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Community meeting

Capt. Scot Collins spoke to a large group Saturday.

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Membership and interest dwindling.

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Supervisor Stone sees local economy turning.

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State fire fee

First step to repeal fee.

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Idyllwild Water

Saving money on retiree health benefits and studies.

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Idyllwild Library

A busy library, construction progresses on new facility.

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Locals turn out for sheriff's crime meeting

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

About 150 Hill residents attended a community meeting about a significant recent rise in local property crimes. Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station Commander Captain Scot Collins confirmed and discussed the marked increase in property crimes in the Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Mountain Center area that began in the last half of 2011 and continued through early March 2012.

Collins brought his second in command, Lieutenant Dan Agnoletto, Special Investigations Supervisor

UPCOMING ...

Public Safety Summit sponsored by 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone

with county public safety officials and California Highway Patrol

Idyllwild School Gymnasium

Mon. April 9
6:30 p.m.

Sgt. Wallace Clear and Administrative Assistant James Wilson. Residents said they

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Hemet Station Commander **Capt. Scot Collins** talks about the most recent crime resolved in Idyllwild, that of the kidnapping from San Jacinto of five-year-old **Domenic Smith** by his father, **Anthony Smith-Dixon**.

PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE

Rustic to upgrade to digital

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Beginning Monday, April 16, the Rustic Theatre will shutter for four days to convert from long-dominant 35 millimeter to state-of-the-art digital projection. The era of reels of film is ending. For movie houses that cannot afford the upgrade to digital, it is also the end. Conversion is forcing the closure of nearly 1,000 smaller movie theaters, representing about 10,000 screens, or 20 percent of all movie theaters in North America. These estimates come from the National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO).

The change to digital projection costs between \$60,000 to \$90,000 per screen, which is simply too large a hurdle for many small theater owners to overcome. "Convert or die,"

said John Fithian, CEO and president of NATO, of the mandatory change, summing up the situation facing small operators.

Idyllwild will not be among those small cinemas that will slowly fade to black and die. On Friday, April 20, the Rustic reopens with its new digital projection system.

Shane Stewart, Rustic Theatre owner and operator, said he decided to make the investment to guarantee a movie house would remain on the Hill and to enhance and perpetuate the Idyllwild International Film Festival as a quality venue for independent filmmakers. Stewart has already installed an upgraded state-of-the-art Dolby digital sound system.

With new digital projection and sound, the Idyllwild film festival will have a screening system that few festival venues have.

"We'll be providing the same quality screening experience as Sundance, Toronto and Telluride," Stewart said.

He also noted that it is fortunate the Rustic is as old as it is, with grandfathered distribution licenses with major studios that go back for decades. Stewart said it would cost over \$1 million to construct a new movie house on the Hill with the kind of equipment and screening abilities studios are now requiring, and to acquire the necessary distribution licenses for first-run films.

"Given our population, with that kind of \$1 million-plus investment, the numbers would never make sense," Stewart said. "If this theater had disappeared, we would never have been able to get back [major film] distribution rights or have a new first-run theater."

Long the standard
See Rustic, page 22

IFPD: No ambulances to Pine Cove

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Effective June 30, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District plans to terminate its contract for ambulance service to Pine Cove and Zone III. The district announced that intention in a letter to Bruce Barton, director of the county's Emergency Medical Services Agency. Regardless of the resolution of IFPD's role, Barton said, "We will do whatever we have to do to fulfill the mandate for ambulance service to people of the mountain plateau. Residents and visitors will have ambulance service."

IFPD and the county

Emergency Medical Services Agency were in the midst of negotiating a new contract. The current contract expires June 30. The contract for ambulance service is between the county and IFPD, but County Service Area 38 (Pine Cove) provides the money for the contract.

Interim Idyllwild Fire Chief Michael Sherman said the action was simply a business decision. The cost of providing the emergency service to Pine Cove is more than the current contract payment (about \$95,000 in 2011).

"It's costing us money that we need to serve the public in Idyllwild," he emphasized.

See IFPD, page 8

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, March 19 to 25, 2012:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

March 19 — Walk-in medical aid.

March 19 — Medical aid, Hopkins Drive, Idyllwild.

March 21 — Medical aid, Double View Drive, Idyllwild.

March 21 — Walk-in medical aid.

March 21 — Cover assignment, highways 243 and 74, Mountain Center.

March 22 — Medical aid, Foster Lake Road, Pine Cove.

March 22 — Medical aid, Highway 243, Idyllwild.

March 22 — Medical aid, Big Pine Street, Idyllwild.

March 23 —Traffic col-

lision, Highway 243 and Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

March 23 — Good intent call, highways 243 and 74, Mountain Center.

March 24 — Traffic collision, Tahquitz Drive and Hill Street, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

March 22 — Medical aid, Foster Lake Road, Pine Cove.

March 22 — Medical aid, Big Pine Street, Idyllwild.

March 23 — Traffic collision, Highway 74 at Keen Camp Summit.

March 23 — Traffic collision, Highway 243 south of Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

March 19 — Medical aid, Ramsey Road, Anza.

See Record, page 22

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORT

Local resident Terry Candler identified a vehicle parked near the American Legion in Idyllwild as one described in an Amber Alert involving the abduction of a child from the San Jacinto

area. The alert had been issued shortly after 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22. Candler made the identification at 1 p.m. Friday, March 23.

San Jacinto police had responded earlier to the reported abduction of 5-year-old Domenic Smith. The

police suspected Domenic's father, Anthony Smith-Dixon, 25, had abducted the child from the residence of his childcare provider. Smith-Dixon did not have custodial rights to the child. In addition, the child's mother had obtained a restraining order against Smith-Dixon for previous violent actions against her. According to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Smith-Dixon had done jail time for those actions.

"We had a lead we thought might place him up the Hill," said Hemet Station Commander Capt. Scot Collins. "He [Smith-Dixon] *See Kidnapping, page 24*



Anthony Smith-Dixon, accused kidnapper.

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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Early morning crash at Keen Camp Summit

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Both CAL FIRE and California Highway Patrol responded to a solo crash on Highway 74 and Keen Camp Road at about 4:40 a.m. Friday, March 23.

According to authorities, a Jeep Wrangler collided with a tree. When authorities ar-

rived, the vehicle's occupant could not be found. First responders searched the scene and surrounding woods but could find no one.

Anyone with information on this incident should call California Highway Patrol at (951) 769-2000.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 3/29	Friday 3/30	Saturday 3/31	Sunday 4/1	Monday 4/2
 66/39 Mostly sunny.	 69/40 Sunny.	 60/36 Sunny.	 56/34 Sunny.	 60/34 Sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
3-19	39	22			50	33		
3-20	54	25			46	30		
3-21	na	na			na	na		
3-22	na	na			na	na		
3-23	65	32			49	18		
3-24	59	31			42	21	.34	3
3-25	52	33			41	31	.28	

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 17.27
To date last season (Idy): 28.82
Total last season (Idy): 29.38
To date this season (PC): 17.80
Total last season (PC): 36.11

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 39.1
To date last season (Idy): 44.9
Total last season (Idy): 44.9
To date this season (PC): 64.75
Total last season (PC): 78.5

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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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

Halfway Spring ...

A couple of weeks ago, I was talking to some folks about eagles. One of them, Brian, mentioned there is a golden eagle nest down at Halfway Spring on the control road going toward Hemet.



This surprised me. I was not aware there were golden eagles in these parts. However, Brian also mentioned that the eagle's nest was near some redwoods.

Redwoods? Really? Well, I know there are some growing in front of the school, but this is the first time I have heard of them growing outside of town.

He mentioned that you can see the redwoods from Highway 243 on your way up the Hill. As it turned out, I was going to Hemet that day. While returning, I made a point of looking to the left. And yes, I could see the clump of green trees that mark the location of Halfway Spring.

A day or so later, I was in the coffee house writing when Brian walked in and handed me a small branch with a very interesting leaf pattern that I had never seen before. The short bright green needle-like leaves were fern-like in appearance and, again, I have never seen anything like them before.

Now, my interest was piqued. So, I decided to visit Halfway Spring and see these trees for myself. And possibly, I would encounter golden eagles as well.

Tom Harrison's San Jacinto map has Halfway Spring in the lower left corner and depicts the dirt roads that lead out to the spring. We drove past Idyllwild Arts and continued on the muddy road down toward Hemet. Luckily the road was mostly free of snow; but we had a four wheel drive vehicle and no problems.

