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IDYLLWILD INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CINEMA



Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC) Theatre during IIFC 2010 week. Above, *Savage* founder **Stephen Savage** will hold a world premiere of his newest film, "Legacy," at the Rustic Moon." PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Festival 'Legacy': a world premiere

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Filmed in Idyllwild, Festival Director Stephen Savage's feature film "Legacy" anchors the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC) with a red carpet world premiere at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15 at the festival main venue, The Rustic Theatre. A second showing is scheduled for noon, Saturday, Jan. 16.

"Legacy," written and directed by Savage, is a taut psychological thriller, centered on a tortured father daughter relationship involving kidnapping, serial murders and the immense emotional damage with which his daughter is left when he abandons her after his rampage. Fast paced and with unexpected plot twists, "Legacy" is an edge-of-your-seat

roller coaster of suspense and surprises.

The film features Hollywood regulars Wolfgang Bodison (whose movie credits include "A Few Good Men," "Joe Somebody," and television appearances on "Murder She Wrote," "Highlander," "ER" and "CSI: NY"); Will Wallace (whose movies include "The New World," "I am Sam," "The Thin Red Line," and television credits include "Beverly Hills 90210"); Idyllwild's own Conor O'Farrell (whose credits include HBO miniseries "From the Earth to the Moon," movies, "A Stir of Echos" and television "Murder One," "24," "Nip/Tuck" and "Without a Trace"); and 1995 Idyllwild Arts graduate and now working actor Kyrie Maezumi (whose credits include the movie "Cosmic Radio," and television "Passions.")

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Kunkle blurs private and public

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Steve Kunkle, chief of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD), recently applied for a job with Hemet's Fire Department. As IFPD's chief executive officer, Kunkle is also responsible for negotiating a \$30,000 to \$50,000 annual dispatch contract with the same agency.

The perception of an apparent conflict between seeking employment from the same organization where one is negotiating a contract has raised some concerns with current IFPD commission members. Commissioners Pete Capparelli, Jeanine Charles-Stigall and Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly have expressed concern and hope to add the topic

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Emmerson seeks Senate seat

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Assemblyman Dr. Bill Emmerson (R-Redlands, AD 63) will contend in the April 13 primary for the state Senate seat in the 37th District with backing from the man who held it before, current Riverside County 4th District Supervisor John J. Benoit.

With endorsements from Benoit and neighboring Assemblyman Brian Nestande, Emmerson runs against two who ran against Benoit in the June 3, 2008 Republican Primary — businessman Russell Bogh and former Hemet Unified School District Trustee David Peters. In that race, Benoit handily won with 56.5 percent of the vote. Bogh had 32.1 percent and Peters 11.4 percent.

Palm Springs Lincoln Club Chairman Jim Stuart, and founding member of the Coachella Valley Lincoln Club, tagged Emmerson as a carpetbagger, charging that he changed his residence from

See Emmerson, page 15

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Dec. 28 to Jan. 3:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

- Dec. 28** — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 28** — Medical aid, Foster Lake Road at Emerick Road, Pine Cove.
- Dec. 28** — Animal rescue, North Circle Drive and River Road, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 28** — Medical aid, Marian View Drive, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 30** — Medical aid, San Jacinto Road, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 31** — Medical aid, Delano Drive, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 1** — Medical aid, Tahquitz Drive, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 2** — Traffic collision, Rockdale and Jameson drives, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 2** — Medical aid, Pine Cove Road, Pine Cove.
- Jan. 3** — Medical aid, Double View Drive at the lookout, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

- Dec. 28** — Medical aid, Foster Lake Road, Pine Cove.
- Dec. 28** — Public assist, Acorn Way, Pine Cove.
- Dec. 31** — Medical aid, Delano Drive, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 2** — Traffic collision.
- Jan. 2** — Medical aid, difficulty breathing.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

- Dec. 31** — Traffic collision, Highway 74

- at mile post marker 57, Garner Valley.
- Jan. 2** — Medical aid, 58000 block of Wellman Road, Anza.
- Jan. 2** — Medical aid, 58500 block of Highway 371, Anza.
- Jan. 3** — Medical aid, 47000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.
- Jan. 3** — Medical aid, 59000 block of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Log unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Anza

- Dec. 28** — Public service assist, Reynolds Way and El Toro Road, Anza.
- Dec. 28** — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 29** — Medical aid, Gassner Road and Rogers Lane, Anza.
- Dec. 29** — Medical aid, Redshank and Rolling Hills roads, Anza.
- Dec. 30** — Medical aid, Mitchell and Bohlen roads, Anza.
- Dec. 30** — Medical aid, Gassner Road and Terry Lane, Anza.
- Dec. 30** — Medical aid, Rolling Hills and Tenderfoot trail, Anza.
- Dec. 31** — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 31** — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 31** — Medical aid, Wheeler and Indian roads, Anza.
- Jan. 1** — Medical aid, Highway 371 and Homestead Road, Anza.
- Jan. 1** — Medical aid, Highway 371, Anza.
- Jan. 1** — Medical aid, Wheeler Road, Anza.
- Jan. 1** — Walk-in medical aid.
- Jan. 2** — Medical aid, Wellman and Terwilliger roads, Anza.
- Jan. 2** — Fire, Baily Road and Co-

- per Cienega Trail, Anza.
- Jan. 2** — Walk-in medical aid.
- Jan. 2** — Medical aid, Cary and Yucca roads, Anza.
- Jan. 3** — Medical aid.
- Jan. 3** — Medical aid, Gassner Road and Sandy Hills Drive, Anza.
- Jan. 3** — Medical aid, Bautista and Willis roads, Anza.
- Jan. 3** — Walk-in medical aid.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Monday to Sunday, Dec. 28 to Jan. 3. This may not be a complete list of responses:

- Dec. 22** — Two-vehicle, non-injury traffic collision, Highway 243 north of Round Robin Drive, Stone Creek.
- Jan. 1** — Solo-vehicle and bicycle traffic collision with major injury, Poppet Flat Road, Poppet Flat. Bicyclist airlifted via Mercy Air to Riverside Regional Center with major head and facial trauma.
- Jan. 2** — Single-vehicle traffic collision, Rockdale Drive, north of Jameson Drive. Pedro Gonzalez Jimenez, of Idyllwild, arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence (DUI).

All people identified here are presumed innocent of these preliminary charges pending court actions. Only the names of suspects charged with felonies will be printed.

Sheriff's log

Nothing to report.

Volunteers sought for Eagle counts

Volunteers are needed to help the Forest Service count bald eagles this winter in the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains! Volunteers will be stationed at various vantage points around the mountain lakes, where they map and note any eagle observations during a 1-hour period on a Saturday morning.

This is the 31st year that the San Bernardino National Forest has organized monthly winter bald eagle counts.

Eagle Counts for this winter have been scheduled for the following Saturday mornings: January 9, February 13 and March 13. Mark your calendars now. Volunteers will be needed for each census. Volunteers need not have experience--just bring binoculars, a watch, and dress warmly.

Volunteers for Lake Hemet should contact Matt McDonald at (909) 382-2933 and plan on meeting at the Lake Hemet Grocery Store at 8:30 a.m. on scheduled count days for instructions.

For additional information about the San Bernardino National Forest, visit: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/>

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Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M S	High	Low	M S	
12-28	51	29		na	na		
12-29	49	27		63	31		
12-30	49	27		65	30		
12-31	na	na		61	30		
1-1	62	28		63	29		
1-2	na	na		59	30		
1-3	65	28		43	31		
Moisture in inches				Snow in inches			
To date this season (Idy): 8.61				To date this season (Idy): 17.51			
To date last season (Idy): 7.79				To date last season (Idy): 22			
Total last season (Idy): 18.04				Total last season (Idy): 55.2			
To date this season (PC): 9.45				To date this season (PC): 18			

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

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

Strange but true

The decadence of France under Napoleon's rule is legendary, and the luxury wasn't reserved solely for people. It was not uncommon for pet dogs of the wealthy nobility to have their fur waxed and styled with hot rollers in imitation of Princess Eugenie, the wife of Napoleon III.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

BY BRUCE WATTS

Snowshoes ...

Snowshoes are like tennis rackets, you might not need them very often but when you do nothing else will work. In fact, earlier versions of snowshoes and tennis rackets even looked similar and shared a similar construction, a wood frame with mesh "strung" into the interior. It would be interesting to know which came first, the snowshoe or the tennis racket. My money would be on the snowshoe.

[Editor's note: Web research suggests the idea of snowshoes, not an actual pair, is about 6,000 years old.]

At any rate, modern snowshoe construction has diverged from the original natural materials and is mostly from metal and plastic with rubber bindings. I do not know if they are more efficient than the old style, but they are certainly easier to make and use.

Last year was snowshoe heaven with our two big snowfalls in December and February. You could be certain that the conditions were great in the high country. This year, things are a little more iffy. When there is no snow in the lower elevations you may need to hike up to Saddle Junction or take the Tramway up to higher elevations. The latest word I have on snow conditions is from Forest Service volunteer Joe Bressi. Joe reports two feet at Saddle Junction and 30 inches in the Chinquapin Flat area. The Palm Springs Aerial Tramway weather reports says there is one foot of icy snow in Long Valley.

It can be hard to decide if you will need snowshoes. Generally if the snow is deep enough and soft enough that you sink and it impedes your progress, you need snowshoes. With one foot of icy snow you would be better off with crampons but when the snow is soft and deeper than a foot, snowshoes will make walking a lot easier.

Sizing snowshoes is a factor of weight, snow depth and snow conditions. Deeper, powdery snow requires more flotation. Simply put, more flotation means a longer snowshoe. If your weight is 175 pounds or less, you should be able to get by with a basic model which is under two feet long. Between 175 to 225 pounds, you may need to get a longer snowshoe and if over 225 pounds, you will need something around 30 inches. Be sure to factor in the weight of your pack and winter clothing into the equation.

The type of footwear you use with your snowshoes is also important. Obviously you will need something that is waterproof and insulated if you are out all day in snowy conditions. Snowshoes have a pivoting crampon and snow is very abrasive so a rubber toe cap on the end of your boot will save on wear and tear.

Finally, you will need a good pair of poles for both locomotion and balance. You can use either ski poles or your trekking poles with added snow baskets on the ends to keep the poles from sinking into the snow.

Strange but true

Of particular interest in these troubled economic times, it was British humor columnist Katharine Elizabeth Whitehorn who made the following sage observation: "The easiest way for your children to learn about money is for you not to have any."



Women of Year nominations sought

Nominations are being accepted for the third annual Women of the Year Awards for each of the five county supervisorial districts.

The awards, sponsored by the county's Commission for Women, recognize a woman from each district who has made contributions that improved the lives of women and families throughout Riverside County. Nominations are due Monday, Feb. 15.

