, technology is a challenge almost beyond belief but it also frees us adults to learn more about who we

TOWN TALK

BY CID CASTILLO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
*Are you doing something special for
Valentine's Day?*



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Steve Holldber
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"It's our fifth wedding anniversary so, yes, I'm going to spoil her."



Brian Parnell
Musician
Idyllwild

"I'm going to Costa Rica with about 18 others from this Hill. My band is playing at Sharky's Bar in Tamarindo, Costa Rica."



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"I have no idea — ask my wife. I have no opinion, I'm married."

are in the presence of our kids, seek each other out for advice, and practice the life skills the Internet does not teach them.

Join us for a continued conversation on emotions and stress. Our next gathering will be on March 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Caine Learning Center.

Share your thoughts with Renate at <http://itcenatecaine.blogspot.com>.

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Governor proposes revising animal shelter law

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

California Governor Jerry Brown, as a cost saving measure, is recommending deleting parts of the Hayden Animal Shelter Law that had increased stray animal holding times in public and private animal shelters.

Specifically, Brown is seeking to repeal provisions of the law that are "reimbursable state mandates." The animal

rights legislation, passed in 1998, required strays be held, on average, five or six days prior to euthanasia. Before passage, strays were to be held for 72 hours.

The original bill authorized only \$1 million a year for all shelters in the state to cover the additional costs associated with doubling the holding period of stray animals. Since passage, funding has been undercut by changing economic conditions and

local jurisdiction shelters' abilities to pay for the greater number of mandated days and care.

A belief cited at the time of passage that increased adoption fees would offset costs of extended care, has not materialized, according to available state statistics.

In 2000, the Commission on State Mandates ruled that some of the provisions in the Hayden Law required state reimbursement to local

governments for compliance costs. When the state budget crisis worsened in 2009, then-Governor Schwarzenegger and the state legislature ceased those reimbursements, rendering them unfunded mandates. These are the provisions Brown is targeting for repeal.

The governor proposes to repeal requirements that shelters provide lost and found lists, veterinary care for other than injured animals,

more holding days prior to euthanasia including some weekend and evening viewing availability to accommodate working adults, microchip scanning services, and accommodation for small animals, such as rabbits, in addition to dogs and cats.

Absent Brown's current proposal, the Hayden Law remains on the books and could, when finances im-

prove, be enforced and funded in the future.

Still in effect after 2009, funding suspensions are provisions that don't require reimbursement to local jurisdictions, including ones that a shelter cannot kill an animal if a rescue group or "No Kill" shelter is willing to save that animal's life; shelters cannot deny animals to rescue

See [Shelters](#), page 19

County offers amnesty to unlicensed canines

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Riverside County is offering its own amnesty program. The county's Animal Services Department has lifted penalties for currently unlicensed dogs.

Before Feb. 29, if dog owners purchase a license or renew one that has expired, no penalties or late fees will be imposed. The normal late fee is \$25.

The amnesty program is offered to any dog owner with an altered pet and a current rabies certificate in unincorporated Riverside County.

Riverside County License fees	Number of years		
	One	Two	Three
Altered Dog:	\$16	\$25	\$35
Unaltered Dog:	\$100	\$175	\$225
For Seniors (Age 60 and older):	\$10	\$15	\$20
Late fees: \$25 (\$15 for seniors)			

Riverside County Animal Services launched similar amnesty programs in 2009 and early January 2011 that were well received by the public, said Director Robert Miller in a press release.

To qualify for the amnesty program, dog owners must not have any current citations by Riverside County Animal Services. Also, dog

owners cannot be currently in the county system for any previously arranged payment plan.

Licenses can be bought at any of Animal Services' four shelter locations: Blythe Animal Shelter (245 S. Carlton Ave., Blythe, 92225), the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter (6851 Van Buren Blvd., Jurupa Val-

ley, 92509) or the Coachella Valley Animal Campus (72-050 Pet Land Place, Thousand Palms, 92276). County licenses can also be purchased at the San Jacinto Valley Animal Campus (581 S. Grand Ave., San Jacinto, 92582) – but only on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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Tax myths

TAX TIPS

BY STEPHEN T. PEPPLER, EA, CFP

With the tax code approaching the size of the Encyclopedia Britannica, it's little wonder there are many misconceptions and erroneous beliefs regarding tax regulations.

Many people feel that when making charitable deductions, as long as they have their cancelled checks or credit card receipt they're covered. Nowadays, however, the IRS requires substantiation from the charity itself.

When keeping track of business meal and entertainment expenses, having receipts is not enough. You

must also record the names of the people entertained and the business purpose.

Many taxpayers have a little side "business" that consistently operates at a loss. They often think that they might as well continue it because they enjoy it, plus they get a tax deduction.

These businesses are ripe for audit and being classified as "hobby businesses," i.e. those entered into and conducted without a reasonable expectation of profit. When reclassified as a hobby the taxpayer must pay taxes on the profits but may not deduct losses.

Often taxpayers who own rentals that operate at a loss console themselves that at least they are getting a tax deduction on their tax return. Maybe.

If you actively participate in a residential rental activity, you can deduct up to \$25,000 of losses if your adjusted gross



income (AGI) is \$100,000 or less. As your AGI increases from \$100,000 to \$150,000, this allowance is gradually phased out.

Those losses not currently deductible are carried over to future returns.

Many people who have foreign investment accounts think they are in compliance

as long as they report the income on their tax return. Beginning this year, it may be necessary that you file Form 8938 with your return.

It may also be necessary to file an information return Form TDF 90-22.1 by June 30. To fail to do so when required can result in a penalty of \$10,000 or more.

Many taxpayers doing their own return don't bother to take depreciation on their business or rental schedule because they don't understand it or don't need the additional deduction.

When you sell the assets,

IRS regulations require that you reduce the basis by allowed or allowable depreciation. In other words, even if you didn't bother to deduct depreciation in the past, you still have to reduce your cost basis.

In today's environment of complex tax laws, with more changes on the way, you need professional guidance to ensure that you stay in compliance and not pay any more tax than necessary.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "He who represents himself in court has a fool for a client."

Nick Todd's resignation letter submitted to the Chamber Board of Directors

For reasons of my own health and health of family, I must tender my resignation as of February 1st, 2012 as President of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce and from the Board of Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce.

I am appointing Richmond Blake as interim President to chair the meeting to officially elect another board member to finish out the 2011-2012 [fiscal year] as Chamber President.

