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## Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema



The Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC) kicked off Monday morning. The Rustic Theatre marquee welcomed all who arrived to be a part of the first IIFC. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

### The IIFC is a hit

By MARSHALL SMITH  
 STAFF REPORTER

Quirky, independent, insouciant, irreverent, droll and plucky, the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema's (IIFC) official opening night film "Rock Slyde" was, like the festival's first day, a hit with audiences.

A laugh-out-loud send-up of Hollywood, Scientology (Bartology in the film), and the film noir detective genre, "Rock Slyde" starts with what many big Hollywood films lack — a really good and very funny script. Before the screening, writer and director Chris Dowling explained that his challenge in shooting the

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## Lowman starts next 25 years at Idyllwild Arts

By MARSHALL SMITH  
 STAFF REPORTER

"We arrived to a completely dark campus," said Idyllwild Arts' (IA) longtime head Bill Lowman, remembering his and wife Carolyn's move to Idyllwild in January 1985. Hired to put new life and financial stability back into the renowned but financially troubled ISOMATA (Idyllwild School of Music and Arts) summer program, Lowman arrived mid-winter when the campus had no activity. He had no idea in those first bleak months what his arrival would precipitate — the birth of the only independent high school arts boarding school on the West Coast, and that he would be celebrating 25 years as its head in 2010.

Lowman, a native of Las Vegas, Nev., first came to Idyllwild to sing in ISOMATA's festival choir in the summer of 1965. "I raised the money [to attend] selling chocolates," said Lowman.

The summer campus and program, established by Dr. Max Krone and wife Beatrice in 1950 as

a place for people of all backgrounds and ages to come together to experience the arts, early on featured distinguished teachers including writer Norman Corwin, choreographer Bella Lewitzky, folk singer Pete Seeger, composer Meredith Willson, painter Françoise Gilot, Native American artist Fritz Scholder and photographer Ansel Adams. The Krones had established the Idyllwild Arts Foundation (IAF) in 1946 and purchased acreage on which to build their dream. In 1964, IAF transferred operations and general management of the property and program to the University of Southern California (USC) under the terms of an agreement that gave IAF the option to resume control when it chose.

From 1974 until 1976, Lowman worked full-time at USC as ISOMATA assistant director, and then on campus in Idyllwild during the summers. "I had made the decision that I was not going to be a professional tenor," said Lowman, "and the field of arts management was just opening up." In 1976, he returned to Nevada where he

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## IIFC says budget fine

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
 EDITOR

The special meeting of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) commission resulted in no action and a continuation of the budget watching until the regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

"I thought we're here to address the budget," said Commissioner Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly. "I am quite frustrated to come to meeting and just go over the budget and don't do anything."

Schelly expressed this concern after Chairman Paul Riggi announced that the session would be only a budget review and without any action requiring a vote.

Despite the absence of Commissioner and Treasurer Ben Killingsworth, who has expressed strong concern about the district's budget, Fire Chief Steve Kunkle said, "We're [the budget] spot on."

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# NEWS OF RECORD

# RMRU rescues Hemet couple

## Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Jan. 4 to 10:

### Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

- Jan. 4 — Medical aid, Lodge and San Jacinto roads, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 4 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Jan. 4 — Medical aid, Double View Drive, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 4 — Medical aid, Double View Drive, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 5 — Medical aid, Valley View Drive, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 5 — Medical aid, McKinney Street, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 6 — Medical aid, Village Center Drive, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 6 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Jan. 8 — Medical aid, 24000 block of Marion Ridge Road, Pine Cove.
- Jan. 9 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Jan. 9 — Medical aid, 52000 block of Acorn Lane, Pine Cove.
- Jan. 10 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Jan. 10 — Medical aid, 54000 block of Rockdale Drive, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 10 — Walk-in medical aid.

### Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Jan. 7 — Fire menace standby.

## 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.

- Jan. 8 — Medical aid, person down.
- Jan. 9 — Medical aid, fall.
- Jan. 9 — Medical aid, person down.
- Jan. 10 — Residential fire.

### Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

- Jan. 4 — Traffic collision, Highway, Garner Valley.
- Jan. 6 — Traffic collision, 61000 block of Highway 371, Anza.
- Jan. 10 — Vehicle fire, Highway 74, Garner Valley.
- Jan. 10 — Residential structure fire, 23000 block of Highway 243, Mountain Center.

### Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Log unavailable.

### Riverside County Fire, Anza

Jan. 4 — Medical aid, Fischer and Harvey Hills roads, Anza.

## CHP log

Report unavailable.

## Sheriff's log

Nothing to report.

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU), planning for winter training in the high country, instead mobilized around 11:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8 at the control road near the North Fork of the San Jacinto Bridge to search for a Hemet couple reported missing earlier that evening. The training may not be rescheduled.

According to Lee Arnson, RMRU president, the couple started at 11 a.m. Friday apparently trying to hike to the waterfalls above the drainage. RMRU arrived at the scene of the couple's vehicle around midnight. "We roped their vehicle off like a crime scene, took prints, and found tracks leading up the control road," said Arnson. "About 2 miles up, it looks like they took a left turn into an area with dense brush."

