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In the spirit of the campaign season, this past weekend Isis Theatre Company delighted its audiences with the humorous and witty "Political Suicide," a series of four one-act plays, by Ernest Thompson. Consistent with this theme, you will find profiles and interviews with candidates for the Hemet Unified School board on page 21, Assembly District 71 on page 10 and a summary of Proposition 32 on page 22. Above, **Monica Reichi** (left) as "Ella," **Larry Kawano** (center) as "Roger Blue," and **Jeri Greene** as "Katrina" perform in the act, "Welfare Thee Well."

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

## Red Shank Riders assist in survey of local mountains

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

On Korman and members of the Red Shank Riders, part of the statewide organization Backcountry Horsemen of California, are assisting the San Diego Natural History Museum in its centennial survey of the San Jacinto Mountains' vertebrate wildlife. The original survey was conducted in 1908 before urbanization had significantly affected and altered mountain habitat. The museum's resurvey, 100 years later, began in 2008 and is designed to compare what vertebrate wildlife the 1908 team found with what exists today and compare habitats,



**Ron Korman** checks to see that the load is balanced before beginning trip.

PHOTO BY SANDY KORMAN

then and now.

From May to December in 1908, Joseph Grinnell, Harry Swarth, Charles Richardson and Walter Taylor surveyed

19 sites in the local mountains. They roamed from Valle Vista to the mouth of Palm Canyon and ascended  
See Survey, page 12

## IFPD expanding volunteer staffing

BY J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

**A** Fire Auxiliary to assist the Idyllwild Fire Department was approved at last week's meeting. Fire Chief Patrick Reitz told the commission, "The concept allows responders to focus on response and training. The Auxiliary focuses on the greater good of the district such as building and grounds maintenance."

The Auxiliary, which Reitz intends to establish as a nonprofit charitable entity, could raise money for projects or activities outside the district's budget. This also allows the Auxiliary to fund itself. He employed an auxiliary at Crooked River Ranch Rural Fire Protection District in central Oregon. The Auxiliary grew and be-

came a model for a number of other northwestern fire departments, Reitz said.

Some of the activities and projects, which Reitz envisions the Auxiliary performing, include office support, information technology support (e.g., the website), building and grounds maintenance, business inspections, yard and lawn abatement inspections, and hosting functions at the fire station.

"It's a way of involving the community and being the community's fire department," Reitz told the commission. The vote was unanimous, 4-0, with Commissioner Pete Capparelli absent.

Although the Auxiliary will not become first responders, they may be able

See IFPD, page 8

## New and old re-charge 2012 Tree Lighting

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

**P**hyllis Mueller, often known as Mayor Max's spokesperson, agreed to take overall responsibility for coordinating and producing the Idyllwild's annual Tree Lighting ceremony. Long-time event managers Marge Muir and Karen Doshier have agreed to help the novice tree lighter.

After less than a week on this volunteer job, Mueller reports that everything is

in progress and all but the program committee chair is filled. Mueller will handle public relations, fundraising and marketing materials; Muir will manage Santa events; Doshier, facilities, permits and bookkeeping; Bryan Tallent and John Stonitsch, co-owners of the Spruce Moose, will manage vendor booths.

Mueller was sought for this position because of her business acumen, experience producing events  
See Tree Lighting, page 12







# OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

## The autumn leaves: Part 1 ...

Fall is once again upon us. In Idyllwild, autumn is when the wind blows hot one day and cold the next or visa versa. It can be sunny and warm or sunny and cold or cloudy and colder like it was last week.

One day you are freezing in long pants and a jacket. The next day is back to shorts and tees, but you have a jacket handy just in case.

This time of year, you really must be prepared for anything. Whether the weather decides it will be mild, rainy, windy, hailing, snowing, cold, hot or any combination of the above you have to have the right clothing when you are outside.

This becomes even more important when you are out on the trails or climbing. When you decide to take a hike on a sunny October morning you have to be ready or anything. Fortunately there already is a blueprint for for what to bring along on a fall hike. It is called the ten essentials.

The ten essentials is something I talk about every year in this column, but it always bears repeating this important information. All though all ten items are important or "essential" for day hikers, I will concentrate on the key items for fall hiking that people seem to leave



behind during the summer months.

Firstly, you should never, ever leave home without some sort of rain gear. When a sudden storm moves in you need to be protected from getting drenched and the possibility of hypothermia that this might cause. Staying dry can keep you alive. When you are many trail miles from your car, this becomes very important.

The easiest and probably cheapest way to protect yourself from foul weather is an emergency poncho. Coghlan's make a nice compact model that sells for under two dollars and is about half the size of a sandwich bag. It basically is a garbage bag with a hood and sleeves but it covers most people from the top of the head to your knees and is roomy enough to go over any day pack.

Of course, a lightweight rain jacket is a better choice because it offers better protection from the elements and is more durable. You will need to bring a pack cover as most jackets will not cover you and your pack.

You may also need to bring along rain pants for full protection. With some of the new ultralight gear that is available, you could probably find a rain jacket and pants that would be under a pound with weight.

Next on the list is an emergency bag or Space Blanket. This is a sheet of Mylar that reflects your body heat and provides warmth when you are forced to spend time

outside at night. You need this item in case an injury occurs and you can not continue hiking.

Because Mylar is light and folds down very small, there is no reason not to carry it with you at all times. I would look for the product that has a sleeping bag shape rather just a flat sheet as it is much more efficient. You should be able to find something for around \$15. But be advised that they can be a pain to unfold.

To be continued.

## ICRC chooses new board members

Sonnier accepts presidency

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

At its Oct. 9 board meeting, Dawn Sonnier acceded to prevailing board sentiment and accepted the presidency of the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council. The position has been vacant since the resignation of previous President John Simpson in mid 2011. After Simpson's resignation, Sonnier, the Vice President, simply retained that office.

In addition, the board accepted the email resignation of Cheryl Vladika, and elected new Directors Rachel Teeguarden and Jenny Stepien. With their addition, the board now has five of the seven directors authorized in the organization bylaws. The board confirmed serving director

Claudia Posey as the new vice president and Stepien as director at large. Teeguarden had been elected treasurer in an email vote in September.

In her capacity, Stepien takes over management of the popular ICRC Speaker Series. The first of the free events will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at Silver Pines Lodge. As is customary, a wine and cheese reception at 5:30 p.m. precedes the speaker. At the first event, Bob Norman will talk about the "History of Lake Hemet." Stepien has inked seven additional presentations including returns of popular presenters Dr. Larry Kawano and artist-educator Ken Young. The series runs through June 13.

See ICRC, page 11



The Screaming Eagles, a Hemet softball traveling squad, have two Idyllwild teammates. Here are **Madison Collis** (above) and **Payton Priefer** (right) during a scrimmage at Diamond Valley Lake fields.

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Town Hall closes at 3 p.m.

No Afterschool Program for 1st-8th Grades  
Kindergartners need to be picked up by 2:30 p.m.

## SCHEDULE

### Pre-K Adventures in Learning

Monday & Wednesday only  
or Monday-Thursday  
8:30-11:30 a.m.; ages 3-5  
(accepting registration)

### After School Open Recreation

#### Monday-Friday

Kindergarten 12:30-3:30 p.m.;  
1st-8th Grade 2:45-5:30 p.m.

Bus Passes available at Idyllwild School office.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

**Oct. 22 Begins our Holiday Session  
Pre-K Adventures in Learning**  
*Please call to reserve a space.*

### SAVE THE DATE:

**Halloween Candy Carnival/Potluck  
Sat. Oct. 27, 3-6 p.m.**  
Pumpkin decorating,  
professional face painter & crafts.

## CLASSES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN:

**\$10 per class. Space still available.**

<b>MONDAY:</b>	10 a.m.-noon Free Cribbage
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	10 a.m.-noon Free Senior Wii
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	9-10 a.m. Adult Yoga with Trine 3:15-4:15 p.m. Ballet/Modern Dance with Lucianna LoPresto 4:15-5:15 p.m. Kid's Movement with Lucianna LoPresto
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	3:30-4:30 p.m. Tap Dance with Annika Kay
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	3:30-4:30 p.m. Kids Mountain Art Class 5-6 p.m. Adult Yoga with Trine

To conduct business with Town Hall, please call:

**659-2638**



## Obituary Richard 'Scotty' Oyen



Richard "Scotty" Oyen, 89, of Hemet passed away Sunday, Oct. 14, 2012. He was married to Dorrit for 57 years. They spent their honeymoon at the Idyllwild Inn in 1944. Dorrit passed away in 2003.

Scotty was a longtime resident of Idyllwild. For years, he spent his Saturdays at "The Pantry" enjoying coffee with this long time friends. He was a fixture in

Idyllwild as you would often hear a "Hey Scotty" ringing through the community. When moving to Hemet a few years back, he made sure to have the Town Crier delivered to his door so he could keep up with his Idyllwild family.

Scotty will best be remembered for his sense of humor. He had a punch line for almost every situation. He was jolly, kind and will be greatly missed.

Services will be private and his ashes will be scattered in Idyllwild.

He is survived by his two daughters, Deirdre "Dee" Butcher and Debra Lunger of Hemet; four grandchildren, Shawn Hoffman of Estes Park, Colo., Nicole Picchiotto of Hemet, Jarrod Frahm of Mission Viejo and Logan Frahm of San Francisco; and four great-grandchildren, Keleigh Acosta Picchiotto of Hemet, Aislynn Hoffman of Estes Park, Colo., Jackson Frahm and Grace Frahm of Mission Viejo.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to Animal Rescue Friends, P.O. Box 719, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

## MOUNTAIN FOLK

**Kaziah Wood** of Fern Valley is in Mrs. Kyris' third-grade class at Idyllwild School. She is a mini-member of the Pleasant Valley 4-H club. This year, she entered the Southern California Fair for the third time.

Kaziah entered her dog **Matilda** in the dog showmanship class. Kaziah's friend Ben, owner of Mountain High Pet Grooming, prepared Matilda for her big day, which was very successful. In Matilda's first show and Kaziah's second, they received four first-place ribbons and a special award.

Kaziah also entered the Lads and Lassies class with her lamb, **Lamby**. She won another first place ribbon and received a special award. In a third competition, a pen of meat birds (chickens), Kaziah placed second.

**Robert Garcia**, owner of La Casita Restaurant, and Kaziah's Aunt **Ginny** purchased the birds at auction after the judging. She plans to buy a lamb, raise it and then to show and sell it at the Indio Date Festival in February.

To get a listing in "Mountain folk," visit [www.towncrier.com](http://www.towncrier.com), click on "News" in the menu at the top and click on "Submit a news item," or stop by and fill out a news form.

To get your birthday listed, e-mail [itc@towncrier.com](mailto:itc@towncrier.com) or call (951) 659-2145, with the month and day.



**Kaziah Wood** with her 4-H award winning dog **Matilda**.

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**Allan Morphet** sits on the recently install memorial bench honoring his wife **Maggie**. **Al Thompson**, of Idyllwild, built and carved the bench, which on North Circle Drive in front of Idyllwild Realty.



As a memorial to his parents, Record Collector owner and ISOMATA alumnus **Sanders Chase** installed this oaken bench (located on N. Circle Drive between Idyllwild Heating and Café Aroma) for the benefit of this artistic and musical community.

PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE

## Library close-out book sale

BY ROZ TILSON  
FRIENDS OF THE IDYLLWILD LIBRARY

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library will hold a weekend book sale on Friday, Oct. 26, Saturday, Oct. 27, and Sunday, Oct. 28, inside the library at 54185 Pine Crest Ave. All items will be in great condition. This will be the last sale at the current location, and everything must go.

There will be many books available, including cookbooks and craft books and very reasonably priced magazines and cassette audiobooks. Some furniture that is owned by the Friends of the Library will also be offered for sale.

The Friends of the Library will accept donations for the book sale until Oct. 24. They may be donated from 10 a.m. until noon, on Monday Oct. 15, Wednesday Oct. 17, Friday Oct. 19, Saturday Oct. 20, and Wednesday, Oct. 24. Clean, nondamaged items are desired.

The Friends are seeking volunteers to help with the sale set up, the sale itself, and the "tear down." They also encourage people to become members. Membership forms will be at the sale, and are available at the library desk.

When the new library opens on Oct. 24, there will be a permanent bookstore open during library hours. This will be organized by

Booksale Chairperson Gay Reeves, as have been all the previous booksales for the past few years.

The new library will be open more frequently, thanks to additional funding provided by the Friends of the Library. The new days and hours will be Mondays 10

a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays noon to 8 p.m., Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays noon to 5 p.m., Fridays noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Librarian Shannon Houlihan Ng at (951) 659-2300.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 13.

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

- 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., Oma's, 24541 Ridgeview Dr.

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

- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.

- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.

- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m., Call 659-6049 for location.

- 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).

- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.

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

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

- Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 7 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

- C o d e p e n d e n t s Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

## THURSDAY, OCT. 18

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

- 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.

- Lemon Lily Festival planning session, 1 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, Hwy 243.

- Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

- H i g h Valleys Water District, 6 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.

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

(the Courtyard Building).

## FRIDAY, OCT. 19

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

- Cancer Support Group for women and men, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr., For information, call Deanna (951) 659-8104.