I will make myself available to the newly elected President to advise on the upcoming projects that are in the works but have not had a procedure defined for them.

I thank all of you for supporting me for the last year and a half and I will be available in an advisory capacity. My normal duties and those duties I have taken upon myself will no longer be possible.

Respectfully yours,
Nick Todd

Chamber

Continued from page 1

to allow patrons to attend the in-town event.

In a telephone conversation, Todd talked about projects that he wished he had been able to shepherd through to completion, including building a new playground at Town Hall.

"I wished that was something I could have finished," he said. The current play-

ground did not pass county inspection, and has been closed.

Todd estimated the cost to replace the playground, and make it compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, would run over \$30,000. Todd said, however, that 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone has agreed to match every dollar raised by individual or organizational donors to help get the job done and provide a safe playground

for children using County Recreation District facilities at Town Hall.

Todd noted that Chamber Directors Lanny Hardy and Peter Buhl are working to continue the tour-

ism-building efforts of the now-disbanded Idyllwild Business Roundtable.

"I have enjoyed working with the business community and the other board members," said Todd.

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County to present historic district design guidelines

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Keith Herron, Riverside County chief preservation officer, Park and Open Space District, is now the interme-

diary between the Idyllwild Historic Preservation District and the county. Herron was instrumental in guiding Ordinance 578.5, which created the Idyllwild district, through the process until it was ad-

opted by the County Board of Supervisors.

Herron stated that design guidelines, being drawn by LSA and Associates, the agency that mapped the district, are nearly finished. Herron will present the guidelines to the community in early March.

Herron said he is still seeking applicants for members

of the local district review board. Applicants must live within three miles of the Idyllwild district (the commercial core of Idyllwild, running along North Circle Drive). That would allow Pine Cove residents to apply. Although design and building experience is a plus, it is not required, Herron said.

One of the first jobs of

the local district board is to review and recommend the final design guideline draft that Herron will present to the community in March.

The board has the power to suggest changes to the design guidelines such as making a specific requirement more flexible, or conversely, strengthening certain guidelines. The board can also comment on proposed new construction within the district, although their comments are non-binding with regard to new construction, Herron said.

On an ongoing basis, the local board will review and handle applications for changes to any site features within the district, including landscaping, fencing, lighting and signs; major building exterior features including roofs, windows, doors and siding; and additions to existing structures.

Herron noted that the initial LSA survey that photographed and categorized structures within the district would be the local board's database and template for their recommendations and decisions.

Anyone seeking to apply for the district review board, or interested in more information about the board or district process, should contact Herron directly at (951) 955-4558 or kherron@co.riverside.ca.us.

At the tentative March community meeting in Idyllwild (date to be announced), Herron will explain the history leading up to the Idyllwild district, how historic districts in general work and the three specific categories of alterations to be administered by the local board: site and setting; exterior alterations and additions to existing structures.

County employees, SEIU members, strike

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, about 1,400 of the 5,800 county employees, members of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 721, walked off the job in response to the board of supervisors having declared an impasse in negotiations. In November, the county had imposed mandatory pay and benefit terms including forcing worker contributions to their pension plans.

County Public Information Officer Ray Smith said that county operations were largely unaffected by the strike, given that departments shifted personnel to cover for striking employees and that about 250 nurses and other medical workers were enjoined from participating by a judge's order.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, the county reached a tentative labor agreement with its largest union, the Laborers International Union of North America. The deal would improve salaries and benefits for member workers in exchange for pension reforms that could save the county more than \$60 million a year in pension costs if the deal is ratified by the union.

During the SEIU protest, in the board of supervisors' chambers, union representatives called for new negotiations. Smith said later, "Any discussion about the county's willingness to consider a contract proposal will come in private with the union, where labor negotiations are supposed to occur."

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

County budget weakens

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Riverside County budget promises little improvement through the end of the current fiscal year (June 30).

"There are some signs that economic recovery is accelerating in Riverside County," Interim County Executive Officer Larry Parish told the board of supervisors. Nevertheless Parish reported that revenue fell during the second quarter of this year.

Consequently, his mid-year report estimates that

current year revenues will fall \$6 million short of the initial forecast from last spring. The estimated deficit for the 2012-13 budget is still \$80 million.

To overcome this fiscal chasm, Parish made several recommendations. His strategy includes a \$40 million cut in county expenses. The path to accomplish these cuts will require a three percent reduction in public safety budgets and 28 percent in other departments' budgets.

To demonstrate his seriousness, Parish has already

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California lists Mountain Yellow-legged Frog as endangered

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Mountain Yellow-legged Frog (MYLF) is now an official California endangered species. The state's Fish and Game Commission made the unanimous decision Friday.

The action was the result of a January 2010 petition from the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) requesting the commission to list the frog as endangered.

"The listing just emphasizes the critical state of this species," said Adam R. Backlin, a U.S. Geological Survey ecologist with the Western Ecological Research Center. "The next steps are to continue efforts to stabilize and increase current populations



In April 2010, biologists released Mountain Yellow-legged Frog eggs in a local creek.

FILE PHOTO

and work toward establishing new populations within the historic range of the frogs."

Actually there are two distinct MYLF populations — northern and southern

frogs. The northern frogs are in the Sierras. The southern MYLF habitat stretches from the San Gabriel Mountains east to the San Bernardino and San Jacinto mountains.

This population already was designated as endangered. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a ruling in August 2002 making this determination. Four years later, the FWS designated critical habitat for the MYLF.

Consequently the state designation will have a more important effect on the northern population of the frog, although both populations have continued to experience declines. The Southern population has lost nearly 81 percent of its habitat sites in the past 15 years, according to a California Department of Fish and Game report submitted to the commission.

"The state listing doesn't anticipate much for the

southern MYLF," said Mitch Lockhart, an environmental scientist with the California Department of Fish and Game. "It will be another layer of regulatory administration."

But restoration efforts have already begun in the area. The San Diego Zoo, in conjunction with USGS biologists, has bred the frog in laboratories and released the eggs in Indian Creek on the San Jacinto Mountain. The first release took place in 2010.

According to reports on the James Reserve website, tadpoles were observed during each 2011 survey and officials are optimistic about the release efforts in 2012.

"We have detected tad-



Adult Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog

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poles at our release site as recently as January 2012 and have plans to revisit the site in February," said Backlin. "We are hoping these tadpoles survive the winter and morph into frogs in the summer or fall of 2012. We are planning additional releases at the same site in 2012."