Winners will be recognized at the county Board of Supervisors meeting on April 6. Requirements for the nominations are as follows:

1. Each woman may be nominated by an individual, a business, a non-profit organization, a government agency, a labor union, trade or professional organization, or an educational or religious institution.
2. Each nominee must live or work in the Supervisorial District of Riverside County for which she is nominated.
3. Each nominee must have made an important and noticeable contribution to her community by leading the way to making Riverside County a better place for women to reach their full potential.
4. Each nominee must have demonstrated areas in which they have gained the respect of their peers as a leader or role model for other women or girls.
5. Each nominee may be recommended for a specific achievement, program, project, or for cumulative volunteer or professional achievements that demonstrate she has impacted the lives of the women and families in Riverside County for the better.
6. Current members of the County of Riverside Commission for Women are ineligible for nomination.

Application forms are available by calling commission liaison Sundae Sayles at (951) 955-3510. Nominations will be reviewed by county leaders, and winners will be chosen by the Commission for Women. Winners will be notified by March 26.

The Commission for Women is an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors that defines issues and recommendations to improve the lives of women and their families. For more information about the commission or to submit a nomination application, please call (951) 955-3510 or visit <http://www.rivcocfw.com/Events/CommissionEvents/tabid/2095/Default.aspx>

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While on Christmas vacation, visiting their son in the U.S. Air Force, Ned and Peggy Roberts of Fern Valley took time to read the Town Crier while touring Riverwalk in San Antonio, Texas.

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Even on safari in Africa, the Idyllwild Town Crier is needed. Here Linda and Manny Rider enjoy a snack while the sun sets. The paper was with them during their month-long tour of India and Africa.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Editor's Note: Beginning with this week's issue, the Community calendar will list events from Wednesday through the following Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6

- 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. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.
- ESL class, 8:30-11:30 a.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Garner Valley Womens Club, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devils Ladder Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, women only, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- IFPD Special Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Raw Foods Potluck, 5:30 p.m. Nature's Wisdom, 54235 Ridgeview Dr. Call 659-4300 for information.
- CAHSEE class, 6-9 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

THURSDAY, JAN. 7

- Lemon Lily Festival planning meeting, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Nature Center,

- 25225 Highway 243.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild business meeting, 5:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant, 55980 Highway 243. Call Karen Doshier, 659-0790.
- ESL class, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Highway 243.
- GED class, 6-9 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

FRIDAY, JAN. 8

- 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.
- Baby Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Debbi Geisinger, 659-8710 or (951) 966-1094.

SATURDAY, JAN. 9

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 8:30 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr., Pine Cove.
- Bald eagle count, 8:30 a.m. Meet at Lake Hemet Market, 56571 Highway 74.
- Stand in Silent Vigil for Peace, Justice and Nonviolence, noon. Town center at "Girl Reading" monument. Call 659-2718.
- Al-Anon, noon. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- 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, JAN. 10

- Zen Meditation Group, 8 a.m. Call 659-2253.
- Teen Group, 10-11:30 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Drive, Strawberry Creek Square.
- Idyllwild Writer's Guild, 3 p.m. 25685 Big Pine St., Cedar Glen. Call 659-0130.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flat, across from Cal-Fire Station 63; AA (open) "Came to Believe" book study, 5 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.

MONDAY, JAN. 11

- ESL class, 8:30-11:30 a.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Associates of Idyllwild Arts, 10 a.m. Wilson Classroom, Idyllwild Arts, 52500 Temecula Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Pinyon Communities

Council, 7 p.m. Pinyon Fire Station, 70080 Highway 74, Pinyon.

TUESDAY, JAN. 12

- Zen Meditation Group, 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. Call 659-2253.
- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. Call 659-8321 for info.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District board, 5 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Mrantha Dr.

- ESL class, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Highway 243.
- GED class, 6-9 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

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- 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 Womens Club, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devils Ladder Rd.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, women only, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.

Birth Sadie Ellenore Clark



Jeff and Lael Clark of Lake Elsinore proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Sadie Ellenore Clark, born at 11:16 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at Rancho Springs Medical Center in Murrieta. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Jack and Becky Clark of Idyllwild and Rick and Lynn Bogart of Lake Forest. Maternal grandmother is Karon Roberts of Santa Barbara. Great-grandparents are Harold and Dorothy Schonfeld of Imlay City, Mich. Mina Sage Clark, 7, is thrilled to be a big sister.

- Awareness Meditation Anza Community Building, 56630 Highway 371, Anza.
- CAHSEE class, 6-9 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Anza Valley Municipal Advisory Council, 7 p.m.
- COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS
- California Department of Forestry (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain See Calendar, page 6

IT'S TIME AGAIN: 2010 DOG SHOW!

Town Crier's Dog Show Rules & Entry Form!



Chow Chow, above, won "Cutest Dog" last year, and **Poppy**, below, won "Most Unusual Dog."



The Dogegories:
1. Cutest Dog
2. Most Unusual Dog

Owner's name _____
 Address _____
 City, State & Zip _____
 Phone Number _____
 Dog's Name _____
 Age _____
 Breed _____
 Dogegory _____
 (Please include dog info for each dog entered)

- One dog per entry fee of \$25. (\$5 of each entry will be donated to ARF, Animal Rescue Friends.)
- Entries must be received by noon Wed., Feb. 3, 2010.
- Each entry must include one clear color photo of the dog and may also include up to two (human) family members.
- Winners will be announced in the March 11, 2010 issue of the Town Crier. Awards ceremony at 12 p.m. Friday, March 5 in the Idyllwild Dog Park.
- Contest runs in the Feb. 11, 2010 issue of the Town Crier and on the Town Crier's Web site at www.towncrier.com.
- Winners will be determined by the most votes cast in each of two "dogegories." Ballots will be printed in the Feb. 11, 2010 issue of the Town Crier. Sorry, no photocopied ballots will be accepted. You also may cast your vote online at www.towncrier.com.
- Dog owners must choose one "dogegory" per entry. The choices are: Cutest Dog and Most Unusual Dog.
- In case of a tie, each top vote-getter will be awarded.
- Each winner receives a customized Earth 'N Fire doggie bowl that includes the winner's name and "dogegory." Each bowl is filled with doggie treats and toys. Every dog will receive treats courtesy of the Spruce Moose.
- Photos of dogs cannot include images of prior awards.
- Contest limited to full-time and part-time Hill residents.
- Prior winners are not eligible to compete.

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Obituary

Johnny Martin Scoggins



Johnny Martin Scoggins, 85, of Paris, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009 at Paris Regional Medical Center in Paris, Texas.

Memorial services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9 at the First Baptist Church in Pecan Gap, Texas under the direction of Bright-Holland Funeral Home with Dr.

Ed Schaeffer and Bro. Ruben Trussell officiating.

Johnny was born Dec. 12, 1924, the son of Hubert Andrew and Mattie Lou McCollum Scoggins, in Giles, Texas in Delta County.

He became a Christian at an early age and became a member of First Baptist Church in Pecan Gap. He married Earline Parrish on May 28, 1950 at First Baptist Church. He served with the U. S. Army in Europe as a medic during WW II. He was a Tech 5 in the 99th Division Infantry.

He graduated from East Texas Teacher's College in Commerce, receiving a Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees. He began his teaching career in 1950 as a coach. He served as the superintendent of the Bland ISD in Hunt County, Texas for 18 years. After 34 years of being in education he retired in 1984 at Princeton, Texas. He and Earline moved to Lake Tawakoni where he spent many hours fishing, which was his favorite thing to do in life. They moved to Paris in 1997, where they met new friends and he continued his love of fishing. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Paris and was a 33rd degree Mason.

Married for 59 years, he is survived by his wife, Earline; two sons, Marty Scoggins of Whitney, Texas and Jeff Scoggins of Paris, Texas; a granddaughter, Kaylynn Scoggins of Paris, Texas; nephews, Drew Sallee and wife Nancy, and Tracy Needham of Calif.; niece, Kelly Blacklund of Minn.; special cousins, Barney Briscoe and wife

Obituary

Margaret "Maggie" Ann Stroube



Margaret "Maggie" Ann Stroube was a vibrant and generous spirit beloved by all who knew her. Her sparkle and sharp wit energized any room she entered. She was always ready to lend a helping hand to friends. She died Saturday, Dec. 26 following complications from surgery.

Born in Oakland, Calif. she met her one love and life companion, Wiley "Jack" Stroube, in high school. They were married 52 years. They raised their family in the San Francisco Bay area and then traveled with job assignments in Newport Beach, Severna Park, Md. and Hong Kong, returning to Los Altos. They spent their retirement years in Rancho Santa Fe, Idyllwild and Palm Desert. Maggie is survived by her children, Libby Schiff of San Diego and Paul Stroube of Newbury Park; and two grandchildren, Michael Stroube of San Francisco and Erin Waters of Pasadena.

Maggie was an active member of the Palm Desert Woman's Club and proud of the College of the Desert nursing scholarship fund it supports. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests remembrances be sent to the club at P.O. Box 413, Palm Desert, CA 92261.

The family will hold private services and host a memorial gathering in Palm Desert for Maggie's friends at a future date.

Pat, Hobert Briscoe, Betty Lancaster and Wanda Deatherage; and many special friends and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Needham; one nephew; and a special cousin, Benny Briscoe.

To leave a message or tribute for the family, please visit www.brighthollandfuneralhome.com.

Obituary

Robert Eastin Read



Robert "Bob" Eastin Read died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 77. Services were Saturday in Santa Ana.

Bob was born March 13, 1932 in Santa Ana, Calif. to Morrie and Kathaleen Read. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Elementary Education and Administration from California State University, Long Beach, and a Doctorate degree with a major in Administrative Personnel from University of Southern California. He taught fourth and sixth grades in the Santa Ana and Magnolia School Districts; was a principal

in the Magnolia and Fountain Valley School Districts; served as Personnel Director, Assistant Superintendent and Interim Superintendent for the Fountain Valley School District; served as Assistant Superintendent in the Pasadena and West Covina School Districts; and served

as Assistant Superintendent of Personnel for the Glendale School District.

He moved to Idyllwild in 1998, along with his wife, mother, and mother-in-law, to be closer to his grandchildren. For health reasons, the group moved to Rancho Mirage in 2003.

Announcement notices

A 250-word announcement plus a photograph costs \$39. Additional words are 10 cents each. An obituary notice is also published online without the photo at www.towncrier.com/obituaries/obits.html.

For more information and a form, call Grace Reed or Kathy Bryson at (951) 659-2145.

Library seeking DVDs

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

It takes a village to build a festival ...



It's only days until the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC). Kudos to Stephen "Steve" Savage; producers Charles Huddleston, Bill Triplett and Mona Taggart; Festival Associates Julia Countryman, Denice McGregor,

Kathy Sacher Wilson, Kevin and Deborah Brennen; and venue providers, Shane Stewart and Renate and Geoffrey Caine and all the others who have contributed to ensuring Festival week will happen.

It's too early to declare "success" and there are many ways to measure it. But it is appropriate to recognize the successful efforts of many volunteers. Like so many, maybe all, Hill events, volunteers have found the interest and the time to build an event that will serve many.

Dozens of volunteers create a summer Jazz in the Pines Festival that brings several thousand people to the Hill. How many thousands arrive next week remains to be counted.

I'm not worried about those who don't take advantage of this Idyllwild opportunity. We're here at the creation. Some day in the future, when movie aficionados discuss the festival circuit — Sundance, Telluride, Tribeca, Cannes and Idyllwild — we were here at the beginning.

