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THURS., FEBRUARY 16, 2012

The Town Hall Forest Friends Preschoolers had a busy Valentine's Day. The children went on a mini field trip to the Idyllwild Post Office where they went on a tour and chose stamps to mail homemade Valentine cards to their parents. The children enjoyed a Valentine's party after lunch. Also pictured Town Hall staff Rebecca Odum, Kelly Wills and GeGe Beagle. PHOTO BY GRACE REED

County snips CSA 38 boundary

2012-13 budget under review

By J.P. Crumrine Editor

Ounty Service Area 38 Advisory Committee members learned that the county doesn't appear to know the CSA's boundaries.

Committee chair Jerry Holldber distributed two maps. One depicted the boundaries as Riverside County portrays them and the other is based on the original boundaries from the Pine Cove CSA's creation in December1965.

The county map omits about 40 properties in the Foster Lake area from the CSA. While there was a boundary adjustment in the 1980s to remove the portion of Cedar Glen from CSA 38 so that the entire neighborhood fell within the Idyllwild Fire Protection District, the Foster Lake properties on the oppo-

site side of Highway 243 were not part of that change.

Michael Franklin, representative from the Riverside County Economic Development Agency, stated that the county Geological Information System does not incorporate the Foster Lake neighborhood in the official CSA 38 boundaries.

"It should be in [CSA] 38," protested Holldber. But Franklin essentially said the CSA must accept the county's mistake. These property owners are not paying the CSA 38 parcel fee or special assessment and did not vote in the 2004 special tax election.

"We can't start charging them the CSA special fee," he argued.

Marge Muir asked Franklin whether the omitted properties are currently paying the CSA 38 property

tax, which raised the question of whether the county should verify the amount of the uncollected taxes.

The county should fix this. We may have to petition the board of supervisors," Muir said after the meeting.

In other business, the committee welcomed new member, William Hewitt. He was appointed to the committee for a four-year term at the board of supervisors' Feb. 2 meeting.

The advisory committee began review of the 2012-13 budget. Members Thom Wallace and Lou Padula were appointed as the new budget subcommittee and will meet with Station 23 Capt. Scott Bethurum about the station's needs before the March meet-

As part of the budget

Safety taskforce reviews goals

Prepares for 2012 fire season

By J.P. Crumrine

hile the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce is reviewing its goals and objectives, the group is preparing for the 2012 fire season, which may be longer and drier than recent years.

The members began revising the organization's objectives at its November meeting. The current set was developed in 2003 in response to the bark beetle infestation.

"There's been a change in the people involved, maybe the priorities have changed from the bark beetle to other things," said Bill Weiser, Riverside County Fire Department

battalion chief. "There's also been a large cut in funding."

While much has occurred since MAST's conception, the effort and preparation continues. Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins encouraged the group to bring these guidelines up to date, too.

"I think it is a very healthy thing to do," he said. "Every two weeks the Board of Supervisors renews the emergency declaration. I personally feel the emergency is still necessary because of the longterm drought and accumulation of dead fuels."

Marge Muir, Pine Cove resident and real estate agent, told the group that See Taskforce, page 17

Hemet schools to start on Aug. 20

By J.P. Crumrine EDITOR

The Hemet Unified School District approved a school calendar, and Monday, Aug. 20, will be the first day of the next school year.

At its previous meeting, the board asked for new calendar options from staff. At its Tuesday, Feb. 7, meeting, the board chose the Aug. 20 start date, and no major objections were raised for the date. The discussion of the item was not perfunctory, and several trustees reluc-See CSA 38, page 28 | tantly accepted this date,

although they had personal preference for the alternative of starting school on Sept. 4, after Labor Day.

Trustee Paul Bakkom urged his colleagues to choose this option. He argued that the earlier start was harder for younger students who needed more time to acclimate to a structured school environment.

"I'm enthusiastically for the Sept. 4 start date," Bakkom said. "The reason is the number of students who used to do testing in May. A start date in August can make a huge difference in

See Schools, page 4

News of record

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Feb. 6 to Feb. 12, 2012:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Feb. 7 — Medical aid, Highway 243, Idyllwild.

Feb. 8 — Medical aid, Pine Crest Ave, Idyllwild.

Feb. 9 — Cover assignment, Mountain Center.

Feb. 12 — Two walk-in medical aids.

Riverside County Fire, **Pine Cove**

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, **Garner Valley**

Feb. 6 — Traffic collision, 46000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Feb. 8 - Debris fire, 59000 block of Grandon Road, Anza.

Riverside County Fire, **Pinyon**

Report unavailable.

CHP log

Log unavailable.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department re-

ported the following incidents from Monday, Jan. 23, to Monday, Feb. 13. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Jan. 23 — Felony vandalism, 54000 block of Grandon Road, Anza. The case remains open but suspended.

Jan. 28 — Felony vehicle theft, 41000 block of Terwilliger Road, Anza. The case remains open but suspended.

 Felony at-Jan. 29 tempted burglary, 53000 block of Cedar Crest Drive, Pine Cove. The case remains open but suspended.

Jan. 29 — Felony grand theft, 26000 block of Highway 243, Idyllwild. The case remains open but suspended.

Feb. 1 — Felony burglary, 40000 block of N. Caliente Court, Aguanga. The case remains open but suspended.

Feb. 3 — Felony burglary, 24000 block of Upper Rim Rock, Idyllwild. The case remains open but suspended.

Feb. 8 — Felony vehicle burglary, 56000 block of Highway 74, Mountain Center. The case remains open but suspended.

Investigation underway in Anza murder

By Marshall Smith STAFF REPORTER

About 9:30 a.m. Feb. 7, deputies from the Hemet Station of Riverside County Sheriff's Department responded to a report of an assault with a deadly weapon. The incident occurred near the intersection of Gassner Road and Roger Lane in Anza, not far from the Anza RV Re-

When deputies and California Highway Patrol Officers arrived at the location, they found 20-year-old Anza resident Trevor Michael Slusher suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. CALFIRE responded to provide medical attention, but Slusher died at the scene.

Investigators from the Riverside County Central Homicide Unit responded and assumed the investigation. The Riverside County Coroner's Bureau also responded to take possession of the victim's remains.

This is an active and ongoing investigation and no further details are available at this time. Anyone with additional information concerning this assault is encouraged to contact Investigator Moody with the Central Homicide Unit at (760) 393-3500 or Investigator Paz at the Hemet Sheriff's Station at (951) 791-3400. Anonymous tips can also be posted at www. riversidesheriff.org/tipline.

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Frigid rescue of injured hiker

By Marshall Smith STAFF REPORTER

On Saturday, a female hiker, who had injured her ankle in the area of Wellman's Divide Trail, near Idyllwild, needed a helicopter to get off the mountain.

About noon on Saturday, Feb. 11, Riverside County Sheriff's Department was advised that the hiker required medical assistance and could not continue hiking. Two state park rangers

er station began the search. Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit and the Sheriff's aviaand joined the search for the injured hiker.

According to Garrett Aitchison, sector superintendent for Mt. San Jacinto State Park, park rangers were the first to find the injured hiker's location. They waited with her until RMRU and Desert Search and Rescue members relieved them. Weather and

frigid winter temperatures tion unit were called out until Sunday morning when a CALFIRE helicopter airlifted the injured hiker at marshall@towncrier.com

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from the Long Valley Rang- terrain prevented an imme- 8:20 a.m. She was transdiate airlift. Rescuers kept ported to Desert Regional the hiker warm through Hospital for medical treat-

> Marshall Smith can be reached at

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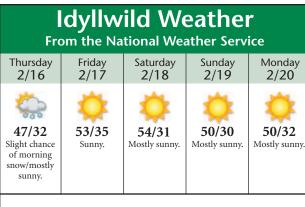
Reminder from the Sheriff's department

Riverside County Sheriff's Department would like to remind hikers to carry proper equipment and be prepared for rapid weather and temperature changes. Proper preparedness includes a well thought-out travel plan shared with friends and family, as well as familiarity with common hiking aids, such as GPS, compasses, trail maps, proper clothing and plenty of water.

Trivia test

Movies: What was the name of Bambi's girlfriend in the animated movie classic?

Answer:Faline



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TEMPERATURES AND 24-HOUR moisture and snow totals for Idyllwild are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at the Idyllwild Fire Station. Pine Cove totals are measured by resident George Tate, also at 4 p.m. Moisture inches include all precipitation such as rain, melted hail and melted snow.

Weather season is July 1 to June 30. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit the Internet at http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.





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Pine Cove hears tank maintenance presentation

By Marshall Smith STAFF REPORTER

The Pine Cove Water District Board of Directors and General Manager Jerry Holldber heard a presentation about a comprehensive tank maintenance program available from Utility Service, a Perry, Ga., division of the French company Suez Environment. The presentation occupied much of the Wednesday, Feb. 8 board meeting.

Mark Wash, Utility Service's water system consultant, and John Snodgrass, regional sales manager, used an analysis of one of the district's tanks to tout the benefits of their company's long-term tank specific contract. By having one company cover tank coating and maintenance, the benefit, according to Snodgrass, is in having fixed predictable expenses go into budget forecasting. Per-tank contract fees are locked for three years, and Utility Service handles all maintenance, including any unforeseen damage (Snod-

the tank as one example). Fees can adjust up to 5 percent annually, or up to 15 percent for three years. The team promised to provide Holldber with specific fee figures for an initial threeyear, one-tank contract. Holldber will share those with his board.

In his general manager's report, Holldber reported that the district had sold 95,000 gallons at 2 cents per gallon to the Forest Service for fighting the Lawler Fire and had been paid \$1,900. He also reported the district is working on ID cards to be worn by employees in the field.

January 2012 production is down from same time last year by about 662,000 gallons (nearly 23 percent). The water level of static measuring well no. 10 is holding, Holldber reported.

"It's exceptionally high even with no moisture [precipitation]," he noted. Water loss is at 11.5 percent, which Holldber noted was high for the district.

The board updated a





Badly needed precipitation fell on Idyllwild Monday night. But the sun was shining Tuesday morning. The snowfall varied between an inch and three inches.

Underground petrochemicals continue to decrease

By J.P. Crumrine Editor

The fourth quarter groundwater monitoring report of the underground plume of hydrocarbons along Highway 243, southwest of the Shell and Chevron gasoline stations, indicates continued declining levels. The December 2011 monitoring of ground water of the Shell Station), site of a former leaking underground fuel tank (LUFT), again detected virtually no contaminants.

In his summary of the monitoring results, Robert C. Manning, the senior geologist and project manager, detected no significant concentrations of total petrochemicals or toluene, ethylbenzene or xylenes on site. A slight benzene recording was detected in monitoring well no. 4, which is consistent with results from the past two years.