It was obvious when we reached the spring as it is surrounded by live oaks and you could see the tops of the redwood trees, but only briefly, from the road.

We had doubts about what tree species they might be, since you can't see the trees at all from the road once you reach the spring.

Following footprints up the slope, we came upon a small stand of about seven or eight trees. You couldn't really see the trees until you were underneath their canopy. Once we saw the bark and how straight and gently tapering



Winter came Sunday night, but the sun shone Monday.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

the trunks were, we were sure they were redwoods. But which redwood species were they?

One tree had a low hanging branch with red-orange leaves, which stood out next to the bright green growth. After doing some research, I believed that these were not native California redwood species. Rather they were native of China.

What fooled me was the orange "fall" foliage. I thought they were the dawn redwood, *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*, a deciduous conifer. This species has been planted around the globe and even grows in England.

However after further comparison of the leaves, I realized that the orange foliage was the result of a broken branch. These were truly California coastal redwoods — *Sequoia sempervirens*.

More about Halfway Spring and its flora and fauna next week.



Despite the winter weather arriving with spring, the hummingbirds were not deterred and were especially grateful for the food at **Russell Brady's** house. He is also newly arrived to town.

PHOTO BY RUSSELL BRADY



Spirit Mountain Retreat and Local Color joyously celebrated the Spring Equinox at the Caine Learning Center on Sunday March 25, 2012. Enthusiastically welcoming the return of the vernal season are (from left) **Esther Kennedy, Katya Williamson and Marilyn Beauchesne.**

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Adult Yoga
Trine
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ballet/Tap (K-4th grade)
Annika Kay
7-8 p.m.
Adult Dance
Connie Wolf

THURSDAY
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Children's Yoga
Trine

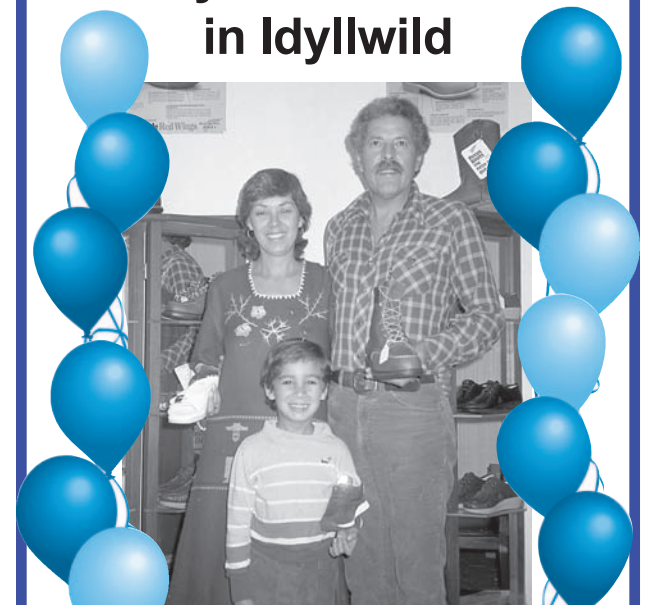
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Falling membership prompts new plan

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The statistics cited at the recent Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce meeting showed a decline in business members, in number of serving directors and cash on hand from previous highs in 2011. Cash, now at \$800, is a quarter of the October 2011 amount of \$3,200.

The number of directors will fall from a high of 11 last July to 6 by the end of June. One new board member, Suzy Burkle of Idyllwild Vacation Rentals, who was only confirmed to serve in December, submitted an already effective resignation. Two more directors, including current interim President Richmond Blake and Second Vice President Jo Ann Slater, plan to leave at the end of their terms in June. Chris Titus of Idyllwild Vacation Rentals and Gary Taylor of Fern Valley Inn have agreed to stand for election. The board extended by one month the period for nomination of new directors.

The number of business members has fallen from 125 in July 2011 to 85 now.

A large percentage of the decline in current memberships is from nonrenewal, according to Steve Moulton, membership committee member, who thought diminished interest might be due to a difficult economy.

A subcommittee of the chamber, headed by directors Lanny Hardy and Mike Lackey, is meeting to create a roadmap of how to grow town commerce, and by extension, the Idyllwild Chamber. "Our current work on developing a long-range plan is going to help us become a more goal-oriented organization that's focused on the mission of promoting business here in Idyllwild," said Hardy in subsequent interview. "As part of those efforts, I think the community will start to see a more proactive and structured approach to our involvement in local activities as well as in outreach campaigns to bring visitors up the Hill. We're already getting positive feedback from some former members and I think that will continue as we're able to demonstrate value for their dues dollars."

At the March 19 meeting, the board did not take action on the still-unsigned

lease with Riverside County for Town Hall. Economic Development Agency County Service Area Operations Manager Bill Brown had requested the board make a conference call with him during or after the Monday meeting so that together they could resolve the lease issue.

Brown had planned to attend but weather concerns prevented that. Brown said he had hoped to assuage any concerns the board had over lease terms inserted by county counsel. The board decided not to make the call that night but voted instead to schedule a special in-person meeting. On Monday, Brown said he plans to attend the Monday, April 2, meeting and hopes to resolve the issue.

The board also discussed management of the in-town Marshall Hawkins Jazz Concert on the Saturday night of the Jazz in the Pines festival. Festival infrastructure planner Ted Cummings had asked the board for a decision by Wednesday, March 28.

In the fall, Cummings told the chamber that the jazz fest would not hold a competing event on Saturday night if the chamber planned a second in-town

concert. The now defunct Idyllwild Business Round Table had chaired the first in-town jazz concert. In the absence of any formal decision by the chamber to take over the event, Cummings said he would have to make a decision on whether to resurrect the Saturday night Idyllwild Arts Jazz and Jambalaya Dinner.

On Monday, March 26, chamber directors David Jerome and Lanny Hardy confirmed that the board had voted to manage the event and that Jerome would serve as chamber liaison with Cummings and jazz fest planners.

In a Monday phone conversation, Cummings stated that festival security personnel would provide security for the in-town concert as they had last year on an informal basis. "The details aren't worked out yet," said Cummings, "but we've agreed in principle."

As was done last year, Cummings has promised to announce the in-town event from all festival venues and to keep festival transportation running through the evening to ferry patrons from Jazz event parking into Idyllwild proper.

Email Marshall Smith at marshall@towncrier.com.

CLUBS

Idyllwild Garden Club

Jackie Lasater and Ben White are the guest speakers at the next meeting of the Idyllwild Garden Club on Tuesday, April 3.

Lasater and White will discuss native seed harvesting and propagation and the efforts of their Wild California program. The group meets in the Community Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, at noon. For more information, visit idyllwildgardenclub.net.

Hilltop Horsemen

The next meeting of the Hilltop Horsemen will be Tuesday, April 3, at the home of Susan Gonzalez in Garner Valley.

There is no speaker, but the program will be a general discussion of all things horse-related. The meeting is preceded with a 6 p.m. potluck dinner, followed by the discussion at 7 p.m. For more information or directions, call Chuck Streeter at (951) 659-2167.

MOUNTAIN FOLK

"Alpacas as an Investment" was featured on the CBS News Sunday Morning March 25. Included in the segment were Anza resident, Julie and Don Roy.

They were chosen because of their published material on alpacas as a business and the strength of their Internet presence about alpaca farming.

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THE CANDY CUPBOARD

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

- 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. Quiet Creek Gallery, N. Circle Dr.

- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.

- Fern Valley Water District Special meeting, 9:30 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.

- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

- 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).

- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.

- "The Intersection of Spirituality and Democracy," 6 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

- "Living through transition and loss" support group, 10 a.m. to noon, Spirit Mountain Retreat, call (951) 659-2523.

- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

- Prostate Cancer Survivors Support Group, 5:30 p.m. Restaurant Gastrognome, 54381 Ridgeview Dr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or e-mail jennyleeslater@yahoo.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.

- Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243

- CelebrateRecovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. BBQ 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

- Stand in Silence Vigil for Peace, Justice and Non-violence, noon. Town center at "Harmony" monument. Call

659-2718.

- 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, APRIL 1

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study (closed) meeting, noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flat, across from CAL FIRE Station 6.

- Teen Group, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

MONDAY, APRIL 2

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.

- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Idyllwild Community Meditation, mediation from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120

Ridgeview Dr. Instruction available by appointment. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income) & Senior Food sharing (anyone over age 60 qualifies), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mormon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.

- Idyllwild Garden Club, noon. "Harvesting seed and propagating natives from the San Jacinto and San Bernardino Mountain Regions," Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.