- 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

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

## SATURDAY, OCT. 20

- "Exploring Ayurveda: A wholistic approach to helath" with Dr. Renate Caine and Carol McClintic, 10 a.m. to noon. Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.

- IdyllwildGayPotluck, 6p.m. Email pinkiemeringue@yahoo.com for location.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 21

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

- Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town center at "Harmony" monument. Call Sue at (909) 228-6710

- 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, OCT. 22

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

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

- Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction available by appointment. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

- Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m. Town Hall, Cedar St.

- Movie Night: "Eleanor Roosevelt", 6:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

## TUESDAY, OCT. 23

- Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.

- Idyllwild Public Library Dedication Ceremony, 3:30 p.m., 54401 Village Center Drive, Strawberry Plaza.

- 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).

- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

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The Idyllwild Francophonie celebrated their 7th anniversary at the Gastrognome Thursday, Oct. 11. They spent the evening conversing in the French language while expanding their French vocabulary. From left to right are (sitting) **Bronwyn Jones, Karen Fina**, (standing) **Anna Ancheta, Francoise Frigola, Summer Brown, Larry Fina, and Hubert Halkin.**

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

## ONLY IN IDYLLWILD

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

- 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).

- "This is This conversation" 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).

## COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

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

- Chamber of Commerce, 54325 North Circle Dr., 12-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 659-3259.

- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.

- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.

- Idyllwild Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.

- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.

- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

On Monday night, Oct. 8, five local women were in the Courtyard Gallery. Four were early arrivals for the Idyllwild Reading Group's monthly discussion and the other was an artist hanging her work.

The conversation drifted back to the book we had discussed the previous month, "The Dove Keepers" by Alice Hoffman. This historical novel is set in the isolated ancient fortress of Masada which was built in the first century.

Situated as it is in the remote Judean desert overlooking the Dead Sea, it was only rediscovered by modern archeologists in the 20th century and is little known.

Still, of the five female residents of this small town of Idyllwild, incredibly three of the five women have visited Masada.

Erin O'Neill

Fern Valley

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## INITIAL THOUGHTS

### Blair and Kay ...



After I answered the phone last week and asked if I could help the caller, he identified himself as Blair — Blair Cenicerros. "Wow!" was my reaction, I haven't heard from my friend Blair in more than a year.

Blair and Kay moved off the Hill in the spring of 2011. They now live in Claremont.

Kay is generally doing well, Blair said. But he wanted people to know she is now living in a special Alzheimers unit at Claremont.

Blair is alone in their apartment. But he's at peace with the situation. The past year, watching over Kay, has been a very intense period.

As he said, it's magical how she can lose items such as a purse. She's better than David Copperfield or Penn and Teller.

While he sounded strong and relaxed on the phone, I was unprepared for his response to "So how have you been?"

Blair suffered a stroke, actually a TIA,

officially a transient ischemic attack or a mini-stroke, about three weeks ago.

In his way, Blair related how he clearly and succinctly explained to the emergency medics what happened, how it occurred and what to do.

So he was baffled, when they kept repeating, "I don't understand a word he's saying."

On the second day of recovery, his speech function deteriorated badly, but then returned and he is home and well.

In fact, he may just be planning a brief excursion to the San Jacinto Mountains.

Cards may be sent to the Cenicerros at 650 West Harrison Ave, Claremont, CA 91711.

J.P., EDITOR

Next Monday, Oct. 22 is the last day to register for the November election. Since the Secretary of State has released an online registration site, more than 21,000 Riverside County residents have taken advantage of the opportunity.

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## READERS WRITE

### Compassion isn't tyranny

EDITOR:

In response to Ms. Rose's obviously political and unattributed quote, "Tyranny is always sold as freebies, as compassion, when in fact it is an iron fist in a silk glove."

I would give you FDR's "The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

DIANN COATE  
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*Editor's note: President Franklin Roosevelt spoke those words on Jan. 20, 1937, as part of his second Inaugural Address.*

*Rose's quote was in a letter to the editor published in the Oct. 11 issue of the Town Crier.*

### Measure U: No

EDITOR:

Did you read about Measure U in the sample ballot and info pamphlet? We did and we have many questions.

Why are almost half of the Hemet schools requesting solar panels and it is not mentioned in the argument for the money?

Why are all the Hemet schools asking for facility equity augmentation and

equipment? In the argument for the money, there is no explanation for facility equity augmentation and equipment?

Why are all the Hemet schools asking for campus security, safety, technology and accessibility projects?

The Hemet schools have hired narcs that follow the kids around, in common areas, listening to private conversations to make sure their speech is "PC" enough. Yes, the Hemet schools suspend kids if they say something that is supposedly on a list of words they cannot use.

No school in Riverside County used to have hired narcs to follow the kids around listening to and policing their private speech. We could see suspending kids if they said something wrong to a teacher or other adult at one of the Hemet schools, but to suspend for something said in a supposedly private conversation is just wrong and a violation of the First Amendment of our United States Constitution.

Why are most of the Hemet schools asking for repair of plumbing, electrical,

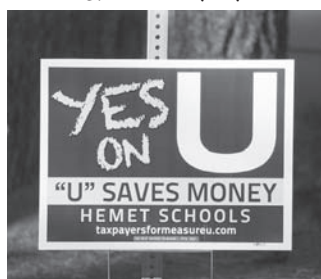
mechanical systems and to do repairs of classrooms? Why is this not in the everyday operational budget? Do the Hemet schools really believe that they can operate their schools without general everyday maintenance?

It would appear, as has been happening since the 1960s, that the money allocated for education is going for everything but education.

The Riverside County school boards used to be positions where one served with a stipend for each meeting, not a paid full-time position. The school staff used to make a small salary. Now the staff, many times make more money than the qualified teachers.

Each school in Riverside County had a school nurse. Each school had a janitor and some staff to immediately fix and repair problems, or someone was brought in to immediately fix the problem.

Our granddaughter has only two subjects this year (9th grade) and the rest of her day is spent in P.E. or classes called "how to get through high school." As she describes the class, it



A sign showing local support for Measure U.

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### Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



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would be what we used to call home room class.

What ever happened to the quality teachers that were there before school and after school for the students that needed extra help or just wanted to talk?

Appearances are that the Hemet schools are asking for money for all the extras and not any necessary items for quality teaching.

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### Measure U: No

EDITOR:

I do not understand how the proponents of Hemet Unified's [School District] Measure U can say a \$25, \$50 or \$100 tax increase will save us money?

Is all [Bill] Sanborn [HUSD trustee] and his tax and spend buddies who populate the school board do is pass tax increases onto a valley decimated by the recession?

What about HUSD's will-

ingness to add to idle masses that burglarize and steal from our homes with their 25 percent dropout rate? I have had two break-ins in the last two months.

In the last year, I hear the chronic complaints from teachers, at the last tax increase trophy school that Measure T paid for, known as Tahquitz High School, rant about how the heating and air conditioning doesn't work. And HUSD wants Measure U funds for new air conditioning? LOL.

The list of unpaid bond measures on my property tax bill is getting as long as my arm.

These tax and spend simpletons refuse to charge developers what it costs to build here. Then they can't even manage the money they already have approved. Why would we approve more?

Vote "No" on more taxes for "U"!

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## OFF THE LEASH

By CONOR O'FARRELL

### If the result benefits all, doesn't mean the game was socialism ...

There is a lot of talk of cutting back these days. "Austerity" is a popular word in our current lexicon. While following the current election I hear both candidates stress the need for cutbacks.

Republicans keep ranting against "big government," I wonder what they mean. We can all agree that we'd like to have our tax dollars count. We desire a wise and efficient use of our hard-earned dollars.

Although we are unable to agree on what that looks like, it doesn't mean government-innately bad. If we didn't have government, what would take its place to do the job of managing 300 million people?

Gov. Romney's answer seems to be privatization. Let's take the Department of the Interior, as an example. It's responsible for the administration of the National Park Service.

I spent a good deal of time in America's national parks in my youth. Every summer, for seven years, my family spent two weeks in Yosemite. We went swimming, fishing, hiking and camping. Around a roaring fire, we learned about the natural world from the NPS rangers' nightly nature talks. These are some of my fondest memories.

The Park Service must be a "socialist" enterprise created by our tax dollars so that, collectively as a country, we could set aside some of our national treasures for generations to appreciate and enjoy.

What would Yosemite look like if it were privatized, handed over to a "for profit" company? Would we see condos in Yosemite Valley? Maybe a couple of casinos? Perhaps a slew of riverfront vacation homes along the Merced River?

The Disney Corporation tried it in the 1960s with their proposal to develop the Mineral King Ski Resort near Sequoia national park. Their plan was for 27 ski lifts, hotels, massive parking lots and facilities for 2 million visitors a year.

The Sierra Club thwarted the plan and Mineral King was annexed into Sequoia national park in 1978, putting the development to rest. If you wonder what this type of development looks like, visit Lake Tahoe — or as my friend Phil likes to call it, Canoga Park in the Sierras.

Lake Tahoe is the price we paid to keep the rest of the Sierras wild. Put on a pack and take a walk into the Minarets and thank God for what "socialism" has given to us. Look at our the Lincoln Memorial, Central Park, the Grand Canyon, Mount Rushmore, the Smithsonian, the list goes on and on.

These institutions are our national heritage; they give us our cultural identity. Do we really want to turn them over to men who only concern themselves with the bottom line?

And national treasures aren't the only resource from which we all benefit. The country's infrastructure, such as the national highway system, enables Detroit's cars to be sold in California and California's avocados to be sold in Boston.

With all the talk about what a "great country" we are, are we going to let the profit motive and bottom-line economics become our legacy? We're better than that;



### Changes in Medicine ...

I thought it would be best to alternate my health columns between policy issues affecting health care and pressing health care problems affecting all of us.

From the beginning of the human race, mankind had to deal with diseases. Infectious diseases were the most common threat to humans.

This was made more serious by the development of urban centers. Pathogens or disease-causing agents that had little significance during the nomadic period of the human race became a terrible scourge as humans gathered in cities. Bubonic plague, yellow fever and cholera decimated populated centers all over the world. In the U.S., epidemics of yellow fever and cholera in Philadelphia, New York and New Orleans caused thousands of fatalities in the 1700s and 1800s.

As urban centers became larger, the mortality increased and other pathogens became important players. It is estimated that more than 500,000 people died in the U.S. during the influenza outbreak of 1918.

As public health measures, vaccines and antibiotics were developed and put into use, many of these diseases declined or were completely eliminated. Smallpox and polio are two of the most recognizable examples. The control of these conditions was translated into a dramatic increase in human longevity, especially in the Western world.

The threats affecting our modern environment are very different than those seen in older times. Emerging new infectious diseases like HIV or West Nile virus and reemerging old diseases (but now resistant to antibiotics) are now a major health concern.

In addition, our increased longevity and significant changes in lifestyle and behavior have made us more vulnerable to noninfectious chronic diseases and degenerative conditions. The most common diseases are now: cancer, heart disease, stroke, hypertension, diabetes, noncancerous pulmonary conditions and mental illness.

These conditions added to unintentional injuries and suicides constitute the most common modern causes of

prior generations were better than that.

I've been called a socialist more than a few times; I'm proud to wear the label. When I see that CEO compensation packages are through the roof, for example, last year the CEO of United Health Care had a compensation package of \$102 million (nearly 55 percent more than the second highest CEO pay), it is clear to me that privatization is not the efficient way to go.

I'm happy to see my tax dollars go to parks, education, roads and infrastructure, arts; all the things that make the United States a rich and vibrant culture. This is the America I want to see.

When Ronald Reagan spoke of that "shining city on the hill", this is what it looks like to me. A country rich in beauty that strives to be an example to world of the best of what humanity offers. This is what we can be when we pool our resources to create, in a fair and equitable manner, an America we can be proud of.

If you chose to call it socialism, so be it. One for all and all for one.

## TODAY'S HEALTH ISSUES

By ALBERTO MANETTA, M.D



death. The dramatic increase in diabetes and cardiovascular diseases are mostly related to the increase in obesity rates.

As result of all these changes in the spectrum of diseases, the practice of medicine and the provision of health care have undergone a huge shift. We have gone from an almost exclusive dedication to the treatment of acute conditions to the management and prevention of chronic conditions.

In addition, the pharmaceutical and surgical treatment of many conditions has become more complex, more effective and certainly more expensive. To add to the complexity, in older times medications were not particularly effective but in general were devoid of toxicity. We now have far more effective medications but the possibility of serious side effects and interactions with other medicines are more likely.

Although this is a difficult issue from a public health perspective, there is clarity in what an individual can do to minimize the possibility of acquiring some of the most common conditions.

Children and adolescents must be immunized. With the exception of the extremely rare allergic reaction, vaccines are safe. There is no serious evidence of adverse effect of vaccination.

The opposite is actual the case, some conditions seldom seen before are now reemerging due to the insufficient vaccination of some populations like measles and whooping cough. For instance, the incidence of whooping cough in the U.S. in 1990 was less than 2 per 100,000 people. In 2010 the incidence was 10 per 100,000 or about 28,000 cases nationwide.

Although children and adolescents are the major targets of vaccination programs, adults can also benefit by vaccination. In some cases, like tetanus, this may be a booster to a previously given vaccine.