In addition to loss of habitat, MYLF populations have suffered from introduction of non-native trout into their streams. The state Fish and Game Department has already revised its stocking plans to account for the frogs' habitat. Disease and

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Contributions

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had more than \$715,000 in cash. By the end of the campaign in November 2010, she had spent \$2.4 million on her re-election bid.

In contrast, Pougnet spent \$1.8 million during the campaign, yet at this same point of the campaign, December 2009, he had received more than \$550,000 in contributions and had \$400,000 in the bank, more than twice Ruiz's cash.

Bono Mack's campaign financing has lagged behind her 2010 effort largely because of demands on her time outside her district,

according to Marc Troast, her campaign manager. She is now chair of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade. Committee hearings and house business demands attention. Recently she also has been aiding presidential candidate Mitt Romney in his quest for the Republican nomination.

"She always raises money when it's necessary to be aggressive," Troast said.

Ruiz is an emergency room physician, yet Bono Mack's top political action committee contributions are from medical and healthcare organizations. She's raised more than \$55,000 from

groups such as Humana, Merck and the national Emergency Medical Political Action Committee.

Broadcast and Internet entities have each sent \$42,000 to her coffers so far.

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

2012 Congressional District 36 campaign contributions and cash as of Dec. 31, 2011

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On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

Arts & Entertainment Calendar



Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Submittal forms can be picked up at the Town Crier.

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; **Senior Stretch/Exercise**, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; **Ballet & Tap Dancing K-grade 4 with Annika Kay**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Open Celtic Music Session, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.

Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. JoAn's Restaurant.

"Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Feb. 9

1/2 Price Bottles of Wine, The Creek House.

Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4:15-5 p.m.; **Wii games for all ages**, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Tom McNeary, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.

Change Required, 6-9 p.m. JoAn's Restaurant.

"Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Feb. 10

Guest Artist Lecture with Shepard Fairey, 3:30 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; **Visual Art Alumni Show Opening Reception**, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts. Show Runs Through March 3.



Local artists lent their talents for "Sustain Idyllwild" art show that opened with a well-attended reception Saturday night at the Quiet Creek Gallery. The exhibition will be on display until Saturday, Feb. 11. The show is sponsored in part by EarthWitness, Quiet Creek Inn, Middleridge Winery, **Melissa Montgomery-Lynch**, and Mountain Harvest Market.

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Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.

Change Required, 6-9 p.m. JoAn's Restaurant.

Don Reed & Tom McNeary, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Family Dance & Potluck Dinner, 6:30-9 p.m. Town Hall.

"Man on a Ledge," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, Feb. 11

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

"Man on a Ledge," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

"An Evening With Our Stars," MSJC Foundation fundraiser

The Rustic Theatre. **"Milk,"** Presented by A Community Together (free screening) 4:15 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **Swift Pony**, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.

Monday, Feb. 13

Childrens Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbreetsen, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.

"Man on a Ledge," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Music in the Meadow, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m.; **Beginning/Intermediate Tap with Annika Kay**, 4-5 p.m.; **Adult Dance with Annika Kay**, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.

David Jerome, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.

Change Required, 6-8 p.m. JoAn's.

"Man on a Ledge," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; **Senior Stretch/Exercise**, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; **Ballet & Tap Dancing K-grade 4 with Annika Kay**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. JoAn's Restaurant.

"Man on a Ledge," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Feb. 16

1/2 Price Bottles of Wine, The Creek House.

Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4:15-5 p.m.; **Wii games for all ages**, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Rebecca Connelly, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.

Change Required, 6-9 p.m. JoAn's Restaurant.

"Man on a Ledge," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Pianofest, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Friday, Feb. 17

Riverside County Fair & National Date Festival, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fantasy Springs Casino. Festival runs through Feb. 26.

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.

Don & Dennis Reed, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Change Required, 6-9 p.m. JoAn's Restaurant.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Bowers Museum Terra Cotta Warriors Exhibit, bus leaves at 8 a.m. Town Hall.

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

Wild Knights, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Karaoke with Kathy, 7-11 p.m. JoAn's Restaurant.

Sunday, Feb. 19

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

3Skins, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.

Monday, Feb. 20

Childrens Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbreetsen, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Jazz Concert, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

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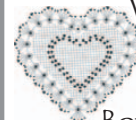
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Shepard Fairey opens Idyllwild Arts' alumni show

Idyllwild Arts (IA) is honored to host artist Shepard Fairey, class of 1988. He is one of several noted alumni artists to be feted on campus this month.

Fairey is the renowned creator of works, such as the iconic Obama "Hope" poster and "Obey" street art, and is a featured subject of the 2010 documentary, "Exit Through the Gift Shop."

This is Fairey's first time to speak to students of the school he attended in its earliest years. His artwork will be included in the Visual Art Alumni Show, which opens Friday evening at IA's Parks Exhibition Center.

While Fairey has distinguished himself as graphic designer, illustrator and street artist, as well as a savvy guerilla marketer, his actions have also embroiled him in several legal actions involving issues such as fair use and plagiarism.

Bringing alumni back to Idyllwild Arts to share memories, experiences and perspectives with students is an active part of the academy's educational pro-

gram. Shepard's 1988 class was only the second to graduate. The school was then known as Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts.

Fairey will give an artist lecture at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10 in the Idyllwild Arts Foundation Theatre on campus. The event is free and open to the public, with limited seating.

More alumni from all areas of the arts — including alumnus Liang Wang, principal oboist of the New York Philharmonic — will return throughout the Spring Semester to address seniors in their Life Skills class. In December, Wang worked closely with IA music students and performed an oboe concerto with the orchestra.

Alumni Visual Art Show

In addition to Fairey, featured artists include Monica Lundy, who is making waves in Northern California with her inmate portraits on linen, Nate Lowman, currently involved in the gallery scene in New York City, will lend one of his



"The Yoke of Form" by Kaelen Green

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bullet holes. Artists Paul Waddell, Arianna Sikorski, Jiwon Yoon, Youree Jin, Laurel Sparks, Kaelen Green and Richelle Gribble

will exhibit, while artist books by Alison Yates, Sung Yun Yang and Erin Latimer invite your examination.

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Idyllwild then and now

Bob Smith at ICRC's Speaker Series

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Lodge.

Although local historian Bob Smith is an accomplished writer, in his upcoming appearance for the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's (ICRC) popular Speaker Series, he is trusting that pictures can often tell stories more compellingly than words.