The detected groundwater hydrocarbon concentra-

tion continues to decline," Manning wrote in the report. 'The detected benzene in on-site wells (1 and 4) was slightly above drinking water MCL [maximum contaminant level] for benzene (1.0 micrograms per liter (µg/

For the 10th consecutive quarterly sample, no methyl-tertiary-butyl ethane (MTBE) was detected in monitoring well no. 1, directly on the site. In December, MTBE was only detected in off-site wells.

MTBE was detected from the Chevron station south and southwest to monitoring wells no. 5, no. 6, no. 7, no. 8, no. 10 and no. 15. Consistent with the past several years, the greatest MTBE concentration — 2,220 µg/l was found in the water from well no. 10. This is half of the October reading. The MTBE results consistently fell this quarter and were the lowest readings since 2000 for most wells.

While the total petroleum hydrocarbon, benzene and toluene readings for wells no. 1 and no. 4 were higher than the October 2011 results, they were lower than other quarterly readings and in some cases significantly

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procedures.

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CLASSES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN Beginning February \$10 per class. Space still available.

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TUESDAY 4-5 p.m. Beginning/ **Intermediate Tap** Annika Kay 7-8 p.m. **Adult Dance** Annika Kay

WEDNESDAY 9-10 a.m. **Adult Yoga** Trine 10:30-11:30 a.m. Senior Stretch/ **Excercise** Annika Kay 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ballet/Tap (K-4th grade) Ànnika Kav

THURSDAY 4:15-5 p.m. Children's Yoga

FRIDAY 5-6 p.m. Adult Yoga Trine

Closed Monday, Feb. 20 in observance of President's Day. We will be open and available for child care Tuesday, Feb. 21 through Friday, Feb. 24 from 8:30 am-5:30 pm

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maturity."

His point was a continuation of the board's earlier discussion about seeking to waive the transitional kindergarten for the 2012-13 year, which was also reluctantly approved. According to Vince Christakos, the business services assistant superintendent, the waiver would potentially affect 128 students this fall.

With a later start of the school year, Bakkom felt the district would save some money and energy by replacing August afternoon June days.

While there was some informal support for his motion, HUSD President Bill Sanborn reminded his colleagues that fall sports start in the middle of August and delaying the school start would mean athletes would have two or three games before classes opened. The board finally agreed to the August start.

The last day of school will be Friday, May 31, 2013. During the year, several weeks of recess are scheduled, beginning with Thanksgiving, the tradi-Recess in December, Presi-

temperatures with cooler dents' Day in February, and Spring Recess in April. The Winter Recess will be two weeks, Dec. 24 through Jan. 4, not three as proposed at the previous board meet-

The board also approved a waiver request to the state Department of Education to increase its class size cap for grades four through eight. The average number of pupils per each full-time teacher in those grades could increase from 29.9 to 34.

This is HUSD's third request for class size waiver. A waiver is necessary because of the current statetional Winter or Christmas wide educational budget problems and the district's jp@towncrier.com.

Legend

New Teacher Orientation	
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reduced revenue, according to Christakos.

Email J.P. Crumrine at

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week are third-graders Deanna Clowers and Mikah Robinson (not pictured). Third-grade teacher **Sally Salter** selected these students for coming to school ready to learn and working hard every day, having a great attitude toward learning, and being kind to classmates and adults. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



On Monday, Feb. 13, Art Alliance of Idyllwild Vice President Gary Kuscher (right) presented a \$1,500 check to Jim **Newcomb** (left), president of the Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation, for the benefit of Idyllwild Arts scholarship programs. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



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The **Richardsons** of Idyllwild, **Danny** and **Terry**, attended their niece's wedding on Feb. 11 in Carmel. Before the reception, they enjoyed the Town Crier.

Photo courtesy of Danny

Kindergarten registration for the 2012-13 school year

New age requirement to be eligible for kindergarten for the 2012-13 school year is for the child to turn 5 years old on or before Nov. 1, 2012.

Early registration helps

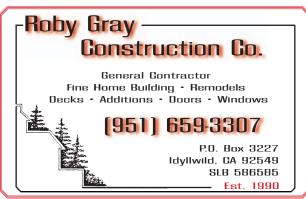
the school plan the correct staffing for next

Parents or legal guardians must present the child's birth certificate, immunization record, two proofs of residency, parent's driver license and child's school entry physical exam.

Free registration packets are available at Idyllwild School.

Registration is available from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the school office. If you have questions, call the school at (951) 659-





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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 10.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

- 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. Mile High Cafe, 26600 Hwy. 243.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.noon, Call 659-2844.
- · La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- · Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m., Call 659-6049 for location.
- · Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- · Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- · AWANA for ages 3 to fifthgraders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwv. 243, Mountain Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- · Lemon Lily Festival planning session, 1 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, Hwy 243.
- Lake Hemet Municipal Water District meeting, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
- Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
- High Valleys Water District, 6 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Sci-

For the Idyllwild Arts & ence, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the View, Pine Cove. Courtyard Building).

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

- Fern Valley Water District board meeting, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle
- Cancer Support Group for women and men, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr., For information, call (951) 659-
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or email iennyleeslater@vahoo.com for information and location.
- 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.
- · Lemon Lily Festival Steering Committee meeting, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.
- Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243
- Celebrate Recovery, Christcentered 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. 18

- · Occupy Idyllwild for Peace, Justice and Nonviolence "teachin" 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town center at "Harmony" monument. (909) 228-6710
- Idyllwild Gay Potluck, 6 p.m. Email scottandgregg@verizon. net for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

· Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain

- 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
- 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. 20

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- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz
- · 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.
- · Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Water District board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

- Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge
- 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).
- Healing International Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Alcoholics men's meeting (open), 6 to 7 p.m. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwv. 243
- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7
- Idyllwild Water District p.m. Monday-Friday.

board meeting, 7 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

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- · AWANA for ages 3 to fifthgraders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest
- Community Dialogue: "Campaign financing," 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).

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- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
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Idyllwild Library

Idyllwild Water District Pine Cove Water District Riverside County offices U.S. Forest Service

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At its Feb. 8 meeting, Idyllwild Rotary Vice President Dawn Miller (left) presents a gift to Pam and George Morey, fire lookout host coordinators, for being the group's guest speakers.

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

Two subjects — public salaries and letters to the editor ...



Special Districts compensation payments

Following the August 2010 revelations about exorbitant public salaries in the City of Bell, Calif., State Controller

John Chiang requested that California's counties, cities and special districts report their salary and earnings data to his office. Last year, he began posting these data online for the public's use.

As of Monday, Feb. 13, Chiang's office has posted the 2010 salary data for two local districts — Idyllwild Fire Protection and Idyllwild Water. The salary information for Fern Valley and Pine Cove water districts will be posted in March. Pine Cove has already posted the data on its website (www.pcwd. org/personnel.html).

For each employee, the following information is available: department, classification (e.g., title), annual salary (minimum and maximum), total 2010 wages subject to Medicare, applicable defined benefit pension formula (e.g., 3 percent at 55 years) and the following employer 2010 contributions (share of pension benefits, deferred compensation, and health, dental and vision benefits).

Below is the Idyllwild Fire Protection District data. Over the following weeks, the Town Crier will publish the water districts' data, too.

The column, "Employees' Share of Pension Benefits," represents any amount of the employee's share of pension contributions that the employer pays. The "Health, Dental, Vision" column represents the total amount paid by the employer towards health, dental or vision benefits for the employee.

Letters to the editor

I also call your attention to the policy box at the right of this page. During the past year, we have relaxed our criteria for publishing

letters.

Unfortunately, some in the community felt those changes diminished the quality of the paper. But few of these readers were willing to share their thoughts with all readers.

While we are resurrecting the one letter every four weeks criterion, I want to share some further thoughts about letters.

Some of these are standard procedures and have been applied to letters, even though they have not been posted. When apprised of these criteria, some of the concerned readers appreciated our efforts to regulate the discourse, but encouraged us to share these criteria publicly.

- 1. Please try to keep your submissions to less than 451 words. Sometimes that's difficult especially when the subject is of broad community appeal. Believe me, I understand the limitations of this criterion.
- 2. Unsubstantiated personal attacks will not be published. If you need to provide the rationale for the statement, you may append the evidence.
- 3. Complaints about the operation of local businesses or individuals will be shared with the alleged offending party. This prepares them for its publication. Secondly, they may wish to respond in that issue or the next.
- I wondered what you think about these three criteria, including the frequency of publication. Would the third deter whistle-blowers? If you wonder who would be the judge of "unsubstantiated personal attacks," the Town Crier's management must make that judgement.

I invite everyone to consider these criteria and evaluate them from many perspectives, such as fairness to the author, to the community and to the paper, feasibility, appropriateness for the Hill or other criteria of your own derivation.

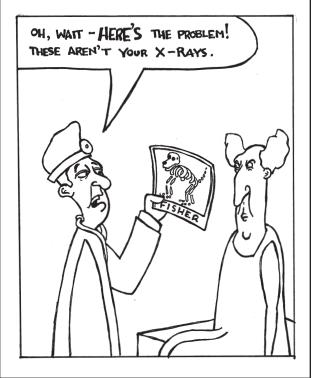
Please share your thoughts with me. In a few weeks, I'll publish all the letters, if anyone comments, about the policy.

If you prefer to discuss this or have questions, please join us at our weekly story meetings, 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays. The location changes, so check the Community calendar.

J.P., Editor

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps). Letters must be signed (unless e-mailed) and must be identified with the writer's name, address and weekday phone number.

Exceptions: Anonymous letters will not be accepted. Letters of thanks are not accepted. A special advertising rate is available for thank-you letters. Political letters cost 10 cents per word.

We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission. Only one letter per author within a 28-day period. Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff. Letters may be submitted in person, by mail, by fax (659-2071) or by e-mail (itc@towncrier.com).

			<u>Total 2010</u>	2010 IFPD Co	ntributions
	Annual Salary	Annual Salary	Wages Subject	Employee's	Health, Dental
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(2)	\$94,987	\$97,454	\$ 59,725	\$3,914	\$2,250
Captain/Paramedic	\$68,711	\$75,866	\$ 90,017	\$8,078	\$8,400
Captain/Paramedic	\$68,711	\$75,866	\$ 97,616	\$8,593	\$8,400
Captain/Paramedic	\$68,711	· /	· ·	\$8,078	\$8,400
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Engineer/EMT	\$60,150	\$67,551	\$ 28,156	\$2,387	\$8,400
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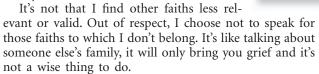
In addition, IFPD reported 17 reserve firefighters and nine paid-call firefighters received wages in 2010, but no benefits.

OFF THE LEASH

By Conor O'Farrell

Does Jesus ride in your heart or on your bumper? ...