Films at ten! 10 a.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Being there is not skipping work or indulging a personal pleasure, it's participating, contributing and building a new community event. It's your civic duty.

I already told Grace that I'll be covering the event each day and gave her my cell number. I've charged the camera batteries, cleaned the lens and studied the schedule.

If you're not convinced now, I suggest you turn to the Festival program in this issue. See what opportunities you'll miss if you don't answer this knock on the door.

Lest (Marshall's word) I become too enthused, let me suggest that one of the best contributions the IIFC offers the Hill is its example of how to initiate an event.

Another group of enthusiasts, scientists, not entertainers, want to plan and to build a third festival here. The Lemon Lily Festival would be in July and celebrate one of the few and rare flora native to this portion of the San Jacinto Mountains. This beautiful lily grows in only a few Southern California locations, all above 4,000 feet, with similar terrain and climate as found in Idyllwild.

In fact, my simplistic taste leans toward gerberas. They always remind me of a "Happy Face." But I've seen the Lemon Lily *au naturale* and Wow!

No one should question, laugh or doubt the ability of Lemon Lily lads and lasses to lead a third top-notch event for the Hill. If they have the same level of core commitment that Savage generated and found, I'm sure we'll be boasting about the beautiful Lemon fragrance July weekend.

Don't smirk, they already have a Web site: www.lemonlilyfestival.com.

The first planning meeting (after someone already took the pleasure of planning the Web site) is 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 7 at the Idyllwild Nature Center.

If you're not ready or prepared to attend, surprised at the suddenness of the invitation, or finishing your IIFC work, don't worry, the Town Crier will be there and will report the next step.

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Thanks for H1N1 flu shots

EDITOR:

I am grateful for Dick Goldberg's H1N1 vaccine clinic having received a dose for each member of my family. However, for whatever reason, 300 doses went unused on a vaccine with scarce County supplies available to the

general population. I encourage Dick to immediately hold another clinic or return the unused units to the County for use elsewhere.

JEFF SMITH
 PINE COVE

[Editor's note: Dr. Dick Goldberg confirmed the surplus vaccine had already been returned to the county.]

ONLY IN IDYLLWILD

"I needed a new rake to do my abatement and went to Earth Angels thrift store to buy one. They had none for sale. The owner said I could borrow two of his personal rakes. I told him I would bring them back in a couple of days. He said that he would be closed but to put them back in his side yard when I was done. Which I did. Only in Idyllwild."

Bill Shaw
 Idyllwild

"Only in Idyllwild" may be sent one of four ways: e-mail to beth@towncrier.com, call 659-2145, Ext. 17, fax to 659-2071 or drop off at the office, 54295 Village Center Drive.

Calendar

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- Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday & Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday, 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 Skate Park, Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243, 2:30 p.m.-dusk Monday to Thursday; 1:30 p.m.-dusk Friday; noon-dusk weekends.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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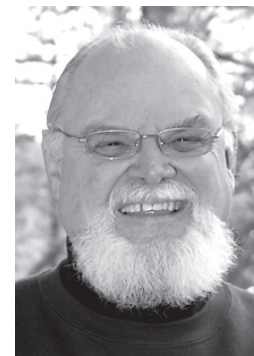
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TOWN TALK

BY JENNY KIRCHNER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

How did you spend your New Year's Eve?



Doug Austin
Thespian
Idyllwild

"New Year's Eve, we went to the Gastrognome, which I've done every year for 18 years."



Elaine Balkman
Latimer
Musician
Idyllwild

"Change Required played dance music at the American Legion for four hours."



Beth Severance
Jill of many trades
Idyllwild

"I spent the evening in front of the fire place singing and laughing with friends. We also sang to the blue moon."



Phyllis Currington-Brown
Owner, Prairie Dove
Idyllwild

"I spent New Year's with lots of friends party hopping, but made it home at midnight."

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Flowers of the forest for 2009

Throughout their lives, all of the people in this annual tribute were connected to Idyllwild.

And because these are such small communities, many of the names that appear in Town Crier obituaries have appeared in past pages of the Town Crier when those people were alive. In that sense, they live on in the written history of the community, as well as in the memories of the people they left behind.

They were volunteers for one of the many organizations on the Hill, they were friends, they were relatives of a close friend, they were co-workers, they were fellow students or they were family. They were part of our community.

The Town Crier takes pause to memorialize in its first newspaper of the new year the names of 41 people who died in 2009:

Mary Austin
Harold E. Ball Jr.
Reva Ballreich
Gordon Banks
Michael Melvyn Bassman
Bob Beebe
Bonnar Blong
James Ivor Campbell
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Ashton Caldwell Stuart
David Taylor
David Wemple Sr.
Roy Wilson
Rae Jane Winks
Margaret Winfred
"Win" Wood

Lemon Lily Festival meeting

The first event planning meeting for the Lemon Lily Festival is scheduled at 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Nature Center. (In case of snow the meeting will be rescheduled to 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, same location.)

The Lemon Lily Festival, to be held July 16, 17 and 18, 2010, is intended to foster an appreciation for one of Idyllwild's most precious native flowers.

The meeting is open to everyone. The goal of the meeting is to bring individuals and organizations together to discuss the activities that will take place during the festival. This will be the main opportunity

for all interested parties to speak and suggest events they would like to plan, host, support and promote. Soon after this meeting a tentative festival event schedule will be released.

Festival events fall into these main categories: Nature, Education, Art & Music, Youth, Business and Community.

Event proposal forms will be available at the meeting and on-line after January 1.

For more information go to the Lemon Lily Festival Web site at www.lemonlilyfestival.com. There you can sign up for the Lemon Lily Festival E-Newsletter.

Horse rescue sanctuary seeks sponsors

The Golden Carrot Rescue Sanctuary in Anza, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), provides a "forever home" to older, neglected, disabled and abandoned horses. The organization, run by Casey O'Connor, is seeking sponsors for care and feeding of the horses.

"A horse sponsorship is the perfect gift for the animal lover in your life," said Debra Sievers, a volunteer with the organization.

To learn more

about The Golden Carrot, see its Web site at www.thegoldencarrot.org or call O'Connor at (951) 763-0800.



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week (from left) are **Kayleb Hembree** and **Hannah Hardy**. Physical Education teacher **Holly Guntermann** chose the students for working hard and improving their skills.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER




Last week, the Town Crier reported that the Idyllwild Transfer Station would be open for business New Year's Day. The County Waste Management staff told us that the station would be open which was the basis of our report. Unfortunately, after we had gone to the printer, the same staff apologized for supplying the wrong information. This photo was taken New

Year's Day. Apparently many people who believed the station would be open decided to leave trash for others to clean up.

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Work continues to clean sites

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Cleanup at two Hill sites contaminated from leaking underground fuel tanks is still being evaluated. Riverside County's Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is working closely with contractors for the property owners to develop plans for future cleanup efforts.

The concentrations of many pollutants has declined over the past several years at the Village Food and Fuel site at the Shell station. But one persistent pollutant — methyl-tertiary-butyl ethane (MTBE), a gasoline additive — continues to yield concentrations hundreds of times the maximum contaminant level.

County officials and geologists monitoring the drift of the underground plume are considering the possibility that the MTBE's persistence may be coming from another source.

"Based on the data, it is fair to assume the source may not be the Village Food site," said Sharon Boltinghouse, associate public health professional geologist with the DEH.

Consequently, she and Linda Shurlow, the environmental health

specialist assigned to the project, have asked for the installation of another monitoring well.

"The laboratory results show that 4210 [parts per billion] MTBE was detected in the groundwater [during the September 2009 testing]. Based on this data, additional assessment is necessary," the two county officials wrote to Sanden and Sons in early December.

They requested a drilling plan by Jan. 18.

The Pine Cove Market is the second Hill site with active underground pollution. The DEH staff have requested a new Corrective Action Plan be submitted before owner Howard Friedman's engineers attempt another vapor extraction test.

Several years ago, this type of cleaning — essentially sucking the gases from the ground — was successful at the Idyllwild site. Last April, the groundwater levels were too high for much success at Pine Cove. The engineers recommended a second attempt after the groundwater levels had fallen.

The plan is expected by Jan. 15.

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

Bonita Vista Burn may occur next week

The Forest Service may begin the Bonita Vista prescribed Burn Project during the week of Jan. 11 depending upon weather conditions. The lack of favorable weather may delay the burning until later in the winter or spring.

The approximately 600 acre area is located in the triangle of Highway 74, May Valley Road and Johnson Meadow near Keen Camp Summit and is another phase of the ongoing Bonita Vista project.

Firefighters would begin by hand burning the perimeter of the area. If conditions remain favorable they will continue burning the interior by hand. The vegetation is chaparral with a large component of chemise. Smoke and flames are expected if it is determined that the project will commence.

This project, when complete, will reduce fuel loads to the south of Idyllwild and to the west of Bonita Vista.

Contact Dan Felix, acting district fire chief, for more information (909) 382-2943.

Esperanza Fire burn area opened

The U.S. Forest Service has opened the Esperanza Fire burn area for public use following a three-year closure for vegetation recovery. This includes Forest Service roads 3S08, 3S09, 4S05, 4S06 and 4S10. Protection of the fragile environment and public safety are key considerations in opening burned areas. The public is asked to exercise caution, stay on designated roads, and protect the recovering environment when accessing this area. For current road and weather conditions, contact the Idyllwild Ranger Station at (909) 382-2922.

Grinding facility closed on Saturday

The Idyllwild green waste grinding facility is closed on Saturdays until May 1, 2010.

The grinding facility is a service offered to Riverside County residents for trees and other green waste. The facility is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

The Idyllwild Grinding Facility is located a half-mile southwest of the Idyllwild Transfer Station. The transfer station is located at 28100 Saunders Meadow Road in Idyllwild. For more information, contact Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200 or visit http://www.rivcowm.org/landfill_info/landfill_hours.html.

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Local bald eagle count part of conservation success story

BY BETH NOTTLEY
NEWS ASSISTANT

The bald eagle holds a hallowed spot in America's culture as our national bird. Its powerful image appears on most official seals, including the Seal of the President of the United States with head facing the olive branch of peace clutched in one talon while the arrows of wartime are held in the other. The bald eagle has long been regarded as a sacred bird by many Native American tribes in North America that consider it to be a spiritual messenger between gods and humans. Even today, the Lakota give an eagle feather as a symbol of honor to a person who achieves an important task.

Even with all that, the bald eagle nearly became extinct due to hunting, habitat loss and the effects of pesticides such as DDT that came into widespread use after WWII. Credited by the World Health Organization with having saved an estimated 25 million lives due to its effectiveness against mosquitoes that spread malaria and lice that



Two bald eagles at Lake Hemet in February 2009. PHOTO COURTESY OF GARY KUSCHER

carried typhus, DDT was also discovered to be highly toxic to fish. When birds, like the bald eagle, ate the contaminated fish, it caused the shells of the birds' eggs to

be thin and brittle, breaking before chicks could hatch.

It wasn't long until the bald eagle population in the 48 contiguous states of U.S., estimated to be between 300,000 and 500,000 in the early 1700s, had dwindled to only 487 nesting pairs in 1963, according to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service statistics. The bald eagle was declared an endangered species in 1967.