For this event, Smith teamed with local photographer John Drake to create a photographic retrospective of Idyllwild past and present. Both will present Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Silver Pines

Working from archival photos of historic Idyllwild sites and structures, Drake, using trees and ridgelines for reference, shot from the same angle and distance as the original photographer did to produce the archival photo. The result of this attempt to duplicate the perspective, according to Smith, is a photo journal of Idyllwild and parts of Pine Cove and contrast what townspeople once had and now have.

Smith mused over how, in the 1930s and 40s, Idyllwild was a recreation

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Friday, February 10
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Monday, February 13
Guest Artist Lecture: CJ Dunn '99. "Graphic Design and Typography" 1pm, Friends Room, Nelson Hall.

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Friday, February 10

Guest Artist Lecture: Shepard Fairey. 3:30pm, Parks Exhibition Center.

Visual Art Alumni Show. Opening reception, 6pm, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through March 3.

Monday, February 13

Music in the Meadow. 7:30pm, Stephens Recital Hall.

Thursday, February 16

Pianofest. 7:30pm, Stephens Recital Hall.

Monday, February 20

Guest Recital: Han Bin Yoon, *cello*. 7:30pm, Stephens Recital Hall.

Thursday, February 23

Jazz Concert, 7:30pm, Stephens Recital Hall.

Wednesday, February 29 & Thursday, March 1

Theatre LabWork. 7:30pm, Rush Hall.

Monday, March 5

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On The Town

SPORTS

Town Hall Adult Volleyball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on Town Hall Adult volleyball for the week of Jan. 30.

In the Monday, Jan. 30, volleyball game, Idyllwild Chevron faced Pacific Slope Tree Co. **Matt Boss** and **Justin Lehr** hit well for their teams all match.

The match went back and forth. After four games, each team and two wins. In the fifth game, both teams had a chance to win. Chevron got the key points at the end and won the match 16-25, 25-20, 25-22, 16-25, 17-15.

On Tuesday Chevron played again, this time against Idyllwild Inn. The Inn got the early lead and never let it go. **Paula Shirley** and **Tyla Friemoth** set great for their teams. The Inn went on to win 25-20, 25-13, 25-10.

On Feb. 1, Wednesday night, the volleyball game was between Idyllwild Garage and Pacific Slope Tree Co. Both teams played tough all match. Pacific Slope's **Ryan Henninger** had some big plays. The teams split the first two games. In the important third game, the Garage played tough and came away with a close win. **Fred Espinoza** had some nice sets for the Garage. The Garage went on won the match in four games; 25-20, 24-26, 25-20, 25-18.

Thursday night was the final volleyball game of the week. Forest Lumber faced Silver Pines Lodge. After losing the first game, Forest Lumber buckled down and played great the next two games barely losing the second game and winning the third game. **Jeff Adams** played strong for Forest Lumber. In the end Silver Pines was too tough as **Dennis Fogle** had some big plays that helped his team go on to win in four games; 25-12, 26-24, 23-25, 25,10.

Volleyball Standings (as of Feb. 2)

Team	Wins	Losses
Idyllwild Garage	8	1
Idyllwild Inn	6	2
Silver Pines Lodge	5	3
Idyllwild Chevron	5	4
Pacific Slope	2	7
Forest Lumber	0	9

Town Hall Youth Basketball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on youth basketball for both the College League (kindergarten through third-grade) and the Pro League (third- through sixth-grade) for the week of Jan. 30.

College League (Kindergarten through third-grade)

Thursday night, Feb. 2, the College league had two games.

In the first game, the Gastrognome Gators and the Idyllwild Vacation Rentals Wolverines met. The Gators jumped out to an early lead in the first half. **Cole Sonnier** and **Ryder Dittman** played hard for their teams. At the end, the Wolverines trailed and just missed a game tying shot at the buzzer. The Gators won 14-12

The second game matched the Rotary Wildcats against the Village Hardware Blue Devils. The Blue Devils played great in the first half thanks to **Nikki Fletcher's** tough defense. The Wildcats came storming back in the second as **Oden Johnston** scored a big basket helping the Wildcats win 20-14.

Friday night started

with the Gastrognome Gators and the Village Hardware Blue Devils. The game was close from start to finish. **Jessa Smith** and **Lucy Tate** hustled all over on defense for their teams. The Gators got hot in the final period and won 25-21.

The second game Friday night pitted the Idyllwild Vacation Rentals Wolverines against the Rotary Wildcats. **Macino Reynosa** and **Timothy Lowe** hustled on defense for their teams all game. The game was close most of the game as the Wildcats went on to win 18-13.

Team	Wins	Losses
Rotary Wildcats	6	1
Gastrognome Gators	6	1
Village Hardware Blue Devils	2	5
Idyllwild Vacation Wolverines	0	7

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Leaping up to hit the ball is Silver Pines' **Caleb Anderson** while teammates **Penny Bottomly**, **Dennis Fogle** (No. 00) and **Lance Fogle** (No. 14) watch the action. Forest Lumber's **Bobby Levitt** is at the net as **Kylie Kenyon** gets ready for the ball. Referee was **Brian Wilson** at the game played on Thursday, Feb. 2.

PHOTOS BY CID CASTILLO



The Blue Devils wore white as they played against the Wildcats in blue at their game on Thursday, Feb. 2. Blue Devil **Fiona McMullen** (No. 10) swishes a ball through the basket as team member **Brian Mayberry** waits for the ball under the basket. Wildcats include **Jessa Smith** (No. 1), **Cody Fogle** (No. 3) and **Grace McKimson** (No. 2). The Wildcats won 20-14.

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Fiesta del Charro
5:30 pm
Banda Los Recoditos 7:30 pm

MON, FEB 20TH
Presidents' Day
Parade 9:30 am
Monster Trucks & Motocross
3:00 pm & 7:30 pm

TUES, FEB 21ST
Boys of Summer, Tribute to Don Henley / Eagles
3:30 pm

WED, FEB 22ND
Frank Sinatra Tribute Show
3:30 pm

THURS, FEB 23RD
Rat Pack Tribute Show
3:30 pm

FRI, FEB 24TH
Hot Chelle Rae
7:30 pm

SAT, FEB 25TH
Livestock Auction
10:00 am
Monster Trucks & Trophy Carts
3:00 pm & 5:00 pm
Uncle Kracker
7:30 pm

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Sports

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Pro League (Third- through sixth-grade)

On Tuesday night, Jan. 31, the Pro's League basketball games got started with the Town Crier Clippers facing the Pino Tree Service Heat. The Clippers built an early lead in the first half thanks in part to **Chayton Kenyon** who dominated inside the paint. The Heat didn't give up and made a furious comeback in the final minutes to take the lead. The Heat's **Jake Mabery** hit some key baskets during the rally and the Heat prevailed over the Clippers 17-12.