Crawling on their hands and knees through the brush, the rescuers still found no sign of the couple. Volunteers caught a few hours sleep before daybreak.

Early Saturday morning, Arnson and Ralph Hoetger went separately back down to hike up the North Fork drainage. Just after daybreak they encountered the couple hiking down the drainage. Both friends were in their 20s. Neither RMRU



Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU) completed another rescue Saturday, Jan. 9. A Hemet couple spent a cold night above the North Fork of the San Jacinto drainage. Pictured from left, RMRU President Lee Arnson, the Hemet couple, and RMRU volunteer Ralph Hoetger. PHOTO COURTESY OF RMRU

nor the Riverside County Sheriff's department had their names at press time.

"They were tired and hungry, but otherwise well," said Arnson. "They had no gear. They were totally unprepared [for the cold night they endured]."

Idyllwild RMRU team members on the rescue were Lee Arnson, Les Walker, Chuck Springer and Ralph Hoetger.

Marshall Smith can be reached at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).



Shannon Ortiz, 28, of Idyllwild, fell about 30 feet down an embankment next to Gary's Deli last Saturday, according to California Highway Patrol Officer Mike Murawski. Mercy Air airlifted Ortiz to Desert Regional Hospital.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

## Your Local Weather

Thu 1/14	Fri 1/15	Sat 1/16	Sun 1/17	Mon 1/18
56/32	57/32	55/32	53/34	46/32
Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	More clouds than sun. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.	More clouds than sun. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	More clouds than sun. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	Showers possible. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.

Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M S	High	Low	M S	
1-4	61	29		44	19		
1-5	62	28		48	27		
1-6	61	32		57	28		
1-7	61	32		67	28		
1-8	69	31		68	33		
1-9	62	33		60	30		
1-10	64	35		60	30		
<b>Moisture in inches</b>				<b>Snow in inches</b>			
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.

# IT'S TIME AGAIN: 2010 DOG SHOW!

## Town Crier's Dog Show Rules & Entry Form!



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



- 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](http://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](http://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.

### 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)

Number of entries @ \$25 each: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

## Mammals: California gray and ground squirrels



The gray squirrel is the unofficial mascot of Idyllwild. What other local animal is more ingrained in the consciousness of our mountain community? After all, gray squirrels live in the trees everywhere, including in town. You can't go outside for very long without spotting a gray squirrel with the exception of the winter months when they are out less frequently.

Gray squirrels live and nest in trees. Their nesting materials include twigs, shredded bark, grasses and even the long hair from their tails to line the nest. Squirrels give birth to one to five kits from March until August and the kits spend up to six months in the nest. This explains why you hardly ever see baby squirrels out and about.

The gray squirrel's diet consists of berries, nuts, acorns and seeds. They bury a portion of their food in times of plenty so they will have food for winter. If you spend any time watching squirrels — and we all have at one time or another — they dig small holes and bury the acorns and then cover them up for retrieval later. I don't know how their little squirrel brains remember where the acorns are buried but I imagine that it has more to do with smell than memory. Of course, any acorn left behind has a chance to become a mighty oak tree.

The term "squirrely" surely must come from watching an attempted road crossing by our local town squirrels. For anyone who lives in town or has driven Idyllwild's streets, I do not have to describe the seeming indecision which is

comic in effect unless, of course, it leads to their unfortunate demise.

Two other things I find interesting about gray squirrels are their acrobatic maneuvers in trees, which seem to be pretty amazing considering how they behave on the ground. One of my personal favorites is watching how they can run full speed, head-first down a tree and stop on a dime. I also like their mad squirrel display of tapping on tree branches and "gunking" as my friend described the noise they make. While doing some research, I found that it is the females who are the territorial gender.

The California ground squirrel is much less conspicuous than its gray cousin as it lives in burrows and prefers lower elevations. One of the best places to observe this squirrel is Lake Hemet. The fronts of their burrows are easy to see as they build them at the high water mark of the lakeside. Ground squirrels tend to stay close to the opening of their burrows where they can run for cover when threatened.

Of all the questions I have been asked by tourists, one of my favorites was from a city-looking gent while I was sitting on the shore of Lake Hemet. "Excuse me," he inquired, "what is that little brown animal over there?"

"That's a squirrel," I replied. His response was simply, "I thought so." Anyone who knows me knows that this little exchange amused me to no end.

With all the predators that prey on rodents it always amazes me that squirrels do as well as they do and it sure would be a much duller forest world without them.



A prescribed burn just west of Pine Cove on the morning of Tuesday, Jan. 5.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DOUG YAGALOFF



Mountain Disaster Preparedness (MDP) held a training course last Saturday morning. Rick Foster (center), MDP training officer, thoroughly covered an inventory list, pointing out where every piece of equipment is located in the Disaster Aid Station (DAS) at Town Hall. New volunteers went to all eight DAS sites, practiced opening and closing them, and visually checked inventory.