On the brink of extinction, the fate of the bald eagle began to improve when DDT was banned in the United States in 1972. In 1995, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reclassified it from "Endangered" to "Threatened" and then in 2007 it was completely de-listed, with a population of 9,789 known breeding pairs. It is still, however, classified as a federally protected species.

Since 1978, Hill residents have been a part of the effort to document the comeback of the bald eagle by participating in annual bald eagle counts conducted by the Forest Service biologists. Simultaneous

counts are made several times over the course of a winter at seven lakes in the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains, including Lake Hemet.

Last year on Jan. 10, a record 50 birders and first-time counters braved strong winds and spray-dusting whitecaps at Lake Hemet hoping to catch a glimpse of the bald eagle pair that lives at the lake. Unlike most eagles that are migratory, the two at Lake Hemet are full-time residents.

The previous year, in 2008, locals had been thrilled to learn that two chicks were successfully hatched and raised, leaving the nest in November.

Matt McDonald, Forest Service biologist, is in charge of this year's bald eagle count for the first time. On Dec. 19, the first bald eagle count of the winter was conducted. Only one eagle was spotted at Lake Hemet during the count, but two were observed by Audubon counters during the Annual Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 20.

McDonald welcomes all volunteers, *See Eagle, page 11*

Bloodhounds show off tracking skills in Idyllwild

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

For the first time on the West Coast, law enforcement officials will hold a three-day bloodhound-training seminar sponsored by the National Police Bloodhound Association (www.npba.com) at Pathfinder Ranch in Garner Valley. From Wednesday, Jan. 6 through Sunday, Jan. 10, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) will host teams from across the U.S., Singapore and Germany that use bloodhounds for tracking.

As part of the seminar, teams will use Idyllwild to sharpen their handling skills. Idyllwild will serve as an urban tracking zone, tapping some Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU) volunteers and attending LAPD staff for their scent-sensitive bloodhounds to track. Handlers and their bloodhounds will likely be throughout Idyllwild Thursday Jan. 7 through Saturday, Jan. 9.

According to Sgt. Coby Webb, the first law enforcement official in RCSD to use a partner bloodhound for tracking, bloodhounds have the largest nose for tracking, are bred for it and have heightened olfactory sensitivity. Bloodhounds are commonly used in the search for missing or kidnapped children, missing or lost adults, urban search and rescue and the pursuit of fleeing assailants.

They are given a scent of something associated with the person they are tracking and are nose to the ground until they find who they're looking for. "They're the best partners [in law enforcement] anyone could have," said Webb.

Webb explained that RCSD uses apprehension canines or, as she calls them, enforcer dogs, and tracking dogs in law enforcement. Each has a distinctly different mission and approach. "Patrol dogs [enforcers] look for anybody. We'll tell them 'Go find the bad guy in the building,' and they'll search out every corner of the building to

find the hiding suspect. Bloodhounds will track to find a specific person, based on scent, and won't be distracted until they find their person."

The public is welcome to attend seminar sessions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7 through Saturday, Jan. 9 at Pathfinder Ranch, with urban tracking sessions in Idyllwild. "Anyone affiliated with law enforcement can register [for the seminar]," said Webb.

"The public is welcomed as observers, at no charge," Webb cautions however, whether at Pathfinder or on the streets of Idyllwild, "When the dog is tracking, don't stop the dogs to pet them. They are on a mission."

Further inquiries about seminar registration (for any affiliated with law enforcement) can be directed to Sgt. Coby Webb, CWebb@riversidesheriff.org or by calling (760) 464-4210. Seminar tuition is \$350 including food and lodging.

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County provides free pit bull fix

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In an effort to stem a growing influx into county shelters of American pit bull terriers and the subsequent euthanasia of most of them, Riverside County's Department of Animal Services (DAS) launches the "Pit Bull Project" on Wednesday, Jan. 13. DAS is targeting pit bull owners who have not had their dogs spayed or neutered, offering free spay/neutering, while expecting owners to cover costs of rabies vaccinations, licensing and microchipping — services that could run up to \$40. Veterinarians will typically charge from \$140 to \$160 for spaying a pit bull, based on weight, and \$130 to \$145 for neutering.

For the first time, the county is providing a breed-specific service program, funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Petco Foundation and a \$750 donation from North Hollywood based Actors and Others for Animals. "We believe this is a proactive approach to addressing this problem," said DAS Director Robert Miller.

Once a breed embraced by families and enshrined in our culture, pit bulls, like Chihuahuas, are being abandoned in droves — 4,000 entered Riverside County shelters in 2008 and 73 percent of them were euthanized. "By far, pit bulls are the dominant breed we see coming into shelters," said DAS Public Information Chief John Welsh. "They are also the least adopted. A chocolate Lab or an Australian shepherd is adopted in a heartbeat.

Culturally, pit bulls have long been part of the American fabric — Buster Brown's dog Tige; Our Gang's Little Rascals' dog; Stubby, the most decorated World War I service dog; and a breed long a favorite of politicians and celebrities such as Helen Keller and Theodore Roosevelt. Pit bulls were prized for the same qualities that defined frontier America — protecting homesteads from predators, working hard on family farms, and showing loyalty to family. Americans admired the breed for qualities they found distinctly American — friendly, brave, hardworking and

worthy of respect.

Beginning in the 1980s, according to a Web site for pit bull rescue, www.badrap.org/rescue/breed/, "The historic fighting ability of this all American breed began to be exploited on a larger scale in the 1980s. Pit bulls were soon associated with poverty, crime, and newspaper headlines of back alley dog fighting rings. And, for the first time in the breed's history, we started hearing disturbing accounts of bites and attacks on humans by poorly socialized and badly bred pits."

As a result, breed specific bans on pit bulls were enacted in some major U.S. metropolitan areas and in some European countries. Pit bull advocates point to the long history of the breed as a companion prized by American families as a counter to this perception. They also cite tests conducted by the American Temperament Test Society, Inc. (ATTS) which publishes breed-specific findings on how breeds react in confrontational test situations. In a recent study by ATTS of 122 breeds, pit bulls achieved a passing rate of 83.9 percent (the higher the rate, the less aggressive the dog), better than beagles at 78.2 percent and golden retrievers at 83.2 percent.

Nevertheless, public perception of potential pit bull aggression has led to high shelter and euthanasia statistics. "Rescue groups don't scoop them up," said Welsh. "Rescue groups took only 2 percent of the 4,000 pit bulls that came in in 2008." That is why the county is conducting the Pit Bull Project — to educate and entice owners to spay/neuter their pets and reduce the profusion of unwanted litters.

To qualify for the project, dog owners must show proof of Riverside County residency and the dog must be a pit bull or pit bull mix. Documentation of breed history can be provided but DAS staff will make the final determination. The dog must be owned by an individual. To be put on the Pit Bull Project list for appointments, call (951) 358-7387 or 358-7135 (ask for Felix Ruvacalba).

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First snow survey a little short

J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) first snow survey of the 2009-2010 winter season indicates snow water content is 85 percent of normal for the date, statewide — an improvement over 2008. This time last year, snow water content was 76 percent of normal statewide.

"Despite some recent storms, [the] snow survey shows that we're still playing catch-up when it comes to our statewide water supplies," said DWR chief deputy director Sue Sims. "[We're] looking at the real possibility of a fourth dry year," she said. "We must prepare now, conserve now and act now, so that we have enough water for homes, farms and businesses in 2010 and in the future."

Despite better yields than a year ago, it is too early to know whether improved water volume now will result in a better water year than California experienced in 2009.

Electronic sensor readings show

northern Sierra snow water equivalents at 77 percent of normal for this date, central Sierra at 85 percent, and southern Sierra at 99 percent. The sensor readings are posted at <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/snow/DLYSWEQ>

Storage in California's major reservoirs is low. Lake Oroville, the principal storage reservoir for the State Water Project (SWP), is at 29 percent of capacity which is 47 percent of average storage for this time of year.

DWR's previous estimate that it will only be able to deliver 5 percent of requested SWP water this year to the Bay Area, San Joaquin Valley, Central Coast and Southern California reflects low storage levels in the state's major reservoirs, ongoing drought conditions and environmental restrictions on water deliveries from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta designed to protect endangered fish species. Increased precipitation this winter could increase this allocation level.

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Strange but true

Did you know that there is an honest-to-goodness royal palace in the United States? The Iolani Palace in Honolulu was built in 1882 for Hawaiian King David Kalakaua, the islands' second-to-last ruler. It was full of modern amenities — it had electric lighting even before the White House.



Tussle over Jo'An's unresolved

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Betty Jo Lackey, previous owner of Jo'An's Bar and Restaurant, hopes to have the restaurant back in her possession soon. "I'm planning on it, and hope to be back before long," she said. She can't say a lot more on advice of counsel.

Lackey thought she had reached a settlement with current owner Andrew Panbechi, but that did not prove to be accurate. Lackey's recourse at this point is to push for arbitration. "It's going to cost both of us money," said Lackey, noting the value and expediency of the arbitration process as

a way of saving both sides additional expense and angst.

Whoever owns Jo'An's will face Environmental Health and Safety mandates for upgrades and improvements that fall due on Feb. 15, 2010. Current owners Pari and Andrew Panbechi refused an interview and did not

return any calls.

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IFPD

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to the agenda for the regular monthly meeting, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12.

At no time since he apparently sought employment with Hemet has he publicly recused himself from negotiations with Hemet regarding the possible dispatch contract or any other contracts with the city.

When Kunkle was contacted on this issue, he said he had shared his decision to explore employment with Hemet with IFPD Chair Paul Riggi; but he also has not said whether Kunkle has been relieved of responsibility for this particular contract.

The origin for a new dispatch contract began last April. Kunkle and retired IFPD Capt. James Manietta reported that the cost of Riverside County's emergency dispatch service would increase ten-fold from the current \$5,500 annual rate.

Manietta, who had met with county officials after the rate increase was announced, felt the cost was acceptable for the service. He explained that every station in the county will be charged the same rates for use.

"They are not arbitrarily picking on us," he said. "They are not singling Idyllwild out."

In July, Kunkle announced he could negotiate a less

expensive contract with the City of Hemet. To date, that contract has not been brought to the IFPD commission. In November, Kunkle advocated the commission approve an automatic-aid contract, which had not been previously discussed before the board.

Public employees need to be sensitive to the appearance of conflicts. Except for his conversation with Riggi, Kunkle appears to feel that he could conduct both private and public business with Hemet Fire without the appearance of a potential conflict.

No evidence suggests that Kunkle was using the dispatch contract to influence his selection for the Hemet position; but it appears the chief is contradicting his own code of conduct. IFPD's proposed "General Rules and Regulations" policy, that Kunkle drafted months ago, addresses the responsibility of IFPD personnel to keep private business separate from public.

The third paragraph states, "The intent of these Rules and Regulations is to establish methodologies by which Department members conduct themselves and Department business."

It goes on in section VIII (A) to state the expectation that employees will not commit an act "tending" to bring reproach or discredit upon the Department.

Finally in Section IX (F), it simply states, "No member shall, on or off duty, use his name as a member of the Department ... for personal gain or in any commercial or business enterprise."