- Anza Valley Citizens Patrol, 6 p.m. Call Brian, (951) 763-5324.

- Hilltop Horsemen, 6 p.m. Call Chuck Streeter, 659-2167.

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Club, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.

- 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).

- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.

- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

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tain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.

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June 5, top two open primary — an explanation

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

On June 5, California holds its primary election. While the Republican presidential primary race will command most of the attention, primary elections will also be on the ballot for Senator, Congressional representatives, state Assembly and state Senate.

But this year, the results will affect the November elections differently. California will no longer vote strictly by party in the November election — Democrat, Green, Republican or other.

On June 8, 2010, California voters approved Proposition 14, which created the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act. Voters nominate the candidates rather than the political parties.

All candidates running in a primary election, regardless of party preference, will appear on a single ballot. Voters can vote for any candidate. The top two overall vote getters — not the top vote getter from each qualified political party — will move on to the general election ballot in November.

The top two, even if one receives more than 50

percent of the vote, will be on the November general election ballot.

Use the new Idyllwild State Assembly District 71 election as an example. Incumbent Assemblyman Brian Jones is a Republican. John McLaughlin has also qualified for the June ballot and says he is a Republican. John Hurley is the only identified Democrat on the ballot.

As the only Democrat, Hurley does not automatically qualify for the November ballot. The top two vote getters, which could be Jones and McLaughlin, would become the November candidates.

The Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act does not apply to candidates running for U.S. President, county central committee, or local office. Additionally, candidates are no longer allowed to run as “independents” or “write-ins” at the general election.

Prior to the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, all candidates running in a primary election, with the same political party affiliation, were placed on a partisan ballot to be voted on by voters of the same political party. The top vote

getter from each qualified political party would move on to the general election.

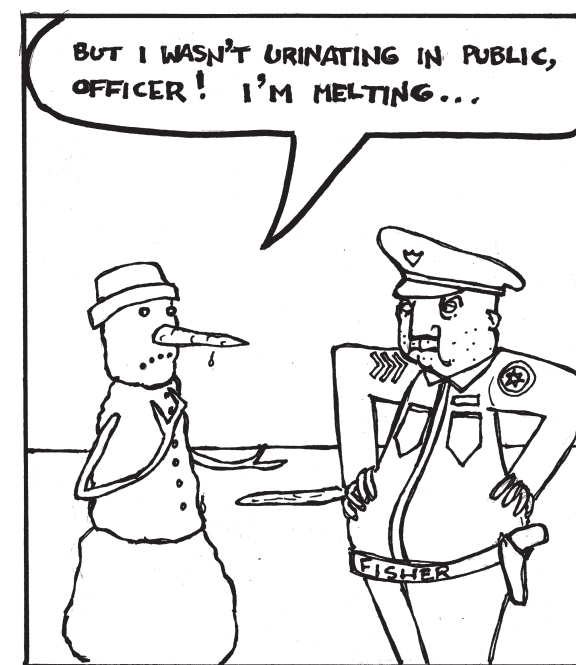
Under the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act, candidates for voter-nominated office must indicate their party preference or lack of party preference on the primary and general election ballots. Political parties can no longer formally nominate candidates for voter-nominated offices, so a candidate who finishes in the top two at the primary election and advances to the general election is not the official nominee of any party for the office.

Since the Top Two Candidates Open Primary Act does not apply to presidential primary votes, parties may choose either a closed presidential primary or a modified-closed presidential primary in California.

In a closed primary, only voters indicating a preference for a party may vote for that party's presidential nominee. If a party chooses the modified-closed presidential primary, then it would allow voters who did not state a party preference to vote for that party's presidential nominee.

On June 5, only the American Independent and

Mr. Funny Guy by Chris Fisher



Register in time for the primary

Californians can fill out the online voter registration form at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/register-to-vote then just print, sign and mail it. Registration forms can also be picked up at any U.S. post office, public library or county elections office.

The last day to register to vote in the June 5 primary election is May 21. A person must reregister to vote after moving, changing names or changing political party preference. Voters can check if they are already registered to vote through a Secretary of State portal at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status.

Democratic parties have chosen the modified-closed primary form. The other parties, including the Republican, will limit participation only to voters stating a preference for that party.

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READERS WRITE

Much talent available here

EDITOR:

What an amazing privilege it is to live in Idyllwild. Not only are we cradled in the heart of nature and its magnificent beauty, we live in a community of caring, talented and truly interesting people.

In addition to these attributes, we are able to enjoy outstanding art and music from our own world-class artists and performers, as well as from students and faculty at Idyllwild Arts Academy. The recent recognition of Idyllwild Arts students at the Berklee jazz competition is just one example of the quality of the jazz program run by Marshall Hawkins and Paul Carman.

Each and every program

at the school is outstanding and deserves our admiration, gratitude, and support. Congratulations especially to the students who work so hard and give so much of themselves to their art.

And congratulations to the faculty for the talent and commitment they bring forth each and every day. You help make Idyllwild a one-of-a-kind place to live.

Finally, as one who was critical of certain editorial decisions of the Town Crier, I would like to express my appreciation for the recent changes in editorial policy. I want to acknowledge all the efforts of our local paper to help make this an even better community.

I love this place.

SAM CROWELL
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Neighborly

EDITOR:

Some 2,000 years ago, the apostle Paul wrote down these words for the church in Corinth: “I may be able to speak the languages of human beings and even of angels, but if I have no love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell.”

“I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets; I may have all the faith needed to move mountains — but if I have no love, I am nothing.”

“I may give away everything I have, and even give up my body to be burned — but if I have no love, this does me no good. Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-man-

nered of selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth.

“Love never gives up; and its faith, hope and patience never fail. Love

is eternal.”

Application of God's simple guidelines might make getting along with our neighbors an easier proposition.

LARRY KRIBS
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Supervisor Stone hosts seventh economic forum

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

At his 7th Annual Economic Development Forum, Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone cited figures that show the county's unemployment rate is declining, sales taxes are increasing, and the housing market is stabilizing.

"All in all," said Stone, "we are on the mend in Riverside County and moving forward. The future is looking brighter." Stone noted the county unemployment rate peaked at 15.4 percent in the middle of 2010, declined slowly to 14.3 percent in 2011, and fell even more to 12.5 percent last month.

Stone said sales tax revenue is up 13.5 percent over the last two years and, according to County Assessor Larry Ward, the drop in property values is slowing and bottoming.

Even under the challenging conditions of the last three years, the county has managed to upgrade infrastructure and build new public facilities according to Stone's summary: a new

multi-million dollar library in Idyllwild; a \$20,000 grant to the Idyllwild Fire Protection District for a mobile data communications system in the cabins of district vehicles that hooks to GPS and dispatch directly to transmit details and locations of incidents; the Hemet Workforce Development Center that assists job seekers in finding employment and provides services to a variety of demographic groups; and a new Glen Oaks fire station to be completed this summer.

The supervisor also previewed future initiatives that will add to the county's economic health. They include a major expansion of the Temecula Wine Country that will add 22,200 acres of wine growing land to the existing 7,000, expand the number of vineyards from 35 to 105 and bring 1,500 to 2,000 new jobs to the 3rd District. Stone noted that with the planned expansion, the already successful wine country would become an even more attractive tourist draw.

Stone and 5th District



Former Chamber President **Mimi Lamp**, just returned from her year-long, around-the-world tour, and current interim President **Richmond Blake**, at Stone's Economic Development Forum.

Supervisor Marion Ashley are collaborating on two projects that will benefit residents of both districts: the Perris Valley Regional Aquatics Center that will be state of the art and serve area youth. The Perris Valley Big League Dreams ball field and stadium complex "will provide opportunities for our youth to really feel as though they are playing in a major league baseball park," said Stone, who envisions the facility turning out some major league players

with its big league feel and infrastructure.

Two highway expansion projects that would benefit southwest county commuters are also in progress, a two-phase expansion of Interstate 215 south of Riverside and a widening of Winchester Road south of Hemet.

As he has in past years, Stone, in his comments, touted Idyllwild as a "magical" tourist destination and encouraged attendees to patronize the July Lemon



Third District Supervisor **Jeff Stone** discussing the state of the county at his Economic Development Forum.

PHOTOS BY
MARSHALL SMITH



Richmond Blake manning the Idyllwild booth at Supervisor Stone's Economic Development Forum.