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Pine and Cedar spotted property. Inviting home with front and rear deck. Open floor plan - Living, Dining and Kitchen combined plus 2 Bedrooms and Full Bath. Lower level Basement - Game Room/Office and Laundry. MLS#5011 **\$149,000**

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# Justin first Idyllwild baby of 2010

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Justin Theobald, Jr. is Idyllwild's first baby of the year and winner of the Town Crier First Baby of 2010 Contest. Born 10:43 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 7 at Parkview Hospital in Riverside, Justin is the son of Leah Theobald, 33, and Justin Theobald, 31, of Idyllwild, grandson of Lynn Williamson and nephew of Jamie Allen.

Justin weighed 6 pounds, 10.9 ounces at birth and was 19-3/4 inches long. He joined Dad and 5-year-old half brother Anthony Munoz when he and Mom returned from the hospital earlier this week.

As winner of the Town Crier contest, baby Justin and parents will collect from local merchants: slippers for the baby from Mountain Footwear; a gift certificate from Café Aroma; an 8 x 10 glossy photo of the baby from the Town Crier; a gift for mom and dad from the Candy Cupboard; a gift certificate for mom from B's Mountain of Books; a gift for baby from Creations by Chris; a gift certificate for mom from the Idyllwild Beauty Salon; a blanket for the baby from The Spruce Moose; a gift for the baby from State Farm Insurance in Hemet; a \$25 gift certificate from the Fairway Market; free notary signing of the birth certificate from Notary 24/7; Shaklee Baby Products from Merrie VonSeggern, Shaklee Independent



**Leah, Justin Jr. and Justin Theobald.**  
*Justin Jr. is Idyllwild's first baby of 2010.*

Distributor; and a special gift for the baby from Idyllwild Right to Life.

Congratulations to the Theobalds and to Justin as the winner of the First Baby of 2010 Contest.

Last year's first baby, Logan Adam Reeves, son of Megan Reeves and Karson Meltzer, established an early arrival record by debuting at 8:24 a.m. on New Year's Day.

To win the contest, first baby's parents must reside full-time in Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Stone Creek, Mountain Center or Garner Valley; proof of residency must be shown; the attending physician must certify the exact time of birth; and the Town Crier must receive notification of the birth no later than 10 a.m. on the next business day after the birth. Justin's aunt informed the Town Crier at approximately 4 p.m. on Jan. 7, the day of Justin's birth.

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

## Birth Orion Garth Sierras Smith Colinson

At 11:03 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, Orion Garth Sierras Smith Colinson was born to Idyllwild parents Monica Louise Sierras and Colin Garth Smith. Baby Orion was born at San Geronio Memorial Hospital in Banning. He weighed 7



pounds, 8 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Colin and Monica moved to Idyllwild from San Diego in 2002 and were married at the Queen of Angels church in 2004. They both work locally at Jo' An's and The Bread Basket. Both also love to play music and gig in town as Pentagrams and Daisies (also known as Suicide Rock).

Monica and Colin said they "are totally stoked to be raising a child in Idyllwild. We like the school and everything our mountain has to offer — hiking, camping, the Skate Park and all the holiday activities, especially Halloween. We are hoping he takes to music because we've always needed a drummer, but we will love him just the same if he takes to baseball," said Colin.

The excited maternal grandparents are Carmen and Terry Carroll of San Diego and paternal grandparents Diane and Garth Smith, also of San Diego.

### Children's story time at the library

The Idyllwild Library's Children's Story Time is every Monday from 10:30 to 11 a.m. Call the library at 659-2300 for more information.

## ONLY IN IDYLLWILD

"In the bustle of the holiday season, it is expected that business owners would be too busy to help a stranger. Add to the mix the economic crunch and it's even rarer for one to get help when there is nothing to gain financially. Imagine my surprise when Shane [Stewart] at The Rustic Theatre returned my call regarding a bracelet I lost at the theatre the night prior. Not only did Shane return my call within an hour, he left his personal cell number. Talk about customer service! Idyllwild might be a small town, but personal hands-on service like this is nothing close to being small. I can guarantee my experience would have been much different off the Hill."

Shanna Robb  
Idyllwild

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

### Trivia test

**Geography:** In what country is Stonehenge located?

*Answer: England*

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### Trivia test

**Bible:** What is the fifth book of the Pentateuch in the Old Testament?

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**Summary info for the week  
of Jan. 3-11, 2009**

**Visitors - Over 10,543**  
**Page Views - Over 33,144**  
**Total Hits - Over 214,395**

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 15.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13**

- 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.
- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- 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.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- CSA 38, 5:15 p.m. PCWD office, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- CAHSEE class, 6-9 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Anza Valley Municipal Advisory Council, 7 p.m. Anza Community Building, 56630 Highway 371, Anza.

**THURSDAY, JAN. 14**

- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), noon. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP to Francoise Frigola at 659-4146.
- Idyllwild Community Recreation Council, 5:30 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Highway 243.
- 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.
- RACES, 6:30 p.m.

Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 15**

- Fern Valley Water District board meeting, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
- Baby Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Debbi Geisinger, 659-8710 or (951) 966-1094.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candle-light, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse-Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 16**

- H1N1 flu clinic open to all Riverside County residents, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Desert Hot Springs High School Gymnasium, 65850 Pierson Blvd., Desert Hot Springs.
  - 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.
  - Idyllwild Gay Potluck, 6 p.m. Location varies. E-mail scottngregg@greencafe.com.
- SUNDAY, JAN. 17**
- 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 CalFire 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. 18**

- ESL class, 8:30-11:30 a.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Water District board room, 25945 Highway 243.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 19**

- Zen Meditation Group, 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. Call 659-2253.
- Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge Rd.
- 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.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Cancer Self-help Group, 5:30 p.m. Call 659-6262.
- 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.
- Hemet Unified School

District board meeting, 6:30 a.m. Professional Development Service Center Board Room, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.

- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 659-5228 for location.
- Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 7 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Highway 243.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20**

- 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.
- 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.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

- CAHSEE class, 6-9 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS**

- California Department of Forestry (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain 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 Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment.
- 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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## INITIAL THOUGHTS

To our new friends...



Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema patrons welcome to Idyllwild! We hope you enjoy your visit and find many reasons to return.

We are very grateful to Stephen "Steve" Savage, his film industry friends and all the many local residents who have contributed to the creation of this film festival — Idyllwild 2010.

Volunteers are our green energy source and why we are capable of producing many celebrations and festivals.

We're pretty confident that this isn't the last film fest you'll attend here. So make some friends, We're not urban, but we are urbane.

Try our breakfast conversations. The early bird locals stock up at the Red Kettle. If you're in a rush, Village Market has donuts. If you're used to Starbucks' choices, I'd visit Café Aroma, especially for the chocolate scone, or Higher Grounds, closer to the theater district.

We'll remember you next year, just as we do all the Pacific Crest Trail hikers who annually trek through town between March and April. Except for the lack of skiing there are plenty of reasons to return sooner. We don't get enough natural snow and Idyllwild is far from artificial.

As the weather warms, remember those cozy and romantic inns with fireplaces and dinners served by people who can actually banter with you.

The 21st-annual Earth Fair will be held on May 15. There are events throughout town, including a talk Friday evening.

Idyllwild waits until the first Saturday in June for our official kick-off of summer. On June 5, you can enter our annual 5K/10K run and fitness walk. The proceeds benefit the elementary school's physical education program.

On the Fourth of July, there's the annual parade down North Circle. The participants toss candy to all the children along the parade route. A usual parade will take an hour for all the floats and marchers to pass any point.

Two weeks later, on July 16, our first Lemon Lily festival will take place. Read about it on page 18.

The summer ends with one of the best Jazz festivals in the northern hemisphere. The two-day 17th-annual Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines will be August 28 and 29. Three venues are jivin' from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. If you know Frank F, Idyllwild is a modern Brigadoon while you listen to jammin' into the morning.

Just as Indian Summer appears, the second October Saturday is the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's 12th-annual Art Walk and Wine Tasting. They always have enough wine for all who want to visit our local galleries and talk to the local artists.

Halloween is a hallowed event here. Kids fill their bags with candy from the local merchants while traipsing down North Circle Drive to the town center where carnival games continue into evening.

Our year ends after a peaceful Thanksgiving dinner. That weekend is the Rotary's 44th-Annual Harvest Festival and the lighting of the huge Christmas tree in the center of town. Choirs, Santa and hundreds of visitors all begin the holidays here.

So you don't have to wait for Idyllwild 2011 to return for a good time. As these events blossom and unfold during the year, you can follow them on www.towncrier.com and check our Daily News blog.

J.P., EDITOR

## READERS WRITE

### Clean up town gateway

EDITOR:

Thursday I went to the transfer station to dump my trash and recycle a couple of bags and on the way back into town I reflected that the road into town was much trashier than our "dump".

The mess starts with the cheap plastic drop cloth stapled to the "Idyllwild Technology" sign and all the junk posing as "art" in their yard. Then comes Alicia's Antiques. I like Alicia a lot and her sign is nice. Why does she line that beautiful curved driveway with 15 or so peeling, scabrous baker's racks? After that is the tacky defunct bear carving place "By Me" with all the strings of electrical wires and the dead, tarp-covered truck.

Down the street is "Sad Cycles and Welding" with the perpetual yard sale and used car lot. The corner of South Circle is defaced by two enterprises. "Something Old Made New," sporting a sagging plywood gate with cheap hinges and latch backing up pathetic used furniture. The eastern end of the intersection is marred by "Chainsaw Carving." Half-hacked pine is the product there.

The Design Center, two restaurants and the HELP Center look great with carved and painted signs and tidy fronts. Next door is a thrift shop that luckily enough has a narrow entrance so if you are going more than 20 miles an hour you miss the decaying unsellable trash that sits in front of the shop. Then there is Roy with the scaffolding encased non-monument.

This is the view that our guests for the Film Festival, Jazz in the Pines and other concerts, snow, art shows and good food are greeted with as they approach town.

Some of these enterprises could look much

better with just a modicum of care. For others there is no hope.