Kunkle has claimed he could get a dispatch contract with Hemet for less than what the county wants. But the criterion is not simply the least cost. It must be better overall service for the district and its customers.

Last spring, Manietta said the county

had to raise its dispatch fees to all its contract cities, tribes and other jurisdictions such as IFPD. The reassessment resulted from a statewide audit of how CalFire charges for these types of services.

Along with the higher fees, IFPD would receive computer screens and printers for all of its emergency vehicles. The on-board computers would have access to the latest geographical information data. Units would have the capability to print directions or maps to unfamiliar locations while en route.

In July when he announced the Hemet dispatch alternative, Kunkle did not mention whether the new equipment available as part of the CalFire contract would be available at the lower cost of the Hemet contract.

In addition, several residents, especially Pine Cove residents, have questioned how the new dispatch service will operate for them since they live outside IFPD's boundary but have a contract with IFPD for ambulance service with specified response standards.

Six months into the fiscal year, IFPD still receives emergency dispatches from Riverside County and prospects for any savings this year are dwindling.

Schelly expressed curiosity that no dispatch contract has yet been presented to the commission; but Kunkle came back with an automatic aid agreement.

Kunkle's career with IFPD even had an atypical start. He was the fire chief for the Snohomish County Fire District 3 in Monroe, Wash. He returned to Southern California to attend to his mother, who was ailing, aging and living in Anza.

Although he joined IFPD as deputy chief in April 2004, he had not severed all ties with his former employer. In Washington, his former employer considered him on a leave of absence. Six months later, he still was not separated.

When former IFPD Chief Mike Norris resigned in December 2004, the commission appointed Kunkle as his replacement. From March 2004 until December, Snohomish County continued to carry Kunkle as an employee on a leave of absence. So while a full-time IFPD employee, Kunkle was still on the rolls at Snohomish County. In December 2004, they accepted that Kunkle would not be returning and finally appointed a new full-time chief.

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On the evening of New Year's Day, **Bev Tyner** of Fern Valley recorded the first beautiful sunset of 2010. "Here is a beautiful view of the Idyllwild sunset from my porch deck on Cougar Road in Fern Valley. Hope you like it as much as I did," she said.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BEV TYNER



The dining room at Café Aroma filled with patrons Wednesday, Dec. 30 for the premiere of **Justin Holmes'** film "Café Aroma Battle Turkey 2009," a documentary of the November turkey dinner competition held between Aroma's four chefs: **Chris Coy, Geoffrey Brown, Sam McKenzie and Lori Ferro.** Shown here on the café's big screen is Chef Coy, the winner of the competition.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THERESA COY

Eagle

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even youngsters, for the next census this Saturday, Jan. 9, as well as the following two counts on Saturday, Feb. 13 and March 13. No experience is needed — just bring binoculars, a watch and dress warmly. McDonald said the event offers a fantastic opportunity for photographers. Volunteers should meet at Lake Hemet Market at 8:30 a.m. for instruction. The count is for a one-hour period from 9 to 10 a.m. For more information, contact McDonald at mwmcdonald@fs.fed.us or call (909) 382-2933.

Our mountain region supports the largest wintering bald eagle population in Southern California. The local bald eagle count at Lake Hemet offers the opportunity to be witness to a conservation success story for America's national bird.

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On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment



Preparing for the 'Big One'

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Office of Emergency Services (OES) Deputy Director Peter Lent will present "Idyllwild in the Aftermath of a Major Earthquake," 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Rainbow Inn as part of the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's (ICRC) Speaker's Series.

"There will be deaths," said Lent, referring to Hill casualties after a catastrophic earthquake on the San Andreas or San Jacinto faults. "But to mitigate those possibilities, I'll stress personal preparedness [in the talk]." Lent will talk about likely scenarios should one or both faults rupture. Idyllwild, Mountain Center, and Pine Cove lie between the two faults.

Recent scientific studies have downplayed the San Jacinto as a source for the next great quake, owing primarily to frequent "mini" quakes that some scientists cite as the fault relieving stress. But the southern section of the San Andreas Fault which runs through the pass area just north of I-10 and down through the Coachella Valley, has not

had a catastrophic quake in over 300 years. Northern sections of the fault have experienced a giant quake (7.5 or above on the Richter scale) on the average of once every 150 years. "That makes the San Andreas long overdue," said Lent.

Prior to his presentation, Lent hopes to prepare a detailed scenario on Hill casualties and damage using a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) simulation program.

"The program would project injuries, deaths, houses destroyed or made uninhabitable, interruption in water supply and other critical data," said Lent. "It would factor in the fact that Hill communities sit on a granite base and could experience less damage than off-Hill areas. I'll be talking about what Hill residents can expect overall, how long the Hill will be isolated, how long residents will need to be self sufficient, and what supplies all homes should stock for extended periods of isolation."

Lent will also talk about availability of county resources since any quake is



Peter Lent, deputy director of Riverside County Office of Emergency Services.

likely to cause major damage at the base of the mountain and in high population centers. As a result, prior to arrival of National Guard and military resources, county resources are likely to be overtaxed and deployed to major population centers in the days immediately following the quake.

Lent will pitch local community involvement — how residents can become involved in local disaster preparedness organizations

and how they can network locally to improve their likelihood of survival after the "Big One."

Lent compared California and specifically Riverside County's levels of preparedness for disaster response to the response to Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana in 2005. "Politics played too much of a role [in official response to Katrina]" said Lent. "A Katrina-like event could impact California but the response by officials would be night and day different. California and Florida are two of the most prepared states for disaster response in the country."

Lent's talk is preceded by a wine and cheese reception at 5:30 p.m. Both are free to the public. Following the talk, ICRC offers dinner with the speaker at the Rainbow Inn. This is by reservation only (call 659-0111) and costs \$20.

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IAA to feature performance artists

By Beth Nottley
News Assistant

Five acclaimed performance artists will be featured visiting artists during Idyllwild Arts' (IA) National Performance Art Month II, the second-annual performance art exhibit at the Parks Exhibition Center from Jan. 15 through Feb. 12. Over the course of the month the exhibition will include live performances, video screenings and lectures, all open and free to the public.

The performance art exhibition, part of the visiting artist program IA's Morgan Satterfield and Paul Waddell curate, seeks to "promote a dialogue about what constitutes a valuable educational experience in the fine arts in a climate of cross-disciplinary art practices," according to an IA press release. The featured visiting artists certainly have the expertise to get that dialogue going.

The performance artist featured at the opening reception at 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 15, Marilyn Arsem, has been creating live events since 1975 and is the founder of Mobius, Inc., a Boston-based collaborative of interdisciplinary artists. She is a full-time faculty member and graduate advisor of the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Artist Emily Mast, featured on Friday, Jan. 22, has a Master's in Fine Arts from the University of Southern California. Her work, which tends to consider the nature of nothingness, has been seen in Paris, Mexico, Portland and Berlin.

On Friday, Jan. 29, Mari Novotny-Jones, Boston-based artist, will be featured. See IAA, next page

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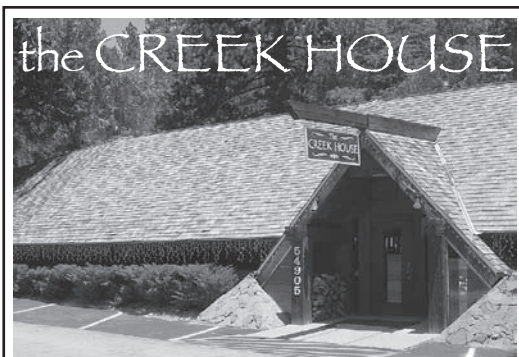
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COLONEL BO'S RESOLUTION

New Year Sunday Penny and I were among the lucky locals who heard Bible Church Pastor Tim eloquently present his New Year's Resolution challenge — Read Through the Bible This Year. I had just finished reading the Smithsonian Magazine's equally eloquent study on 'Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls?' These two Biblical discussions took me back to 1951 when, as a graduate student at the American University in Beirut, I was assigned to a team whose summer project was delivering a number of the newly excavated ceramic cylinders and their content (Dead Sea Scrolls) from Qumran on the Dead Sea to the Bethlehem mission of a local holy man (My 1950s Journal tells me his name was Dr Devaut.) The hope was to hide the curious Dead Sea 'find' until an Arab-Israeli armistice would allow appropriate archeological evaluation. My Journal describes how we moved these heavy, narrow, porcelain cylinders in rather makeshift harness on two camels supplied by a student team member living in Jerusalem. During an impromptu 'dustup' while passing through Bethany, one set fell from a camel, and the camel galloped off. We pushed the pile of broken container and torn contents into an empty stone building beside the Jericho Road. When the incredible value of our loads surfaced in the 1960s and 70s, I wondered then and I wonder still if our pile of 'gold' is still there. For more, pick up a copy of my Middle East Journal Stories at B'S MOUNTAIN OF BOOKS or the GREY SQUIRREL in Idyllwild.



Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Editor's Note: For Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC) events, see the IIFC program in this week's issue.

Wednesday, Jan. 6
AWANA for ages 3 to fifth graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church.
Open Mic with Don Reed, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild Tea Co.
"Sherlock Holmes," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Jan. 7
Thursday Morning Hikes, 9-11 a.m. Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor's Center. Call (760) 862-9984.
Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.

Hojo & The Half Notes, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Sherlock Holmes," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Jan. 8
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Live music, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Cafe.

High Cafe.
Sandii Castleberry, Paul Carman & Don Reed, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
Tucker Celebrates The King, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Sherlock Holmes," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, Jan. 9
Saturday Morning Hikes, 9-11 a.m. Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor's Center. Call (760) 862-9984.
David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon. Café Aroma.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

Junior Trail Guides Explorer Program (ages 9-12), noon-4 p.m. Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor's Center. Call (760) 862-9984.

Jazz: Paul Carman, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Tea Co.
"Sherlock Holmes," 2, 4:40 & 7:20 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Sandii Castleberry, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Live music, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Cafe.

Sunday, Jan. 10
Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; **Skeleton Crew**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
"Sherlock Holmes," 2, 4:40 & 7:20 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Jan. 11
Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Tuesday, Jan. 12
Jazz Night: Paul Carman, Marshall Hawkins & Barnaby Finch, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

Wednesday, Jan. 13
AWANA for ages 3 to fifth graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church.

Thursday, Jan. 14
Thursday Morning Hikes, 9-11 a.m. Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor's Center. Call (760) 862-9984.
Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.

Friday, Jan. 15
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Visiting Artist Opening Exhibition: Marilyn Arsem, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
Live music, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Cafe.
Belly Dancing, 7 p.m. Café Aroma.

Saturday, Jan. 16
Saturday Morning Hikes, 9-11 a.m. Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor's Center. Call (760) 862-9984.

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon. Café Aroma.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

Jazz: Paul Carman, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Tea Co.
Sandii Castleberry, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Live music, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Cafe.

Sunday, Jan. 17
Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; **Skeleton Crew**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.



Above, people flocked to the dance floor on New Year's Eve at the American Legion Post 800. Right, Denise Diamond, of La Quinta, celebrated the end of 2009 dancing to the music of local band Change Required band Change Required ringing in the new year.