Lily Festival and the August Jazz in the Pines. In promoting the Lemon Lily Festival, Stone recounted that the once plentiful lily drew tourists from all over the Southland, so much so that it resulted in poaching and depletion of this indig-

enous flower. Stone credited the Idyllwild citizenry who are leading the education and propagation efforts around which the festival is organized.

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Last week, a new bridge was constructed across Lilly Creek at the Idyllwild Nature Center. Park Interpreter **Shelley Kibby** said the bridge has been planned for 10 years. Recently a CAL FIRE Bautista inmate crew was available to construct the bridge, which replaced several logs and large branches across the creek.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



The new 2012 Idyllwild HELP Center board members (from left) **Bill Whitman**, **Dick Hadick** (treasurer), **Sam Crowell**, **Deanna Collins** (vice president), **Doug Austin**, **Steve Taylor**, **Karen Patterson** (executive director), **Lou Bacher** (president), **Linda Anderson**, and **Margaret Mary Leusch** (secretary). Member **Holly Maag** is not in the photograph. PHOTO COURTESY OF COLLEEN MANCHEE

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IFPD

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He adamantly stressed the department's first priority was service to its constituents. Since most of the dissatisfaction emanated from Pine Cove, he and IFPD Commission President Jeannine Charles-Stigall both thought it was better for the district to eliminate the budget cost and complaints.

"They're not happy with our staffing," he said. "They're not happy with the service and expressed disappointment at the CSA 38 meetings."

"Pine Cove residents have really been getting a bargain with the current [IFPD] contract. And they're very professional in providing the service," said Jeff Stone, 3rd District Supervisor. "The city of Menifee is beginning to charge a \$345 surcharge for every transport, in addition to actual transportation costs."

In response to proposals for renewing the contract, IFPD's letter, which its legal counsel, Theodore K. Stream, of Gresham Savage Nolan and Tilden in Riverside, signed and sent, said, "The District respectfully rejects this Amendment request under the presented requirements. In addition, this letter will constitute formal notice that the District does not agree with the presented requirements

and therefore, elects not to renew this ... the original Agreement.

"Without a new successor Agreement approved by the District's Board of Director's prior to June 30, 2012, the District will not be providing any ambulances services to Zones II and III after that date," the attorney said in the letter.

County officials from several agencies have already begun contingency planning, according to Barton. "We'll ensure ambulance service in the area. If not IFPD, then someone."

At this point, no negotiating sessions are scheduled. These letters effectively ended those discussions.

"I was completely surprised," Barton said. "We were in the middle of negotiations." He said that Charles-Stigall had canceled the last scheduled meeting, for March 14 because of Sherman's illness. "The next we hear are these letters," he said with frustration.

Barton also said he wasn't sure when the service would officially be discontinued. He still hopes negotiations can be resuscitated. Further, the current contract requires a 365-day notice of termination, not three months.

If the IFPD service does get canceled, Barton said American Medical Response, the private company with which the county has a large multi-million dollar contract, is willing to service the Pine Cove and Zone

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

CAL FIRE has expressed concerns about the Forest Service's recently released "Large Air Tanker Modernization Strategy."

On March 7, CAL FIRE Director Ken Pimlott wrote a letter to Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell outlining

the state's worries about the Forest Service's aircraft strategy, including the number of aircraft.

According to Larry Chambers, media relations officer in the Forest Service's Washington Office, "We have reviewed Director Pimlott's letter and we are currently drafting a response."

Pimlott made four main

points. First was lack of connection between the Forest Service air tanker support and the fire support needs of individual states.

"Fire fighting aircraft are a very limited resource and, therefore, it is critical that the national strategy includes collaboration with the states to ensure the plan provides for efficient and

integrated use of all assets," Pimlott wrote.

Pimlott criticized the Forest Service's estimated need for 18 to 28 new aircraft. "The identified optimum number ... is insufficient to meet the needs of the combined federal, state and local wildland firefighting missions," he said bluntly.

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At its March 21 meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President **Chuck Streeter** (left) presents a gift to **Robert Peek**, Mt. San Jacinto State Park Peace Officer, for being the group's guest speaker.

PHOTO BY STEVE ESPINOSA

III areas. An operational contingency plan is being discussed among county agencies.

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors is considering whether to put the county's ambulance service contract, which is up for renewal, out to bid this spring.

Canceling the contract will cost IFPD more than the contract costs of about \$100,000. IFPD makes near-

ly 100 calls to Pine Cove and Zone III annually. About 50 percent result in transporting someone to a hospital (actually the percentage is higher for Pine Cove). As a result, IFPD will lose closer to \$150,000 of annual revenue if the contract is terminated.

Marshall Smith contributed to this article.

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Assembly tries to fix glitches in fire legislation

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries, R-Lake Elsinore, is trying to bring the state legislature's attention to the effects of recently enacted laws on rural mountain communities.

Fire Fee

First is his Assembly Bill 1506, which would repeal the state fire fee. While approving a budget for fiscal

year 2011-12, the legislature approved a \$150 fire tax on private property within State Responsibility Areas.

In a vote that surprised many Capitol observers, Jeffries' bill to repeal the fire fee passed with overwhelming bipartisan support out of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on Monday, March 26.

"I am very pleased with the bipartisan coalition that supported my bill today,"

See AB 1506, page 22

Idyllwild Water changes retiree benefits

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District took its first step in its year-long review and possible modification of employee benefits. At its March 20 meeting, the board revised the health care policy for retired employees.

The annual savings to the district will be more than \$11,000. Retirees will still have health insurance, but Medicare will become the primary insurer and the district will provide supplement insurance.

During the discussion, which both current and retired employees attended,

former General Manager Tom Lovejoy and supervisor Herb Bergstrom acknowledged the need to save money and expressed their satisfaction with the district's process.

"I appreciate the approach the board is taking and understand why," Lovejoy said. "You've been overpaying a lot. The steps you're taking are fair and acceptable to us."

Board President Allan Morphet stressed that the district wants and intends to provide this benefit to retired employees and spouses, but also has to be stewards of the public's funds. IWD will invite a health insurance broker

to come and discuss the various options available to the retirees.

The current IWD health insurance plan does not offer separate policies for current employees and retirees. Consequently, the agency was paying the same premium for both employees and retirees, although the latter, who are over age 65, are eligible for Medicare.

Shifting its policy for retirees will save the district nearly \$950 monthly and \$11,300 annually.

The board also decided to use Tom Dodson and Associates of San Bernardino to prepare an environmental analysis for the

proposed water recycling facility. His proposal saved the district about \$5,700. Dodson's firm has performed other environmental work for the district.

"We were informed by the [State Water Resources Control Board] staff they will want to use our project as a showcase project," General Manager Terry Lyons told the board. In addition, the control board staff intends to test a fast-track funding application and approval process with the IWD grant request, Lyons added.

The district's total revenues have exceeded costs by \$24,500 through

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Citizen tips

Administrative Sgt. James Wilson spoke about citizen crime reporting and prevention tips:

Prevention

- Form a neighborhood watch group (jfwilson@river.sidesheriff.org or (951) 791-3409). "For weekenders, it's important to get one going," said Wilson. "It's important to get to know your neighbors. Have one person be a block captain who gathers phone numbers, addresses, emails, and any other contact information. Hold an organizational meeting of as many neighbors as possible and schedule periodic meetings. I will try to come to the first meeting to help in getting it started. You [the neighbors] are the eyes and ears of the community. You see the power in that?"

- If interested in joining Mountain Community Patrol, call Sgt. Wilson. "There is a background process," he said. "We're very interested about it and who we allow as volunteers to have unfettered access to our station."

- Trim shrubs, collect any flyers or delivered newspapers that might have been left;

- Install security lights and alarm systems. "It's particularly important for part-time residents to adopt these measures," said Wilson. Install signs that say "protected by monitored alarm and armed response;"

- Write California driv-

er's license number on valuable items;

- Place family heirlooms in a secure and hidden location;

- Use a video recorder to create a record of all valuable items in the home, both for future identification purposes and for insurance reasons.

Reporting

- Know what numbers to call for reporting a crime — "911" from a landline will connect to sheriff's dispatch. For now, from a cell phone, it will connect to California Highway Patrol. "Input into your cell phone, for speed-dialing, (951) 776-1099 [the non-emergency RCSD crime reporting number] to be connected to sheriff dispatch," said Wilson;

- Know addresses, cross streets, home colors when calling in a crime location.