The second game was between the Roby Gray Construction Cavs and the Idyllwild Automotive Grizzlies. The game was a defensive battle the whole game. The Cavs' **Jake Gurling** and the Grizzlies' **Joey Neu** played tough the whole game. The game was tied until late in the fourth quarter. The Cavs took the lead but the Grizzlies rallied with a couple baskets and went on to win 14-10.

Friday night's Pro's League games started with the Fairway Market Lakers taking on the Roby Gray Construction Cavs. The Cavs jumped out to an early lead playing great as a team and passing the ball around to everyone. Five players scored for the Cavs as **Josh** and **Zach Gray** led the team with 4 points each. The Lakers kept the pressure on the whole game and came back to win 26-15. **Stephan Carmen** had some big baskets for the Lakers.

The last game of the night was between the Town Crier Clippers and the Idyllwild Automotive Grizzlies. The game was tied at halftime. The Clippers' **Jimmy Lande** and the Grizzlies' **Maggie McKimson** played strong defense for their teams. The Grizzlies kept playing solid defense in the second half and pulled away for an 18-12 win.

Team	Wins	Losses
Fairway Market Lakers	7	1
Pino Tree Service Heat	6	2
Idyllwild Auto Grizzlies	3	5
Town Crier Clippers	3	5
Gray Construction Cavs	1	7

Send sports reports about locals to itc@towncrier.com or drop them off at the Town Crier by 10 a.m. Mondays. Photos are also welcome. If sending by email, resolution must be at least 300 dpi.

Salter wins gold

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Lauren Salter, Idyllwild, won the women's skeleton race gold medal at the Empire State Winter Games. The Games were the weekend of Feb. 3 and 4 at Mt. Van Hoevenberg, New York.

Salter had the best two runs, totaling one minute, 55.18 seconds. She attained a top speed of 68 miles per hour. Salter had the best times, 57.47 and 57.71 seconds, in both heats.

Her combined winning time of 1:55.18 was only half a second ahead of Veronica Day, who finished second for the silver medal.

"After the rough beginning of the season, this was a good checkpoint for me to see where I was in my abilities leading up to Nationals," Salter wrote in an email. When asked how she felt on the medal stand, she replied, "I was actually more excited because I was consistent in my runs and was able to fix things on my second run. I didn't even think about the race or what anyone else was doing. I just had a good time."



Last weekend, **Lauren Salter** won the gold medal for the Women's Skeleton race during the Empire State Games. With her are the other medal winners, silver medalist **Veronica Day** (left) and Bronzemedalist **Samantha Culiver** (right). See page 15 for details about Salter's race.

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LAUREN SALTER

Salter's next race will be the U.S. Skeleton Championships, March 2 and 3.

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

Steele Ties for 5th in Phoenix

By JACK CLARK
PROFESSIONAL GOLF
CORRESPONDENT

Last week, Brendan Steele justified the praise of his super fans André Pilon and Pierrette Filon of Montreal that he does not give up. (Town Crier, Feb. 2, 2012)

When play in the Waste Management Phoenix Open was suspended for darkness during Thursday's first round, he was tied for 104th place. Friday's play would be an effort just to make the cut for the final two rounds. By Sunday evening, he had climbed to a 5th-place finish — his best of this season — earning \$222,650 dollars and 100 FedEx Cup points.

Steele sank a 13-foot, 7-inch putt on the 72nd hole on Sunday, culminating a blistering round of 64 that tied one other golfer for the lowest round of the day. His 11-under-par 71-69-69-64 — 273 performance placed him four strokes back of the eventual winner.

For the tournament, Steele put together an eagle and 14 birdies against only five bogeys. In his bogey-free fourth round, Steele pounded drives averaging 318 yards and reached 83 percent of the greens in regulation, despite hitting only 57 percent of the fairways.

See Steele, page 22



Brendan Steele

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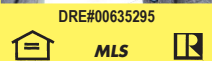
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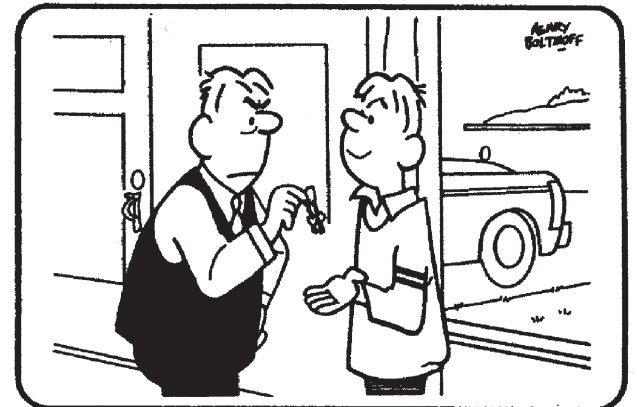
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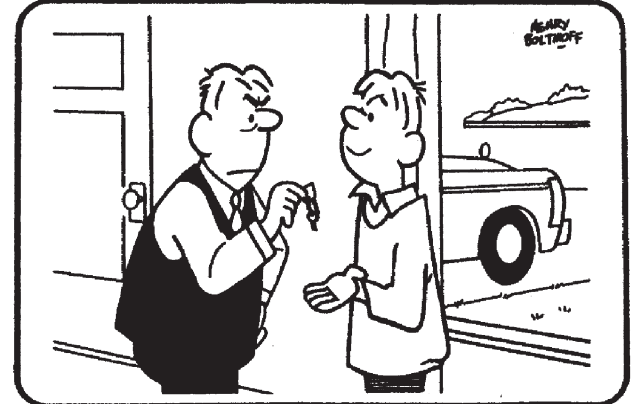
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Answers to Sudoku
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
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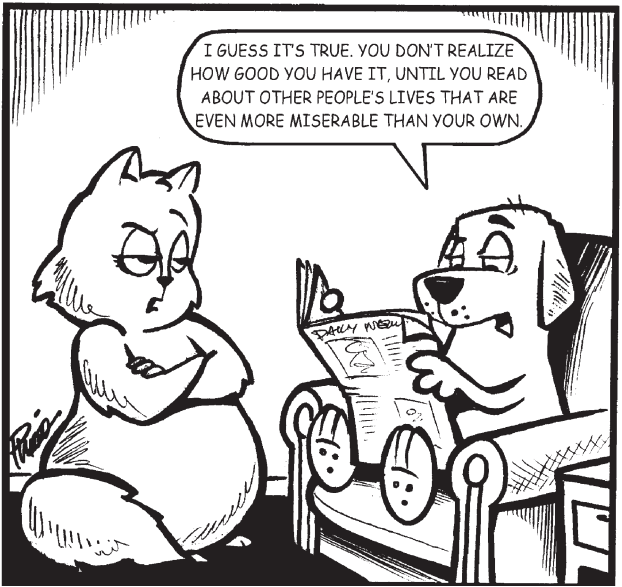
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your energy levels are rising, and you're feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it's for profit or just for fun. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship seems to be winding down from passionate to passive. It's up to you to decide what the next step will be. But don't wait too long to take the initiative. Delay could create more problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything. Once you act, there'll be little or no wiggle room for any adjustments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters improve, but you still need to be cautious with your spending. Also, set aside that Leonine pride for a bit and apologize for contributing to that misunderstanding.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out. Be alert to possible hidden problems. Get the facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to Oc-