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Monday, Jan. 18
Pianofest, 7:30 p.m. Stephens recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Jan. 19
Jazz Night: Paul Carman, Marshall Hawkins & Barnaby Finch, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Sherlock Holmes," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Guest Recital: Thomas Rosenkranz, piano, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.



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ton Museum of Fine Arts faculty, and Kristina Lenzi, who teaches performance art at Westminister College and drawing at the University of Utah, are the featured visiting artists. Novotny-Jones has been a member of the Mobius Artist Group since 1980 and has many international art credits. Lenzi, a painter and performance artist, said, "I am dedicated to bridging the two media" and is known for creating paintings while doing performance art. "My paintings evolve out of a collective experience with an audience," she said, "the viewer is involved as part creator and part observer of the process."

The final visiting artist featured on Friday, Feb. 5, Flora Wiegmann, is a Los Angeles-based dancer and choreographer. Her recent projects have been presented nationally and internationally.

For more information about National Performance Art Month, visit parksmanager@idyllwildarts.org or call the Parks Exhibition Center at (951) 659-2171, ext. 2251.

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Theatre Production: Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter. 7:30PM, IAF Theatre. Adult themes and strong language, recommended for mature audiences.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24
Theatre Production: Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter. 2PM, IAF Theatre. Adult themes and strong language, recommended for mature audiences.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5
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IIFC

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Despite working a tight 12-day shooting schedule, Bodison, Wallace and Maezumi expressed unanimous enthusiasm about their experience working with Savage.

"Steve had everything organized, with a great crew," said Bodison. "Everyone comes to the project understanding what the purpose is. Everything moved efficiently. The director is always in charge, but some can be tyrants. Steve created an environment that encouraged contributing. Everyone, actors and

crew, wanted to contribute as part of the creative process."

"Steve is always prepared," said Wallace. "He goes into the project completely understanding the project and expecting everyone to be on their game."

Maezumi, who has known Savage for more than a decade, said that as a director, he provided a level of trust and security for her, understanding her needs as an actor, and protecting her performance in a role that had violent scenes, some nudity and a difficult emotional arc. "He was always asking me what my comfort level was with the scene."

"She trusted me to take the right shots," said Savage. "She's a truly brave actor." For Maezumi who remembers going to the Rustic as a patron with trips to the Candy Cupboard before the feature, being on screen rather than in the audience will be an emotional high. "Now I'm going back to my hometown."

Wallace gave Maezumi kudos for adding a team spirit to the shoot. "That spirit of camaraderie really happened on this film," he said. "Kyrie being our leader here welcomed everyone right away. If the



"Legacy" director Stephen Savage (right center) on set with local celebrity and professional actor Conor O'Farrell (seated).



Crew on the Stephen Savage film "Legacy" readies a camera dolly shot.

cooler needed to be moved, she moved it. Whatever needed to be done, she lent a hand. She gave an open-arms welcome to everyone on the film."

Savage, who said he got into directing out of his love for working with actors, extolled this particular cast. "They save your neck when you're on the shoot [a tight schedule 12-day shoot]," he said. "They know their environment, where their mark is and what the camera angle was three days ago when they last did the scene. Each of my actors brought something [of their own preparation] to the table and I let them go with it. Mutual respect made it all work."

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Before the curtain goes up

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Other than getting the signage up and the town dressed for the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC), preparations for the first IIFC are pretty much in place.

The wild card remains the number of out-of-town attendees and ticket sales.

Both venues, the Rustic and Caine Learning Center, are comparatively small houses. The Caine seats 90 people and the Rustic seats about 250 people. Tickets are limited for any single showing. That is why some films will screen twice during festival week. So, if in doubt, buy early and arrive early for any screening.

Stephen Savage is the principal visionary for the IIFC and, much to his agent's dismay, took on a four-month role as the non-paid festival director. His agent will attest that Savage has established a

successful professional writing and directing career, which she would rather he had not interrupted.

He's a hometown boy, here since 1994. "I'm proud of my community and wanted to create an occasion for it to shine," said Savage. "Plus, we chose a typically down month for local businesses, as a chance to help the town commercially." Profits from ticket sales will be used to pay expenses, including insurance and significant latest format projection equipment, ensuring festival quality HD projection.

Festival promoters, led by Savage, hope the festival and Idyllwild become commercially paired from a publicity standpoint, where town name and festival are linked. Just as Woodstock and Telluride conjure up festivals associated with the towns, Savage hopes IIFC morphs into Idyllwild 2010, Idyllwild 2011, etc.

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Emmerson

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Redlands to Hemet to make the run. Stuart has even called on Emmerson to resign his Assembly seat since, according to Stuart, Emmerson no longer lives in his Assembly district.

Emmerson counters that his family roots in Hemet go back to the 1950s. He practiced dentistry there and in Idyllwild, both parts of SD 37, for over 25 years. "I've probably lived in Riverside County longer than Stuart has," said Emmerson. Emmerson's political consultant, Jim Nygren, said, "The state's election laws clearly allow Bill Emmerson to run for the 37th Senate [district] while continuing to provide Riverside County the representation it deserves in the state Assembly." Part of Emmerson's Assembly district is in Riverside County (including Riverside and Moreno Valley) and part in San Bernardino County.

Born in Oakland, Emmerson has spent the majority of his life in southern California's Orange and Riverside Counties. He graduated in 1967 from La Sierra University in Riverside with a B.S. degree in History and Political Science. He pursued post-graduate study in Public Administration at American University in Washington, D.C. while on the staff of Congressman Jerry Pettis of California (CA 33 and 37). He returned to California in 1969 joining the staff of Assembly Republican Floor Leader W. Craig Biddle, while continuing studies at California State University Sacramento.

After service with the Legislature, Emmerson entered and graduated in 1980 from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry with a D.D.S. degree. He continued graduate study in orthodontics at Loma Linda, completing his M.S. degree in 1982.

After over two decades of orthodontic practice, Emmerson was elected to the California State Assembly in November 2004. He is vice chair of the Business and Professions Committee and sits as a member of the Assembly Appropriations Committee and Health Committee. Many of the bills Emmerson has introduced deal with health and wellness issues of his Assembly constituents, a key



California Assemblyman **Dr. Bill Emmerson** (AD-63) launches a bid for California Senate District 37.

concern of his. Through an innovative approach that brought insurance companies into the conversation, Emmerson and legislative colleagues preserved 700,000 registrants in the Healthy Families program that provides low cost insurance for children, teens and pregnant mothers. "Otherwise these people would have been Medi-Cal patients which would have impacted the General Fund," said Emmerson. "It's important [given the current budget crisis] that we find ways to fund fewer things out of the General Fund."

Emmerson believes the current budget crisis demands innovative solutions. One of those solutions would be to strip layers of bureaucracy from education spending. "You can reform education [without raising taxes] by cutting so many redundant layers of administration and putting those dollars into the classroom," said Emmerson.

Emmerson cited, as an example, overlapping bureaucratic layers with the State Department of Education, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the State Credentialing Commission and the State School Board Commission, with duplicative or similar positions within the county, local boards and each school. Emmerson is an advocate of local control in educational funding. "In this last round of budget negotiations, we reduced categorical funding allowing block allocations to be made to locals to make appropriate local education decisions."

He is an advocate for small businesses and local government control. "I'm opposed to taking funds from cities to Sacramento," he said. "Local governments should be able to do what they do best, knowing what they need. I will continue to fight for local government and more local control."

Emmerson has been recognized as the Outstanding Assembly member for 2005 and 2007 by the California State Sheriff's Association, 2008 Legislator of the Year by Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California and 2009 Legislator of the Year by California Society of Healthy System Pharmacists.

Emmerson and wife Nan have two daughters, Kate and Caroline.

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Victims' Wall unveiled in Riverside

The names of more than 1,500 murder victims have been engraved on a polished granite wall in the Victims' Courtyard of the Downtown Law Building in Riverside. The Victim's Wall, similar in concept to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall, was unveiled by District Attorney Rod Pacheco at a dedication ceremony on Monday, Dec. 21. The disstrict attorney said the Victim's Wall will serve as a way to remember and pay tribute to victims of violent crime in Riverside County.



Brian Wilson, adult volleyball coordinator, was also the referee for the Adult Co-ed Volleyball game last Monday night at Idyllwild School. The teams competing were Idyllwild Inn and the Aliens.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



From left, **Mike Dobson**, playing for Aliens, and **Josh White**, playing for Idyllwild Inn, spike at the net last Monday at Idyllwild School. The Adult Co-ed Volleyball season started in December.

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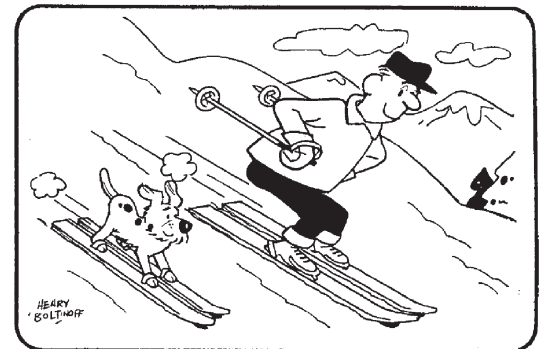
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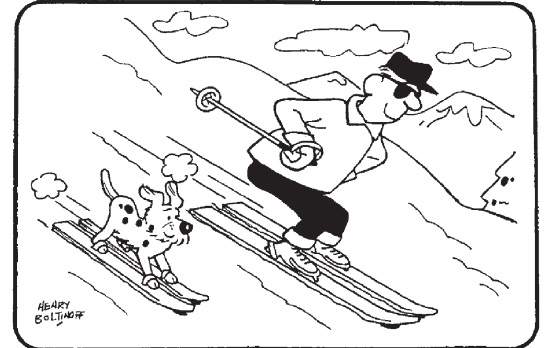
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to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded September 28, 2009 as Instr. No. 09-0501749 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of RIVERSIDE County CALIFORNIA. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 25870 CEDAR STREET, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 "(If a street address or common designation of property is shown above, no warranty is given as to its completeness or correctness)." Said Sale of property will be made in "as is" condition without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest as in said note provided, advances, if any, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. Said sale will be held on: JANUARY 20, 2010, AT 3:30 P.M. *AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 4050 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA At the time of the initial publication of this notice, the total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the above described Deed of Trust and estimated costs, expenses, and advances is \$517,845.02. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. ADDENDUM TO NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL CODE §2923.54 Barclays Capital Real Estate Inc., d/b/a HomeEq Servicing has obtained from the Commissioner of the Department of Corporations an Order of Temporary Exemption pursuant to Civil Code Section 2923.53 that is current and valid on the date of execution of this Addendum, and Barclays Capital Real Estate Inc., d/b/a HomeEq Servicing is not aware of any pending or threatened rejection or suspension of the Order of Temporary Exemption by the Commissioner. The timeframe for giving Notice

of Sale specified in Civil Code subdivision (a) of Section 2923.52 does not apply pursuant to Section 2923.53 or 2923.55. Date 07/14/09 Print Name JOY VANISH. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: December 29, 2009 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY as said Trustee, T.D. SERVICE COMPANY Agent for the Trustee and as Authorized Agent for the Beneficiary MARLENE CLEGHORN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY T.D. SERVICE COMPANY 1820 E. FIRST ST., SUITE 210, P.O. BOX 11988 SANTA ANA, CA 92711-1988 We are assisting the Beneficiary to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose whether received orally or in writing. If available, the expected opening bid and/or postponement information may be obtained by calling the following telephone number(s) on the day before the sale: (714) 480-5690 or you may access sales information at www.ascentx.com/websales. TAC# 878021C PUB: 12/31/09, 01/07/10, 01/14/10 Pub. TC: Dec. 31, 2009, Jan. 7, 14, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2009-13794
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 18, 2014. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 18, 2014. 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).