- Know physical description when calling in a suspect — height, approximate weight, race, clothes (coat, hat, glasses) and observable distinguishing marks. Also helpful to know how suspect is leaving or had left — description of vehicle (make, model, color, 2-door, 4-door, license plate) motorcycle, or other transportation, or if on foot, and direction suspect went when exiting.

Crime

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attended in response to the recent area crime spike involving burglaries, larcenies and felony vandalism, including an armed robbery in Idyllwild on Feb. 26.

Collins began his presentation acknowledging that the crime spike is both real and dramatic. He pointed out that although there is a marked increase in criminal activity, the raw numbers are relatively small compared to other county areas and communities.

He noted "Part One" crimes, so classified by the Federal Bureau of Investigations as leading indicators of crime increases in any area, numbered 57 in 2010 in the greater Idyllwild area; 67 in 2011; but were already at 24 in 2012 compared to only 7 in the same time period in 2011. Those increases were primarily in burglary (from 3 to 8) and larceny (from 4 to 14). Pine Cove actually saw a general decrease in January to March 2012 crimes compared to 2011; burglary rose from 2 to 3 but larceny dropped from 6 to none.

The current theory is much of this surge is attributable to locals. Sgt. Clear said, "Most persons of interest [in this recent crime spree] spent significant time here or were raised here from birth."

The good news, Collins noted, is that the most violent crimes, murder and rape, are virtually nonexistent in the Idyllwild area



Capacity crowd attends sheriff's crime meeting in Idyllwild. Not shown are people lining the opposite wall.

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statistics, as is arson. Assaults in Idyllwild dropped from 16 in 2010 to 7 in 2011, and in Pine Cove, rose from 1 to 4.

Total calls for service in 2010 and 2011 were not dramatically different in either Idyllwild or Pine Cove, according to Collins, but that response times for all call priorities had increased, about 10 to 12 percent over previous times. For example,

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Captain Collins discusses leading indicator Part One crimes.



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Meeting

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for Priority One, crimes in progress, average time from when dispatch received the call was 17.7 minutes in 2010 and increased to 21.9 minutes in 2011; in Pine Cove, from 20.6 minutes in 2010 to 33.2 minutes in 2012.

Collins was candid about the reason. The number of deputies in the unincorporated areas has decreased from previous highs of 1.5 to 1,000 to .75 at this time. Community policing and two cars on the Hill at all times are policies no longer in force. Collins showed a bar graph that indicated "Part One" crimes seem to be declining from Jan. 31 through March 11.

He and staff then provided strategies that local residents, both full and part time, could adopt to "harden" their homes and make them less appealing as targets. Sgt. Clear spoke about how the station conducts investigations and responds to calls, and Wilson spoke about how to form Neighborhood and Community Watch groups (see sidebars). Collins saluted the Mountain Community Patrol and thanked them for having, not just one of their members present, but the entire group, dressed in uniform.

Questions from the audi-

Local reaction to Sheriff's meeting

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Attendees at the sheriff's meeting expressed appreciation for the department's speaking directly with the community as well as for the specific suggestions offered during the session.

"Just what we needed to hear. A really great presentation," said Dave Cuhse. "Very helpful."

Don Hales, the Fire Department chaplain, had a similar reaction. "Very informative. The captain [Scot Collins] did a great job keeping the meeting moving forward with the result that all the areas he

outlined were covered."

Collins information surprised some attendees and confirmed local perceptions.

"To have the [crime] statistics presented up front was very useful. I'm gratified to learn that violent crime is not an issue," said Nancy Layton. "... The information was presented in an even-handed way that helps us understand how to help the Sheriff's Department."

The data were bracing to some who have been victims and also worried them about future incidents. "The information helped. It did not necessarily give

me a sense of security," said Martha Snyder, Idyllwild Pines executive director. "We've been hit seven or eight times."

Collins' suggestions have changed some thinking about how to thwart burglars. "I'm glad to know that security systems and surveillance cameras are not that expensive to purchase and install," Snyder said. "My biggest concern is not what is being taken [in the incidents on Idyllwild Pines property] but for safety of workers and camp guests."

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Special Investigations Supervisor Sgt. Wallace Clear discusses case updates.

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ence covered a wide range from security lights to carrying handguns. Regarding security lights, Collins answered that as long as they are pointed down to illuminate points of entry, they should satisfy the county's recently enacted light pollution ordinance.

When asked about licenses for carrying a concealed weapon, Collins indicated that there must be a compelling need demonstrated before any license could be issued, along with background checks. Collins said that open

carry laws had changed in January 2012. Now unless the gun is unloaded, it is illegal.

Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone and several county law and fire enforcement personnel will be in Idyllwild Monday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Idyllwild School Gymnasium for another town meeting about public safety, staffing in the unincorporated areas and budget exigencies that have forced reductions.

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Burglars hit American Legion

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

One day after Riverside County Hemet Station Commander Capt. Scot Collins and staff addressed a capacity Idyllwild crowd about a property crime spike, burglars hit the American Legion. Legion Commander Ron Draper confirmed that burglars broke through two back windows sometime after Legion staff had closed the facility at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 25. Hemet Station Special Investigations Supervisor Sgt. Wallace Clear confirmed that a responding deputy collected evidence at the scene.

Damage, according to Draper, consisted of broken glass and torn window screens. An empty cash reg-

ister and a "Girls Night Out" tip jar, containing around \$300, were taken. The tips are used to fund mini-vacations for women bartenders and servers, according to Draper.

Burglars unsuccessfully attempted to take the ATM. They brought tools to cut security bolts. Draper concluded that burglars were wearing gloves because of the streaks rather than prints on the windows. They also left footprints. At least one of the burglars wore very large shoes, based on prints at the scene. Several other clues were left which investigators are pursuing.

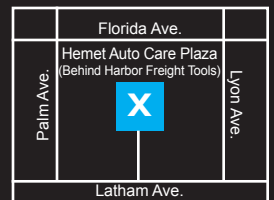
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Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment



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, March 28

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; **Ballet & Tap Dancing K-grade 4 with Annika Kay,** 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Don "Jac" Jacaruso, 5-7 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
Scotch Whiskey Pairing Dinner, 6 p.m. The Creek House.
"The Hunger Games," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, March 29

1/2 Price Bottles of Wine, The Creek House.
Mixed Level Yoga, 5-4 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft.
Lenny Hansell, 5:30-8 p.m. 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.
John King, Elaine Latimer & Bill Shepard, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
"The Hunger Games," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, March 30

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.
Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
Tom McNeary & Don Reed, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
"The Hunger Games," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, March 31

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Mixed Level Yoga, 9-10 a.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft.

"The Hunger Games," 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Swift Pony, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
Karaoke with Kathy, 7-11 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
Idyllwild Master Chorale Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. Stephen's Recital Hall.

Sunday, April 1

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
"The Hunger Games," 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Monday, April 2

Children's Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbreetsen, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Mixed Level Yoga, 5-4 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft.
"The Hunger Games," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, April 3

Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m.; **Beginning/Intermediate Tap with Annika Kay,** 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
"The Hunger Games," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, April 4

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. **Ballet & Tap Dancing K-4 grade with Annika Kay,** 3:30-4:30 p.m. **Adult dance with Connie Wolf,** 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.
"The Hunger Games," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, April 5

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.
Mixed Level Yoga, 5-4 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft.
Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
"The Hunger Games," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Creative Writing Guest Poetry Reading: Chard deNiord, Fireside Room, Nelson Hall.

Friday, April 6

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
Visual Art Senior Show I Opening Reception, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Show runs through April 13.
"The Hunger Games," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, April 7

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Mixed Level Yoga, 9-10 a.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft.
Easter Egg Hunt, 3 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center site

"The Hunger Games," 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Karaoke with Kathy, 7-11 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

Sunday, April 8

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Historical Museum.
Easter Egg Hunt, 1-3 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
"The Hunger Games," 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Monday, April 9

Children's Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbreetsen, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Mixed Level Yoga, 5-4 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft.
"The Hunger Games," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.



Above, from left, **Don Reed, Bill Saitta and Barnaby Finch** harmonize their instruments together during the Barnaby Finch and Friends Concert Saturday night.



At left, from left, **Jeff Olsen, Lily McCabe and Bill Saitta**, who brought out his vocals and accompanied his fellow musicians.

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Above, proud parents pull out cameras, cell phones and iPads to capture the young talent that graced the stage at Idyllwild School during the annual Blast to the Past. Above left, **Chance Vladika, 11**, performs the Pink Panther theme during Blast to the Past at Idyllwild School Friday. At left, **Skyler Johnson, 13**, attempts the low limbo at Blast to the Past at Idyllwild School Friday night.