Although tetanus is a rare condition, half of all cases diagnosed in the U.S. are among people older than age 65. Although most people were vaccinated against tetanus as youngsters, we lose our immunity as we age. Unless there are contraindications, which are very rare, adults should receive a tetanus booster every 10 years.

New vaccines offer the possibility of protection against diseases, which in the past were unavailable like the vaccine against the human papilloma virus (HPV). This virus is responsible for most of the cases of cancer of the uterine cervix.

We must also receive vaccinations against conditions which are rare in younger adults but more common in seniors like pneumococcal pneumonia. All adults older than 65 years of age should receive the pneumococcal vaccine.

However, despite important pharmacologic developments most of what we can do to remain healthy is individual decisions related to our lifestyle. The avoidance of cigarette smoking and other tobacco products, consumption of alcoholic beverages in moderation, adequate diet, healthy body weight and appropriate exercise are the key elements of wellness and prevention.

We will focus future columns in some of these specific prevention guidelines.

*If you have a suggestion for a future topic for Dr. Manetta to address, send an email to [itc@towncrier.com](mailto:itc@towncrier.com).*



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IFPD

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to help the department's firefighters during incidents, Reitz said. For example, they could refill the air bottles or check blood pressure.

Commission President Jeannine Charles-Stigall indicated that some aspects of the Auxiliary may be operational within six weeks. "This will involve the community. Nobody will be turned away," she said. "If somebody volunteers, we'll ask 'What can you do?' and find a match." People will be qualified to conduct the work they're assigned, she stressed.

At Saturday's Open House, the department began collecting names of people interested in participating in the Auxiliary. Reitz requested interested individuals call the Station at (951) 659-2153 and leave their name and contact information, either a phone number or email address.

The commission also agreed to consider a program of using local resources such as water vehicles and staff for emergency incidents and even in support for responses outside the district.

The latter possibility might generate some revenue for IFPD, according to Chief Reitz.

Recently, Dan Messina, president of the IFPD volunteer company, offered to attach his water supply busi-



Miles Tate enjoyed his visit to the Idyllwild Fire Station on Wednesday, Oct. 10. His friends from Kathy Lewis's Li'l Critters Preschool accompanied him on the station tour.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

the fire resource system.

Reitz is particularly pleased with the possibility of partnering with Messina Water since the department does not have any water tenders. Even though there are hydrants throughout Idyllwild, he said some areas near the forest would benefit from the availability of this equipment.

IFPD would train and certify any individuals involved and has received some interest from other agencies in the past month.

"I have no issue with the concept," said Commissioner Larry Donahoo, who made the motion. The commission then voted unanimously to support the concept, but asked Reitz to place the proposed district contract on the next agenda.

In financial business, Reitz said his initial review of the budget allays some of his concerns and he believes that an advance will still be needed in the future, but the amount needed is diminishing.

The district checking account balance on Sept. 30 was \$481,000, which included the \$425,000 revenue advance from Riverside County.

According to Reitz, 551 properties have failed their second inspections. Since then 89 have been passed.

The volunteer company now has 16 members, according to Secretary/Treasurer Craig Scudder. Eight are responders, including four certified firefighters, three trainees and the rest

are support. Equipment is available for all the firefighters.

"Not everybody has to be a firefighter or medical," he told the commission.

In other business, the commission confirmed it plans to meet Tuesday, Oct. 23, but will skip the Nov. 13 meeting. Next month's meeting will be Tuesday, Nov. 27 and only one meeting will be in December.

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Commission sets five goals for fire chief

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

After a closed session during the Oct. 9 meeting, the IFPD commission approved the following goals for the Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz.

According to Commission President Jeannine Charles-Stigall, the vote was unanimous, 4-0.

"These [goals] will be reviewed in six months and adjustments made if necessary," she said. Reitz's specific goals also reflect the commission's expectation for the district.

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Chief Reitz goals

- 1. Standard operating guidelines**
  - Include job descriptions, training, evaluation, promotional process
- 2. Continued attention to public education and public relations**
  - Website and documents
  - Press releases
  - Newsletter
- 3. Establish fire auxiliary**
  - Disaster preparedness and response
  - Support services
- 4. Overhaul records — identify steps and write plan**
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# Chance of El Niño falling

## Meet the next winter storm

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

While the Forest Service's Keenwild Station recorded only 0.2 inches of rainfall Thursday and Friday, other southern California areas (such as Dana Point, Oceanside, and Murrieta) received nearly an inch or more of rain. Many believe or are hopeful this storm is a harbinger for fall and winter weather.

For several months, the National Weather Service has forecast a weak to

moderate El Niño weather pattern forming this fall. But that forecast maybe wishful thinking based on the Service's October announcement.

As late as July, National Weather Service models were predicting an El Niño might develop as early as September. However, the latest forecast indicates the trend toward an El Niño pattern is much less likely.

"The atmosphere and ocean indicate borderline neutral or weak El Niño

conditions," was how the National Weather Service phrased the latest forecast. "Compared to the past few months, the chance is reduced for El Niño to develop during the Northern Hemisphere fall and winter 2012-13."

Nevertheless the Weather Channel announced that it would begin naming winter storms as the National Weather Service names hurricanes.

"The fact is, a storm with a name is easier to follow, which will mean

fewer surprises and more preparation," wrote Tom Nizoi of the Weather Channel on Oct. 3.

Storms with names are easier to follow, to remember and to raise attention, he said.

The naming of storms actually originated in the 19th century, but the weather service began naming tropical storms (i.e., hurricanes) with women's names in the 1950s. In 1978, it also began using men's names for storms.

The Weather Channel

has considered the difference between tropical and winter storm formation and the effect on the naming process. According to Nizoi, "Naming of winter storms will be limited to no more than three days before impact to ensure there is moderate to strong confidence the system will produce significant effects on a populated area. ...

"The process for naming a winter storm will reflect a more complete assessment of several variables that combine to produce

disruptive impacts including snowfall, ice, wind and temperature," he wrote. "In addition, the time of day (rush hour vs. overnight) and the day of the week (weekday school and work travel vs. weekends) will be taken into consideration in the process the meteorological team will use to name storms."

The first few names will be Athena, Burus, Caesar, Draco, Euclid and Freyr.

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# Congressional debate heated, but disappointing

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Candidates for California's Congressional District 36 debated Friday night, Oct. 12. Policy answers were infrequent. Instead both candidates challenged their opponent's character.

Incumbent, Republican Representative Mary Bono Mack opened the debate with a revelation about her democratic challenger Dr. Raul Ruiz's political actions while attending Harvard Medical School.

He was involved in several protests against the celebration of Thanksgiving and was even arrested in 1997. Allegedly, Ruiz had advocated "Smashing Plymouth Rock. Crush the rock and all it represents."

Ruiz was one of several protesters arrested during this event. He claimed he

was protecting a tribal elder, Sam Sapiel. But she responded, "Ruiz signed a legal document stating there wasn't any misconduct by the Plymouth Police Department."

Ruiz opened the debate with a discussion of his background and growing up in the Coachella Valley. But then he accused Bono Mack of ignoring issues, bickering and tied her to presidential candidate Mitt Romney.

While the media panel asked questions about Medicare, Medicaid, jobs for the Coachella Valley, Proposition 8 and the Salton Sea, the two candidates focused on their answers on symbolically portraying their opponent as a one-dimensional caricature of the other party. Bono Mack consistently referred to Ruiz's Thanksgiving Day incidents and whether he



**Mary Bono Mack** at the Keenwild heliport ceremony in June 2010.

FILE PHOTO



**Dr. Raul Ruiz** during a visit to the Town Crier last February.

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could be trusted. Ruiz spent much of his time alleging Bono Mack is out of touch with the district's voters or attributing the Republican party's stances to her personally.

Immigration was the one subject that both seemed ready and willing to address specifically. Perhaps

they could speak to an issue on which they held similar views.

"I'm not for amnesty, I'm for an earned path to citizenship," Ruiz said. Bono Mack also disavowed support for amnesty and wants to strengthen the guest worker program. Both

support the Dream Act.

However, Ruiz alleged the congressional inability to enact immigration legislation is a failure of Bono Mack leadership skills, as though she alone could develop and pass a controversial bill.

Despite an hour for opening, closing statements and responses to questions, very little was learned about the candidates' policy positions other than "My opponent supports Paul Ryan and multimillionaires" or "My opponent's first vote will be to make Nancy Pelosi House speaker."

KMIR 6 News (a Palm Springs television station)

and The Desert Sun sponsored the debate at which there was no audience. Gino Lamont KMIR 6 was the moderator and his partner and news co-anchor Elizabeth Beaubien, and Desert Sun political writer Erica Felci delivered the policy questions in the live debate.

The debate between Bono Mack and Ruiz can be seen at either [http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=atc9jDujLwI#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=atc9jDujLwI#) or <http://www.kmir6.com/news/toprotator/173999431.html>.

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There will be a new feature to this year's parade route — Trunk or Treat. Trunk or Treat allows for those who might not otherwise be able to participate in the festivities to be part of the events. Participants will decorate their vehicles and hand out goodies along the parade route. Participants are also invited to be in costume. Vehicle clubs are encouraged to join in the fun! All Trunk or Treat participants must pre-register with the Fire District by Oct. 30, 2012.

Come help us make this another Idyllwild event to remember!

Please contact the district office at 951-659-2153 to register or if you have any questions.




The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council Woodies would like to express their appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the outpouring of support we received after some of our tools were stolen.

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# Assembly District 71

## Patrick Hurley, Democrat

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

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Hurley was interviewed by phone on Friday, Oct. 12.

### What specifically would you do to relieve the state's budget chaos?

Green jobs are the primary tool, said Hurley. He would seek to grow green employment to revive the state's economy. "What's a more perfect place to start, with so much green energy — solar and wind — available," he said.

Neither the production of alternative energy nor the equipment to produce or

to use these energy sources are the primary job drivers, in Hurley's view. He wants to entice homeowners into refurbishing their structures, for example, insulating their homes.

Greater energy efficiency in the home would yield savings to owners and employ workers, resulting in growth in demand for other services and goods, Hurley argued.

Hurley also said he would work to create a state banking institution, similar to savings and loans, to target loans for home purchases. His example is the Bank of North Dakota, which was established in 1919 and is state-owned. In cooperation with other financial institutions it makes loans for rural housing, farming, college tuition and other areas.

With access to easier money, Hurley believes the state could put construction labor back to work, reduce foreclosures and improve energy efficiency of existing homes.

*See Hurley, next page.*



**Patrick Hurley**, Democratic candidate for State Assembly.

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## Brian Jones, Republican

*Patrick Hurley, also of San Diego suburbs.*

Assemblyman Jones was interviewed at the Town Crier office, Sunday, Oct. 14.

"Much more dysfunctional than most voters would know," Assemblyman Jones replied, when asked his impression of his first term in Sacramento.

*See Jones, next page.*



Assemblyman **Brian Jones** with his wife **Heather**.

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## IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT OCTOBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

### IWD Mission Statement -

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

**LOW-FLOW REBATE PROGRAM** – After 10 years of providing a customer rebate program for the installation of low-flow toilets and high-efficiency washing machines, the board members will be reviewing whether this program is still necessary. This item will be discussed at the October 17th board meeting. The rebate program has provided a 10% water conservation reduction. We will reach a point where the reduction in water sales reduces our revenues. Staff will request the board consider eliminating the rebate program.

**RECYCLED WATER PROJECT** – By the end of the current year, IWD will be on schedule for the completion of a state revolving fund application for construction grants to build a new wastewater tertiary treatment plant. This plant will provide recycled water service to IWD customers for irrigation use. Having this service will allow us to extend our groundwater supplies. The initial plan provides for some of the recycled water customers to request a service connection to a proposed new water main. Other customers can request a water truck hauler to deliver the water to a customer owned green tank. We have customers who have green tanks and have used them in the past when we had to implement a Stage 3 – Water Shortage Emergency Plan.

**E- BILLING SYSTEM** – Under the direction of our Chief Financial Officer, Hosny Shouman, office staff has been working on providing online billing for our customers. He is also researching the use of credit card payments for our customers.

**MONITORING GROUNDWATER** – At the October 17th board meeting, the water committee will evaluate the latest monthly groundwater levels. Staff is recommending the Board consider setting a Public Hearing at the November 21, 2012 board meeting to review Ordinance #60 and update the guidelines for issuance of service and available EDU's during any Water Stage. The District's Ordinance was established to implement a multi-stage conservation plan.

**IT'S TIME TO WRAP YOUR WATER LINES FOR FREEZE PROTECTION.**

**OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21 AT 6 P.M.**

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



**Yesenia Deniz** (left) and **Ben Cruz** were chosen as students of the week for the week of Oct. 12. These 8th graders were chosen by **Danielle Baraty**, math teacher, for "being extremely conscientious, responsible, and positive members of the middle school community."

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## Hurley

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"People want to trust bankers like they do police and government officials," he said.

### What is your opinion on Propositions 30 and 38?

Hurley strongly supports Proposition 30, which Gov. Jerry Brown initiated and endorses. If it weren't on the ballot, Hurley would back Proposition 38, he said.

The different ways the two propositions impose taxes are Hurley's principal criteria. "Prop 38 is overreaching and the income tax is onerous," he said. "The taxes in 30 are a better solution."

Both propositions support and augment educational funding which is important to Hurley. "Look at the budget with or without 30," he warned, "It's a frightening thing to see."