I've decided to depart from my usual political rant this month and take on an equally controversial subject — religion. More specifically, I want to address Chris-



As I follow the presidential primary, I've been shocked by the religious one-upmanship I have seen during the debates. All the grandstanding and public displays of piety and moral outrage are, in my opinion, a disgrace to Christ's teachings.

Some of the candidates are so sure of who God is and what God wants, and they're so quick with a Bible verse to back it up. I guess they never read Thomas Aquinas. In the midst of all this scholarship and certainty, I have to ask, what happened to Jesus?

Long before Jesus became a religion (around 325 A.D. through the Roman Emperor Constantine and the council of Nicaea), Jesus was a man, a man incarnate, but still a man. He gathered together twelve other men of questionable station in life to travel with him around the region while he taught, healed and preached the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Most of us at least know the story. What was unique, however, was that this incarnate man, this "God with skin" met people on their own level. He dealt with them, man and woman, where they lived, eye to eye, breath to breath, and ushered in the notion of "the personal God," an idea that changed religious thought forever. This was a radical notion in its day, a theological sea change.

See Leash, page 26

LIFELINES

TED EWING, PH.D.

When death invades life ...

Jan. 30 was a disastrous day for me. Since July, I have been the Director of Program and Curriculum at Idyllwild Pines Camp. On Jan. 30, my employment was abruptly terminated. As is typical in this sort of situation, I felt it was handled

poorly. I was given two hours to leave my office and two weeks to leave my house.

The decision seemed harsh, reactive, unreasonable. I was blown away. I didn't see it coming and I was completely unprepared for it. I had been doing stellar work teaching the staff and building bridges between the camp and the community.

I had no time to set up future employment or arrange housing for my wife and I. For a moment, it seemed like a devastating explosion that would suck the life out of us and our fellow workers. I wasn't sure anything good would come of it, but I was wrong.

This monthly column is about lifelines, things that connect us to sources of life. It suggests that there are different kinds of life, all involving some sort of connection. What I have yet to address is the antithesis. If there are different kinds of life, there are also different kinds of death. If life always involves connection, then death involves separation. That's why I believe that death doesn't just end life; it invades life.

Death invades life when we lose our source of making a living. Death invades life when we are denied the opportunity to use our talents to benefit others. Death invades life when limitations imposed on us by others replace our creative freedom with suffocating restrictions. Death invades life every day.

However, every time death invades life, life can flex its muscles, fight back, and resist death's invasion. In the short time my wife and I have lived on the mountain,

See Lifelines, page 26

TOWN TALK

By Cid Castillo, Photographer

Which presidents does Presidents Day honor? Do you think we have too many federal holidays?



Alexis Sinclair Retail **Idyllwild**

"George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. Out of all the presidents they were the most influential in shaping this nation."



Robert Dunn Retired **Pine Cove**

"Washington and Lincoln. Yes, this nation is in a pickle and we have millions of federal and state employees taking time off work."



Sheri McClain Retired Idyllwild

"Washington and Lincoln, of course. As a teacher, I loved three-day holidays. If we had more three-day weekends, more visitors would come up the Hill."

READERS WRITE

Smart meters lower costs, not bills

EDITOR:

I am mystified why no one is squawking about their higher electric bills. I see Edison (SCE) is charging \$0.18 cents per kilowatt hour now.

And all this while they install smart meters which, I am told, eliminate the need for meter readers and even

meter maintenance (the nice people who come out to turn off your power for nonpayment). Both meter reading and shut-offs can be done remotely says the SCE call

So let me get this straight: Edison replaced perhaps hundreds of workers with a radio device and raised our bills?

Do SCE customers realize we are paying triple what the folks up north are paying?

My NW Montana electricity is \$0.06 cents per kilowatt hour for all the power you want. That utility has had remotely read IFR [infrared] meters for 10 years. They also have far fewer customers to spread their costs over. Riverside County has more than double the people than all of Montana.

lion-dollar salaries, either, like seven- and eight-figure salawe are forced to.

SCE says they have renewable energy mandates which Irwindale. is a reason why our bills are higher. OK, so we get to pay for the desert folks swimming pools and spas because they have a few solar energy panels?

I believe our tripled elec-Yes, they are partly blessed tric bills have more to do with cheaper hydro-power, with salaries and wages. We

ries of the hundreds of SCE fanny-sitters in Rosemead and

Unless one has a government or public utility job, they are relegated to near poverty income in the private sector here. Lucky us. And public workers even get to collect their pensions in

So the bliss of our electric but they don't pay many mil- actually get to pay for six-, bill rip-off ignorance might

now be over if you read this. And if this isn't a redistribution of wealth, I don't know what is.

MIKE RENO PINE COVE

Senior housing

Isn't it time we had some senior housing right here in Idyllwild?

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Spate of burglaries worries town; Sheriff response issues raised

By Marshall Smith STAFF REPORTER

Burglaries in Idyllwild used to be a rare occurrence. The Sheriff's reports were usually dominated with incidents in other Hill areas. In the past month Riverside County Sheriff's Department has reported nine incidents in Idyllwild. Reported were a felony grand theft at a local campground and six burglaries three residential, one business, one vehicle, one residential attempted burglary and one vehicle theft. In addition, a misdemeanor incident involving vandalism and petty theft was also reported.

These incidents exclude several attempted burglaries and petty theft incidents which occurred Friday, Feb. 10, in Idyllwild. According to Merrie Von Seggern, Sheriff's deputies responded, but incident reports have not yet been published.

Locals are beginning to voice concerns about the apparent uptick in crime, often targeting unoccupied second homes. In response to questions about department reponse to Hill incidents, Hemet Station

the station's policy, given are now .75 deputies per staffing reductions, is to dispatch deputies to inprogress incidents, what the station calls priority one incidents — those in progress or in which there could be danger to a resident or law enforcement personnel.

For the most part, other crimes receive telephone reports. "But you can always request a deputy come to take a report or investigate," said Raya. "It might not be that same day, but a deputy will come if you request it. And response will be prioritized if you request it." Raya also advised residents to report all crimes. "Without reports we have no knowledge of crime trends in particular areas," he said.

County budget projections for the next year forecast a 3 percent cut in public safety budgets (see story on page 19) which will further impact deputy staffing ratios for the unincorporated areas of the county including Idyllwild/Pine Cove. Already Hemet Station has dropped its community policing policy for the Hill in which there were two deputies on the Hill on a

1,000 residents and can actually be lower on any particular day depending on emergent needs in other areas. "Response times have been pretty good," said Raya, notwithstanding the staff reductions. "We call people in from other teams and use additional resources to maintain that .75/1000 level."

But Raya also advised that Idyllwild residents should participate in crime prevention by organizing community meetings and neighborhood watches. "What you really need is a continued interest with-

He noted his station has an administrative deputy who can attend community meetings to advise residents how to make their homes, especially second homes, less of a target for burglars and how to organize neighborhood watches.

RCSD Chief Deputy Mitch Alm said that when there are spikes in criminal activity, such as has occurred recently in Idyllwild, the department can deploy additional resources to investigate and respond to that activity in a concentrated operation. "I've advised the department to conduct a crime analysis of in the community and a recent events in Idyllwild, willingness to take some to review the temporary

Lt. Geoffrey Raya said that daily basis. Staffing ratios responsibility," said Raya. uptick," he said. "They'll effective deterrents." Alm put together a plan for response.

"But in general, the communities that are more participatory [in crime prevention] have the lowest crime rates. You've got to be engaged with community meetings, community watches, and volunteerism. The eyes and ears of can be reached at a community are the most marshall@towncrier.com.

did acknowledge that with budget reductions affecting county jails, courts and all areas of law enforcement, patrols in the unincorporated areas have taken a large hit. "Budget reductions were board [of Supervisors] mandated," he said.

Marshall Smith

Strange but true

You probably know that the Wright Brothers made the first powered airplane flight in Kitty Hawk, NC. It was Dec. 17, 1903, and Orville piloted the aircraft a total of 120 feet. You might not be aware, however, that the length of that flight is shorter than the wingspan on one of today's Boeing 747s.

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County initiatives dominate MEMSCOMM meeting

By Marshall Smith STAFF REPORTER

The county is busy with a number of disaster response plans, initiatives and trainings. Mountain Emergency Services Coordinator Gina Moran-McGough highlighted them at the monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb.

First, McGough recapped the county's and local agencies' interest in designating an alternate local emergency operations center where emergency responders could coordinate communication and disaster response. An Office of Emergency Services team toured each of four previously suggested alternatives to access suitability.

The four sites — Hurkey Creek Park and Campground,

Idyllwild Nature Center, Mountain Resource Center and Pine Cove Water District facility — were examined as possible alternatives to the Idyllwlid Fire Station. The team evaluated each site with the



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following criteria: 24-hour this kind of service. I love contact, access, backup power, communications (including cell and radio coverage) and status of retrofitting. Other standards included amenities such as Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, heat, kitchen, conference room, parking, restrooms and water. According to preliminary evaluation, the Pine Cove Water District office and the Mountain Resource Center satisfied the most criteria.

This project sprang from former Idyllwild Fire Chief Norm Walker's concerns that given its age and construction, could be damaged and rendered inoperable following a major earthquake.

McGough also announced the first sworn Hill volunteer for the California Disaster Corps, John Pontsler of Aguanga. The disaster corps is country's first statewide corps of volunteers trained to assist professional responders in disaster response. Anthony Richardson, program coordinator, said Riverside County would have about 200 volunteers out of a statewide total of 1,000. Pontsler is cross-trained in Community Emergency Response Team, Red Cross and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services. Pontsler's swearingin occurred in January.

"I started getting involved

in disaster response as a way to be prepared for m y family and neighbors," he said explaining his reasons for applying for the CDC posting. "There's a lot of instant gratification that comes from

helping people."

Hill applicants should be trained in at least one disaster response module such as CERT. Idyllwild residents should contact the Idyllwild Fire Protection District for an application, according to the corps' Riverside County coordinator Anthony Richardson. IFPD, as the authorized CERT sponsor, would also act to nominate Idyllwild applicants for disaster corps vacancies. Hill residents outside of Idyllwild should contact

an application. Richardson anticipates having two to four volunteers from the Hill and plans to have all 200 Riverside County positions filled by end of April.

McGough also discussed a new initiative called Functional Assessment Service Team in which specially trained volunteers can help impaired populations in case of a disaster. FAST volunteers would receive additional county training to assist par-

the fire department building, disastercorps@fire.ca.gov for ticular special-needs popula- April 23 and 24. If interested is the county schedule of tions in mass care and shelter following a disaster. The target populations include individuals with chronic health conditions, mental health disabilities, vision and hearing loss, aging and substance abuse issues.

Applicants should have two years experience working with and assisting people with access and functional needs. Interested applicants will attend a 16-hour training course. The next is on est to potential volunteers,

contact Alia Rodriguez at (951) 955-5667 or Mary Camin at (951) 955-4799. Applications must be received by March 26 to be considered for the April class.