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Ken Young speaks about one of Edgar Degas' early works of art (background). The painting, a portrait of his grandfather, was created when Degas was in his early 20s.

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Crews make progress on the new library. A new roof is going up this week.

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Idyllwild Library events

While construction continues on the new library, the existing Idyllwild Library is still active and vibrant. Here are some events taking place there during the next few weeks:

work of local artist Cher Townsend. Among her pieces of art are etchings, linoleum block, silkscreen and prints. She will be featured until May.

Art Display

Currently on display at the Idyllwild Library is the

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The Idyllwild Library is doing a reading program *See Library, page 24*

IdyllwildARTS EVENTS

Thursday, April 5

Creative Writing Guest Poetry Reading: Chard deNiord. 7:30 PM, Fireside Room, Nelson Hall.

Friday, April 6

Visual Art Senior Show I. Opening reception, 6 PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through April 13.

Friday, April 13

Senior Recital: Katharina, jazz drums, Katie, jazz bass, 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall. (See website www.idyllwildarts.org for junior recitals.)

Monday, April 16

Senior Recital: Mary, jazz bass. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Friday, April 20

Visual Art Senior Show II. Opening reception, 6 PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through April 27.

Theatre Production: Time and the Conways. 7:30 PM, IAF Theatre.

Saturday & Sunday, April 21 & 22

Theatre Production: Time and the Conways. Saturday, 7:30 PM & Sunday, 2 PM, IAF Theatre.

Tuesday, April 24

Music from the Pines. 7 PM, Rancho Mirage Public Library, 71-100 Highway 111, Rancho Mirage, CA.

Saturday, April 28

Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra New Music Concert. 7:30 PM, IAF Theatre.

Sunday, April 29

Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra New Music Concert. 4 PM, Barndall Gallery Theatre, Los Angeles.

Wednesday & Thursday, May 2 & 3

Theatre One-Person Shows. 7:30 PM, Rush Hall.

Friday, May 4

Visual Art Senior Show III. Opening reception, 6 PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through May 11.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, May 9, 10 & 11

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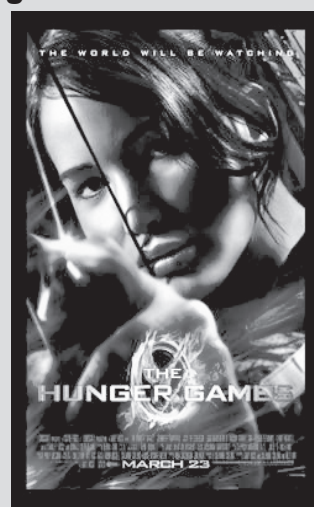
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Helping through the storm

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The storm had its effect on the HELP Center in other ways as well. We had a pipe freeze and break under our building, resulting not only in the cost of the necessary repair work, but also in the runoff of quite a bit of costly water. The running water was shut off within a reasonable period of time. It could have been even more serious if it wasn't stopped when it was. In addition, the Thrift Store was closed for two days due to the storm, resulting in the loss of income for those days. Yes, it was a very expensive weekend for the HELP Center. We have to expect this during the winter months, but it does cut into our resources that are reserved for other purposes.

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Lou Bacher
President of the Board of Directors

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Thursday morning, four guest students from different Junior high schools in Marumori, Japan, sister city to Hemet, visited Idyllwild School. Students from Japan and Idyllwild exchanged gifts. Here during introductions are (from left) **Ben Cruz** (hosting Nene Saito), **Nobuko Christenson**, **Nene Saito**, **Momako Sato**, **Addison Wilson** (hosting Momako Sato), **Sable Summerfield** (hosting Yukako Ogawa), **Yukako Ogawa** and **Sage See** (hosting Akane Osawa), **Akane Osawa**. **Hiroshi Hayashi** (inset photo, on the left) presents Idyllwild School Principal **Matt Kraemer** with thank-you gifts for hosting the four Japanese students from Marumori, Japan. **Ken Young** is pictured too (see photo below).

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On Thursday morning, **Ken Young**, both an art teacher and an art enthusiast, visited Idyllwild School and portrayed the persona of the French artist Edgar Degas. Young presented the life of the artist Degas as well as a slide show of his drawings, paintings, and sculpture to the third, fourth and fifth grade classes.

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Youth sports spaghetti dinner



Cody Espinoza tends the cash register at the Youth Sports spaghetti dinner on Saturday at the American Legion. Funds raised will help local children participating in Town Hall sports.

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Idyllwild families turn out to support the Youth Sports spaghetti dinner at the American Legion on Saturday evening.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



For the week of March 12, **Brina Henry** (left), second-grade student, and **Aaron Mason Potter**, fourth-grade student, were chosen as students of the week at Idyllwild Elementary School. Librarian **Karen Visel** said, "They were chosen because they are prolific and much improved readers." For the week of March 19, **Vic Scavarda**, fourth-grade teacher at Idyllwild Elementary School, chose **Aaron Mason Potter** (top photo) and **Molly Schellenberg** (bottom right photo) as students of the week. Scavarda stated, "These students are this week's representatives as they always try to do their personal best, treat each other with kindness, and try to make Idyllwild School a better place."

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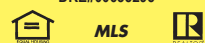


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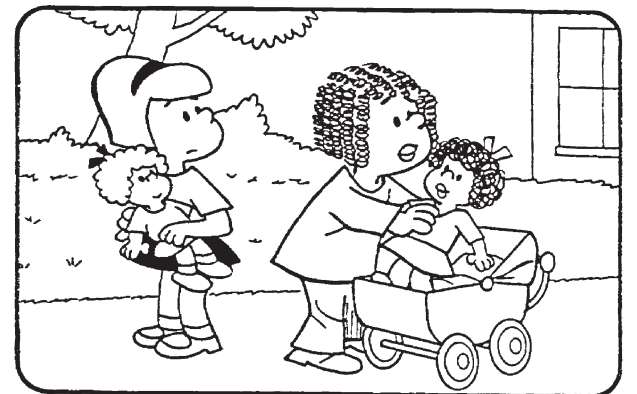
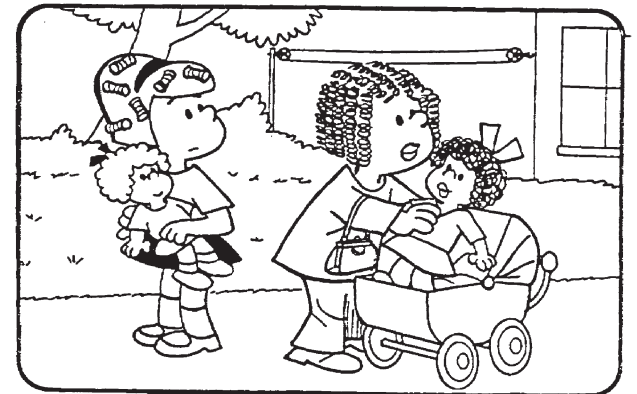
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Answers to Sudoku
 (Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
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 - 5 Sleepwear, for short
 - 8 Commotions
 - 12 Brit's exclamation
 - 13 Debtor's letters
 - 14 Domesticate
 - 15 Made moist
 - 17 Send forth
 - 18 Lance
 - 19 Crouches
 - 21 Line of fashion?
 - 24 Boom times
 - 25 Auction actions
 - 28 Asian desert
 - 30 Animation frame
 - 33 Historic time
 - 34 Bolivian city
 - 35 Guitar's cousin
 - 36 Jewel
 - 37 War god
 - 38 Cruising
 - 39 Pick a target
 - 41 Profound
 - 43 Jamaican music style
 - 46 Blunder
 - 50 Satan's specialty
 - 51 Greek threatened by a sword
 - 54 Flintstones' pet
 - 55 Wildebeest
 - 56 Aid
 - 57 Lily variety
 - 58 Tackle's teammate
 - 59 Slithery

- DOWN
- 1 Covers
 - 2 Now, on a memo
 - 3 Jerry Herman musical
 - 4 Circumvent
 - 5 Wrestling win
 - 6 Scarborough of MSNBC
 - 7 Lather
 - 8 Enjoyed thoroughly
 - 9 Syrian city
 - 10 Leave out
 - 11 Collections
 - 16 Before
 - 20 Classroom surprise
 - 22 Culture medium
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 - 32 Meadow
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 - 38 Iraq War helicopter
 - 40 Nome dome home
 - 42 Id counter-part
 - 43 Cincinnati team
 - 44 1960s singer
 - 45 Rim
 - 47 Run away
 - 48 Toppled
 - 49 Catch sight of
 - 52 Massachusetts cape
 - 53 Pie filling?