Hurley acknowledged that he was not aware of Assemblyman Brian Nestande's legislation to abolish the legislature's gimmick of passes then deferring educational funds.

"It's a shell game that has to stop," he said.

"The problem with funding educational programs in the state is the result of the same intransigence we see in Washington and Sacramento. We can't get one or two Republicans to cross the aisle and work together with us," he claimed.

**The SRA fire prevention fee is in litigation. What is your view of it?**

## ICRC

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In other business, the board reported it had decided not to file suit against failed ice rink promoter Gary Stephen, because a "small claims lawsuit will be too difficult because [Stephen] is self-employed and wages cannot be garnished." When Stephen failed to open a much ballyhooed ice rink on the Idyllwild Community

"This is similar to education because it demonstrates we can't come together for a reasonable budget," Hurley said. "Clearly we have to have fire protection.

"People have to realize fire protection is a government issue, which should not depend upon privatizing it or community bake sales," he said. "It requires cooperation in Sacramento to produce a bailout."

### What are you doing to make Idyllwild and Riverside County voters understand their Assemblyman is from San Diego County and you represent them as much as your home?

The residents of Idyllwild will not be forgotten if Hurley is elected he said.

"I want to represent all voters. I'm not in this for money," he stated. "I will work for every constituent. When they tell me what I can do, I'll go back to Sacramento and try to do."

Hurley, 55 years old, currently serves as vice president and chief operating officer of the Heartland Coalition, a San Diego nonprofit organization, which sponsors projects in the areas of career and community development, healthcare, environmental protection and clean energy, disaster relief, education, objective and timely news, and public art. Hurley resides in Lakeside, near San Diego.

As of his last financial report filed with the Secretary of State, Hurley's campaign had raised \$6,000.

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

Center property in 2011, he also left ICRC saddled with bills for water and electricity totaling over \$1,400.

In money matters, the board approved a motion that \$10 from every playground picket sold from June 17 forward would go to the ICRC operating fund. In addition, 5 percent of all future fundraisers would go to its operating fund.

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

### Thought for the Day

"The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it." — Terry Pratchett

## Jones

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### What specifically would you do to relieve the state's budget chaos?

Proposition 32, which would prohibits unions, corporations or government contractors from using payroll-deducted funds for political purposes, is a lynch-pin in Jones' opinion on how to solve the budget crisis at the state level.

Everybody has special interests, but the big money affecting the public sector is from the employee labor unions, he said. They have an inordinate influence over the Legislature and the governor, according to Jones.

The unions' ability to set legislative priorities has resulted in an unstable budget, he claimed. The state's general fund budget is about \$92 billion this year and projected to be \$98 billion for fiscal year 2013-14, which is almost at the 2007-08 level of \$102 billion. Jones argues that the state employee unions have limited the legislature's ability to reduce the budget commensurate with the decline in state income tax receipts.

If Proposition 32 passes, Jones then recommends the Legislature examine its social service offerings, particularly to non-citizen residents. With 12 percent of the U.S. population, California serves

32 percent of the nation's welfare cases.

Next, he argues that with 2 million Californians unemployed, the state has to find ways to encourage new businesses that hire people and pay taxes.

"We need to create a tax and regulatory environment that is predictable," he urged. "Free businesses to start making investments and hiring people."

### What is your opinion on Propositions 30 and 38?

"I support neither Proposition 30 or 38," he said. "Californians are already over-taxed. Shifting a tax onto small business will shrink them."

"The legislature in Sacramento is not doing a good job," he continued. "Specifically the majority party who passes the budget."

He related that many school districts in the state are not supporting either proposition. Hemet Unified required three meetings and a reversal of a "no" vote before officially supporting Proposition 30 at its last meeting.

Jones, like his opponent Hurley, was unfamiliar with Assemblyman Brian Nestande's (R-64) proposal to ban the deferral of budget funds to local school districts.

"Deferring funds to school district should be illegal," he said. "I support



One of Brian Jones' campaign signs in Idyllwild.

PHOTOS BY  
J.P. CRUMRINE

the idea."

Expecting them [the school districts] to react after their budget have been passed or even in the middle of the school year is unfair, Jones felt.

### The SRA fire prevention fee is in litigation. What is your view of it?

"This is a perfect example of the dysfunction in Sacramento," Jones responded.

After the legislature passed the fee, which Jones and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association consider an illegal tax, the governor signed the bill, but his directions for implementation were complicated the legislation and added to the controversy around the fee, according to Jones.

He estimated that nearly 30 percent of expected fire prevention revenue would be used to collect the fee.

"It's an illegal tax and the state has no business receiving it," he concluded.

### What are you doing to make Idyllwild and Riverside County voters understand their Assemblyman is from San Diego County and you represent them as much as your home?

"First, we're here as part of our campaign and putting up signs," he said. Next week, his office will be sending mailers out to residents.

Second, in the next session Jones plans to assign one of his field office staff to cover Idyllwild and the Hill.

"A district office person will specifically be aware of issues here and go to local chamber of commerce and town hall (type) meetings," he promised.

To read past newsletters or sign up for future newsletters, you can visit Jones website, <http://arc.asm.ca.gov/member/77/?p=newsletters>.

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## 2012 Winter Survival Guide

**The Idyllwild Town Crier's guide to keeping safe and warm this winter.**

This special section contains important advice on preparing your home, your land, your vehicle, and your family for the challenges of living and traveling in winter conditions.

Articles by organizations offering helpful safety information, businesses advertising winter services and products to keep you warm and your house and land safe from fire and ice, and emergency advice and phone numbers to call when you need help, will make this an insert the Town Crier readers will keep for reference all winter long.

This special pull-out section will be inserted in the November 15 edition of the Town Crier. It is also published as a stand-alone piece that is distributed free online and throughout the Mountain Communities.

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**WHERE: American Legion, Post 800  
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Questions?

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Kathy Lewis  
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## Tree Lighting

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and marketing campaigns, and because of her demonstrated commitment to promoting Idyllwild for the benefit of all who live and operate businesses here. As an example of how Mueller executes, she has already contracted for the dates the lights are both strung on the tree and the date they are removed.

Since accepting the position, she has conducted a listening campaign to receive input from previous event participants. Mueller wants to hear what has worked and what has needed improvement. She plans to conduct a review at the end of the event to be used as a guideline for future ceremonies.

The Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce had agreed last spring to produce the event, but recently announced it could not do so because of pending legal issues. With a little over one month left to stage an event that usually take five months to prepare, Mueller's marketing and planning expertise is filling



*New Tree Lighting Chairperson, Phyllis Mueller.*

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

the unexpected void.

She is striving to sustain this much-anticipated and iconic Idyllwild holiday extravaganza. And with enthusiasm, even with only a month to go, Mueller is looking at ways to expand and improve the event, such as groups of carolers strolling throughout the village core prior to the event and marketing the event to many off-Hill contacts.

"Everything will be set in a meeting on Tuesday [Oct. 16]," said Mueller, noting that it was necessary to have agreement on job responsibilities for each chairperson

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## Palms to Pines Scenic Byway Update

An Update and Implementation meeting is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 23. The meeting will be held at the Tribal Hall on the Santa Rosa Indian Reservation.

The Corridor Management Plan, a plan to preserve the special features of the route, has been completed. An updated version of the CMP with local and participant comments integrated and new information related to funding under MAP-21 is available on the web at: [http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/santarosa/Palms\\_to\\_Pines\\_Scenic\\_Byway\\_Corridor\\_Management\\_Planning\\_Process.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/santarosa/Palms_to_Pines_Scenic_Byway_Corridor_Management_Planning_Process.html) or <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/sbnf/home/?cid=STELPRDB5227093&width=full>.

MAP-21 has implications for the National Scenic Byway Program and the Palms to Pines Scenic Byway. Although there are still many uncertainties, the planners believe the community's work in the corridor management plan may help secure funding for community identified priorities along the byway corridor.

You can find out more about the legislation at the Federal Highway Administration MAP-21 website (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/map21/>).

Members of the project team would like to meet with interested parties to consider some of the community implementation priorities that seem well aligned with the MAP-21 guidelines. The team will also provide an update on the artwork portion of the original grant and a few highlights from a student trip to explore the corridor. We'd also like to discuss next steps and funding opportunities.

Please call the Tribal Office at (951) 659-2700 for directions if you have not been to the Tribal Hall recently, as many of the Internet-based mapping services do not provide accurate directions.

## May Valley fuels work approved

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The U.S. Forest Service will begin work on fuels reduction in the May Valley area. San Jacinto District Ranger Laurie Rosenthal made the decision last month following the agency's review of comments on the project's environmental assessment, which was released in May.

The project's purpose is to manipulate vegetation to alter fire behavior, including rate of spread, flame length and fire line intensity. This will provide better access and safety for firefighters to attack possible fires and to protect homes and life in this area.

"Implementation of the May Valley Fuels Reduction project will bring together geographically separated fuel treatments within a vulnerable segment of the Idyllwild, Mountain Center and Bonita Vista wildland-urban interface," Rosenthal said in an email. "Once completed, an effective fuels reduction buffer will be in place east of Highway 243 and south of Idyllwild, east to the Bonita Vista community and south to Highway 74. A key

portion of the Southridge fuel break will also be completed, providing significant protection for the Idyllwild Community," she added.

The project area totals about 2,800 acres, of which 864 will be treated. The Forest Service has identified 25 separated areas for treatments, which included pile burning, understory burning, broadcast burning, and mastication.

Most of the treatment area is mixed oak, conifer or chaparral. Under the plan, fuels would be reduced. No changes to road or trail systems are planned as part of this project.

May Valley Fuels reduction work has been under consideration, review and study since 2009. An environmental assessment and a notice to provide objections were published in June 2012.

Objections came from the John Muir Project of Earth Island Institute. Although they met with Forest Service officials, a resolution was not achieved. They expressed concern about spotted owl critical habitat and removal of trees larger than 9 inches in diameter.

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## Survey

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through Round Valley to the summit of Mt. San Jacinto. The team represented the newly organized Museum of Vertebrate Zoology of the University of California, Berkeley, and the team's survey was the first of its kind in the San Jacintos.

On this centennial resurvey, scientists from the San Diego Natural History Museum are visiting all 19 original survey sites, where they will spend a week in each location to record their findings. Today, all but three sites are accessible by vehicles.

The three that are not (Tahquitz Valley and Round Valley in the San Jacinto wilderness, and Little Paradise in Palm Canyon) require methods of ingress and egress similar to those employed by the 1908 team — on foot or with horses, riders and pack animals.

The Red Shank Riders are literally part of the pack animal train for this resurvey, Korman said. Members transport the survey scientists' gear to the horse-accessible sites and retrieve it

the next week in another pack trip. They ride in with equipment and supplies on a Sunday and return again the next Saturday to break down and pack out. So far the group has completed seven museum supply trips and has two more to complete early next year.

"We're taking in food, supplies, collection gear, nets and cameras that the scientists need," said Korman. "Then the researchers stay for a week."

On the most recent ride, Sept. 22, the nine riders had 10 pack animals. The ride took about seven hours — in and out plus unloading.

"It was pretty steep terrain," said Korman, explaining that footing for the horses was difficult in some of the areas crossed. Of the assistance Red Shank Riders provide the museum scientists and staff, Korman said, "They've been very good to work with so we're happy to assist them."

Philip Unitt, curator of the museum's department of birds and mammals, summarized some of the findings of the resurvey. Unitt noted that the populations of 33 bird species have increased since 1908 and

25 species have decreased in numbers, of which 11 have completely disappeared from sampled areas.

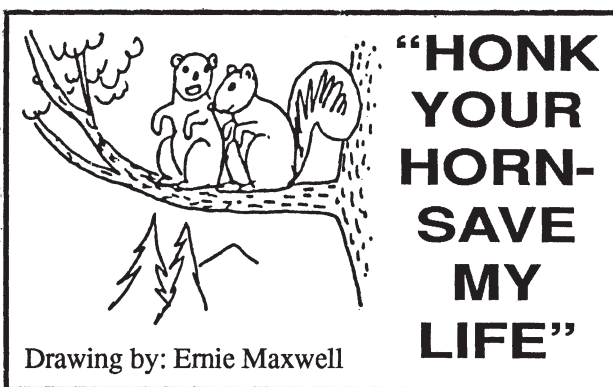
"The new colonists have come from all directions, such as the red shouldered hawk spreading inland from the coast, the American robin and hermit thrush spreading south from the San Bernardino Mountains, and the white winged dove coming up from the desert. ... Mammals whose ranges have changed notably since 1908 are the Dulzura kangaroo rat, cactus mouse and desert cottontail, all of which have spread upslope. ... Two game species, the mule deer and band tailed pigeon have increased. Among reptiles the gopher snake appears to have increased while the colored lizard has decreased."

Unitt also noted that a new habitat, along Willow Creek, was found for the endangered yellow-legged frog.

The purpose of the resurvey, which Red Shank Riders will continue to assist, is largely to discover and reveal what species may be in need of conservation concerns and protection.

Red Shank Riders plan two support trips in 2013 — one when 25 members will take the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway to the mountaintop station and hike in with scientists' gear from Long Valley to Round Valley. The second spring trip is another pack trip into Little Paradise in the Pinyon area.