Trained volunteers would then deploy to shelters following an emergency to assist in obtaining resources for their demographic, such as prescribed medications and specific medical equipment.

Lastly, of possible inter-

CERT training being offered in two locations accessible from Idyllwild. From May 18 through 20, a CERT class will be held in Banning. The next month, from June 22 through 24, CERT training will be available in Garner Valley. Mountain Disaster Preparedness's next class is scheduled for Nov. 10.

McGough also discussed a Mountain Area Safety Taskforce exercise, with an See MEMSCOMM, page 23

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

IWD Mission Statement -

To provide reliable water & sewer service in a safe, cost-effective & environmentally sound manner in accordance with the community needs.

"PRECIPITATION - SO WILL IT RAIN"? - Those who have lived on the Hill may remember similar dry weather and a "Miracle March" that brought abundant precipitation and snow. Our customers understand how important it is for us to receive rain and snow to maintain our groundwater supplies. IWD has an Emergency Water Conservation Plan in place should we have a situation that requires us enter into a Water Conservation Stage 1, 2 or 3 to manage our water demands. Last year was a "wet" year, so we get the benefit of existing water supplies. We appreciate all of your conservation efforts and your concerns regarding our local water supply. Currently, this year's water supply is in good shape. IWD's Foster Lake is full.

REHAB UNDERWAY FOR DOWNTOWN WELL (NEAR VILLAGE CENTER

DRIVE BRIDGE) — This has been a good production well with good quality water. IWD's well service contractor will investigate what is needed to restore the well back to its original production. We scheduled a color video of the entire well casing. This video will help us verify the condition of the existing well casing. This casing pipe has perforations to allow water to flow into the well. IWD's well improvement program maintains wells in good condition for a well life of 75 years. This well should have another 50 years of operation left.

WATER SYSTEM GATE VALVE EXERCISING PROGRAM — IWD employees are setting up "Slow Down - Work Ahead" signs for operating water system valves. The procedure for each of our 420 gate valves is to inspect the valves and, if needed, clean out any dirt and rocks. The employee operates each valve by opening and closing the valve several times. In some cases this procedure may cause a little discoloration in the water for a brief time. To date we have completed nearly half of the valves. We have located one valve that will need repairs. We appreciate it when you slow down while passing our employees who may be performing this work in the middle of the street. Depending on good weather and available time we should complete this program within a few months.

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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. 15

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10a.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

Searl Brothers, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.

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

Visual Art Alumni Show Opening Reception, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts. Show Runs Through March 2.

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

Thursday, Feb. 16

I/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. Jo'An's Restaurant.

"Iron Lady," 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. Jo'An's Restaurant.

"Iron Lady," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, Feb. 18

Bowers Museum Terra Cotta

Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

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.

"Iron Lady," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 Jazz Concert, 7:30 p.m. Stephens 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. lo'An's Restaurant.

Thursday, Feb. 23

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. Jo'An's Restaurant.

"Iron Lady," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Friday, Feb 24

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

Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's



Idyllwild Arts students mingle in front of a display of Shepard Fairey's artwork during the Alumni Show reception. The exhibit will be open through Friday, March 2.

Hojo & Friends, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Saturday, Feb. 25

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

Hotflash, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Karaoke with Kathy, 7-11 p.m. lo'An's Restaraunt.

Sunday, Feb 26

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

Lenny Hansell & Anthony Patler, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.

Monday, Feb. 27

Childrens Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library. Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbretsen, 3:30-4:30 p.m.Town Hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

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

Change Required, 6-8 p.m. lo'An's.



"Refuge. Evacuee.Survivor." by IA alumn, class of 2002, and current creative writing teacher at Idyllwild Arts Erin Latimer.

Sunday, Feb. 19

Molly Greenwood, Idyllwild

Arts class of 2001, displays

some of her cookies at the IA

Alumni Show opening recep-

tion on Friday at the Parks

Exhibition Center. Greenwood

owns the Secret Goldfish Bak-

ing Co. in Los Angeles. She

PHOTOS BY HALIE JOHNSON

Warriors Exhibit, bus leaves

torical Exhibit, II a.m.-4 p.m.

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"Iron Lady," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m.The

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

Karaoke with Kathy, 7-11 p.m.

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

"Iron Lady," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m.The Rustic Theatre.

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

Monday, Feb. 20

"Iron Lady," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Guest Recital: Han Bin Yoon, Cel-

lo, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital

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Idyllwild and the world celebrate Dickens' 200th birthday

By Marshall Smith Staff Reporter

The world celebrated the 200th birthday of Charles Dickens, one of the most renowned authors in the English language, on Tuesday, Feb. 7. At Idyllwild School, however, it was year of annual celebrations of Dickens and his life.

This is the seventh year of the annual essay and poster contest that Doug Austin launched in 2006 with his now-deceased wife Mary. The Austins created the contest to promote literacy among the school's

Each year, students are asked to memorialize Dickens and his literary contributions with art or words. "It has become a tradition that the kids are looking forward to,"Austin said. "And, the children are reading Dickens!"

Austin, a Dickens doujust another day in another ble at local festivals and events, speaks often of his and Mary's commitment to Dickens' core goals of promoting social justice and removing barriers to success rooted in class prejudice. Since Dickens came from humble beginnings and still was able to fuse literacy and artistry to achieve enormous success at a very young age,



Winners of the 2012 Idyllwild School Charles Dickens essay contest are honored by classmates, teachers and the Mary Austin Scholarships and Grants Program ambassadors on Thursday. PHOTO BY SHANE FENDER

the Austins believed Dick- accompanying box. ens' story could resonate with and inspire Idyllwild Austin said, "This was just students.

The 2012 Idyllwild School Charles Dickens winners are listed in the marshall@towncrier.com.

Referring to the winners, such quality work. Everyone was so talented."

Marshall Smith Essay and Poster Contest can be reached at

Excerpt from Destiny Griesgraber's first-place essay:

"Charles Dickens wrote the novella, "A Christmas Carol," as an attempt to create societal change. His was a time of great disparity between the haves and the have-nots. He contrasts the abject poverty of the have-nots with he callous prosperity of the haves who are completely devoid of the Spirit of Christmas. This essay will examine Dickens' classic story to determine what devices he used to accomplish his goals and evaluate their effectiveness. ... Throughout this work, Dickens uses an array of larger-than-life figures to confront the existing social structures of this era. Only the wealthy were safe from the inhumane punishments imposed upon the poor. In fact, one of Dickens' relatives was incarcerated for not paying a required fee. He [Dickens] tries to strike fear into the hearts of the rich by showing the horrid afterlife of Scrooge's former colleague Jacob Marley. His chains are the result of his greed, selfishness and

Destiny is an eighth-grade student of Patty Carratello, Idyllwild Middle School

2012 Idyllwild School Charles Dickens **Essay and Poster Contest winners**

Essay winners

First place: Destiny J. Griesgraber, 8th grade Max Swanson, 8th grade Second place:

Addison Wilson, 7th grade Kubrick Hannah-Diaz, 8th grade Natalie Quintero, 7th grade

Poster winners

First place: Second place:

Third place:

Third place:

Hannah Hardy, 8th grade Audrey Carver, 7th grade Edgar J. Santiago, 8th grade Micah Hitchcock, 7th grade Yasmin Morales, 7th grade Sable Summerfield, 7th grade







Listed events are open to the public 951-659-2171 x2200 www.idyllwildarts.org

Continuing

Visual Art Alumni Show. Show runs through March 2.

Thursday, February 16

Pianofest. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Monday, February 20

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

Thursday, February 23

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

Wednesday, February 29 & Thursday, March 1

Theatre LabWork. 7:30 PM, Rush Hall.

Monday, March 5

Songwriting Recital. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Tuesday, March 6

Musical Theatre Recital. 7:30 PM, Rush Hall.

Thursday, March 8

IAM: New Media Salon. 7:30 PM, Weston Room, Krone Library.

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Idyllwild Arts students hear from alumnus Shepard Fairey

STAFF REPORTER

Shepard Fairey, mainstream and guerrilla graphic artist, author of the 2008 Obama "Hope" poster, spoke at Idyllwild Arts to an audience composed mostly of academy students.

Fairey, a 1988 Idyllwild Arts graduate, credited early teen skateboard and punk rock influences for his development into an iconoclastic, guerrilla street artist. "I was really into mischief, the whole skateboarding underground mentality," he reminisced.

Looking at the students he said, "I'm different from everybody except all of you." Recounting his beginnings as a guerrilla artist, during the later Reagan years, he said, "I wanted to explore social commentary through rebellion to cut his guerrilla artistry has



Shepard Fairey speaks on Friday, Feb. 10, at Idyllwild Arts to a packed auditorium about his life and experience working as a street artist.

through the propaganda of violated private property. "I the Reagan administration. sketches and T-shirts. That necessary." set me on the path to being the graphic artist I still

"I've been arrested 16 times for doing what I do [street art]," he said relating the number of times

PHOTO BY ISAAC DWYER

just had to keep my thing

I started with homemade alive by whatever means Fairey recounted his beginnings with large-scale street art in Rhode Island,

while at the Rhode Island School of Design and his "Obey Giant" or "Andre the Giant has a posse" campaign. He called it, with a Heidegger, an experiment in "phenomenology."

The Obey sticker attempts to stimulate curiosity and bring people to question both the sticker and their relationship with their surroundings," he said. "Because people are not used to seeing advertisements or propaganda for which the product or motive is not obvious, frequent and novel encounters with the sticker provoke thought It's important because perand possible frustration, nevertheless revitalizing the viewer's perception and attention to detail."

Fairey also talked about his sense that after 9/11, it was a time when one had to demonstrate nationalism to be considered a patriot. "I wanted to show [through public art] that there were dissenting voices and one

mund Husserl and Martin wanted to encourage people to speak up and be brave. The dominant system does not want you to work outside of or hijack the system."

Fairey said he still does street art because he can afford to. "I do street art because I think it is important for public expression and discourse," he said. "Putting an image up in a public space that is not advertising was new when I began. ceived power becomes real power.

Fairey's images and his successful marketing company, www.obeygiant.com, have given him measurable marshall@towncrier.com.

nod to philosophers Ed- could still be a patriot. I influence in the public arena. He recently completed the 2011 Time Person of the Year cover, "The Protester."

> But he still scales buildings, with his associates, to post street art in unauthorized places because he believes it is important as a means to reawaken a sense of wonder about one's environment. "It's a means to enable people to see clearly something that is right before their eyes but obscured; things that are so taken for granted that they are muted by abstract observation."