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. Meyer, Deputy
Pub. TC: Dec. 31, 2009, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as THE FAILED BUDDHIST SOCIETY, 53101 Toll Gate Rd., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: POB 679, Idyllwild, CA 92549. SUZANNE

MARIE DUAMARELL, 53101 Toll Gate Rd., Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed: SUZANNE DUAMARELL
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 30, 2009.

FILE NO.: I-2009-03520

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 30, 2014. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 2014. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Use that Arian charm to help make a difficult workplace transition easier for everyone. News about a long-awaited decision can be confusing. Don't jump to conclusions.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Although you might well be tempted to be more extravagant than you should be at this time, I'm betting you'll let your sensible Bovine instinct guide you toward moderation.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An opportunity for travel could come with some problems regarding travel companions and other matters. So be sure you read all the fine print before you start packing.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make an effort to complete your usual workplace tasks before volunteering for extra duty. Scrambling to catch up later on could create some resentment among your colleagues.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A financial matter could have you rethinking your current spending plans. You might want to recheck your budget to see where you can cut back on expenses until the situation improves.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) One way to make your case for that promotion you've been hoping for might be to put your planning skills to work in helping to shape up a project that got out of hand. Good luck.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Be careful about "experts" who

have no solid business background. Instead, seek advice on enhancing your business prospects from bona fide sources with good success records.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Standing up to support a colleague's viewpoint — even if it's unpopular — can be difficult if you feel outnumbered. But you'll win plaudits for your honesty and courage.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) While progress continues on resolving that recurring problem, you might feel it's taking too long. But these things always need to develop at their own pace. Be patient.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Someone close to you might have a financial problem and seek your advice. If you do decide to get involved, insist on seeing everything that might be relevant to this situation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter takes an interesting turn. The question is, do you want to follow the new path or take time out to reconsider the change? Think this through before deciding.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Moving into a new career is a big step. Check that offer carefully with someone who has been there, done that, and has the facts you'll need to help you make your decision.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your warmth and generosity both of spirit and substance endears you to everyone.

CROSSWORD

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 - 18 Deity
 - 19 Within one's power
 - 21 Xbox enthusiast
 - 24 Crow or crane
 - 25 "Metamorphoses" poet
 - 26 Military
 - 30 Automaton, for short
 - 31 Leans to one side
 - 32 Singer
 - 33 Cameo's opposite
 - 35 Shell-less snail
 - 36 Mah-jongg piece
 - 37 Tether
 - 38 "Preacher Man"
 - 41 Vast expanse
 - 42 Related (to)
 - 43 Hamburger's hello
 - 48 1492 vessel
 - 49 Greek vowel
 - 50 Pop choice
 - 51 Carina
 - 52 Tatter
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 - 24 Prove untrue
 - 26 Pirate
 - 27 Festive
 - 28 Responsibility
 - 29 At hand
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 - 34 Lacking a musical key
 - 35 Rap session?
 - 37 Director Spike
 - 38 Foundered
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MVENTURES, 29201 Via Norte, Temecula, CA 92591, Riverside County. THOMAS PEARMAN SHANKS, 29201

IRS advice for selecting tax preparer

Editor's Note: The following story is based on an Internal Revenue Service news release.

Kicking off the 2010 tax-filing season, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued the results of a landmark six-month study. As a consequence, the IRS proposes new registration, testing and continuing education of tax return preparers.

With more than 80 percent of American households using a tax preparer or tax software to help them prepare and file their taxes, higher standards for the tax preparer community will significantly enhance protections and service for taxpayers, increase confidence in the tax system and result in greater compliance with tax laws over the long term.

To bring immediate help to taxpayers this filing season, the IRS also announced a sweeping new effort to reach tax return preparers with enforcement information and education. As part of the outreach effort, the IRS is providing tips to taxpayers to ensure they are working with a reputable tax return preparer.

"As tax season begins, the decisions announced today represent a monumental shift in the way the IRS will oversee tax preparers," said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. "Our proposals will help ensure taxpayers receive competent, ethical service from qualified professionals and strengthen the integrity of the nation's tax system. In addition, we are taking immediate action to step up oversight of tax

preparers this filing season."

The IRS plans a number of steps to implement for future filing seasons:

Requiring all paid tax return preparers who must sign a federal tax return to register with the IRS and obtain a preparer tax identification number;

Requiring competency tests for all paid tax return preparers except attorneys, certified public accountants (CPAs) and enrolled agents who are active and in good standing with their respective licensing agencies;

Requiring ongoing continuing professional education for all paid tax return preparers except attorneys, CPAs, enrolled agents and others who are already subject to continuing education requirements;

And, extending the ethical rules found in Treasury Department Circular 230 — which currently only applies to attorneys, CPAs and enrolled agents who practice before the IRS — to all paid preparers.

Other measures the IRS anticipates taking are highlighted in the 55-page report released Jan. 4, 2010. To review the report go to www.towncrier.com or www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=217811,00.html?portlet=6.

Currently, anyone may prepare a federal tax return for anyone else and charge a fee. While some preparers are currently licensed by their states or are enrolled to practice before the IRS, many do not have to meet any government or professionally mandated com-

petency requirements before preparing a federal tax return for a fee.

The initiatives will take several years to fully implement and will not be in effect for the current 2010 tax season. In the meantime, the IRS is taking immediate action to step up oversight of preparers for the 2010 filing season.

Beginning this week, the IRS is sending letters to approximately 10,000 paid tax return preparers nationwide. These preparers are among those with large volumes of specific tax returns where the IRS typically sees frequent errors.

In addition, the IRS will more widely use investigative tools during this filing season aimed at determining tax return preparer non-compliance. One of those tools will be visits to tax return preparers by IRS agents posing as taxpayers.

In addition to the stepped-up oversight of preparers, Shulman also announced a new outreach effort to help make sure taxpayers choose a reputable preparer this filing season. That's particularly important because taxpayers are legally responsible for what is on their tax returns — even if those returns are prepared by someone else.

Shulman offered the following points for taxpayers to keep in mind when selecting a tax return preparer:

Resources for taxpayers this filing season

This filing season, the IRS has many free resources to help taxpayers prepare and file their returns.

IRS.gov has a variety of features to help taxpayers. The Web site has information for people who lost a job or experienced financial problems in 2009. IRS.gov also has information to help people track their refund.

More filing season resources are available on IRS.gov:

- 1040 Central: Help for Individual Filers
- Tax Breaks in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- Lost your job or the victim of foreclosure? The IRS can help in difficult situations
- E-file and Free File
- Taxpayer assistance centers

The taxpayer assistance center closest to Idyllwild is located in Palm Springs:

Address: 556 S. Paseo Dorotea
City: Palm Springs, CA 92264
Phone: (760) 866-6125
Hours: Monday-Friday - 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
(Closed for lunch 1-2 p.m.)

Be wary of tax preparers who claim they can obtain larger refunds than others;

Avoid tax preparers who base their fees on a percentage of the refund;

Use a reputable tax professional who signs the tax return and provides a copy;

Consider whether the individual or firm will be around months or years after the return has been filed to answer questions about the preparation of the tax return;

Check the person's credentials. Only attorneys, CPAs and enrolled agents can represent taxpayers be-

fore the IRS in all matters, including audits, collection and appeals. Other return preparers may only represent taxpayers for audits of returns they actually prepared;

And find out if the return preparer is affiliated with a professional organization that provides its members with continuing education and other resources and holds them to a code of ethics.

More information about choosing a tax return preparer and avoiding fraud can be found in IRS Fact Sheet 2010-xx, "How to Choose a Tax Preparer and Avoid Tax Fraud."

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: D. Perez, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2010.

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 12:30 p.m. on January 19, 2010 at Menifee Ranch Self Storage & RV, in the city of Homeland, 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.

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Pub. TC: Jan. 7, 14, 2010.

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The blood drives will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18 and Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Healthy individuals at least 15 years of age may donate blood. (Those 15 and 16 years of age must provide LifeStream with written parental consent. Parent consent forms are available at any donor center or community blood drive.) Also, prospective donors should be free of infections or illness, weigh at least 110 pounds and not be at risk for AIDS or hepatitis. Donors receive a free mini-physical as part of the donation process. Donating blood takes about an hour, yet gives someone a lifetime.

Local CHP offers child seat inspections

Motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading killers in California for children ages 14 and under, with unrestrained or improperly restrained children being the number one contributing factor.

"Almost 90 percent of child safety seats are installed or used improperly," said California Highway Patrol (CHP) Public Information Officer Scott Beauchene.

To help parents know if their child's safety seat is safe, the local CHP office in Beaumont gives free inspections twice a month. It also gives information and advice on the type of seat needed for a child. "This is especially helpful for new parents who are expecting," said Beauchene. To schedule a safety seat inspection, or to get information on safety seats, call Officer Beauchene at (951) 769-2000.

Under California law, children must be secured in an appropriate child passenger restraint (safety seat or booster seat) in the back seat of a vehicle until they are at least 6 years old or weigh at least 60 pounds.

To report unrestrained children in a motor vehicle to the CHP, call 1-800-TELL-CHP.

County's treasury pool remains strong

A year after the near-collapse of the financial markets and in the midst of an economic recession, Riverside County's investment pool maintains the excellent credit rating that it has received for the last 14 years. The AAA credit is the highest rating issued by Fitch Ratings, one of the outside credit rating agencies that evaluate the county's investment pool.

The county's \$5 billion treasury's credit rating despite the economic turmoil affirms its stability and credit-worthiness, said Treasurer-Tax Collector Don Kent, which could mean lower borrowing costs for the county.

Recognizing the turmoil in corporate housing market, the Treasurer's Office began to move away from exposure to commercial enterprises, Kent said.

The investment fund is pooled with school districts and other agencies throughout Riverside County.

The pool includes most funds used by these agencies, which are invested by the county Treasurer's Office until needed.

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Fire retrictions lowered on forest

Snow and rain across the San Bernardino National Forest has provided sufficient moisture levels to reduce fire restrictions on the forest.

Effective Dec. 8, 2009, the reduced fire restrictions once again allow wood and charcoal fires in agency-provided campfire rings at Yellow Post Sites and recreational target shooting will be permitted at selected sites.

"Fires can happen at any time of the year, and these relaxed restrictions are due to more favorable weather, but folks must remain vigilant in using caution while enjoying the forest," said San Bernardino National Forest Fire Chief Kurt Winchester.