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# On the Town

## Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

# Arts & Entertainment Calendar



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

### Wednesday, Oct. 17

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Ballet/ Modern Dance with Lucianna LoPresto, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Kid's Movement, 4:15-5:15 p.m. Town Hall.  
Jazz Night Too, 6-8:30 p.m. Creek House.  
Lawrence Spector, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
"Taken 2," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

### Thursday, Oct. 18

Tap Dance with Annika Kay, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
Tom McNeary, 5:30-8 p.m. Creek House.

Beer Tasting, 6:30 Idyll Awhile.  
"Taken 2," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

### Friday, Oct. 19

Kids Mountain Art Class, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.  
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.  
Swift Pony, 6-9 p.m. Creek House.  
Visual Art Family Weekend Show: Opening Reception, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Show runs through Nov. 2; Jazz Performance, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center.  
Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
"Pitch Perfect," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
Creative Writing Reading, 8 p.m.

Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.  
Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Good-times Pub.

### Saturday, Oct. 20

Idyllwild Garden Club Presents Discover Mountain Gardening, 8:30 a.m. Caine Learning Center.  
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.  
"Pitch Perfect," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
Music in the Meadow, 4 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.  
Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, 5-7:30 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.  
Hot Flash, 6-9 p.m. Creek House.  
Frankie B. Good, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

### Sunday, Oct. 21

David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.  
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.  
Paul Carman, Noon-2:30 p.m. Creek House.  
Musical Theatre Cabaret, Noon Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.  
"Pitch Perfect," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
Hemet Community Concert Association Presents

Heather & Ryan Reithmeier, 2:30 p.m. First Southern Baptist Church.

### Monday, Oct. 22

Cribbage, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Town Hall.  
Children's Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.  
Plug In Monday, with Host Scott J. Foster, 6-8:30 p.m. Creek House.  
"Pitch Perfect," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

### Tuesday, Oct. 23

Seniors' Wii Activities, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Town Hall.

### Wednesday, Oct. 24

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Ballet/ Modern Dance with Lucianna LoPresto, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Kid's Movement with Lucianna LoPresto, 4:15-5:15 p.m. Town Hall.  
Celtic Open Music Session, 6-8:30 p.m. Creek House.  
John King, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
"Pitch Perfect," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

### Thursday, Oct. 25

Tap Dance with Annika Kay, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.

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### Friday, October 19

Visual Art Family Weekend Show: Opening Reception. 6 PM, Parks Exhibition Center  
Show runs through November 2

### Jazz Performance

6 PM Parks Exhibition Center

### Creative Writing Reading

8 PM, Stephens Recital Hall

### Saturday, October 20

Music in the Meadow  
4 PM, Stephens Recital Hall

### Sunday, October 21

Musical Theatre Cabaret  
Noon, Rush Hall

### Thursday, October 25

InterArts: Visiting Artist Lecture: Eve Fowler  
7:30 PM, Parks Exhibition Center

### Friday, Saturday & Sunday November 2, 3 & 4

Theatre Performance: Picnic at Hanging Rock by Laura Annawyn Shamas. Friday & Saturday 7:30 PM, Sunday 2 PM, IAF Theatre

### Friday November 9

Visual Art: Guest Show: Richard Laugharn Photo Collection, Parks Exhibition. Show runs through December 14

Creative Writing Guest Editor Panel Reading and Book Fair, 7:30 PM, Weston Room

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# Northbound on the Nerd Train: Part 1

BY BETTY BAILEY  
CONTRIBUTOR

I'm a journalist, not a novelist; but, back in 2006, when my son Kevin suggested I take part in National Novel Writing Month, I was intrigued. I was eager to ditch the constraints of truth and hard facts and curious to see if my 21 years as a non-fiction writer had left me with even a shred of creativity. I had not written a piece of fiction since the fifth grade but, at my son's urging, I signed up.

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is an annual event. Writers from all walks of life commit to creating a 50,000-word novel in the 30 days of No-

vember. That's about seven pages per day.

It started in 1999, when San Francisco Bay Area writer Chris Baty (cousin of Idyllwild local Chris Maxson) and a handful of his friends decided to each write a novel in 30 days. Since then, with the help of media buzz and word of mouth efforts, NaNoWriMo has extended its reach to countries as far away as Tanzania and Pakistan. Starting at midnight on Nov. 1, an estimated 250,000 people from all parts of the globe will attempt to craft their novels before midnight of Dec. 1.

My 2006 attempt was a classic failure. I threw in the towel around 7,000 words, citing the usual excuses of



*The Amtrak train with novel writers heads north along the California coast.*

PHOTO BY SARA MCBRIDE

child rearing and work, but the seed had been planted and the aspiration was germinating.

Last year, I decided to give

us showed up for the weekly write-ins and most of us struggled to come up with the 1,667 words we needed to write each day.

When browsing the NaNo website ([www.nanowrimo.org](http://www.nanowrimo.org)), which offers tips, tutorials and forums to help with the novel writing process, I found a topic called The Great Train Escape. As it turned out, the Southern California writers were preparing to take over an Amtrak car bound for the Bay Area the following weekend. It would originate in San Diego and pick up writers at stops along the way.

In San Francisco, the writers would take part in a weekend packed with activities designed to foster creativity and boost word counts. With my own tally hovering around 15,000 words and the month of November nearly two-thirds

gone, I knew this trip could be my salvation. My best chance for avoiding another failed attempt was to surround myself with other writers.

I climbed aboard in Santa Barbara, where I was visiting my daughter at college and a conductor pointed the way to the NaNo car. A dozen or so travelers hunched over laptops proved I was in the right place. Like a kid at summer camp, I ditched my suitcase and introduced myself to the companions who would be sharing this adventure.

It took less than a minute to figure out I had the lowest word count on the train. I quietly shrank into my seat, set my laptop on my tray table and settled down to write.

Look for Part 2 of Betty's writing journey in next week's paper.

## A&E

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Willy B., 5:30-8 p.m. Creek House.

"Pitch Perfect," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

InterArts: Visiting Artist Lecture: Eve Fowler, 7:30 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center.

**Friday, Oct. 26**

Kids Mountain Art Class,

3:30-4:30 p.m.; Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.

Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.

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

Creative Writing Guest Artist Reading, 7:30 p.m. Fireside Room, Idyllwild Arts.

**Saturday, Oct. 27**

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock" Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4

p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

Halloween Candy Carnival/Potluck, 3-6 p.m. Town Hall.

Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.

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

Bill Saitta, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Idyllwild Arts Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

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**Alexandria Taylor** shows off her Earth Girls designs on different style shirts on Saturday at Artspresso during her art reception.

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**Benny Kleinerman** was the piano soloist at the Idyllwild Arts Orchestra Concert Saturday and Sunday, performing W.A. Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 9 Allegro. At left, **Wei-An Hung** was the cello soloist during the Idyllwild Arts Orchestra Concert Saturday and Sunday. She performed Dmitri Shostakovich's Concerto for Cello, Opus 107 Allegretto.

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In the first scene "Potato Head for President," of "Political Suicide," a witty comedy by Ernest Thompson, are the actors **Jacob Teel** as "Bailey," **Diane Burt** as "Helen," and **Monica Reichl** as "Sal." Isis Theatre Company presented the production over the weekend at the Caine Learning Center. At left, **Chris Pittman** plays "Senator Dayton Rogers" with **Suzanne Avalon** as "Alison," a small town newspaper editor.

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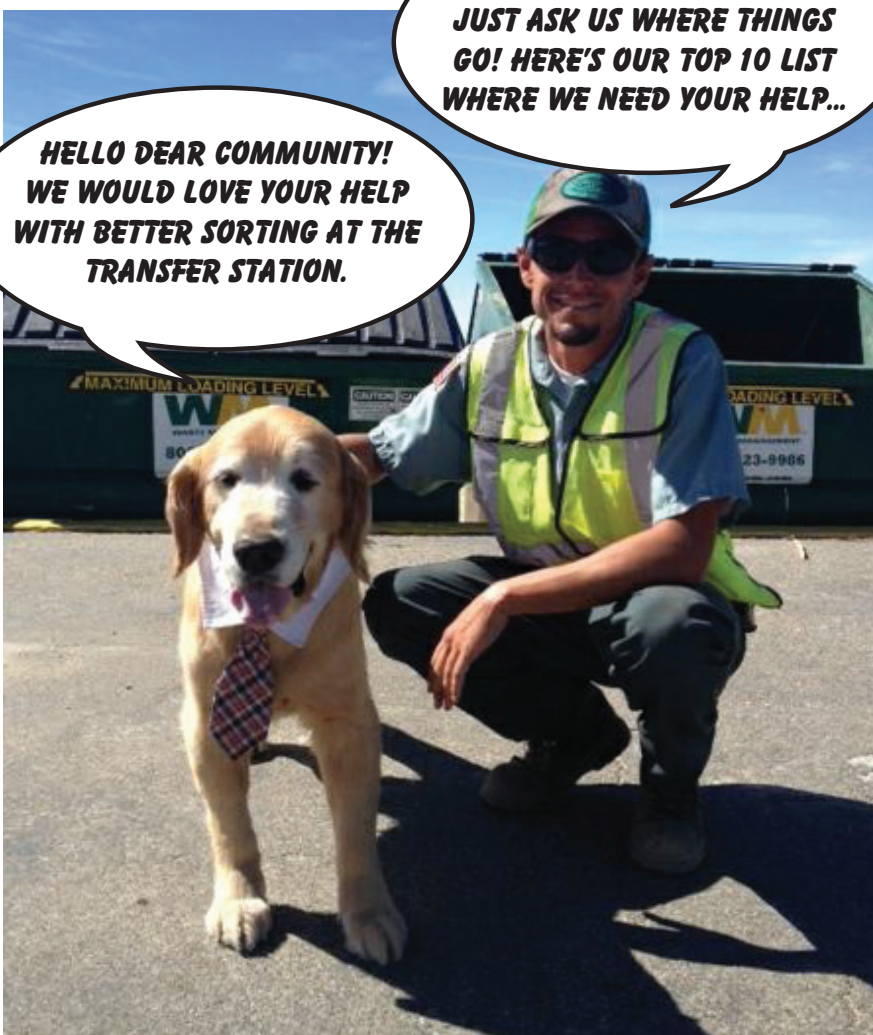


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- *Electronic Waste*  
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- *Sharps (e.g., medical needles, IVs, etc.)*

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**4 Metals:** We need more metals of all kinds, but NOT in the trash bins! Please put all metals in the Metals recycling bin. All of our metals go to the scrap yard recycling center where all sorts of things are made from these metals for re-use. Please do NOT put metal in any of the trash bins!

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**9 Wood Boards, Lumber, and Plywood:** We find a lot of wood boards, lumber, and plywood in the trash bins. These wood items can be used as firewood. Firewood is expensive. Even if you don't burn wood to keep your own house warm, there are many people you know that do and would love to take your wood off your hands. You can save them a fortune in heating expenses, and it's a good deed to provide firewood to people in need. Please call a neighbor or friend that could use your wood as firewood. If you don't know anyone that needs firewood, please call my office, and I will put you immediately in touch with someone that wants your wood.

environment, grounds, and landscaping. It should be purely green waste with no additives. Also, the green waste goes to a grinder. Any stone-like material breaks the grinders.

**8 Perfectly Good and Re-usable Items:** Did you know that people are throwing away perfectly good bags of clothes, blankets, household items, lamps, mirrors, chairs, furniture of all kinds, etc.? These items do NOT need to end up in a landfill. Please take them to the HELP Center on your way to the Transfer Station. If the

**10 Bricks, Stones, Rocks, Cement:** We canNOT take these items at the Transfer Station, but we keep finding these items in the green waste and trash bins. You CAN dispose of bricks, stones, rocks, tiles, and cement at the Lamb Canyon Landfill at 16411 Lamb Canyon Road in Beaumont, California.

We thank you very much for everything that you do to help the community and the Transfer Station. We appreciate you, and we are always happy to see you. Please take the time to introduce yourself to us if we haven't met yet. We will be delighted to help you in every way possible, and we always look forward to seeing you.

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The Idyllwild Middle School Cross Country team gathers before its race at Vail Ranch Middle School. This is the first year the school has a cross country team. The members are (from left, front row) **Sage See**, **Ty Bride**, **Emilio Wettlauffer**, **Micah Hitchcock** and **Cody Espinoza**. In the back row are **Lexi McQueeney**, **Noah Rutherford**, **Jan Ivana**, **Carmen Pratt**, and **Riley Arnson**. Not shown are coaches **Misty Hitchcock** and **Lee Arnson**.  
PHOTO BY MISTY HITCHCOCK.



Hemet High defensive back **Alex Sanborn** covers West Valley's receivers during Friday's game. Although leading at halftime, Hemet lost the game 44-30.  
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PHOTOS BY BARBARA REESE



At left, **Lynda Hart** (right) and **Linda Anderson** take care in setting out hors d'oeuvres for the visitors in the parking lot of Florist in the Forest & Gallery.



Artist **Marcus Thorne** paints out in front of Quiet Creek Gallery during the Art Alliance's Annual Art Walk & Wine Tasting. Record crowds tasted wines from San Diego to as far away as Paso Robles.



**Sandii Castleberry** plays and sings her tunes to the art and wine crowd at the Gazebo in the Village Centre.

At right, **Neill Bell**, representing La Serenissima Vineyards & Winery of San Diego, pours a sample of their wine to patrons outside of Honey Bunn's and Joe Bakery.