Returning after being forced to leave the mountain on errands, the joy of my life was to round the curve by the Bluebird Inn, another well cared for place, and drive down this beautiful road to my beloved home. Now, we are all subjected to this eye-slaughter.

NANCY BORCHERS  
 PINE COVE

### Idyllwild ... for friends

EDITOR:

What is it about Idyllwild that fills our hearts with love? How does Idyllwild find the ability to set itself apart from all other Southern California towns or from any other spot in the world? Here is my recent experience that I would like to share.

Yesterday was a beautiful, bright day. Two Labrador dog friends and I were headed from a dog show in Palm Desert back to San Diego. I suggested a detour in Idyllwild for lunch at Café Aroma. You see, my husband and I are proud second homeowners in Idyllwild — we are part-timers. Since our purchase of The Corner Lodge in 2002, we have made many special full-timer friends — the heartbeats of Idyllwild. So, not having the opportunity in prior years, it was now time to introduce my friends to the Idyllwild I have been affectionately referring to for years.

If you're limited on time and want to see everyone in Idyllwild, Café Aroma does not disappoint. I introduced my Labrador friends, Lisa and Gary, to many full-timer friends and it was fun. The buzz of the IIFC was in the air and everyone was so welcoming. One special full-timer in particular (you know who you are) ran home to get a gift she had picked up

See Letters, next page

## Mr. Funny Guy by Chris Fisher



Rotary President **Steve Kunkle** (left) presents a gift to **Grace Reed**, publisher of the *Idyllwild Town Crier*, for being the Rotary's guest speaker on Jan. 6.

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## How to get a letter published

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## Letters

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for me because in her words. "I saw it and it reminded me of you."

Later on, Lisa and Gary commented on their perspective of Idyllwild and here is what they said: "We can see why you love Idyllwild," "What a slice of heaven" and "Idyllwild is such a family." I think they got that right, don't you agree?

Sometimes we only need a gentle reminder of why we all embrace Idyllwild. Often times, your words and hugs can mean more than you realize. I am extremely proud of our community and hope you enjoyed my shared experience.

Idyllwild ... it's a family thing.

DENNEY HERR  
SAN DIEGO AND  
IDYLLWILD

### 'Yes' to Lemon Lily Fest

EDITOR:

The Board of Directors of the Friends of San Jacinto Mountain County Parks voted unanimously to endorse the Lemon Lily Festival and to join the Riverside County Parks and Open Space District as a co-sponsor of the Festival. We urge other community groups to become co-sponsors also.

The Idyllwild Nature Center plans to host an interpretive nature hike, a competitive art show, educational presentations and more. This should be a fantastic family weekend.

DALE INGMANSON,  
PRESIDENT  
FRIENDS OF SAN  
JACINTO MOUNTAIN  
COUNTY PARKS

### Film Fest village friendly

EDITOR:

As a critic of Shane Stewart in the past, I welcome his leadership on the matter of the Film Festival in Idyllwild. I think it is progressive (anything would be) and laudatory to take such a risk.

I wholly agree



A new carved Welcome to Idyllwild sign now sits at the corner of Highway 243 and South Circle Drive.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

with Stewart that the [Idyllwild Arts Academy] Jazz Festival adds very little to the town's business income and, frankly, the school could contribute more to the community by a more aggressive approach to local attendance (discounts, dare I utter that word?).

FRANK JASKO  
IDYLLWILD

### New Welcome monument

EDITOR:

To all those who were involved in the creation of the new welcome sign at the entrance to our community, kudos and thank you. The sign is so appropriate for Idyllwild, rustic and tasteful. It speaks to our unique forest environment.

As a Home Stager, I am acutely aware of visual impressions and ambiance. We have a true jewel, our Hill, and should always show our treasure in its best light — a light that reflects

the natural beauty, clean air and peace that we have the good fortune to live with.

As a full-timer, I have been disappointed with the direction some of our local businesses have chosen. Many are banners and "flashy color city signs," to quote a friend, "they appear to be signs of desperation" to attract business. These signs create a distraction from the peace and richness of our village. We have a small area and visitors walk and wander our streets. Trust me, they will find the shops and opportunities to buy, without the garish signage.

The new welcome signs are truly welcoming and represent the heart of Idyllwild. Those businesses that keep the ambiance of Idyllwild with their signs are to be commended. The Dickens sculpture, Rustic Theatre, Gastrognome, The Tea Company, Rustic Cabin, Spruce Moose and many others, we thank you and appreci-

## ON THE FRINGE

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## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week (from left) are **Chloe Schelly** and **Max Swanson**. Music director **Buzz Holmes** chose Chloe for outstanding flute playing in the beginning instrument class, and Max for practicing his violin diligently every day. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

ate your respect for the quality of Idyllwild.

It is not just businesses and community service organizations that should financially support the welcome sign endeavor, we as residents with pride and respect for our Hill, should contribute to this sign fund too. This effort was done without

a lot of attention or fanfare, just good people doing the "right thing" for the "right reasons." The Idyllwild spirit is alive and well. Residents, please support this effort and future efforts that will maintain our unique quality here on the Hill.