tober 22) It's nice to know that you're finally getting due credit for your efforts. You also should know that new opportunities will follow. A family member brings important news.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Any uncertainty that begins to cloud an impending decision could signal a need to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You benefit from taking time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation. This will help re-energize you, both in body and soul.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat. Best advice: Move forward. Success is the best balm for a painful ego.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you're under. Consider letting someone help you see it through.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some things don't seem to be working out as you'd hoped. Don't fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy traveling and meeting people. You are especially good with children and would make an excellent teacher.

CROSSWORD

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 - 31 Cattle drive tool
 - 33 Pooch
 - 35 Location
 - 36 Couches
 - 38 Sphere
 - 40 End for ball or bass
 - 41 Western state
 - 43 Basketball's Mr. Mourning
 - 45 PBS "Street"
 - 47 Extinct bird
 - 48 Spoon-bender
 - 49 Raise accompaniment, often
 - 54 Id counterpart
 - 55 Bounded along
 - 56 That girl
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 - 1 Recipe meas.
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 - 4 Sunglasses
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 - 10 Wander
 - 11 365 days
 - 16 Jazz style
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 - 27 Also
 - 29 The gamut
 - 30 Letterman rival
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 - 34 "Frasier" star
 - 37 Taste
 - 39 Sanguinary
 - 42 Egret's cousin
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Shelters

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groups based on temperament evaluations; some types of veterinary care must be provided if needed during the 72-hour holding period; and holding periods are back to 72 hours.

In 1998 when the bill became law, many media outlets were prescient in forecasting

the tension between the bill's laudable motives and consequent financial requirements that could confront public and private kennels.

For additional information see animallawcoalition.com/public-shelters/article/1922 (detail of provisions subject to repeal); Senator Tom Hayden video and plea, nathanwinograd.com; for provisions of the Hayen Law: nokillnow.com/lawSF_SPCA.htm.

Budget

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asked the nonpublic safety officials to begin preparing reduction plans in order to achieve the full year's savings rather than waiting until July (when the budget is passed) to begin planning for cuts. Any prospective staff reductions should be outlined with the county's Human Resource

staff by May 1.

Estimated carryover from 2011-12 and additional sales tax receipts are the other recommendations for solving next year's deficit. Parish expects to deliver the third-quarter report to the board at its May 1 session.

Although Parish is confident that his solutions will balance next year's budget, many possible problems are lurking in the next few

months. For example, the registrar of voters may need an additional \$2 million if the state cuts its funding for elections. Other possible budget issues include realignment (state prisoners to county jails), the state's 2011-12 trigger cuts which could affect county health programs, the creation of additional correctional facility space (new or expansion of existing facilities) and

county labor and pension costs.

Parish told the board, "The county's current pension benefit levels are clearly unsustainable long-term."

The 2012-13 budget proposal should be presented to the board at their June 11 meeting and final adoption is targeted for July 17.

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

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MJ VENTURES, 20132 Sugar Gum Rd., Riverside, CA 92508, Riverside County. MAHER - MASLOUB, 20132 Sugar Gum Rd., Riverside, CA 92508, and JAY E' SALMAN, 9067 Hermosa Drive, Temple City, CA 91780.

This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:

MAHER MASLOUB

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 30, 2011.

FILE NO.:

R-2011-13669

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 30, 2016. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 30, 2016. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT 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).

CERTIFICATION

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LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: L. Sibley, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as 30 DOLLAR VODKA, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, Riverside County. LEVECKE CORPORATION, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, a California corporation (A 27762).

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:

J. NEIL LEVECKE

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 5, 2012.

FILE NO.:

I-2012-00049

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 5, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 5, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT 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).

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LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: D. Perez, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 2012.

RIC1200252 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501.

PETITION OF LORENA RODRIGUEZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: LORENA RODRIGUEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: JAZMINE MONIQUE GARCIA changed to Proposed name: JAZZMINE MONIQUE DELOS REYES.

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: 2-27-2012 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 04.

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: Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: Jan. 9, 2012

PAMELA A. THATCHER

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as FERN CREEK MEDICAL CENTER, 54910 Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: 4315 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501. KENNETH C. BROWNING, D.O. A PROFESSIONAL CORP., 4315 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:

KENNETH C. BROWNING, D.O.

President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 13, 2012.

FILE NO.:

R-2012-00530

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 13, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 13, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT 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).

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LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: L. Sibley, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as APPLE DUMPLING LIVERY, 25431 Nestwa Trail, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3057, Idyllwild, CA 92549-3057. JANICE NORREEN DUQUETTE, 25431 Nestwa Trail, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:

JANICE N. DUQUETTE

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 17, 2012.

FILE NO.:

R-2012-00607

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 17, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 17, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT 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).

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LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: R. Anderson, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD FITNESS CENTER, 54-223 Village Cener, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. SEDAT — AYGEN and RAUONA — AYGEN, 2700 Peterson Place #11G, Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

This business is conducted by an Husband & Wife.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:

SEDAT AYGEN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 18, 2012.

FILE NO.:

I-2012-00167

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 18, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 18, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT 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).