> Marshall Smith can be reached at

> > **SCHEDULE**

HIGHLIGHTS

FRI, FEB 17^{TH}

Opening Ceremony & Blessing of the Dates 9:30 am SAT, FEB 18TH

Bull-O-Rama 5:30 pm LeAnn Rimes 7:30 pm

SUN, FEB 19TH

Fiesta del Charro 5:30 pm

Banda Los Recoditos 7:30 pm

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TUES, FEB 21ST

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WED, FEB 22ND

Frank Sinatra Tribute

Show 3:30 pm

THURS, FEB 23RD

Rat Pack Tribute

Show 3:30 pm

FRI. FEB 24TH

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Idyllwild Arts streams concerts and events

By Marshall Smith STAFF REPORTER

Idvllwild Arts now streams concerts and events on a website www.ustream.tv/channel/idyllwild-arts-live. A calendar of events that will be streamed through the end of the academic year, is also available at www.idyllwild arts.org/calendar-q10523-c10048-Live_Performances.

Darren Schilling, Idyllwild Arts marketing director, said the project was launched in October with donor funding to show off-Hill audiences the vibrancy of

dvance Muffi

artistic life at the academy. "We're on a mountain," Schilling said. "We want to show what we can do

Currently available are recent faculty recitals and the February academy orchestra concert. The academy will also stream lectures and talks, such as the Friday, Feb. 10 presentation by alumnus, print and graphic artist Shepard Fairey, creator of the 2008 Obama "Hope" poster.

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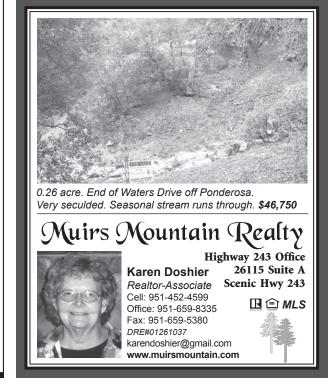




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SCE offers customers smart meter opt-out option

By Marshall Smith STAFF REPORTER

After the California Public Utilities Commission approved an opt-out plan for Pacific Gas & Electric, customers who did not want smart meters, the state's other utilities, including Southern California Edison, submitted cost proposals for providing their own opt-out plans.

Ken Devore, director of SCE's SmartConnect program, said he expects the plan the CPUC is likely to approve for SCE would be similar to that approved for PG&E. The PG&E plan requires customers who already have a smart meter and want it replaced by an analog meter, as well as those who want to retain an existing analog meter, to be charged a \$75 up-front fee as well as a monthly surcharge of \$10 in the initial phase of the opt-out program. These fees are in addition to

Alternate Rates for Energy or CARE program would pay \$10 up front and a \$5 monthly surcharge.

Devore expects the SCE opt-out plan to be approved in late March or early April. In the meantime, any SCE customer who has not already had a smart meter installed can request a delay by calling (800) 810-2369.

The opt-out fees are supposed to cover the costs of installing analog meters at homes that already have smart meters, as well as the additional costs of deploying personnel to read analog meters each month. The CPUC decision states that the approved fees are in place until actual costs are determined by the utility, at which point they could be raised or lowered, with CPUC approval.

SCE's estimated cost to install smart meters throughout its network is \$1.6 billion, a figure authorized by the

usage. Low-income residents be funded by an approximate an audience member, that enrolled in the California 1.6-percent increase in customer rates "during the installation [or rollout] timeframe," according to information published on the SCE website. Devore said this initial period should continue through the end of 2012. After that, actual costs will be submitted to CPUC as part of SCE's rate case, with further customer fees to be determined at that time. The smart meter rollout costs do not show as separate line items on customer bills, but are rather folded into electricity rates.

> Devore offered that structuring the second phase of smart meter opt-out costs and provisions may include consideration of community opt-outs. Leading up to CPUC's decision for PG&E's plan, a number of counties and municipalities passed legislation opposing smart meter installation, citing concerns over health and privacy issues.

Devore also noted, in

for some utility customers, with health concerns over smart meter electromagnetic waves, there may be no help, even through opt-out provisions. Apartment dwellers, where many smart meters are banked and networked, may get little solace from an individual apartment optout since remaining meters would be numerous and in close proximity. Workers in commercial buildings where many smart meters are also installed in banks of networks may be unable to avoid alleged effects from exposure.

these issues into consideration during the second phase," said Devore. "And ultimately it will have to be decided who bears the

He reassured SCE cusbeing put on a delay list, for any reason or for no reason, would be promptly honored

Smart meter "Delay" tag in Pine Cove.

Рното COURTESY OF Annamarie Padula

"They might bring all the CPUC approves SCE's opt-out plan, customers on a delay list will have to quickly make choices about being part of the approved optout plan with its consequent charges.

SCE has already installed tomers that any request for 4 million smart meters, with a small fraction of 1 percent of customers in those areas requesting smart meter regular charges for electrical CPUC. Installation costs are to response to a question from with no coercion. But, once installation delay. Full SCE can be reached at

installation in the remaining North Coast and San Joaquin Valley areas will be completed by the end of this

See www.sce.com/info/ smartconnect/facts/facts. htm for SCE smart meter information and call (800) 810-2369 to be placed on a delay list.

Marshall Smith

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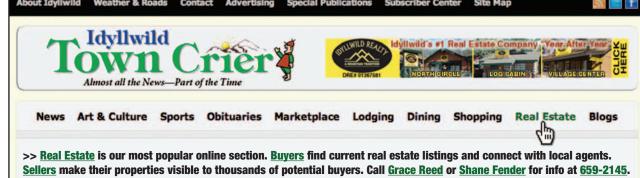
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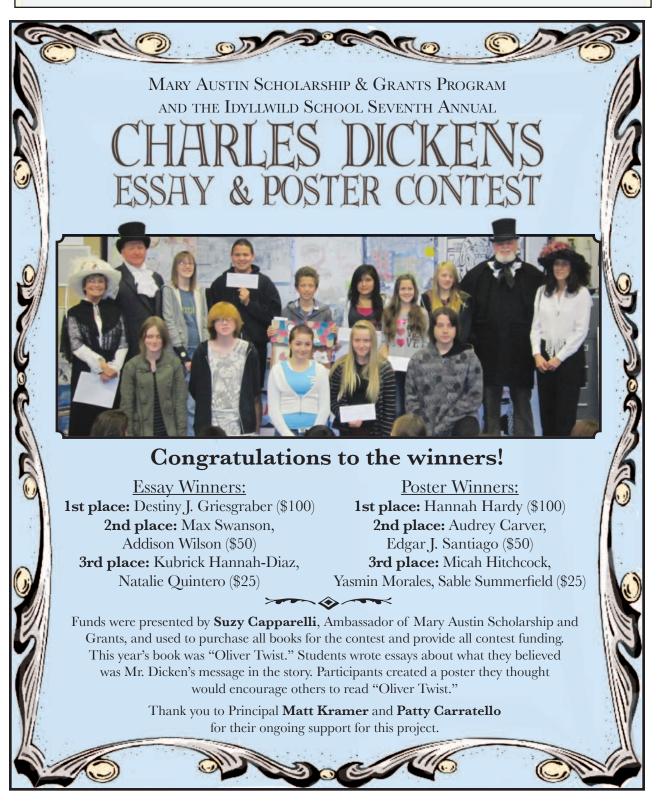




The Iris is a genus with between 260 to 300 species of flowering plants with showy flowers. It takes its name from the Greek word for a rainbow, referring to the wide variety of flower colors found among the many species. In mythology, Iris was the goddess of the rainbow and the messenger of the Olympian gods. Bearded iris are among the most elegant—and easy to grow—flowers of spring.

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Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council plans second muster

Edwina Scott, executive director start in May. of the Mountain Communities Fire

This year's program has expand-Safe Council, outlined the second ed upon the 2011 event. Participat-FSC Firemen's Muster. The tenta- ing agencies and groups include the tive date is April 28 and its goal is Forest Service, Riverside County Fire to bring the community's attention Department, Idvllwild Fire Departto fire season and, particularly, the ment, the Bureau of Land Manageimpending inspections, which will ment, Forest Care, the Idyllwild

Rotary and several vendors have already committed to attend at the event and display wares that will fire harden residences.

Former County Division Chief Kevin Turner will be present to discuss the Golden spotted oak borer threat and status.

Taskforce

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its public relations efforts tend to be directed primarily internally and "I think you're missing new people outside of the system." She suggested more effort to reach the general public.

During the discussion analyses, Mary Beth Najera, the revised goals for the May

director of resources and meeting. When the new set restoration on the San Bernardino National forest told the assembly that the Forest Service's fire laboratory was developing a model of the forest benefits, which eventually would be used to evaluate prescribe burns and other forest treatments.

This part of the session ended with a commitment of the use of benefit-cost to have a draft version of

MAST Goals from 2003

a. Transportation routes and utilities corridors

a. Immediate — evacuation structure contingency,

b. Mid-term — transition from immediate actions

c. Long-term - strategic actions leading to con-

tinued forest health and community safety.

with the public, elected officials and within agen-

a. Maintain emergency response capability includ-

b. Prioritize and maintain transportation and util-

c. Prioritize community protection through defen-

fuel breaks and fire law/code enforcement;

d. Provide for removal of trees and slash through

sible fuel profile zones, hazard tree abatement

solid waste management and development of

3. Provide for coordinated public relations program

4. Provide for coordinated agency responses through

ing structure protection contingency;

ity corridors and communication sites;

private sector utilization and markets.

through grants and incentives.

5. Provide cost/benefit analysis of actions based upon

6. Identify and develop financial aid opportunities

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b. Communication infrastructure;

c. Community protection.

and forest health;

the following tactics:

objectives.

removal;

(evacuation/economic well being);

2. Develop and implement the following plans:

of goals and objectives are adopted, Weiser believes they will be MAST's road map for the next five to six years.

After looking years into the future, the group shortened its view to the coming summer fire season. All of the agencies expressed concern about the affects of the dry winter on the potential vegetative fuels in the next six to eight months.

Looking to the potential for pulling in additional firefighting resources, Riverside County Sheriff's Department Lt. Geoff Raya suggested bringing tribal departments into the MAST structure. "There are four reservations within the area, each with fire departments and equipment," he noted. "We need to involve them in MAST meetings.'

Spring drill

Consequently, Gina Moran-McGough emergency services coordinator with the county's Office of Emergency Services, is organizing a spring exercise, which will involve many of the summer camps in the Idyllwild and Garner Valley areas.

The 2011 exercise which included Hemet Unified School District identified the need to improve the camps' involvement and awareness of emergency procedures and informing the public safety agencies of any special situations or needs at the various camps.

After discussing the exercise objectives with the MAST incident commanders, Moran-McGough expects the drill to occur in mid-June.

Agency activity **Forest Service**

The dry winter has caused the Forest Service to place higher fire restrictions in the San Bernardino National Forest than normally occur during the winter months. Consequently, no burning has occurred, although work continues to prepare piles if the weather changes and burning would be safe, according to District Fire Chief Dan Felix.