VICKI STREETER  
FERN VALLEY

## MOUNTAIN FOLK

An opening of local **Kathleen Keifer's** painting exhibition will be held on Jan. 16 at the **Canfin Gallery** in Tarrytown, New York. The show runs through January. Her paintings can be viewed online at [www.canfingallery.com](http://www.canfingallery.com)

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

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## CLUBS

### Astronomy Club

The **Astronomical Society of the Desert** will hold a star party from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the **Palm Desert Visitors Center**, 51-500 Highway 74.

The club will observe the first quarter moon with spectacular mountains and craters, and see Mars rising. Also visible will be the Orion nebula, the great Andromeda Galaxy, and other deep sky objects. Andromeda, the princess; Orion, the hunter; and Cassiopeia, the queen, will be pointed out in the star tour. Bring a coat as it may get cold. The event is free and telescopes will be provided.

**Bob Victor**, professional astronomer and author of the "Sky Calendar" published by Abrams Planetarium, of Michigan State University will present a talk called "The Opposition of Mars and What's Up in 2010" from 3 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in the Community Room of the **Palm Desert Public Library**, 73-300 Fred Waring Dr. in Palm Desert.

For more information or directions, call **John Frazier** at (760) 771-4607 or visit [www.astrorx.org](http://www.astrorx.org).

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# El Niño around until spring

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Weather scientists continue to predict a moderate El Niño pattern through spring. Rain and snowfall levels have been disappointing for those who thought this El Niño would be relief from the near decade long drought.

The latest National Weather Service (NWS) Advisory predicts, "El Niño strengthened during December 2009.... Collectively, these oceanic and atmospheric anomalies reflect a strong El Niño. The models continue to disagree on the eventual peak strength of El Niño (Fig. 5). ...Regardless of its precise peak strength, El Niño is expected to exert a significant influence on the global weather and climate in the coming months. Most models indicate ... El Niño will persist through April-May-June 2010."

Through December (half way through the rain year), Idyllwild has received 8.6 inches of rain. This is slightly more than last year's 7.8 inches for the same period. Average rainfall from July 1 through December 31 is 9.2 inches.

The NWS latest climate forecast indicates that an above normal rainfall level during the late winter and spring has occurred in more than 60 percent of the El Niño weather patterns since 1958. More rain or precipitation may be coming. While more than recent years, it may only fill the average annual amount.

See El Nino, page 24

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Despite falling hospitalization rates and deaths attributable to the H1N1 (swine) virus, national health officials warn that caution and care need to be maintained for several more months.

According to Dr. Anne Schuchat, director of the National Center for Immunizations and Respiratory Diseases at the U.S. Center for Disease Control, the flu pandemic of 1957 seemed to fade after the winter holidays and then returned in late winter with nearly the same devastating strength.

Since late November, many indicators of the virus' strength and breadth have been decreasing weekly. For example, the number of outpatient visits for influenza-like-illness has declined from nearly 8 percent in early November to 2.4 percent last week.

"My colleagues and I in public health are encouraging people to be vaccinated, especially those who are at risk of complications. None of us can predict what's going to happen," Schuchat advised last week.

In 1957, the flu epidemic peaked in the November-December period. As it fell during early winter, health officials thought it was ending and warnings to get vaccinated stopped. Then in the

# Get your flu vaccine

spring of 1958 deaths began to climb again, nearly reaching the fall levels despite the availability of vaccine.

"[T]he best thing for us to do is ... really focus on the idea that vaccine is the best way for us to reduce the chances that we will have ongoing disease, hospitalizations and deaths," Schuchat stressed. "As long as this virus is circulating, it has the potential to cause illness."

"This next week, or beginning this weekend, we're going to kick off the National Influenza Vaccination Week. ... It includes a focus on people at high risk for complications, adults with emphysema, pregnant women, seniors, children, really a focus on encouraging vaccination for anyone who hasn't yet been vaccinated and wants to be," she advised.

At this point in the flu season, health officials have plenty of H1N1 vaccine and urge everyone to get vaccinated. After children, pregnant and post-partum women are particularly vulnerable to the flu.

They also encourage seniors, not a target population, who have yielded to children to get their vaccination now.

"Having as many people vaccinated as possible is our best course of action,

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**WHERE:** Desert Hot Springs High School Gymnasium, 65850 Pierson Blvd., Desert Hot Springs

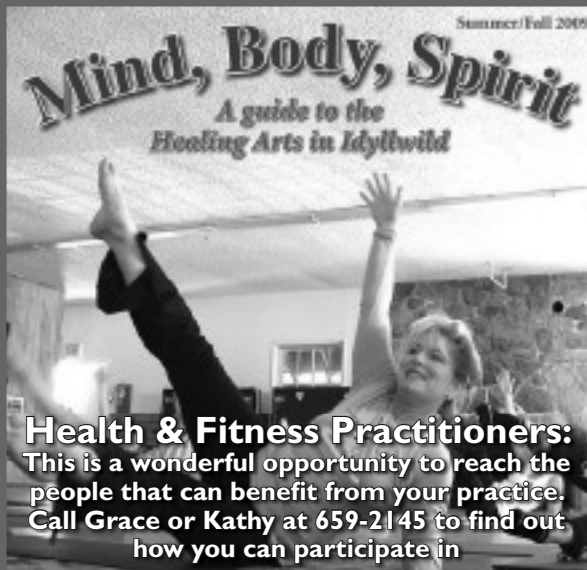
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even if we can't read the tea leaves of the future," Schuchat said. "The illness is down. There's plenty of vaccine. It's a key window of opportunity. We don't want to repeat the story from 1957."