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LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: M. Duenas, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PRECISION ULTRASOUND, 67710 Quijo Rd., Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 4260, Palm Springs, CA 92263. HEALTH SCREENING UNLIMITED, INC., 67710 Quijo Rd., Cathedral City, CA 92234, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Feb. 28, 2006.

Signed:

GARY MICHAEL SCULLY

Owner /President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 26, 2012.

FILE NO.:

I-2012-00243

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME

STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 26, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 26, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT 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).

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LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: T. Jensen, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MEANT TO BE FIT, 54445 North Circle Drive, Ste. F, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3575, Idyllwild, CA 92549. VICTOR IVES SIRKIN, 52543 Double View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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

Signed:

VICTOR I. SIRKIN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 24, 2012.

FILE NO.:

R-2012-00857

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 24, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 24, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT 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).

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LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: R. Anderson, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as T.J.'S WHOLESALE IMPORT AND EXPORT, 1420 Genoa Lane, San Jacinto, CA 92583, Riverside County. TAREK ESSA JOULANI, 1420 Genoa Lane, San Jacinto, CA 92583.

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

Signed:

TAREK ESSA JOULANI

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 30, 2012.

FILE NO.:

R-2012-01121

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 30, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 30, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT 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).

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LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: B. Villegas, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as STONE WOOD GRANITE AND CABINETS, 658 Kerilyn Ln., Hemet, CA 92544, Riverside County. BENJAMIN LEE BLOOM, 658 Kerilyn

Ln., Hemet, CA 92544.

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

Signed:

BENJAMIN LEE BLOOM

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 31, 2012.

FILE NO.:

R-2012-01123

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 31, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 31, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT 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).

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LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: B. Villegas, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2012.

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Pub. TC: Feb. 9, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as ERIC TOWNSEND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, 54240 Strawberry Valley Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1085, Idyllwild, CA 92549. ERIC OWEN TOWNSEND, CHER — TOWNSEND, 54240 Strawberry Valley Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, and SEAN MICHAEL TOWNSEND, 26060 Wallace Way, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in 1978.

Signed:

CHER TOWNSEND

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 27, 2012.

FILE NO.:

R-2012-01066

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 27, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 27, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT 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).

CERTIFICATION

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LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: N. Medina, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as EARTH 'N FIRE, 54225 N. Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 252, Idyllwild, CA 92549. EARTH & FIRE CORPORATION, 53050 Double View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, a California corporation. This business is conducted by a Corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in July 6, 1996.

Signed:

SUMMER BROWN

President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 27, 2012.

FILE NO.:

R-2012-01065

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LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: A. Ribac, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2012.



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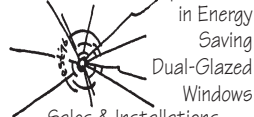
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Art show

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In the field of photography, Jovielle Gers will show images from her work at Naropa, including one of the Dalai Lama. Greg Jensen, an art director, documented the fall and aftermath at Ground Zero.

Hawkeye Glenn is using his sculptor skills in metal and design to make functional fixtures. Jonathan Taube and Tada Kono are playing with politics and prickly pears, Krista Peters is creating portraits in brass, and Daniel Gray will make a site-specific installation. CJ Dunn has lettered the gallery with his design.

"Past to Present: the Idyllwild Arts Alumni Show" opens Feb. 10 and



"15612" by **Monica Lundy**, oil on linen (the number refers to the female inmate's number while in prison).

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runs through March 3. The Show is in the Parks Exhibition Center on the Idyllwild Arts Campus.

Steele

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He putted lights out on Sunday, needing only 26 putts, averaging 1.533 putts per green in regulation, and gaining a whopping 3.877 strokes putting, which is a PGA Tour statistic that was introduced only last May. (See box below.)

Because of his win last year in the Valero Texas Open, Steele already has earned his PGA Tour player's card for 2013. But if he did have to compete on the money list for the top 125 this year, he would have to win around \$700,000 or \$800,000 for the season, based on recent years. He now has earned \$302,018 in official winnings this young season, currently placing him 27th on the official money list. In addition, he is currently 31st on the FedEx Cup point list.

This week Steele competes in the \$6.4 million AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am played on multiple courses in Northern California, where the winner's share will be more than \$1.1 million.

Explanation of Strokes Gained Putting

On the PGA Tour, Strokes Gained Putting is a measure of putting proficiency from various distances.

It compares a player's putting performance on every green to the other players for each round. This reveals the number of strokes gained or lost due to putting for a particular round, for a tournament, and over the course of a year.

More specifically, based on data from the previous season, Strokes Gained Putting computes the average number of putts a PGA Tour player is expected to take from every distance. The player's actual number of putts is subtracted from the expected average to determine strokes gained or lost.

For example, last season the average number of putts used by PGA Tour players to hole out from 7 feet, 10 inches was 1.5, so if a player one-putts from that distance, he gains 0.5 strokes. But if he two-putts, he loses half a stroke, and if he three-putts, he loses 1.5 strokes. A player's strokes gained or lost putting can then be compared to the other players in the tournament. So if a player gained a total of three strokes over the course of a round and the field gained an average of one stroke, the player's Strokes Gained Against the Field would be two.

Essentially, this tells us how well or poorly a player is putting compared to the rest of the field for the day or tournament.

Speaker

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paradise with an outdoor pool, golf courses, tennis courts, lawn croquet, ski rope tows and stables that packaged, under the auspices of the Idyllwild Inn, overnight horse trips into the backcountry accommodating patrons in luxurious tent setups. Sporting a modest weekday population but weekend population over 1,000, Idyllwild was then, according to Smith, much more of a cabin getaway town with outstanding outdoor recreation opportunities.

Longtime residents will remember many of the buildings, venues and sites that will be featured in Smith's retrospective. Recently arrived residents will have an opportunity to savor Idyllwild then and now. Smith's favorite pairings (past and present) are

of the Idyllwild Inn's tennis courts and the now empty space between the Ink bookstore and Honey Bunns and Joe Bakery and Silver Pines Lodge now and in a previous incarnation as the Rustic Tavern.

At this point Smith and Drake have no plans for an in-town exhibition. "Exhibition space is the problem," said Smith. At some point they may mount an online exhibition on the Idyllwild Area Historical Society website. They have discussed putting this out as a book through Arcadia Publishing, the house that published Smith's "Idyllwild and the High San Jacintos."

Smith's presentation begins at 6 p.m. at the Silver Pines Lodge. A wine and cheese reception precedes his talk at 5:30 p.m. Both are free to the public.