Preparation has continued near the Alhatti Lodge and in the Lawler Lodge area, said Battalion Chief Chris Fogle.

The agency is also completing its environmental analysis necessary to begin maintenance of three local fuel breaks — West Ridge, Strawberry and Pine Cove.

In addition, work has begun to authorize two timber sales in the local district. One would be in the Dark Canyon area and the other in Garner Valley in the Thomas Mountain vicinity and May Valley, according to Lee Beyer, Forest Service forestry technician. There may be 100 trees that need removing, he said.

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ICRC faces challenges

By Marshall Smith STAFF REPORTER

The Idyllwild Community Recreation Council began the fall with great hopes for a number of new and resurrected recreation projects. As described at its Feb. 13 board meeting, the winter has been one of challenges and disappointments in which projects did not materialize as the board had hoped,

A privately operated ice rink, which was to have opened Thanksgiving weekend on the Idyllwild Community Center site, never opened. Operator Gary Steven cited equipment failure. The site has not yet been completely cleared of Steven's equipment and materials. At the meeting, the board reported that Steven has an outstanding bill of more than \$1,400 for water and power used during his attempts to create the rink.

Judith Schonebaum, the

board's Community Arts Network liaison, said that Apple Blossom Inn owners had rescinded an offer of space for an arts studio — a space that she and her volunteers had been preparing for opening to the public. She reported that donated equipment and supplies have been safely placed in storage. Schonebaum is looking for new space. An Artist's Potluck at the Caine Learning Center remains scheduled for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.

Board member Cheryl Vladika reported that keeping the skate park staffed continues to be a problem. She has submitted a grant request to the Morongo Band of Mission Indians that she hopes will fund park staffing. Vladika said she should hear on the approval of her grant next week. She said she and board member Claudia Posey have been staffing the park, but both work and

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Riverside County Fire

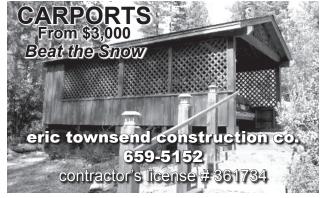
Similar to the Forest Service, county fire is working cautiously and hoping for some late winter snow or rains which would permit pile burning, Weiser reported. Maintenance of the Red Truck Fuel Break is complete.

Southern California Edison

Dave Simmons reported that there is a current lull in the Edison removal program, but they have been active throughout 2011 and will soon begin work again on the Hill.

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SPORTS

Town Hall Adult Volleyball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator Jeremy Teeguarden reported on Town Hall Adult volleyball for the week of

Monday's adult volleyball game was between the Idyllwild Garage and Forest Lumber. Idyllwild Garage got off to a great start as they won the first game 25-18. Forest Lumber played hard but the Garage went on to win in three games (25-18, 25-16, 25-10).

Tuesday night, Pacific Slope was unable to play and forfeited their game to Idyllwild Inn.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, Idyllwild Chevron and Silver Pines Lodge faced each other. Both teams played hard the whole night. Although Idyllwild Chevron took the lead in the first game, Silver Pines played great and came back to win the first game 25-22. But Idyllwild Chevron recovered and played solid the rest of the night and won the match 3-1 (22-25, 25-19, 25-17, 25-21).

This week, a full slate of volleyball games were played Saturday. Each team played two games during the day.

The day began with a game between Idyllwild Inn and Idyllwild Garage. Both teams played great and the fifth game to determine a victor. The Garage won the final game and the match (26-24, 12-25, 25-21, 22-25,

Here are the rest of Saturday's results:

Silver Pines beat Pacific Slope Tree Co. 3-0 (25-14, 25-21, 25-6).

Idyllwild Chevron beat Forest Lumber 3-2 (25-20, 23-25, 13-25, 25-11, 15-

Silver Pines beat Idyllwild Inn 3-0 (16-25, 5-8 forfeit)

Forest Lumber beat Pacific Slope Tree Co. 3-1 (25-18, 20-25, 25-11, 25-

Idyllwild Garage beat Idyllwild Chevron 3-1 (25-20, 21-25, 25-18, 25-



Team Chevron's Jeremy Teeguarden attempts to block Idyllwild Garage's Corey Sumrall's spike.

PHOTOS BY CID CASTILLO

College League (Kindergarten through thirdgrade)

The College League teams each played Friday night, Feb. 10.

The first game matched the Rotary Wildcats and the Gastrognome Gators. The Gators played great and kept the heat on all game. **Preston Pino** led the way for the Gators scoring 10 points, who won 22-6.

The second game pitted the Idyllwild Vacation Rentals Wolverines against the Village Hardware Blue Devils. Fatima Guzman played great for the Wolverines and Michael Stroud

played super for the Blue Devils. The Blue Devils got off to a great start and went on to win 26-16.

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Laker Fernando Lopez (No. 10) and Clipper Chayton Kenyon (12) fight for the tip-off at the beginning of the game played Friday, Feb. 12. Other Lakers include, from left, Seth Clowers (No. 10), Rylan Hardy behind Clowers, Stephan Carman (No. 2) and Carolyn Edelstein (No.3). Clippers, from left, are Ben Tiso (No. 1), Vinny Parillo (No.5), Lainie Wilke and **Joseph Tiso**. The Clippers won 34-29.

Volleyball Standings (as of Feb. 2)

Team	Wins	Losses
Idyllwild Garage	11	1
Silver Pines Lodge	8	4
Idyllwild Inn	7	5
Idyllwild Chevron	7	5
Pacific Slope	2	10
Forest Lumber	1	11

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 Feb. 6.





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Hemet girls' varsity #1 soccer seed

returned to the Calfornia Interscholastic Federation played Friday, Feb. 17. Southern Section Tournament. Several mem-Idyllwild.

The team is the number and Duarte game.

Again in 2012, the 1 seed in the Division 6 Hemet High School Girls' Tournament. Thus they Varsity Soccer team has have earned a bye in the first round, which will be

The Bulldogs first game will be at home, Wednesbers of the team are from day, Feb. 22, against the winner of Garden Grove



Grizzlie Aly Fogle takes her shot over Heat defenders Kevin **Posey** (No. 5) leaping at left and Fernando Lopez (No. 10) at right. The Grizzlies won the game 28-20.

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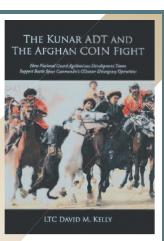
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Sports

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Team	Wins	Losses
Gastrognome Gators	7	1
Rotary Wildcats	6	2
Village Hardware Blue Devils	3	5
Idvllwild Vacation Wolverines	0	8

Pro League (Third- through sixth-grade)

Tuesday, Feb. 7, was a night for the underdogs in Idyllwild's Pro League.

In the first game the Idyllwild Automotive Grizzlies took on the Fairway Market Lakers. The game was close throughout the entire game. Jeremiah Whitney and Ari **Reyes** played super for their teams all game. In the fourth quarter the Grizzlies played solid defense and got some key baskets as they went on to win their third game in a row 25-21.

In Tuesday's second game the Pino Tree Service Heat met the Roby Gray Construction Cavs. In the first half both teams struggled to store. Austin Gooch played great defense for the Heat. In the second half the Cavs continued to play solid defense and started to score some baskets. Garrett Goffman got some big rebounds and baskets to lead the Cavs, who won 16-10.

On Friday, the first game was between the Idyllwild Automotive Grizzlies and the Pino Tree Service Heat. The Grizzlies were looking for their fourth straight victory. Miren Pino and Aly Fogle played awsome for their teams. While the game was close at halftime, the Grizzlies made some key second half baskets and won 28-20.

The last game of the week was between the Town Crier Clippers and the Fairway Market Lakers. In an exciting high scoring game in which both teams made basket after basket. The Game was close at halftime. Chayton Kenyon had 16 points and Stephan Carmen 13 points played great for their teams. The Clippers built a slight lead in the third quarter and kept the lead the rest of the way as they went on to win 34-29.

Team	Wins	Losses
Fairway Market Lakers	7	3
Pino Tree Service Heat	6	4
Idyllwild Auto Grizzlies	5	5
Town Crier Clippers	4	5
Gray Construction Cavs	2	7

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180 county layoffs; more may follow

By J.P. CRUMRINE **EDITOR**

More county employee layoffs and service level changes will occur in order to balance the 2012-13 fiscal year budget, which starts on July 1, said Larry Parrish, interim Riverside County executive officer.

Nearly five months before the fiscal year begins, Parrish and Ed Corser, county finance officer, told the board to expect an \$80 million deficit. Both said plans are being developed to eliminate the projected loss, but the consequences will affect employees and residents.

'What we do now can mitigate some of the impacts that would be particularly negative," Parrish said at the Tuesday, Feb. 7, Board of Supervisors meeting.

The plans include reducing public safety budgets three percent. Managers for nonpublic safety agencies have been instructed to plan for reductions approaching 28 percent, Corser said. Consequently, he is estimating about 180 employees will lose their jobs.

There is no list of public safety layoffs," he stressed to the board. "We won't start the budget process with pink slips and station closings."

Ward told the board that he expects property assessments to continue to decline next year. Despite the beginnings of sales tax growth, an indication that consumers are spending, Ward advised the board that outside estimates of a similar property tax reversal were unlikely.

During the current fiscal year, Ward's staff has had to reduce the assessment of many large commercial properties. Since these changes will not be apparent until next year, and commercial tax collections are about 25 percent of the total, Ward is pessimistic about anticipating any property tax increase in 2012-13. If his prediction comes true, county revenues reserves approached \$300 could fall \$10 million more, he said.

Another warning came from 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone regarding the current assumptions about county jails and the probation department. He argued that the county is more likely to underestimate the impact of state decisions, primarily the realignment of inmates between state prisons and county jails, than see state funding arrive to offset the increased costs.

"The big elephant sitting in the room and we're not

of realignment," was Stone's description of the issue. "For nine months, we may already be looking at a \$40 million shortfall," he said.

Current county jail bed spaces are fully occupied, Corser said. A new jail or expanding current facilities will be needed, but that could take four years to accomplish.

This and other possible state actions could increase the projected deficit. After four years of trying to protect staffing levels at the expense of the county's reserve funds, Stone strongly urged his colleagues to avoid using reserves another year.

Several years ago, county million; they are now currently about \$140 million. Stone pointed out that this level of reserves is equivalent to four county payrolls and the county's credit rating has been cut in recent years.

"I believe we need to commensurate with our com.

County Assessor Larry recognizing is the higher cost revenue stream," he concluded. "This is going to be an illustrious year, where we can no longer depend on our reserves to keep as many people as we would like employed in Riverside County.'

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Lower level furnished 1 BR, 1 BA, Jacuzzi tub, utilities paid, cable avail., \$850/mo. plus first and last mo. rent. Compare over \$50 per night at local Inns. Call (951) 659-5404.