Current fire restriction and guidelines in effect on the San Bernardino National Forest are as follows:

Wood and charcoal campfires are allowed only in developed campgrounds and picnic areas, and Yellow Post Sites within agency-provided fire rings or designated stoves.

Campfire permits are required for propane and gas stoves and lanterns used outside of developed recreation sites.

Recreational shooting is limited to designated sites and public shooting ranges operated under special use permit only, except those engaged in legal hunting.

An approved spark arrestor is required for any internal combustion engine operated on designated forest routes. These include chainsaws, generators, motorcycles, and off-highway vehicles.

Smoking is limited to enclosed vehicles and developed recreation sites.

Fireworks are always prohibited on the San Bernardino National Forest. Tracer, armor piercing, steel core, and Teflon ammunitions are also prohibited, as is discharging a firearm at any exploding target.

Forest visitors are encouraged to "Know Before You Go" and call ahead to the local Ranger Station to check on location conditions and restrictions. In Idyllwild, the number to call is (909) 382-2922.

Children's Choir needs funding

The Idyllwild Community Fund has given the Idyllwild Master Chorale (IMC) a partial grant of \$500 to purchase sheet music for a new Children's Choir.

"This kind of program, which has flourished in other communities, is innovative for Idyllwild, where children have very few artistic after-school music activities from which to choose," wrote IMC Director Dwight "Buzz" Holmes. "There are no children's choirs or other after-school music programs within a 50-mile radius of Idyllwild."

To fully fund the Children's Choir this year, IMC needs to raise another \$8,000. Anyone wishing to help may call Holmes at 659-2650 or make a contribution at www.idyllwildmasterchorale.com. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Children's program at monument

The Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument is sponsoring the Junior Trail Guides Explorer Program.

This free program is designed to connect youth ages 9 to 12 with the outdoors to promote safe and ethical enjoyment of the outdoors; emphasize health, nutrition, and an active lifestyle; boost environmental awareness and illustrate the need for conservation; and increase children's familiarity with outdoor safety and ethics, native Cahuilla culture, local flora and fauna, and geology and geography of the area.

The group is limited to 15 children who meet the second Saturday of each month from noon to 4 p.m. until April 10 at the monument's Visitor's Center, 51-500 Highway 74 in Palm Desert.

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FISHING REPORT



The fishing report gives California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) news on stream and lake stocking in the San Jacinto Mountains and other miscellaneous information relating to fishing.

No lakes or streams in the San Jacinto Mountains were scheduled to be stocked the week of Jan. 4.

Lake Hemet

Darlene Redner at Lake Hemet had this

report on fishing this week:

The beautiful weather this holiday weekend brought lots of folk out camping, fishing and boating. Fish catches were light. Only a few catches of one or two fish each were reported.

Water level at the dam is 118.5 feet. Last year's level was 123.3 feet.

Diamond Valley

Jesse Dinkins at Diamond Valley (DV) Reservoir had this report on

fishing this week:

Bass did not disappoint this week. Swim baits were bringing in some quality fish this week. Z-Plugs, California Swimbabes and Huddlestons were the most reported baits. Ice jig reports were still coming through as a valid technique for deep fishing. The east dam, the west dam, shore line fishing, and the point to the left of the marina were the most reported lake

See Fishing, next page

California Recreation Resource Advisory Committee members sought

The deadline for submitting applications for the Pacific Southwest California Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC) has been extended to Jan. 9, 2010. Nominations are now being accepted for eight positions on the 11 member Pacific Southwest Region California Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (RRAC). Candidates sought are:

Three people who will represent, as appropriate, the following recreation interest groups: winter non-motorized recreation, such as snowshoeing, cross country, downhill skiing and snowboarding; summer motorized recreation, such as motorcycles, boaters, and off-highway vehicles; summer non-motorized recreation, such as backpacking, horseback riding, mountain biking, canoeing and rafting.

Two people who represent, as appropriate, the following recreation interest groups: non-motorized outfitters and guides; local environmental groups.

Three people who represent the following perspectives: State tourism; Indian tribes; local government.

The term for these positions will begin July 2010 when the current three year term appointments expire. Current members who have only served one term may reapply. Terms for the current appointed alternates also expire July 2010 and they may apply for a position. Alternates for these positions may be selected from the applications we receive. Alternates do not take

a member's place in their absence; they are appointed to fill a vacancy should the member find it necessary to leave the RRAC.

The RRAC provides recommendations on recreation fees for federal lands within the state of California. This includes implementing or eliminating fees for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service recreation sites and services, expanding or limiting the recreation fee program, and fee level changes.

Recommendations from the RRAC do not supersede the legally established decision authority of the Forest Service or BLM; however, RRACs help federal agencies gather public opinion about recreation fees and programs. All recommendations are carefully considered.

If interested in submitting a nomination for Recreation RAC membership, obtain a nomination packet online at www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/rrac or contact Frances Enkoji at the Forest Service (707) 562-8846, e-mail: R5rrac@fs.fed.us; or Mike Ayers at BLM (916) 978-4644, e-mail: Michael_Ayers@ca.blm.gov.

Submit packet to Frances Enkoji, USDA Forest Service, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592 or Michael Ayers, Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Nomination packets must be received by Jan. 9, 2010.

Additional information about recreation fees is available at <http://www.fs.fed.us/passespermits/about-rec-fees.shtml>.

Strange but true

The next time you're drinking to someone's health, you can tell your fellow imbibers that the word "toast" originated in ancient Rome. It was the custom there to put a small piece of spiced and burned bread into a cup of wine in order to absorb any sediment and improve the drink's taste.

Check out the Town Crier's Blogs! Including Breaking News Blog, JP's Blog, Marshall's Blog, Frank & Conor and more!
<http://towncrierbreakingnews.blogspot.com>

Fishing

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locales for those looking for bass. **Rene Chavez** of Hemet brought in a 6.60-pound bass, fishing with lures off the shore line.

The trout were frisky on New Year's Day. Most of the fish were caught from 10-25 feet near the marina mainly along the shoreline fishing area. Kastmasters, mini jigs, Power Worms and night-crawlers were all seducing the trout. **Pedro Moreno** of Buena Park caught a 5.4-pound rainbow trout using power-bait on the shore line. **Izabella Owizdak**, 4, caught a 2.10-pounder off the western shore line.

Trout swim baits, Plugs and stick baits were the most reported lures for striper. Striper fishing seems to be best either early in the morning, in the late afternoon, or on overcast days. Fishing points near the marina or on the west dam is advised. **Yvonne Southerland** of Fontana reeled in a 13-pound striper using a z-plug on the shoreline.

Catfish are still lively. Best bet is the rock quarry or wave attenuator. The most effective baits included anchovies, mackerel and raw shrimp. Most catfish have been found on the bottom in 25-50 feet.

DFG checks anglers for fishing licenses. See the Idyllwild Magazine and Visitor's Guide for locations where licenses are sold.

CREATURE CORNER

BY TASHA AND FRIENDS

Happy New Year! We want to give a great big thanks for all of the generous donations made in December. They will enable us to continue with spaying, neutering, vaccinating, vet caring and everyday caring for our precious rescue animals.



There were lots of adoptions this week! Three dogs and five cats found their new homes!

FOUND: A white boxer/pit and a brindle boxer/pit on Morris Ranch Road in Garner Valley. Call ARF to identify.

Roxy the Rotweiler was reunited with her person!

Dogs available: **Lacey**, a Manchester terrier; **Kandy**, the adorable 8-month-old Lab-mix; **Spanky**, a Lab/pit; **Kate**, an 8-year-old retriever/pit; **Duke**, a 7- to 8-year-old Chow; **Brownie**, an 8- to 10-year-old Chihuahua; her son **Blue**, a 4-year-old Chihuahua; **Mia**, a 16-month-old Lab-mix; **Ponchita**, a 1- to 2-year-old Chihuahua; **Ginger**, a 10-year-old retriever-mix; **Sheena**, an 8-year-old retriever/pit; **Johnny**, black and white Chihuahua-mix; **Buddy**, a 9-year-old shepherd/Lab; **Lady**, a 9-year-old German shepherd; **Sugar Plum**, a poodle; **Duchess**, a 1-1/2-year-old boxer; **Colby**, a black Chihuahua; **Coco**, a chocolate Lab-mix; **Paris**, a 5-month-old collie/cattle dog; **Lance**, Lab/pit; **Spencer**, a 1-year-old Pomeranian-mix and **Tuffy**, a female Aussie-mix.

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ARF (Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild) is open weekends from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment, and is half a block off North Circle Drive at Cedar Street; P.O. Box 719, Idyllwild, CA 92549; (951) 659-1122. View adoptable pets at: www.petfinder.com/shelters/CA868.html.

Creature corner is sponsored this week by former ARF kitty Tony (now Toby). To sponsor the column, call Kathy Bryson at the Town Crier, 659-2145.

55 years ago - 1955

The village was crowded with people when the first good snowstorm of the season hit. The TC reported that people "piled out of cars and into snowbanks, heaving snowballs at their friends."

50 years ago - 1960

Temperatures in Idyllwild hit a five-year low; Idyllwild Dairy reported a reading of five degrees.

45 years ago - 1965

Real estate ads in the TC showed a furnished, 2-bedroom home listed at \$19,000; a 2-room "secluded hideaway" on 1/2-acre lot for \$7,500 and a 3-bedroom home with fireplace, loft and view of Tahquitz for \$25,000.

30 years ago - 1980

Building a Pine Cove to Idyllwild hiking trail was discussed at the Pine Cove Property

PAST TENSE



From left, **Meagan Greene** and **Tara Dutton Sechrest** enjoy the masquerade theme at the Rainbow Inn's third-annual New Year's Eve party last year. Many came out to enjoy dancing, a silent auction and a raffle while dressed up to welcome in 2009.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Owners Association Fairgrounds. board meeting.

20 years ago - 1990

25 years ago - 1985
Drivers were warned to watch out for "The Great Anza to Hemet Cattle Drive," a two-day drive of 100 cattle and 50 horseback riders making their way from Anza to the Farmers Fair held at Hemet

Josh Bishop, 12, of Mountain Center was competing for a spot on the U.S. Olympic Luge Team.

15 years ago - 1995

Local business owners reported a record number of visitors over

the New Year's holiday week. "It's been like a Saturday night for the past eight days since Christmas Eve," said Phyllis Kirchner, general manager for O'Sullivan's Tavern in the Pines.

10 years ago - 2000

Jeri Sue Haney, manager of Idyllwild's Guaranty Federal Bank, celebrated New Year's Day after it was announced that there was nary a Y2K glitch in bank operations.

5 years ago - 2005

Deputy Chief Steve Kunkle was selected as the new fire chief by the Idyllwild Fire Protection District commission.

1 year ago - 2009

It was announced that Jane Stonehill, long-time head of the Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild (ARF) had retired from ARF and moved to Hemet.

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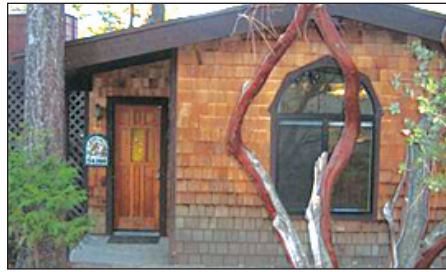
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