**David Owthwaite**, of Wiens Family Cellars of Temecula, was stationed outside the Spruce Moose at the Fort.

At right, **Tamara Johnston** from Middle Ridge Winery in Temecula pours a taste of their wine in front of Acorn Gallery.



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# HELP Center and Thrift Store Newsletter

Hello Idyllwild,

"Thank you" is our favorite expression and here I go again. Thank you, Conor O'Farrell, and the entire cast and crew, for their fabulous production of the play, "Beyond Therapy." It was a tremendous amount of work, everyone was wonderful, the audiences cheered and the HELP Center received a handsome sum of money to use for all of our program services and operating expenses. All proceeds went to the HELP Center, thanks to our generous sponsor, the Mary Austin Scholarship Fund, who's grant covered all startup costs.

This is the third year in a row that Conor has directed (and appeared) in plays benefitting the HELP Center. When he recovers from this one, maybe we'll start planning the next event with him. Thank you, Conor. You are a dear friend.

We want to thank all the townsfolk that joined us for our 20th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 23, at the HELP Center. It was wonderful to see so many friendly faces, including Nancy Sarvela, who, with her husband Jack, started the Idyllwild HELP Center 20 years ago. We've grown a lot since then, but they started it all. Nancy was both touched and delighted to see many of her old friends. It was a heartfelt few hours for everyone.

The thanks don't stop yet. So many people and businesses share their skills and generosity with the HELP Center. To name a few this month: Josh Whitney and Pacific Slope Tree Co., the fabulous Woodies, Steve Holldber and Idyllwild Heating & Cooling, David Jerome (musician), Idyllwild Bible Church, Community Church, Mayor Max and family and many, many more.

The holiday season is quickly approaching and we are already planning for food vouchers and gifts for our client families and children. Our goal is holiday meals and gifts for all the children. We thank you in advance for your helping us reach our goal. Every year you amaze us with your generosity.

Our Thrift Store continues to thrive. New things are donated everyday, so add us to your daily drop-in routine. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Thanks again.

LOU BACHER  
HELP CENTER BOARD PRESIDENT

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# HUSD board of trustees candidates

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Three seats on the Hemet Unified School Board are up for filling on the November ballot. Five candidates will be on the ballot. This week,

the Town Crier presents incumbent Lisa DeForest and challengers Boyd Lachlan Roberts and Jim Smith.

In the Oct. 11 issue, incumbent Marilyn Forst and challenger John Graham were profiled.

## Lisa DeForest

Hemet chiropractor Lisa DeForest is, by her admission, a multi-tasker of necessity. She has a husband, two boys, ages 8 and 12, a full-time medical practice, is president of the Western Science Center Museum, a PTA member, and also serves on the Hemet Unified School District Board of Trustees. She has completed one term on the HUSD board and is running for her second four-year term.

In that capacity she has sought to improve school safety by introducing closed campuses and the only active shooter drill held on a Riverside County school campus. DeForest's husband Lance is a law enforcement officer. With his help and connections, DeForest organized a Saturday drill on the Hemet High School campus involving 25 professional law enforcement personnel, student actors and the school resource officer.

The drill involved three scenarios in each of which there was a live shooter. Each scenario focused on a different set of facts and different campus locations to which professional responders had to quickly respond. "The drill connected police with those who knew the campus and helped familiarize law enforcement with the HHS campus," said DeForest.

DeForest said she brings a deep connection to the wider community as part of what she contributes to the board. As president of the Western Center Science



**Dr. Lisa DeForest**

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Museum, a facility that has attendance of 40,000 people a year, many of them children, DeForest brings her experience of seeing what the museum experience means to the visitors. DeForest, who is a businesswoman, is a chief fundraiser for the Western Center and brings her budget knowledge and expertise to the board. "What our community is asking for is the sciences and they have the resources there [at the Western Center]."

She'd like to take the successes of the Western Center Academy and the Hemet Academy for Applied Academics and Technology charter schools and incorporate some of the technology and approaches of those schools in other district schools.

"I'm the one who pushed for using the Kahn Academy technology," she said, referring to the online non-profit founded by Bangladeshi-American educator Salman Khan. It provides free online education to students using an extensive video library, interactive challenges and

assessments that can be accessed from any computer with access to the web, anywhere in the world.

"I also pushed to get more computers and software into classrooms to make use of the latest educational technology," she said. "These kinds of innovations help the kids go forward." She also supports the Cornell Note Taking system and believes it should be introduced into earlier grades to ensure that students are better able to capture information.

DeForest said she has a vested interest in serving on the district board, given that both her children attend district schools. She is also active in the PTA and regularly visits classrooms and school athletic events.

She and her husband have a cabin in Idyllwild and get here as often as they can. She said she is very familiar with Idyllwild School, the support it receives from the community and the infectious positive attitude that teachers and administrators exude. "It's a wonderful community hub," said DeForest, "and I think

Principal Matt Kraemer is doing a very good job. We [the board] have looked at Idyllwild and what they're doing as a model for other district schools."

As to why Hill voters should mark her ballot, DeForest said she has background as a teacher (at Cal Poly Pomona and Mt. San Jacinto Junior College) but has never been employed in the Hemet district. "I understand what's going on in the district and also bring a neutrality that is helpful," she said. "I'm committed to securing a safe and effective learning environment for our students. I have a track record from my one term and I'm not afraid to get things done."

As to why she became so involved in the life of the Hemet Valley communities, DeForest said, "I didn't want to be an outsider looking in."

DeForest completed her bachelor's degree at Cal Poly Pomona and also a master's in microbiology. After Cal Poly she attended and graduated from the Los Angeles

College of Chiropractic.

She has also served the community as co-founder of ValleyWatch.org, has chaired the United Way's Women's Leadership Council and served on the Ramona Animal Shelter board. She

has served on the Hemet/San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce, which voted her Woman of the Year in 2007. The Riverside Press-Enterprise voted her the number one chiropractor in the Inland Empire.

## Boyd Roberts

Real estate broker Boyd Lachlan Roberts said he is running for a seat on the Hemet Unified School District Board to help correct what he views as an underperforming district. "It's obvious the district is underperforming compared to Temecula and Menifee that receive the same money. HUSD is below average," said Roberts, "and I believe it needs a fresh set of eyes on the board."

Based on 2011 Academic Performance Index scores released in June 2012, Roberts is generally correct about the Temecula and Menifee districts scoring higher overall than Hemet — 2011/2012 API targets for HUSD were 750



**Boyd Roberts**

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in 2011 to 758 in 2012 at end of school year; for Menifee, from 843 to 848 and for Temecula from 858 to 870. Many of Temecula's elementary schools scored above 900 in June 2012 API results.

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# Proposition 32: When a ballot title is part of the story

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
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Drafters of Proposition 32 call it the "Stop Special Interest Money Now Act," or "Paycheck Protection Initiative." In its preamble, it says it aims to reduce the influence of special interests on the political process. But reading the language of the entire initiative may leave voters wondering if the measure does what the title suggests and does it in a fair and balanced way.

The ballot label reads:

"Prohibits unions from using payroll-deducted funds for political purposes. Applies same use prohibition to payroll deductions, if any, by corporations or government contractors. Prohibits union and corporate contributions to candidates and their committees. Prohibits government contractor contributions to elected officers or their committees."

The intent of Proposition 32 is to level the political playing field by weakening "special interests" clout within the system. But while

it does restrict unions' ability to raise money to influence elections, it does not place similar practical constraints on corporations and other special interests.

The difference is in dues. Union members pay dues to have their leadership represent them in the collective bargaining process. Employers often automatically deduct union dues from all payroll checks, but only with employee permission under current California law. For many years, unions have used some of these dues

for political contributions, independent expenditures or other political spending, as is permitted under California law. This measure prohibits those deductions, even if the contributions are desired, sought and preapproved by individual union members.

Critics note that few if any corporations receive or deduct dues. Proposition 32 only targets political spending from paycheck deduction, leaving other means of influencing the political process unchecked.

The measure also proposes to ban both unions and corporations from making direct donations to politicians, which critics cite as an arguable infringement of free speech, but exempts certain businesses that are not legally "corporations" under current law — limited liability companies (LLC), limited liability partnerships (LLP), limited partnerships (LP), business trusts, real estate investment trusts (REIT) and sole proprietorships are all exempt and can make direct donations to politicians.

Proponents urge reining in "special interests," without differentiating among those special interests. The Wall Street Journal candidly notes that the initiative is aimed at one special interest primarily. "If California voters hope to stand a chance of reining in such benefits and fixing their dysfunctional state, they'll have to break the government union political monopoly this November."

With any ballot initiative, voters can learn much about it by following the money. Millions are being spent to both pass and defeat this initiative. Major donors in support include: American Future Fund, a 501(c)(4) formed to "provide Ameri-

cans with a conservative and free market viewpoint to have a mechanism to communicate and advocate on the issues that most interest and concern them," Stanford physicist Charles Munger Jr., First Virtual Group Chairman Thomas M. Siebel and Baron Real Estate Chairman William Bloomfield, Jr.

Leading opposition funders include: California Teacher Association, California State Council of Service Employees, California Professional Firefighters, California School Employees Association and the California Labor Federation.

A Contra Costa Times editorial urges a "no" vote as do other editorial boards in the state such as the Los Angeles Times, Sacramento Bee, San Francisco Chronicle, Ventura County Star, San Jose Mercury News, Chico News and Review and La Opinion.

The San Bernardino County Sun, the San Diego Union Tribune and the Orange County Register support the measure.

The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office estimates investigative and regulatory costs of \$1 million annually.

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## Oak borer infestation zone in San Diego County

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
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In an ongoing campaign to educate the public about the Goldspotted oak borer and the danger it presents to California's oaks, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection declared and mapped a zone of infestation in San Diego County. The declaration and the borders of the zone were adopted at a September meeting of the Board Forestry and Fire Protection and were based on recommendations made by CAL FIRE Chief Ken Pimlott.

At this time, the plan is to foster greater interagency cooperation and to inform and enlist the public in containing the spread of the beetle outside the current infestation zone, according to Board Executive Office George Gentry. It is also to educate the public about the dangers of transporting firewood from the zone to destinations outside the zone. In adopting the zone, the agency considered particular risks to uninfected communities like Idyllwild with large stands of oak.

The educational message being propagated is to burn wood where it is harvested and don't transport it, especially from San Diego County to any location outside the county. Debarked

oak and oak that has been cured for two years pose little to no danger of beetle spread, but those who buy and transport firewood must try to get proof that the wood is harvested from a noninfected area, said Dr. Tom Scott, University of California Riverside natural research specialist and a lead activist in the oak borer battle.

The zone declaration is a step toward greater regulation but at this time the focus is only on education, Scott said. The oak borer infestation zone is clearly demarked and any buyer of firewood from a commercial seller has a right to ask for a bill of sale that shows where it was harvested.

Scott suggested threatened communities, such as Idyllwild, should seek county support for roadside signs that warn firewood importers, both commercial and those bringing it for personal use, that only locally harvested wood is permitted in the community. "Burn only local wood," said Scott.

He also suggested appealing to the self-interest of vacation rental owners and property managers to advise their clients against firewood importation. "Otherwise owner property values will be affected when oak borer destroys local oak

forests," he said.

The CAL FIRE education campaign is especially critical to educate visitors to Idyllwild about the dangers in bringing firewood from San Diego County. Many San Diego County residents visit Idyllwild. Many have second homes here. Others stay in vacation rentals.

At present, there is no way to know if they are bringing firewood in from the infected zone, Scott noted. There the beetle has destroyed over 80,000 trees since it was discovered in 2002, according to the CAL FIRE news release. Scientists believe the pest

emigrated from Mexico and southeastern Arizona into San Diego County, most probably in firewood.

"The insect causes mortality in healthy, mature coast live oak, canyon live oak and California black oak trees," said Gentry.

Scott said the public is the frontline against oak borer spread. "Firewood is one of the least regulated commodities," said Scott, noting that no one should buy firewood without asking for source documentation.

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Roberts cited his degree in economics (Cal State University, San Bernardino) and his business experience as a real estate and commodities broker as a solid background to confront the most important hurdles facing the district — money and sound budgetary policy.

When pressed for details on how better to use the “same money” other districts receive to improve student performance, Roberts said he didn’t have all the answers but admires the Kahn Academy approach, some of which is currently being used in the district. Bangladeshi-American educator Salman Khan founded the free online education non-profit. Students come to the website to make use of an extensive video library, interactive challenges and assessments from any computer with access to the web, anywhere in the world. Khan is a Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology graduate and a force for providing new methods in contemporary education.

“I’m very intrigued by the Kahn model,” said Roberts. He believes HUSD’s two science and technology-based charter schools, the Western Center Academy

and the Hemet Academy for Applied Academics and Technology, are effective and their new ways of delivering curricula using technology should be expanded.

Roberts said he supports Measure U and both education propositions (30 and 38) because of the need for more funds for schools. He prefers Proposition 38 because, as drafted, he said it would ensure more money goes directly to schools.

He also said that to provide more school services and retain good teachers, there has to be more money. “I’m in favor of additional revenue, taxes,” said Roberts. Otherwise, he noted, there is no way to correct what is failing and innovate.