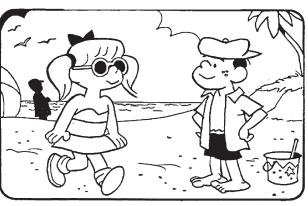
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For Rent or Lease

2 BR, 1 BA house, W/D hookups, deck, FP. No pets. \$670/mo. 52715 Middle Ridge. Call Yolanda at (619) 276-9800, junopm.com

COMPLETELY REMO-DELED. Large 1,300 sq. ft. apartment. 2 large master suites, both w/walk-in closets. Microwave, dishwasher, W/D. \$700/mo. Call Shane @ (951) 659-9505 for more info.

2 BR, 1 BA with new kitchen, appliances including W/D, hardwood floors, woodstove. Large deck with views, quiet area. Plowed road. \$650/mo. Call (951) 659-5133.

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Fully furnished 2 BR, 2 BA house. Large patio, garage w/auto opener. In town. No smoking/pets. \$895/mo. Short-term \$129/night. Call (760) 831-7447.

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BR, 1 BA, remodeled. Wood burner. Large decks. New appliances, new washer & dryer. \$900/mo. Call Shane at (951) 659-9505 for more info.

2 BR, 2 BA cabin, sunny deck, close to center of Pine Cove. \$930/mo., minimum 6-month lease. (951) 659-5385 or (951) 452-0840.

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54585 North Circle Dr. #B Office: (951) 659-4200 Check out our website www.myipmoffice.com 54171 Marion View 1 BR, 1 BA, FP, Ig. yard, fenced, W/D, log cabin. \$650/mo.

26865 Dome

2 BR, 1 BA, new carpet, FP, eat-in kitchen. Workshop or artist studio. \$975/mo. 53405 Middle Ridge

1 BR, 1 BA, essence of Idyllwild house. River rock FP, Indry, decks. Must see.\$800/mo. 23400 #A Hwy 243 (residential or commercial)

2 BR, 1 BA, wood floors, FP, Indry hookups, rear deck. \$750/mo.

FOR LEASE Large, bright, 1 BR, 1 BA house next to Cafe Aroma. New appliances. LIVE & WORK SPACE.

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Commercial Rentals

FOR LEASE RETAIL / GALLERY

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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

lifornia corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corpora-

Registrant has not yet begun to transact busi s under the fictitious name listed above

> KENNETH C. BROWNING, D.O. President

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

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BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD, 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 NOREEN DUQUETTE, 25431 Nestwa Trail, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Indi-

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R-2012-00607 NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 17, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-MENT 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

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CERTIFICATION

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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

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CERTIFICATION

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

See Public Notices, next page

Horoscope

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The adventurous Aries won't be disappointed with taking on a new challenge, despite some initial misgivings. Look for this move to open other opportunities down the line.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Let that beautiful Bovine smile not only put you at ease, but also show that you're ready, willing and more than able to confound the naysayers around you. A new admirer has important news.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be careful how you handle a relationship that you're hoping to save. You already have the facts on your side. Avoid weakening your position by embellishing it with unnecessary dramatics.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking definitive stands isn't easy for the often-wavering Moon Child. But vou not only need to stay with your decision, but also reassure others it was the right thing to do.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) As a proud Lion, you're right to be upset about those who might be lying about you to others. But the best revenge is proving them wrong by succeeding at what you set out to do.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Caution is still advised before making a financial commitment to a "promising" project. Look for the facts behind the fluff. Devote the weekend to loved ones.

LIBRA (September 23 to

October 22) A Taurus offers comfort and advice as you deal with an upsetting event. Use this as a learning experience that will help you avoid similar problems in the future.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A romantic situation creates some chaos for single Scorpions. But it's well worth the effort to work things out. A trusted friend can offer some helpful advice.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Expect to make new friends as your social circle expands. Also, remember to tell that family member how proud you are of his or her achievements.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) New ventures continue to be favored. And with your self-confidence rising all the time, you'll want to see how well you can do with a new challenge. So, go to it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time for the usually "seriousminded" Aquarian to let loose and enjoy some fun times. Expect to get good news about a workplace issue.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Changed plans might upset some people, but your needs should be respected. Offer explanations when necessary. But don't let vourself be talked into changing your decisions.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for bringing people together. You would make a fine judge or counselor.

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evacuation component, to be held tentatively on Thursday, June 14. The exercise would involve local camps. MAST officials want a better estimate of the time from notification to actual evacuation and what and how much equipment would be needed for those evacuations.

Riverside County Fire Department Batallion Chief Bill Weiser said, "This is a good start, a good idea. I'm interested to know how long it takes to evacuate a camp. We sure don't want buses getting in the middle of things [efficient evacuation of the larger community]." IFPD Chief Mike Sherman questioned how out-ofarea professional responders manning roadblocks would



First sworn Hill California Disaster Corps volunteer, Aguanga resident John Pontsler.

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know which buses to let through. "We do not know who is authorized," he said. "We must have prearrangements."

MEMSCOMM is the Hill's colloquium that brings together professional responders and Hill volunteer

groups to discuss ways to prepare for and cope with disasters, whether wildland fire, earthquake, or terrorist incidents. Meetings are open to the public.

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

2011 Tax Forms at Library

The Idyllwild Library has California and federal tax forms available free of charge. The Library hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The address is 54185 Pinecrest Ave.

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can't commit to the hours necessary to keep the park open on a regular schedule. Vladika announced another volunteer, Annie Weaver, has agreed to staff the park part-time.

Although the board has

discussed having the park remain opened and unstaffed, which Posey said other communities do and insurance policies allow, Vladika said she did not think that is a good idea and hopes to fund staffing through her grant.

The popular ICRC Speaker's Series is funded and ongoing and the Idyllwil Community Center playground project remains on track. Almost fully funded, the playground will be built June 13 through 17 by community participants. "We're still looking for builders, captains, and artists to help with the project," said ICC Vice President Dawn Sonnier.

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

Strange but true

It was French writer and film director Marguerite Duras who made the following observation: "I believe that always, or almost always, in all childhood, and in all the lives that follow them, the mother represents madness. Our mothers always remain the strangest, craziest people we've ever met."

Public Notices

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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 Spring CA 92263 HEALTH SCREENING UNLIMITED INC., 67710 Quijo Rd., Cathedral City, CA 92234, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a corpora-

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Feb. 28, 2006.

GARY MICHAEL SCULLY

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

FILE NO.: NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME
STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 26, 2017. A
NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-

MENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO IAN 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 COMMONLAW (SEESECTION 14411ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION

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LARRY W. WARD, 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, Idvllwild, CA View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Indi-

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 COMMONLAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD

By: R. Anderson, Deputy Pub. TC: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as 2'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 Indi-

Registrant has not yet begun to transact busi-

ness under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
TAREK ESSA JOULANI Statement filed with the County Clerk of

Riverside County on Jan. 30, 2012.

R-2012-01121 NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 30, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE MENT 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 1441 1 ET SEQ.,

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE). CERTIFICATION

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> LARRY W. WARD. B. Villegas, Deputy

FILE NO

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 ty. BENJAMIN LEE BLOOM, 658 Kerilyr

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-2012-01223

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 31, 2017. A

NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-MENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO IAN. 31. 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USI IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMONLAW (SEESECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD,

By: B. Villegas, Deputy Pub. TC: Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as ERIC TOWNSEND CONSTRUCTION COM-PANY, 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.

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 STATE-MENT 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 COMMONLAW (SEESECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk By: N. Medina, Deputy Pub. TC: Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2012.

SUMMER BROWN

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following person is doing business as EARTH 'N FIRE, 54225 N. Circle Drive, Idvllwild. CA92549, 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 Corpora

ess under the fictitious name listed above in July 6, 1996.

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 27, 2012. FILE NO.:

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LARRY W. WARD County Clerk By: A. Ribac, Deputy

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

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY (PROB. CODE § 10300) CASE NO. PSP 1100552

 $In the \, Matter \, of \, the \, Estate \, of \, JACK \, BRYSON,$

Deceased.
Please take notice that the Riverside County Public Administrator, acting as Administrator of the Estate of Iack Bryson, deceased, will sell at private ale, under the terms and conditions specified below, on or after the 12th day of January, 2012, at the of-fice of TONI EGGEBRAATEN, 77-564A Country Club Drive, Suite 191, Palm Desert, California, to the highest and best net bidder, all the right, title, and interest of said deceased at the time of death, and all the right, title, and interest that the estate of said deceased has acquired by operation of law or otherwise, other than or in addition to that of said deceased at the time of death, in and to the REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF IDYLLWILD, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFOR-NIA, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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Toni Eggebraaten, Esq., 77-564A Country Club Drive, #191, Palm Desert, CA 92211 (760) 772-4292

Attorney for Riverside County Public

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

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as HERITAGE HOUSE INN AND VACATION RENTALS, 25870 Cedar Street, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3059, Idyllwild, CA, 92549. PATRICIA LOUISE TOMPKINS, 25880 Cedar Street, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Indi-

Registrant has not yet begun to transact busi ness under the fictitious name listed above

PATRICIA LOUISE TOMPKINS Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 7, 2012.

FILE NO. R-2012-01505

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 7, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 7, 2017 THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES

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LARRY W. WARD. County Clerk By: L. Sibley, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2012.

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Pub. TC: Feb. 16, 2012.



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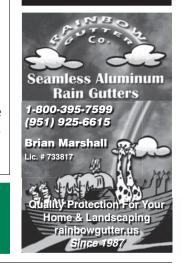
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When I speak to many Christians today, what I get is an abundance of scripture quoting. The Bible says this or the Bible says that. I revere and honor holy scripture as much as the next person. But when did the book replace

I thought the Bible was a guide into a relationship with the living God, not a replacement. Isn't that what made Christianity unique? That Christ resurrected and lives. That Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, stays current with us?

But we limit our experience to the book as if Jesus were Byron or Camus or Mark Twain, as if only his writings still remain. Did God suddenly grow mute after the Bible was completed? Or worse yet, uninterested? If so, perhaps Nietzsche was right, maybe God is dead. Personally, I

Christ was involved with people at all levels, not one strata or segment. When he encountered the woman who was about to be stoned, he was the man who saved her life. When he healed the blind man, he was the man who opened his eyes. When he embraced Mary Magdalene, he was the man that gave back her dignity.

All Christians have their own stories of who Jesus is to them. It's not a one size fits all faith. It is a daily personal encounter with the living God.

If there is one overriding theme to the Gospels, it is love, which is one of the most frequently used words in the Bible. Yet a large portion of the church today defines itself on two issues — homosexuality and abortion. Is that really the message?