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## Obituary Robert Eastin Read



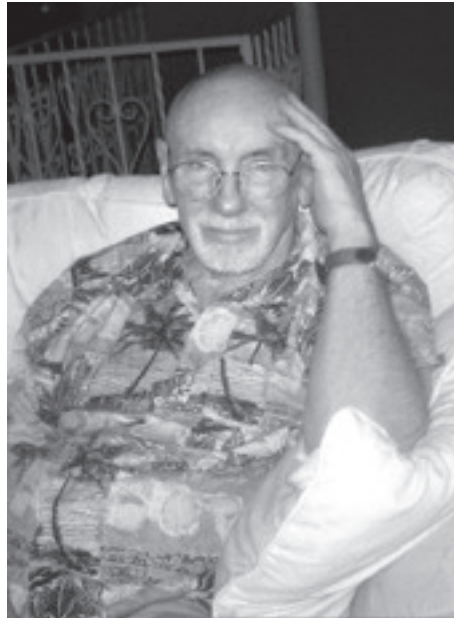
Robert "Bob" Eastin Read died Monday, Dec. 28, 2009 after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 77. Services were Saturday, Jan. 2 in Santa Ana.

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.

Bob was a compassionate and caring person who loved traveling, cruising the seas, golf,



**John Sizer died Tuesday, Jan. 5. He was the husband of Dolores Sizer, former member of the Idyllwild Town Crier team. After her retirement, they moved to Arizona. His unexpected death occurred after an accident at home.**

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dancing, people and especially, his family and friends. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by Joan, his wife of 54 years; son Chris; daughter-in-law Wendy; and three grandchildren, Justin, Megan and Shelby Read of Idyllwild.

# Garner Valley homeowners await vote count

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Garner Valley Property Owners Association (GVPOA) ballots to recall the existing board will be counted on Saturday, Jan. 16. What the recall will accomplish, if it successful, is unclear.

The "yes" on recall group believes that the existing board, headed by Mark Lamont, was wrong to settle a lawsuit brought by property owner Marc Jones against the then GVPOA board. That bloc presumably voted "no" in a fall 2008 vote to assess each property owner \$700 to settle the lawsuit and replenish GVPOA reserves drained by board prosecution of the suit.

"It's crazy," said architect and association member Bill Swank. "They think that by recalling the board the debt will go away," he said. "But the lawsuit is settled and the bill is coming [April 2011]. If the board and the association do not settle the suit, association property and assets can be liened. There's no accounting for

the arrogance of the other side."

Swank served on the association architectural committee that approved the Jones driveway, subject of the lawsuit, in 2003. Swank said he spoke to succeeding boards about the futility of prosecuting the lawsuit owing to the documented approval of the driveway. "I tried to talk to three board presidents that Jones was in total compliance with association bylaws and governing documents," said Swank. "But they chose to believe the attorneys prosecuting the lawsuit."

A recent newsletter sent out to GVPOA states, "Marc Jones' driveway was approved in 2003 by Bill Swank who was then President of the Board and head of the architectural committee. Adrienne Hochee, who was also a board member and architectural committee member at the time concurred with this approval, as she testified under penalty of perjury." According to Swank, architectural guidelines were revised in 2005 but Jones' approval preceded that

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# IAHS reaches goal

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Bob and Adele Smith's matching gamble paid off, and just in time. Now the Idyllwild Area Historical Society (IAHS) will have its climate-controlled Archive and Research Center.

IAHS estimated the construction cost would be about \$129,600 for the 732 square foot facility. In October, IAHS still needed \$25,000 to achieve its goal.

That is when the Smiths decided to challenge IAHS and the community. They announced they would match up to \$12,500 in gifts through Dec. 31, 2009. On New Year's Eve two \$500 checks arrived, putting the total just over the \$12,500 and satisfying the match criteria and completing the fund-raising goal.

That puts IAHS comfortably in a position to move forward with the addition. Hemet architect Jim Marsh is already working the plans through County Planning. Bids went out to three architects the first week in December and are due back by Jan. 16.

"We're hoping to break ground in January and get construction going in February, but you never know with getting plans approved," said Smith. "We had tried getting plan approval through Palm Desert (satellite County Planning office), which we thought might be faster, but they're treating



**Bob Smith** challenged the Idyllwild Area Historical Society membership to match his and wife Adele's \$12,500 gift to complete the IAHS fund-raising goal to build an Archive and Research Center.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

it [the addition] as a commercial building, and that means Riverside." Once plans are approved, construction should be completed in six months, Smith hopes.