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Lowmans

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is preparing to teach "Austria in Europe, from Empire to E.U.," a chronicle of the country's journey from dominance as the seat of government for a large and influential European empire to a small landlocked republic, defeated in two World Wars, and its subsequent integration into the European Union.

"It's very exciting for me to get to teach the course," Lowman said, also mentioning the research he is conducting to build his course syllabus. Lowman, a history buff, finds the period he will teach rich with stories, encompassing two world wars, the Holocaust, the rebuilding of Europe, the fall of the Soviet Union, and the emergence of the European Union. "I'm going to get to become a teller of stories," he enthused.

As is part of Salzburg's curriculum, students take four courses including intensive German, "Culture and Nation in Contemporary Europe," "The Sights and Sounds of Salzburg," "Place and Power in Europe" and (for music students) "Applied Music." They also will visit historic sites including Vienna and Budapest (the dual capitals of the Austro-Hungarian Empire) and trips to the Balkans. "We get to touch the places we are

studying," said Lowman.

Lowman said there were two reasons that most attracted him to this opportunity. First, the chance to help young people have the same world-changing experience that he enjoyed as a student attending the Salzburg semester, and also to have this extended European adventure at this point in his and Carolyn's life.

In her announcement to Redlands College of Arts and Sciences Faculty, Interim Dean Kathy Ogren said this of Lowman's selection:

"I am pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Lowman as Salzburg Program Director, beginning July 1, 2012 ... It became clear to all of us that we needed to find an experienced program director who would contribute to the academic life in Salzburg but have as a primary responsibility the general oversight of Salzburg. This structure makes it easier for University of Redlands faculty to teach in Salzburg without the considerable demands of residential life, facilities, travel and cross cultural programming arrangements and operational matters ... Bill's extensive local and international experience as an arts educator, fundraiser, and living-learning program administrator will serve us well."

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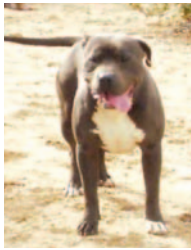
By MIMI AND HOOTCH

Boo! Now you see me; now you don't. What a week it's been with **Boo**, the Chiweenie and his tricks. He's safe and at home now. **Kona**, and **Titan** have been reunited once again with their human. Looks like **Amadeus**, the German shepherd wagged his tail right into the hearts of his new family. Paws up to you.



Bentley is a young, male American Staffordshire. He is a fan of playtime, belly rubs and treats, too, of course. Good with other dogs and humans. Bentley has learned basic commands.

And **Lulu** is back! A young lab/shep mix, she is good on the leash, learns commands quickly, and likes the canine crowd. Lulu



prefers not to share her kingdom with felines. She was abandoned by her owner and is certain that another energetic, Frisbee throwing family will walk thru our doors and say "Let's go home, Lulu."

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55 years ago – 1957

US Marines from Camp Pendleton moved into the Dark Canyon-Pine Flats area to begin a series of winter maneuver operations in the snow.

50 years ago – 1962

Noble Aller, of Idyllwild, Hemet Unified School District trustee, accepted appointment as the combined districts' spokesman on the area school unification committee.

45 years ago – 1967

A Riverside amateur sports car driver, Dr. Chester J. Ward, was killed on Highway 74 while driving between Mountain Center and the Cranston Ranger Station.

40 years ago – 1972

More than \$150,000 in paintings, statues and other valuable items were stolen from the Idyllwild home of Richard A. Carter.

30 years ago – 1982

County Fire Station 23 (Pine Cove) Quick Attack



Throwing a Super Bowl Party is a tradition at the American Legion Post 800 as seen in this February 1999 photo. FILE PHOTO

truck slid over the side of Hwy. 243 in Pine Cove, rolling down the mountainside and becoming wedged between two trees. It took a tow truck and a fire truck with a winch to pull up the unit.

25 years ago – 1987

The Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit rescued a stranded climber from Tahquitz Rock. Flown in by helicopter, the rescuers rappelled down the face of Tahquitz to bring

the climber to safety.

20 years ago – 1992

A bus carrying a church group from Orange Country careened off the road a few miles west of Vista Point, sliding 30 to 50 feet down the mountain and sending 29 people the hospital. All were released later that night.

15 years ago – 1997

Holly Leavitt (O'Farrell now) led the regulars to her

Jazzercise class at the Town Hall in a recording of a promotional video for the Jazzercise company. Hundreds of girls auditioned for the 23 spots on the team.

10 years ago – 2002

South Coast Air Quality Management (AQMD) issued a notice of violation to Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) for the failure to properly remove asbestos roofing tiles that were found buried behind Idyllwild School in 2000.

5 years ago – 2007

Controversy over how the Idyllwild Environmental Conservancy should manage its relationship with the Idyllwild Water District lead to the resignation of the second member, and president, in the previous twelve months.

1 year ago – 2011

Brandi Selkirk and Crystal Leach, were named the winners of \$500 scholarship awards from the Mary Austin Scholarships and Grants program.

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Frog

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habitat loss are other major reasons for the decline in the species' numbers.

In addition, wild fires and firefighting techniques can disturb and potentially destroy the frog's habitat. Fires and significant use of water from streams and ponds to fight fires, which depletes the streams or ponds where the frogs live, can change the amphibians' habitat.

"[The designation] might affect firefighting, but I'm not sure of the full answer," Lockhart said. "I do know there are concerns about firefighting practices when they overlap with existing frog populations."

"It's a giant step," said Jeff Mill of the CBD, one of the petitioners. "Taking out exotic trout and getting rid of pollutants to restore mountain yellow-legged frogs will have ripple effects beyond these species — it'll help to heal some of the damaged high-elevation habitats of the Sierras and Southern California mountains."

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Above, Idyllwild School Principal **Matt Kraemer** (far right with baseball cap) organizes one of the teams playing in the Hemet Unified School District's Kids Super Bowl. The event is for severely handicapped students. **Kraemer** first organized the event when he was principal of Little Lake Elementary and has carried the tradition forward at Idyllwild School. More than 200 kids participate in the Super Bowl. This year's event it was held at Tahquitz High School on Feb. 2.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Idyllwild School Principal **Matt Kraemer's** Students of the Week are second-graders **Brooke Taylor** (left) and **Fiona McMullen** (right).

Teacher **Connie Chavez** nominated the girls because both are exemplary students who work diligently, listen attentively and are great friends to everyone.

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