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VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your "plain-talking" honesty is admirable. But sometimes sharp words can leave painful scars. Be careful that what you say doesn't come back to hurt you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A stress-filled period takes a positive turn as you deal with the underlying

problem. Act now to avoid a recurrence by changing some basic rules in your relationship.

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CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Spiritual aspects are strong. Take time to reflect on the path you're on and where you hope it will lead you. It's also a good time to reach out to loved ones.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You could be assuming far too many responsibilities, whether it's at work or in personal matters. Be careful that you're not weighed down by them.

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BORN THIS WEEK: You are always the first to try new ventures and confront new challenges. You inspire others with your courage to follow your bold example.

SUDOKU

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NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY PERMIT APPLICATION ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND SOLICITING COMMENTS, MOTIONS TO INTERVENE, AND COMPETING APPLICATIONS (February 8, 2012)

On January 20, 2012, John B. Crockett filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the East Fork Ditch Hydroelectric Project (East Fork Ditch project) to be located on East Fork Ditch in the vicinity of Council, in Adams County, Idaho. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project will consist of the following: (1) a concrete intake structure on the East Fork Ditch with a trash rack and steel stand pipe; (2) 11,150-foot-long, 24-inch-diameter penstock from the East Fork Ditch intake structure; (3) a 28-foot by 32-foot concrete powerhouse containing one turbine/generator unit with a capacity of 1.35 megawatts; (4) an approximately 1,900-foot-long, 69-kV transmission line which will tie into an undetermined interconnection; and (5) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the East Fork Ditch project would be 4.0 gigawatt-hours.

Applicant Contact: John B. Crockett, 3296 Snowflake Way, Boise, ID 83706; phone: (208) 344-5319.

FERC Contact: Ryan Hansen (202) 502-8074 or ryan.hansen@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's website <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support. Although the Commission strongly encourages electronic filing, documents may also be paper-filed. To paper-file, mail an original and seven copies to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14355-000) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
Pub. TC: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Feb. 1, 2012.

Signed:
PATRICK L. MARTIN
Managing Member
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 16, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-01922
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME

STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 16, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 16, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION

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LARRY W. WARD,
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By: M. Meyer, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 8, 15, 22, 29, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as TOTAL AUTO BODY & FRAME SHOPPE, 491 E. Menlo Ave., Hemet, CA 92543, Riverside County. STEVEN DAVID DESROCHER and JANA LADON DESROCHER, 26709 Lore Heights Ct., Hemet, CA 92544.

This business is conducted by Husband & Wife.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in 1993.

Signed:

JANA L. DESROCHER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 7, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-02756

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MARCH 7, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MARCH 7, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: C. Teran, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2012.

RIC1203190 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92502.

PETITION OF ANDRENESE MARTELLO, RANCE BAILEY FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: ANDRENESE MARTELLO, RANCE BAILEY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: RHYLEN ANDREW MARTELLO changed to Proposed name: RHYLEN ANDREW BAILEY.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 4-30-12 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 04
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: March 6, 2012

MAC R. FISHER

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2012.

RIC524880 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92502.

PETITION OF BRENDA JOHNSON FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

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

a. Present name: BRYNN KAYRON SCOTT changed to Proposed name: BRYNN KAYLANI

CINNAMON SCOTT.

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

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Date: March 6, 2012

MAC R. FISHER

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: March 15, 22, 29, April 4, 2012.

RIC1203029

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92502.

PETITION OF MICHAEL E. SULLIVAN FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: MICHAEL E. SULLIVAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: MICHAEL E. SULLIVAN changed to Proposed name: GREGARY OLSON.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 5-2-12 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 04
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: March 2, 2012

MAC R. FISHER

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: March 15, 22, 29, April 4, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as ECOSSE ELECTRIC, 54570 Tanglewood Lane, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1217, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JOHN — MACMILLAN, 54570 Tanglewood Lane, Idyllwild, CA 92549-1217.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in 2007.

Signed:

JOHN MACMILLAN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 12, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-02947

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MARCH 12, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MARCH 12, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: N. Medina, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD FEED AND NEEDS, 25880 Hwy 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3714, Idyllwild, CA 92549. BENJAMIN KEITH DAVIS, 25880 Hwy 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed:

BENJAMIN KEITH DAVIS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 9, 2012.

FILE NO.:

R-2012-02929

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MARCH 9, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MARCH 9, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. Meyer, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as STAGING PARTNERS, 55070 Pinecrest, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3150, Idyllwild, CA 92549. VICTORIA — STREETER, P.O. Box 3150, 55070 Pinecrest, Idyllwild, CA 92549-3150.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in January 2007.

Signed:

VICTORIA STREETER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 9, 2012.

FILE NO.:

R-2012-02908

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MARCH 9, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MARCH 9, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. Meyer, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2012.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name QUIET CREEK VACATION RENTALS, QUIET CREEK INN & VACATION RENTALS, 26345 Delano Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County, has been abandoned by the following persons: JAMES DEAN NEWCOMB, TRUSTEE OF THE NEWCOMB-AHERN TRUST and MICHAEL AHERN, TRUSTEE OF THE NEWCOMB-AHERN TRUST, 26345 Delano Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a Trust.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on March 3, 2011.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signed:

JAMES D. NEWCOMB

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 12, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2011-02514

CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. Meyer, Deputy

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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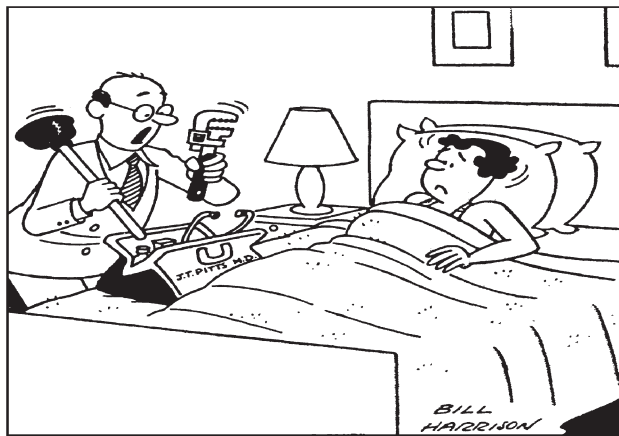
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Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
BLAKE DENMAN
V.P.

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 14, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-03170

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MARCH 14, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MARCH 14, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: N. Garrett, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2012.

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Pub. TC: March 29, 2012.



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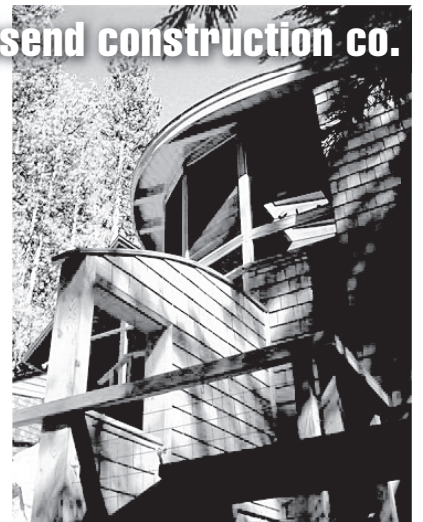
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AB 1506

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said Jeffries. "The witnesses made a compelling case that this rural fire tax is being unfairly applied and will do nothing to improve our state's wildland fire fighting ability. We need to scrap this tax and find a better approach to funding public safety."

Just four days earlier, Jeffries was pessimistic about the bill's future. "On a good day, it's an uphill fight," he said. Jeffries and many Republican legislators have opposed the fee since its inception last July.

Inmate firefighting crews

One of the unintended consequences of the state's action to realign state inmates to county authority reduces potential availability of inmates for firefighting

crews.

AB 1562 will ensure that the CAL FIRE has the expanded authority to contract individually or collectively with local counties to organize and operate local fire crews while insuring that county inmates remain under the county's supervision.

Hearings on this bill were Tuesday, March 20, and Jeffries said it passed the committee unanimously. "It's a good bill with bipartisan support," he said.

Realignment could reduce the number of inmate firefighting crews by nearly 50 percent. Jeffries attributed this problem to the lack of time to review the bill before its enactment. AB 1562 addresses the problem, but Jeffries acknowledged that county sheriffs would have to make the decision.