Roberts said he comes from a family of teachers, both at university and elementary teaching levels and that good education is a key to success. But he does not believe teaching to the test, for the money, is good for students. “I don’t believe in all this testing,” he said. “Teaching to the test is a mistake.”

Roberts and family live in French Valley. He has two grandchildren currently in Hemet district schools. He said he is the only candidate for the HUSD board endorsed by the Riverside Democratic Central Committee.

## Jim Smith

California native Jim Smith makes his first run for elective office after a long career as an educator. In 36 years with the Hemet Unified School District, Smith has served as teacher, founding principal of Alessandro High School and Helen Hunt Jackson School, principal of Hemet Adult School and West Valley High School, and director of public services and alternative education for the district.

Smith entered the race seeking to apply his experience in education, school law, finance and budget administration to the problems facing the HUSD board at this time, he said.

“The biggest challenges the district faces are finan-



**Jim Smith.**

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cial,” said Smith. “I’ve been on both sides of the issues, as a teacher, counselor and administrator. I know the people. I believe I can work with them. I’m not running with any axes to grind. I just want to have schools that are excellent and are totally

supported.”

When asked how to achieve those goals, given the pressing financial challenges, expanding class sizes, and need to serve a multilingual school population Smith said, “This may cost me a few votes, but if we want services, we have to pay for them and that means taxes. I’ve urged the [HUSD] board to support Prop. 30 as one of the best options we have right now. We all need to dig deep to see how we want to support our schools. We can only capture the future with our young people.”

Smith said he was also supportive of Measure U although he noted that passage would do nothing to reduce class sizes. “It refinances our building (capital project) debt,” he

said. Smith said the district should use all means of delivering curricula, both comprehensive and alternative. “We need to look at technology and how to use it effectively in presenting subject matter.”

He commented approvingly on two district charter schools, the Western Center Academy and the Hemet Academy for Applied Academics and Technology. “I had a hand in writing the HAAAT charter,” he said. “That was the intent of the charter, that students would learn their academics through application and that is a great way to learn.”

Smith admitted the challenges of how to effectively educate district students are daunting and the responsibility is huge.

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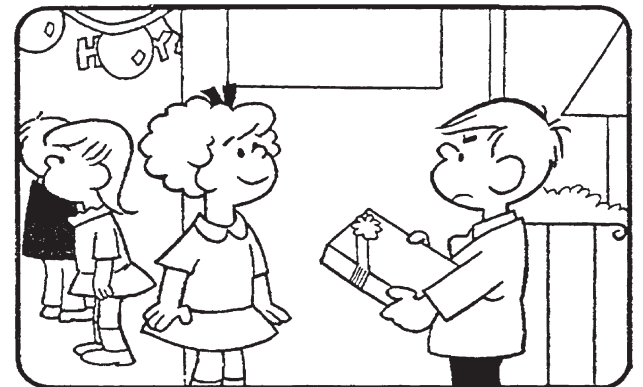
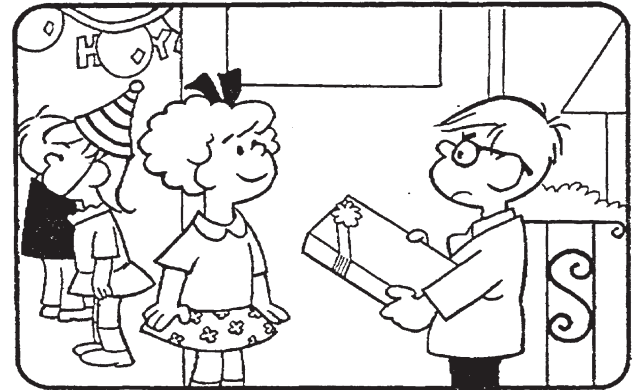
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Public Notices
 Legals • Doing Business As

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Every day throughout the United States, newspapers publish thousands of public notices about events, conditions or actions that affect countless individuals, families, neighborhoods and businesses. Public notices cover many topics, including business matters, liquor licensing, public auctions and sales, estates, zoning, public meetings, bids to sell goods and services to the government, local government finances and state and local elections. Public notice is a fundamental component of our system of representative democracy, which depends upon the participation of educated, responsible citizens.

STATEMENT OF  
 ABANDONMENT OF USE OF  
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
 The following fictitious business name IDYLLWILD COMMUNITY ACUPUNTURE, 54445 North Circle Drive, Stes. A & B, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County has been abandoned by the following person: HILLARY ANNE JAYNES, 25689 Cedar Glen Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.  
 This business is conducted by an Individual.  
 The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on March 21, 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:  
 HILLARY ANNE JAYNES  
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 26, 2012.

FILE NO.:  
 R-2011-03175

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  
 The following person is doing business as SCRUB OUTLET, 4751 E. Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs, CA 92264, Riverside County. Mailing address: 117 Via Valverde, Cathedral City, CA 92234. SUSAN DAWN KROSNER, 318 22nd St., Huntington Beach, CA 92248; CONNIE SUE PEHRSON, 117 Via Valverde, Cathedral City, CA 92234.  
 This business is conducted by a General Partnership.  
 Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.  
 Signed:  
 CONNIE SUE PEHRSON  
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 9, 2012.

FILE NO.:  
 I-2012-01824

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JULY 9, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JULY 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: J. Buenrostro, Deputy

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
 STATEMENT  
 The following person is doing business as AMERICAN OPEN 2012, 45421 Lupine Ln., #7, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County. ANTHONY ROCCO POMPONIO, 45421 Lupine Ln., #7, Palm Desert, CA 92260.  
 This business is conducted by an Individual.  
 Signed:  
 LARRY W. WARD,  
 County Clerk  
 By: M. Meyer, Deputy

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 By: J. Buenrostro, Deputy

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 This business is conducted by an Individual.  
 Signed:  
 LARRY W. WARD,  
 County Clerk  
 By: M. Meyer, Deputy

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 County Clerk  
 By: J. Buenrostro, Deputy

CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**  
 1 "Monty Python" opener  
 4 Met melody  
 8 Raggedy Ann, e.g.  
 12 Calendar abbr.  
 13 Gangster's companion  
 14 Pennsylvania port  
 15 Pennsylvania Dutch pork concoction  
 17 Appellation  
 18 With skill  
 19 Monarch  
 20 Comfortably inviting  
 22 Pebbles' papa  
 24 French cleric  
 25 Sit-ins and such  
 29 Part of AT&T

30 Water nymph  
 31 Greek X  
 32 Glittery cosmetic  
 34 Actor Pitt  
 35 Census stats  
 36 Cheer up  
 37 Inundated  
 40 Amorphous mass  
 41 Mail  
 42 Earn an F in penmanship  
 46 Satan's specialty  
 47 Owl's call  
 48 Shelter  
 49 Challenge  
 50 Oxen's burden  
 51 Corn spike

**DOWN**  
 1 Picks out of a lineup  
 2 Sleuth  
 3 Mix up  
 4 Without stinting  
 5 Thickly fibrous  
 6 Under the weather  
 7 Hearty brew  
 8 Strip  
 9 Exam format  
 10 Rickey flavoring  
 11 Ogler's look  
 16 Busy as -  
 19 Emeritus (Abbr.)  
 20 Loathe  
 21 Do as you're told  
 22 McDonald's offering  
 23 Bellow

25 Sheet of glass  
 26 Where "TWELVE" is worth 12  
 27 Just one of those things  
 28 22-Down, e.g.  
 30 Approaching  
 33 In conclusion  
 34 Sci-fi villain  
 36 Upper-class group  
 37 Mimicked  
 38 Made on a loom  
 39 "Yeah, right!"  
 40 Understand, slangily  
 42 Bashful  
 43 Dove's call  
 44 Meadow  
 45 Always, in verse

STATEMENT  
 The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD MARTIAL ARTS, 26364 Saunders Meadow Rd., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3075, Idyllwild, CA 92549 JOHN WALKER KING, 25720 Scenic Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549.  
 This business is conducted by an Individual.  
 Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in November 2011.

Signed:  
 JOHN KING  
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 6, 2012.

FILE NO.:  
 R-2012-09937

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON SEPT. 6, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO SEPT. 6, 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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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME  
 STATEMENT  
 The following person is doing business as AMERICAN OPEN 2012, 45421 Lupine Ln., #7, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County. ANTHONY ROCCO POMPONIO, 45421 Lupine Ln., #7, Palm Desert, CA 92260.  
 This business is conducted by an Individual.  
 Signed:  
 LARRY W. WARD,  
 County Clerk  
 By: M. Gutierrez, Deputy

FILE NO.:  
 I-2012-01824

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 This business is conducted by an Individual.  
 Signed:  
 LARRY W. WARD,  
 County Clerk  
 By: M. Gutierrez, Deputy

FILE NO.:  
 I-2012-01824

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

Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.  
 Signed:  
 ANTHONY POMPONIO  
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 13, 2012.

FILE NO.:  
 I-2012-02423

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON SEPT. 13, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO SEPT. 13, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).  
 CERTIFICATION  
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LARRY W. WARD,  
 County Clerk  
 By: A. Chavez, Deputy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE  
 Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at the hour of 3:30 p.m. Oct. 25, 2012 at Lockaway Storage, 1181 North State St., in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, misc. tools and equipment.  
 This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 et. seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.  
 Manager/Dustin Leonard  
 RE: Notice of Public Sale  
 Misc. Household Items and Furniture.  
 Lockaway Storage  
 1181 North State St.

See [Public Notices, next page](#)

HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) This is a good time to speak out on a difficult situation. You're known for your honesty, so people will listen and, perhaps, begin to make long-needed changes.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's sharp business sense alerts you to question the positions of those trying to push the Bull into a deal. Demand to see proof of what they profess.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your quick thinking helps you get out of a troubling situation that was suddenly thrust upon you. Later on, you can expect to learn more about why it happened.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel you've dotted all your i's and crossed all your t's regarding that upcoming deal. But there might be some facts you've ignored. Check again.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Time for the Lion to be more physically active. It will help shake off any lingering Leonine lethargy and restore your energy levels, so you'll be prepared for what lies ahead.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Helping those in need at this time is laudable. But don't ignore your own needs, especially where it concerns your health. A medical checkup is a wise move.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Good news: Your

outspoken views about a controversial on-the-job situation could find unexpectedly strong support from a most unlikely workplace faction.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might have to draw on your reservoir of spiritual strength to help someone special through a difficult time. Your loving attitude makes all the difference.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Your proven leadership qualities make you the perfect person to take on an important workplace task.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Although some compromise might need to be reached regarding your stand on an important issue, you'll still be able to get the most crucial points across.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A chance to make a career change carries both positive and uncertain possibilities. Best advice: Check it out thoroughly and don't be rushed into a decision.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You're still a staunch supporter of one side of an important issue. But be prepared to deal with new information that could cause you to question your current stand.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You're perceptive and quick to act when you sense that someone needs help. You are an always-dependable friend.



SPORTS

Town Hall Youth Soccer

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on Town Hall Youth Soccer, which began its season the week of Oct. 8.

5 and Under Division

On Thursday, Oct. 11, the Arriba’s Bobcats took on the Rotary Raging Rivers. The Bobcats’ **Nathan Fisher** and the Raging Rivers’ **Travis Rocha** played great for their teams hustling on both ends of the field. Both players showed off how much they have learned in the past few weeks.

On Saturday, the Idyllwild Proffesional Cleaning Service Ninja Strikers took on the Arriba’s Bobcats. **Steven Solorzano** played great defense for the Ninja Strikers. **River McIntyre** played awesome for the Bobcats kicking the ball up the field.

Also, on Saturday game the Rotary Raging Rivers and the American Legion Wolves played. **Isaac Irsfeld** was outstanding for the Wolves as he went after the ball all game. **Jack Tate** was great for the Raging Rivers as he was aggressive going after the ball the whole game.

8 and Under Division

On Thursday, Oct. 11, the Café Aroma Blizzards took on the Pino Tree Service Kryptonite. The Blizzards’ **Bre-anna Sheppard** played great as forward and got the ball down the field all game long as her team took an early lead. The Kryptonites played hard the whole game. **Seth White** did a great job controlling the ball and getting it to the forwards for his team. The Blizzards won 5-1.

The second game matched the Sacco Dining Idyl Beasts and the La Casita Dragon Slayers. **Maraja Kelly’s** two goals took the Idyl Beasts to an early lead. The Dragon Slayers came back to tie the game as **Rene Hernandez** and **Alexandria O’Neal** played great. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

On Saturday the Pino Tree Service Kryptonite took on the La Casita Dragon Slayers, who got a quick start as scoring a couple of goals. **Nick Fletcher** played outstanding defense and offense for the Dragon Slayers. **Manuel Guzman** and **Fatima Guzman** played great defense for the

The Oompa Loompas and the Ninjas faced off on Oct. 9.

PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE

Kryptonite. The Dragon Slayers won 5-0.

In the second game, the Cafe Aroma Blizzards met the Sacco Dining Idyl Beasts. The Blizzards got off to a quick start scoring two early goals. **Issabella Miro** and **Maddie Williamson** played great for the Blizzards. **Ruby Mckeller** and **Jessa Smith** hustled all over the field for the Idyl Beasts but the Blizzards won 5-1.