What scripture tells me is that God loves us more than we know. If there is an overriding theme in the New Testament, it is that. Without love, the Bible is just another collection of rules that reminds us just how screwed up

So, with all the piety floating around during election time, let's remember to humble ourselves (as Christ humbled himself) and respect each other's faiths and traditions so we can all share in the love that comes as a surprise to many of us.

Let's make "WWJD" more than just a bumper sticker for ourselves and the world.

Editor's note: "WWJD" is the acronym for "What would Jesus do?"



Lifelines

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we have met some profoundly caring people. In the first two weeks after my firing, three couples invited us to stay with them if needed. One offered a room, one an efficiency apartment, and another a guest house.

That sounds like three weeks of material for the Town Crier's "Only in Idyllwild" feature. The challenge of employment remains, but our encroaching eviction, with an aptly named two-week deadline, was pushed back by the life-giving generosity of friends.

Life and death met in many ways. Some are small, humble and personal and some are large, tragic and catastrophic.

May 18, 1980, was a disastrous day for the state of Washington. The eruption of Mt. St. Helens, a volcano in the Cascade Range, caused incredible devastation. Not only were 1,500 feet blown off the top of the mountain, but the entire area was blanketed with a suffocating gray ash that killed every living thing in Spirit Lake, destroyed thousands of acres of forest, and killed all the wildlife in the area. Mud slides reached the Columbia River nearly 50 miles away.

Not long after the explosion, officials from the U.S. National Park Service hiked into the area to search for signs of life amidst the widespread death. What they found was remarkable. Within only a few months of this cataclysmic tragedy, strange patches of green grass began to emerge among the gray ash. Life fought back against the invasion of death.

One particular ranger was more observant than others. He noticed that many of the patches of grass were of similar size and shape. It wasn't until they stumbled upon a clearly defined figure that they realized what had happened. The patch of grass was in the shape of an elk that had died under the deluge of ash. The elk's carcass provided the nutrients necessary for the grass to grow. In an area once blanketed in death, life emerged.

My landscape has been forever changed, but so much has been revealed. I am determined to leave an imprint of life on the canvas of death. That would blend well with what I see happening around me. Life has emerged from death. I've seen it before. I'm certain I'll see it again. Life is stronger than death. Life will win. It always does. It always will.

Letters

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Over the last 10 years alone, we've seen friends who are longtime, happy residents forced to move off the Hill, often because they simply can't continue to live alone in their homes.

Often their hearts are broken, leaving the town they love; they're good citizens, active in Idyllwild's various organizations.

I think that if some developer were to build such a facility, the waiting list would immediately fill up.

The place would need to be centrally located, within walking distance of shops, post office, etc.

Adding an assisted living wing to the facility would make it even more popu-

I know the cost to build and maintain this project would be enormous, and the economy isn't the best

these days.

Still ... someone? Any-

ADELE SMITH IDVLIMILD

Listen to the voters

EDITOR:

You added "Capparelli's reappointment to the commission was done during a public meeting" to my last

It was a public meeting, but the public's voice was not heard. [Former] President Pete Capparelli and Vice President Paul Riggi had just been voted out of office, rejected by the people in our general election. They lost by a large margin, the people of Idyllwild voted for change.

Riggi's last act, before exiting, was to vote Capparelli back in. Also voting for Capparelli was Commissioner Jeannine Stigall.

See Opinion, page 28

Creature corner

By Mimi and Hootch

Mancha decided to take a little stroll, but was quickly reunited with her very worried owner. As was Harab, the friendly white Pitbull. Paws up to you both.



Bentley, aka Bronson, the chocolate American Staffordshire is now in a trial home. A big bow wow for Lulu, who has finally found her forever home.

It's the week of love, and our hearts go out to the family of Greta, who passed over the rainbow bridge, the broken hearts will take a long time to heal with the loss of our special **Sophie**. We will always remember her smile

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It's puppy love! Wrap your heart around this bundle of fur that was rescued from the streets of Idyllwild. **Buster Brown** is a 12-week-young boxer-pit mix. Along with giving puppy kisses upon request, this smart boy is already in training. His first

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55 years ago - 1957

Police called off the search for Stephen D. Gallagher, who was reported missing while hiking in Tahquitz Canyon. All that was found of him were his clothes and shoes, which he removed before his disappearance.

50 years ago - 1962

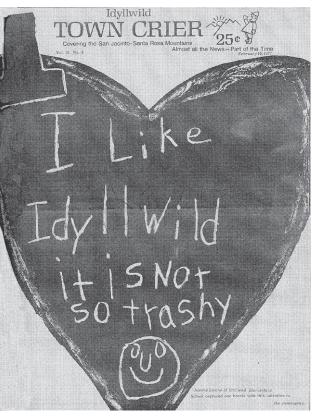
Three women joined the Pine Cove fire department's rescue squad — the first ever. They worked driving the rescue vehicle, caring for the injured, and running the communication lines.

45 years ago - 1967

Dr. Spark Schnitzer gave an illustrated lecture about his expedition to Africa in search of documents relating to 19th-century explorer Dr. Emin Pasha, governor of Equatoria during the Mahdi revolt.

40 years ago - 1972

A Hawthorne man triggered an avalanche near San Jacinto peak, and was carried down the mountain



Idyllwild Elementary School student Justine Levine captured the Town Crier staff of 1977's hearts with this Valentine to the community, published on the front page of the Feb. 10 issue.

5,000 feet before landing at the base of Snow Springs.

35 years ago - 1977

A 36-year-old transient Creek Canyon above Palm was arrested in Pine Cove on charges of attempted

murder, kidnapping and burglary.

20 years ago - 1992

Two Idyllwild Elementary School students were injured in a five-car collision on the way back from a school field trip. Luckily, they recovered quickly.

15 years ago - 1997

Raymond Lopez, who was the owner of the Idyll-Awhile Arcade, passed away at age 46.

10 years ago - 2002

"Labor of Love" fed more than 200 locals.

5 years ago - 2007

A couple from Parker, Ariz., were fortunate to suffer only minor injuries after their truck overturned and descended 50 feet off Highway 74, west of Carrizo Road in Pinyon.

1 year ago - 2011

Marshall Hawkins submitted his resignation as music director of the Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines.



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Opinion

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Two fire commissioners overturned an entire general election.

The other commissioner present at the meeting called it "a sneaky move by a lame -duck politician." Commissioner Stigall was quickly rewarded, becoming the new president.

[Former] Commissioner Ben Killingsworth, seeing the general election results, had the dignity to voluntarily resign. Mr. Capparelli saw the results and found a way to void them.

By allowing this, it gets harder and harder to trust our fire commission (Capparelli, Stigall, Schelly, Larry Donahoo and Jerry Buchanan) in an emergency.

Recall Capparelli. Rehire Chief Walker.

Sharon Cassen PINE COVE

The emperor's new clothes

Editor:

IFPD does not deserve a rate increase and Riverside County Fire should take over

In fact CAL FIRE should be granted the \$150 per parcel abatement fee. In addition CAL FIRE/Riverside County Fire and Riverside County Code Enforcement should be given this task.

IFPD has gravely neglected its abatement responsibilities. Just look at the triangle along Strawberry Creek between South Circle Drive, North Circle Drive, and Highway 243, the drainage ditch that will act as a conduit into our community.

Quite frankly, this town doesn't deserve a fire department. What kind of neighbors refuse to abate their property next to their neighbor's house iust because it isn't next to their home? I suggest that this is a large portion of the homes in Idyllwild. Yet this is legal.

We have a toothless fire department that will get some of us killed because the residents and businesses threatened the board with recall to make it this way.

Since when should abatements and inspections start in May? What a joke! Let's run our saws in the middle of

Chief Sherman, you came from a state where timber management is a priority and community go up in flames. Perhaps some of your honesty would help clarify our grave self inflicted problem.

The facts are simple, most folks refuse to follow the IFPD and state fuel abatement recommendations. Specifically, section B of the IFPD fuel abatement recommendations for within a 100 feet of all structures reads, "It is recommended that live trees should be thinned to approximately one tree every 500 to 1,100 sq. ft. (22-33 ft apart on center, 40-80 trees/acre)."

Basically if the canopy touches, it must go. Picking up the leaves and needles won't do. Ladder fuel abatement must happen regardless of property boundary.

The truth is we built our homes among second growth timber and neglected its management.

California law and IFPD ordinance will not save your home nor will it encourage fire protection personnel to save it. No firefighter will stand in the way of a blast furnace made by nature and enabled by us.

The forest among our homes is not healthy. It may look green, but cedars are not meant to be hedges. Conifer canopies are not meant to you watched part of your overlap and look like the Black

Forest. Sit out on the deck at the Creekhouse and the point is made.

Have you looked at the homes around Strawberry Creek lately? Can you say blast furnace? What a joke! My home gets torched because my neighbors think its cool to make hedges out of the local

If you remember a few years back as a wind event moved through Idyllwild, many trees cut homes in half. It should have been predictable. Pack trees in unchecked, like cord wood, and destabilize a tree line and depend upon root stability of second and new growth trees as you build your homes on alluvial soil between them. You are asking for disaster.

Protect yourselves and your neighbors. Trim your trees up, and thin your trees to healthy specifications. Don't depend upon the stability of exposed second growth trees near your homes as they will fall and burn during a fire or wind event.

For those who fail or refuse to abate their land, remember this, fire abatement hazards are declared public nuisances and as such under state law can be litigated and abated by private

JEFF SMITH

CSA 38

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development, Franklin said EDA and Riverside County Fire Department personnel would be meeting to discuss whether CSAs could continue to purchase major equipment such as engines. The question has arisen since the county has converted volunteer fire companies to reserves. Thus ownership and use of the equipment became issues. Franklin then reminded committee members that CSAs cannot purchase equipment for services that the county would normally provide

'We need to discuss how the new reserve system affects equipment exclusive to each station and how that impacts CSAs spending funds," Franklin said. "If the CSA purchases equipment it's supposed to stay at the station in the community."

The committee and Franklin agreed that this issue affected the whole county and was not unique to CSA 38.

The negotiation of the Pine Cove ambulance service contract between Riverside County and IFPD was also PINE COVE | discussed during the meet-

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ing. The committee asked Hewitt and Muir to be a subcommittee and represent them with the county and IFPD about this impending issue. IFPD interim Chief Mike Sherman attended the CSA meeting and discussed some of the ambulance service and contract questions with the committee mem-

When asked whether IFPD has been able to separate the cost of ambulance service from its fire protection work, Sherman said that a cost analysis was being prepared for the county.

"But the ambulance provided on this Hill is not being paid for," he stressed. Which prompted Holldber to reply, "Maybe now is the time to look at the full costs to get Riverside County

"Maybe another solution will better serve the people, spend less money," he explained. "It's foolish to stay with the same thing year after year if it doesn't' serve the people today."

Sherman also added that IFPD was not currently attempting to expand its service area to Mountain Center and Garner Valley.

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