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

IWD

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February. Water sales have essentially met the original forecasts despite water production being down 1.3 million gallons compared from fiscal year 2010-11.

The board also established a new subcommittee to review rules, regulation and resolution. Directors John Cook and Warren Monroe will compose the subcommittee.

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

Record

Continued from page 2

March 20 — Structure fire, Arroyo Drive, Anza.

March 21 — Traffic collision, Highway 371 and Whitlock Road, Anza.

March 23 — Traffic collision, Highway 74 at Keen Camp Summit.

March 23 — Medical aid, Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Friday, March 23 to Monday, March 26. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Monday March 4 to Monday, March 26. This may not be a complete list of responses:

March 4 — Felony grand theft, 39000 block of Bautista Canyon Road, Anza. The case is under investigation.

Aircraft

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A decade long drought is continuing and expanding its area throughout the west. Pimlott is concerned about the resources available if multiple large fires occur. More than half of California's worst fires have occurred in the past decade, he noted.

Acquiring aircraft that can transport fire retardant and water or be converted into cargo transports or firefighting aircraft was not supported. Pimlott recommends limiting the firefighting air tankers to carrying retardant or water.

He also criticized the Forest Service for failing to

address the use of very large air tankers. One has been tested in the west during the 2009 and 2010 fire seasons. Pimlott urged its continued use for areas where large amounts of retardant are needed, thus freeing up other tankers for initial air attack.

CAL FIRE has its own aviation program and recognizes that both the federal and state program help each other; but he admonished Tidwell, "Unless there are a sufficient number of federal air tankers, CAL FIRE cannot continue to support extended attack fires on federal lands without adversely affecting our aviation program."

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The Rustic during the 2012 Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Rustic

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throughout the world, the distribution and screening of movies filmed in 35 millimeter is ending, forever curtaining an era associated with marketing terms like Technicolor, Cinemascope, Cinerama and Academy Award format. By the end of 2013, Fithian said, celluloid prints of new movies from the major studios will no longer be available in the United States.

From now on, all major films will be distributed in digital format, one that is less costly for studios to distribute (saving studios an estimated \$1 billion annually in printmaking fees and shipping costs) and one that results in markedly superior on-screen visual quality.

"This current movie, 'The Hunger Games,' is the last that will be shown in 35 millimeter," Stewart said. He talked about what flexibility and dividends the change provides for the Rustic, its audiences and for the movie studios.

Beginning Friday, April 27, Rustic patrons, in addition to experiencing the

highest quality visuals and sound, will benefit from a new policy of two first-run movies every week. "Each movie will run for two weeks, but alternating the week they change," Stewart said. "That will enable us to screen more PG, first-run fare in the afternoon and studio blockbusters in the evening."

"In the past, people would complain to me why I didn't show a particular first-run film," Stewart said. "They didn't realize that it costs a studio about \$2,000 to make a print. And if they [the studios] had to decide where to send particular prints, a small theater in the mountains might not come in first. But now, with digital, it's a thumb drive, far less costly to create and distribute."

Stewart also mentioned he has little flexibility in setting ticket prices. "Contrary to popular belief, theaters make almost no money from ticket sales," he said. "Studios make the ticket pricing. We, as most theaters do, make our money from concessions."

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CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

After spending several days lost and out in the cold, **Nala**, the pittie puppy, has been reunited with his very worried owners. **Cinnamon**, the chocolate Lab-mix, went for an overnight adventure as well, and now is safely home with her pack. And **Hairy**, the terrier had spring fever, frolicking in the streets without a care. Paws up to you all for being reunited.



Found and available for adoption: female guinea pig. Call ARF (951) 659-1122.

Teddy Cooper, the Pomeranian, is in her forever home, complete with diva days, pillows, and love. **Nellie**, our abandoned papillion mix will put all that behind her now, as she wiggles her way into her new pack. And **Miss Kitty**, our senior resident at ARF can now be found purring in her favorite spot with her own special human.

And that leaves

Reily. Reily's bags are packed, bones included, and she is ready to go. A true hiker's dream, Reily has great energy on the trail, and on a leash. Hide and seek is her favorite game, whether it's with a rock or her favorite toy. Reily's focus comes naturally, and everything else she learns is just gravy. In the bowl, that is. She is a 3-year-old shepherd-mix, a loyal companion, and a good watchdog. With



consistent training, and a calm stable environment, she will be an energetic addition to your home. Optimally, she prefers to be the only canine, and felines are not her favorite. She lives to hike, retrieve, walk and swim. Smart, trainable, she is just in need of an understanding patient human.

Missy, Emma and Lucky are also available for adoption.

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PAST TENSE

60 years ago - 1952

The Kretsingers wrote from Nebraska, that they are very homesick for Idyllwild.

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The congregation of the Community Church accepted Rev. Warner's resignation.

55 years ago - 1957

A well-organized search party covered a great deal of rough country between the Stone Creek and Pine Cove areas. They found a lost boy, Timothy O'Shaughnessy, 8, of Hemet. He had been lost since 3:30 p.m. and was found at 1:55 a.m. by two Banning sheriff's reserves.

50 years ago - 1962

Logging operations started in May Valley to recover more than a million board-feet of timber in an area infected by bark beetles. The Big Bear Timber Company received the contract to clear the forest of infected and susceptible trees.

40 years ago - 1972

As the Idyllwild Water District declared a water



Some of the Brownies who planted a forest at Town Hall in March 1967. From left top, **Suzzie Warren, Lisa Bergman and Jenny Layman**; bottom, **Rene Dobler and Julie Nelson**.

FILE PHOTO

emergency and passed an ordinance limiting consumption, Ernie Hauke donned his American Indian suit and performed a rain dance.

20 years ago - 1992

Several residents were protesting the proposed removal of three trees by Caltrans. The trees had to be

removed in order to replace and widen the Highway 243 bridge over Strawberry Creek.

5 years ago - 2007

The results of several community meetings were released in a document called "Community Visioning Meetings Report." In the document, the Idyllwild Community Center steering committee explained the process used to survey the community for suggestions for programs and facilities to be incorporated into the ICC.

1 year ago - 2011

Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce's election nominating committee presented a slate of 15 nominees to fill 10 director positions.

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It made for great television, but American Idol early favorite Casey Abrams' near elimination was a shock to his fans and to Idyllwild. Had it not been for a judges' override, Abrams would have been voted out of the competition.



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Kidnapping

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had been threatening to kill the boy. We brought a lot of resources to the case, about 30 personnel, in a number of geographic areas."

While eating lunch on Friday, Candler saw the Amber Alert broadcast on television. On his way to the American Legion on Marian View Drive, Candler spotted a car that matched the description of the vehicle described in the alert. The car was described as a 2000 model gold Saturn having a missing or damaged driver's side door panel.

"I had noticed the car earlier [on Friday morning] as I made my rounds [Candler hauls trash] but didn't



Domenic Smith, 5-year-old kidnap victim.

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make the connection until I saw the alert," said Candler. "There had been a black guy hanging around the car. But I did not see the kid. The car had been sitting there all morning."

Candler called the authorities from the Legion to report the vehicle. "I was

just concerned about the kid," said Candler. "When I saw the car, I thought, let's just get this thing."

A California Highway Patrol officer pulled Dixon-Smith over near Idyllwild about 2:40 p.m. The child was in the vehicle and unharmed according to Sheriff's Department Deputy Angel Ramos who took the report.

Upon Smith-Dixon's arrest, the Amber Alert was lifted. Domenic is now safe and returned to his mother and sibling.

Email Marshall Smith at marshall@towncrier.com.

Library

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— Food for Thought. Children, ages 4 to 12, who read five books, will receive a certificate with a coupon for a free hamburger or cheeseburger at In-N-Out. Parents may read to those yet unable to read.

Children may receive up to three certificates. The program ends April 14.

Bilingual story time

At 10:30 a.m., April 16, the Idyllwild Library will have Día de los Niños, Día

de los Libros (Day of the children, Day of the books). Besides a bilingual story, music and refreshments will be provided and all children attending will receive a book.

During the whole week of April 16, all children applying for a new library card or a replacement will receive a book bag with a book and other goodies.

For Pacific Crest Hikers

As a welcome gesture to these intrepid adventurers and to promote reading, the Idyllwild Library is giving each hiker a fee paperback of their choosing. Computers are available for their use to check their email or trail conditions. There is no charge for this use.

Contact librarian Teresa Brouwer at (951) 659-2300.

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