Division Standings

	Wins	Losses	Ties
Dragon Slayers	6	0	1
Blizzards	5	2	0
Kryptonite	1	5	1
Idyl Beasts	0	5	2

11 and Under Division

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, the Dr. Dunn and Dunn Oompa Loompas took on the Ninjas, who got off to a good start. **Jake Gurling** scored an early goal and **Grace Pavon** played outstanding defense. The Oompa Loompas trailed at half-time, but came back in the second half behind goals by **Alia Teeguarden** and **Lainie Wilke** two goals from **Pierce Pramuka**. The Oompa Loompas went on to win 7-3.

Friday’s game was between the Dr. Dunn and Dunn Oompa Loompas and the Roby Gray Construction Falcons. Neither team scored in the first half. The second half was much the same as both **Joseph Tiso** for the Falcons and **Rory Wilke** for the Oompa Loompas stood strong on defense. Each team scored a second half goal and the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Saturday’s game matched the Ninjas and the Roby Gray Construction Falcons. **Elsie Fisher** scored her first goal early in the game to



One of the Bobcats players seemed a bit nonchalant about the game against the Wolves on Monday. Regardless, both teams played a great game.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

give the Ninjas an early lead. The Falcons battled back as **Leslie** and **Litzzy Pimentel** played great. On a late goal, the Falcons tied the game, which ended in a 3-3 tie.

Division Standings

	Wins	Losses	Ties
Falcons	2	2	2
Ninjas	2	2	1
Oompa Loompas	2	2	1

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

Public notices

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Hemet, CA 92543  
(951) 929-2053  
Name: Name: MARIA ADAMS  
Name: GILBERT TIJERINA  
Name: VILLAMI TAULANGA  
Name: MESHEKA JOHNSON  
Name: MICHAEL D. MALONE  
Auction to be held on Oct. 25, 2012. At 3:30 p.m.  
Lockaway Hemet  
Dustin Leonard - Manager  
American Auction Service  
Bond # FS8632014  
Pub. TC: Oct. 11, 18, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT  
The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD LAUNDRY SERVICE, 54221 Maranatha Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549-4399, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 4399, Idyllwild, CA 92549. NASH’S WEB DEZIGNZ INC., 27167 Goldenrod, Idyllwild, CA 92549, a California corporation.  
This business is conducted by a corporation.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.  
Signed:  
RICHARD K. NASH  
President  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 4, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-11005  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON OCT. 4, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO OCT. 4, 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. Lewis, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 2012.

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IDY BUSINESS

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Call Sandy at (951) 659-2145 or stop by the Town Crier, 24945 Village Center Dr. (office open Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. from 9 am to 5 pm.)

Christmas

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by that date. “We’ll confirm who is taking over committees and what their agreed job duties are.”

Mueller is meeting with village storekeepers to secure their agreement to

stay open during the festival. “I’m asking them to keep their stores open if they can and to donate to support the event,” she said.

She is CEO of her own company, Mueller Worldwide, and a recent full-time Hill resident with husband Glenn Warren. Mueller

and Warren’s firm creates marketing and branding campaigns for major international companies including 3Com Corporation (part of Hewlett Packard), 3M Company, AT&T, FedEx, Lucent and Porsche. *Marshall Smith can be reached at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).*



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- One copy change permitted monthly
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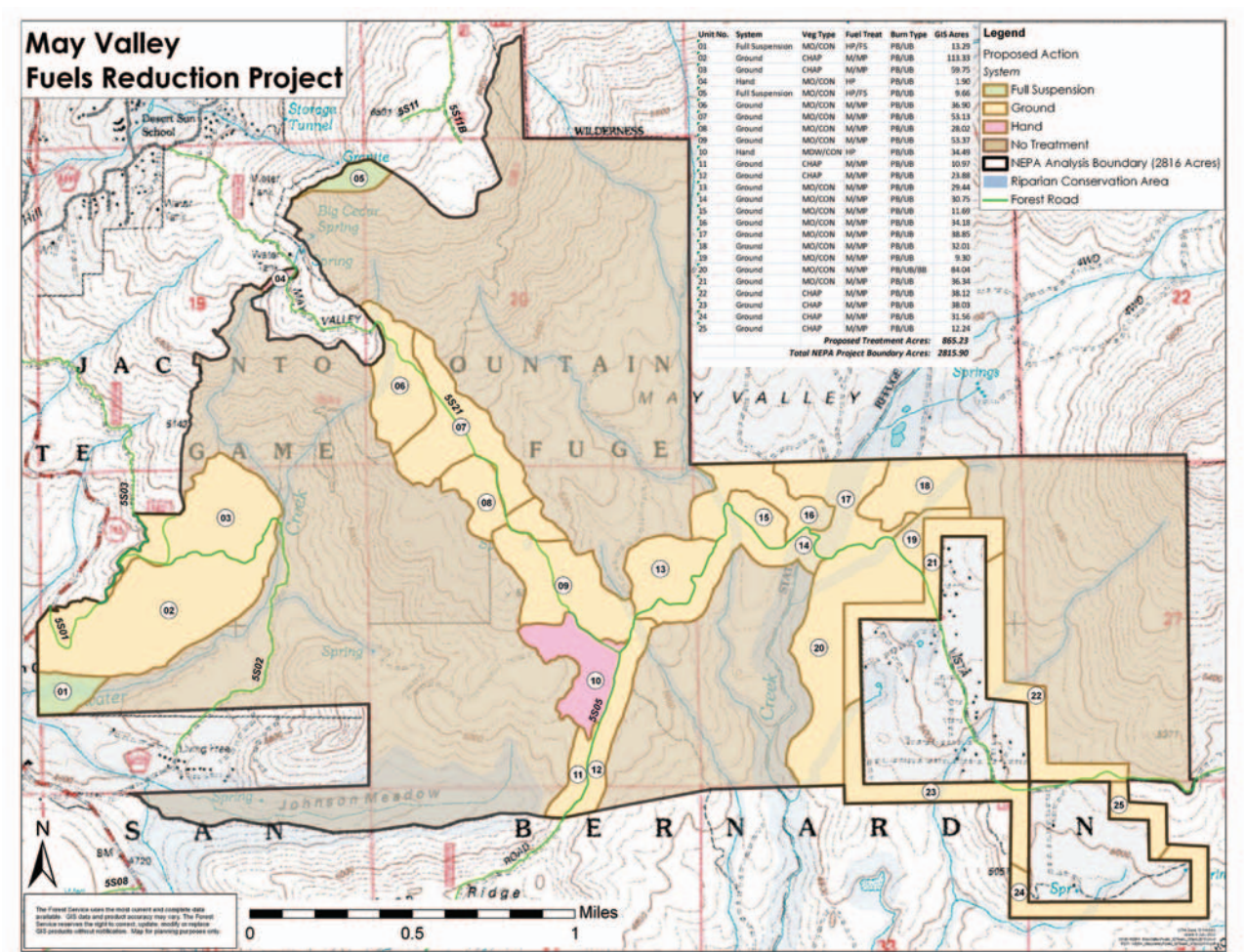
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## May Valley

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Forest Supervisor Judy Noiron reviewed the questions and suggestions. In an Aug. 16 letter, she explained why these were rejected. For example, only a small number of potential




spotted owl habitats are within the project.

Two federally endangered species have habitat within the project area. The Southwestern willow flycatcher has unoccupied habitat within the target area and the project is not likely to adversely affect the

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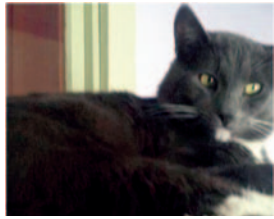


## CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

Reunited and happy to be home are Leeloo, Bolt and Cuko, and Tank, Nala and Rango. If your pet has decided to run away from home, call the ARF Search and Rescue, (626) 833-2311.

Anyone recognize this cat? He was found on Double View a couple of weeks ago, and is now available for adoption. We have named him **Theodore**. He has a twin sister who was also found on Double View this weekend. They are very healthy and friendly. Both are dark gray with white markings. Call ARF, (951) 659-1122.



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Two peas in a pod, **Carly** and **Sadie** are sisters not even a year old. A little shy, they clearly would love to have a home together.

**Sister** and **Mama** are the remaining cats of the Mac-Cleod Gang. Sister is about 7 months old, and is finally able to have some fun now that the babies are all adopted. She was always there with Mama to help care for her sisters. Mama is about 1-1/2-year-old Siamese mix.

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## PAST TENSE

### 65 years ago - 1947

The newly formed house committee for Town Hall took steps to waterproof the basement, purchase oil heaters and provide restrooms.

### 60 years ago - 1952

Halfway through the deer hunting season, a record number of 374 bucks were tallied. Meanwhile, locals were spreading a tall tale about a hunter who took a snooze and awoke to a buck licking his face.

### 55 years ago - 1957

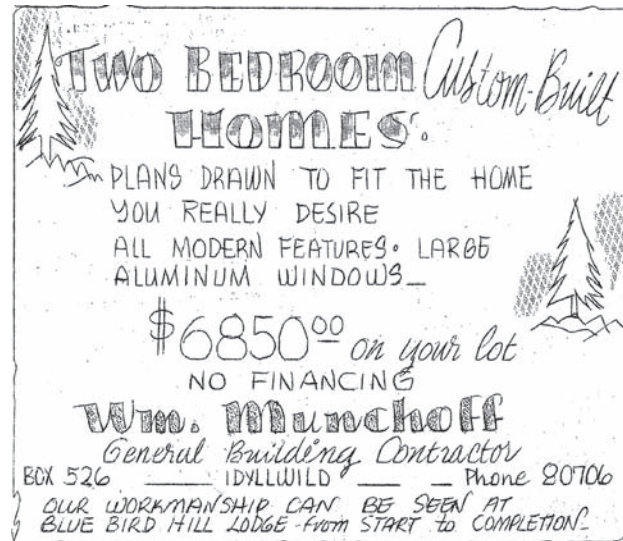
Town Crier founders and publishers Ernest and Betty Maxwell sold the newspaper to Mark Clevenger, San Clemente Sun Post news editor.

### 45 years ago - 1967

Volunteers were busy constructing the Mile-High Trap Club shooting range on Baldy Mountain.

### 40 years ago - 1972

The Poverty Construction Company was building the first solar kiln in the world. It contained 8,000 mirrors, each cut by hand.



55 years ago: This ad was published on Oct. 11, 1957, in the Town Crier.

FILE PHOTO

### 35 years ago - 1977

While working at a restaurant in Idyllwild, Michele McCann was asked to be in a 1978 Ford Bronco commercial. She agreed and added publicity work to her resumé.

The action was taken one week after Tylenol capsules laced with cyanide reportedly caused seven deaths in the Chicago area.

### 20 years ago - 1992

Caltrans blamed contractors for the bridge delay on Highway 243 at Strawberry Creek.

### 15 years ago - 1997

The Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church

celebrated more than 50 years of service.

### 10 years ago - 2002

Lawyers representing the Mountain Resources Conservancy (MRC), a Hill environmental group, increased pressure on Riverside County to shut down Paul Black's water exportation business. More than 50 pages of documents were sent to the county in support of MRC's charges that Black was illegally operating his company, Idyllwild Mountain Spring Waterworks.

### 5 years ago - 2007

Two small earthquakes, centered in Blackburn Canyon, were distinctly felt in Idyllwild. The first tremor measured 2.8 and the second 3.1.

### 1 year ago - 2011

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved a loan or advance of \$450,000 to IFPD. The funds were to be repaid to the county from the district's December and January property tax and special assessment payments.

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## Trails

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flycatcher.

The Quino checkerspot butterfly occupies its habitat. The biological studies assessment of the project may affect or is likely to adversely affect the butterfly. However, it was also determined that the project could be implemented outside the butterfly's flight season. Periodic fires improve its habitat and the project is consistent with the Quino butterfly's recovery plan.

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).



A local sign for Smith.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

## HUSD

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"Public schools are the engine of democracy and we must teach all students. In HUSD we must teach the least and the most able and reach students who are non-English speakers, not just Spanish but also Tagalog and some Arabic languages."

Smith completed his bachelor's at Cal State Northridge and master's at Cal State Fullerton. He has teaching, counseling and administrative credentials, and teaches education law at UCR Extension. He retired from HUSD in 2006. He and his wife Kathy have lived in Hemet since 1970 and their four children attended and graduated from Hemet schools. "I believe in a balanced approach to education that strives to educate the whole child," he said. "Students need college and career preparation as well as opportunities for athletic participation and artistic expression."

"I have served many Idyllwild families both through Alessandro and Helen Hunt. I know many of the teachers who have taught at Idyllwild School. My campaign is a word of mouth campaign from families, students and teachers who know me."

Smith is endorsed by the Hemet Teachers Association.



**Caleb Alvarez, 6, takes a seat in the Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Company 621 unit at Saturday's Annual Fire Prevention Week event at Idyllwild Fire. Firefighter/EMT Adam Rodriguez puts on a short class about the importance of fire safety at the end of the annual event. Rodriguez explained about having smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in homes, as well as a fire exit plan in case a structure fire happens.**

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Art Alliance of Idyllwild's "Artist of the Year" in 2012, **Kathy Harmon-Luber** spent a recent weekend with friends in St. Michael's, Maryland, a historic town on the eastern shore. While reading her Town Crier, Carolyn the Crab caught her by surprise!

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