Friends of IAHS raised the total funds over a six-year period. "The membership [of IAHS] really came through," said Smith. "We received 112 donations, almost all of them members. This campaign convinced me of how strong and committed our membership is." The capital campaign for private donations launched in April 2009. Smith said about \$3,000 came from non-members, \$48,000 from private donations, \$51,000 in accumulated operational savings, and \$31,000 in Riverside County grants. Besides the Smith's gift, other donations ranged from \$10 to \$1,000. Riverside County had previously given IAHS \$173,000 to buy the property and \$12,000 to revamp it to suit its intended use as the Idyllwild museum.

In addition to providing temperature and humidity controls necessary to preserve historical documents, the research center will provide separately accessible public restrooms, a much-needed convenience on that stretch of North Circle Drive. The exterior will be fire resistant fiber cement shingles.

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# State budget cuts worsening

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Once again, the state is expecting a multi-billion dollar deficit and must continue to cut programs in order to come close with a balanced budget, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announced Friday, Jan. 8.

However, Schwarzenegger recommended no further cuts in education programs. Compared to the current year, he proposed a \$225 million increase for higher education programs. K-12 programs would receive the full amount dedicated to them by Proposition 98; however, that is less than previous years because of the total decline in state revenues, especially property taxes.

"Our state, our economy and our future is [sic] so dependent on education that, as far as I'm concerned, we must protect education," Schwarzenegger said during his press conference.

Local school officials are still wary of the budget proposals.

"The governor still has to submit a May budget," said Hemet Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Phil Pendley. "We're worried it will not last and will change in May."

The governor presented his proposed budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011. Social service programs, such as the in-home social services, bear the brunt of the governor's proposed reductions. In addition, he has planned for about \$7 billion more from the federal government.

State civil servants will feel the impacts of the current budget imbalance. The governor has ordered his departments reduce salary costs 5 percent by July 1, 2010 and an additional 5 percent during the new fiscal year. Salary cost reductions are projected to save \$1.6 billion.

No new taxes are proposed but some business tax changes are postponed.

The CalFire budget is about the same as last year. However, once again the governor is proposing the establishment of an emergency response fund (ERF), financed with a surtax on property insurance premiums.

For 2010-11, \$200 million of this money would be for CalFire. If the Legislature continues to rebuff the governor's idea, the funds would have to be provided from the \$1 billion

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## IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

**STATUS OF RECYCLED WATER PROJECT GRANT FUNDS** — We should receive a decision soon for our \$22,750 grant application for the project "planning phase." Based on receiving approval we will apply for an additional \$75,000 for the construction phase. The recycled water project total estimated project cost is \$150,000. This project could provide 10,000 to 20,000 gallons of recycled water per day for interested customers for irrigation use. The recycled water will be delivered by truck to customers with approved green tanks. The District will need to provide tank inspections to ensure there are no cross-connections before approving recycled water to customers. Final consideration for approval by the board members will be needed.

**DISTRICT GOALS** — The Board approved a list of nine goals at the December 15th Board meeting. In the next six months, the rates and charges, rules and regulations, and personnel policies and procedures hopefully will be updated.

**REDUCED PRESSURE BACKFLOW DEVICES** — Many businesses in the Idyllwild Water District received letters requesting that reduced pressure backflow devices be installed. Several have been installed and tested as required. All requested devices should be installed by the end of February.

**COMPUTER OPERATED WATER SYSTEM** — The District contracted with Digital Telecommunication Systems (DTS) to install a "state of the art" computer control system to automate the operation and monitor our water system facilities. Progress is being made — DTS is currently installing systems at the Golden Rod, Rockdale and South Ridge sites. We currently have a computer control system operating our Wildwood water system zone.

**TWO NEW WELLS** — IWD will be soliciting bids for drilling two new test wells — one on Lower Pine Crest Avenue and one on South Circle Drive. The test wells will help us determine whether to drill a production well which will be based on receiving good water samples and a minimum of 25 gallons per minute production.

**2010 CENSUS TESTING** — Census testing will take place at the IWD Boardroom January 14th, 21st and 28th at 10:00 a.m. These part-time jobs offer good pay and flexible hours. Approximately 300 workers will be canvassing the Idyllwild area beginning March 22nd. More information is available at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) or (800) 861-2010.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!** — Kudos to our District employees. Mark Klingaman passed his Grade I water treatment operator exam and Jack Easley passed his Grade III water distribution operator exam. They will receive their water certificates in the near future.

Wishing all of our customers a happy and prosperous New Year.

JOIN US AT OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING — JANUARY 19th AT 7:00 PM

# FS grazing permits on hold

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The renewal of three Garner Valley grazing permits was reversed over the holidays. An appeal from three environmental groups asked the Forest Service to reconsider the threat to the critical habitat of two endangered species and resulted in the Forest Service's reversal of its earlier decisions.

In late September, San Bernardino Forest Supervisor Jeanne Wade Evans approved the Rouse and Wellman grazing allotments. The Jim Burn pasture in the Paradise allotment was shifted to the Rouse permit and the remainder of the Paradise permit renewal was denied. No decision was made on the largest of the Garner Valley allotments — the Garner permit.

The Western Watersheds Project, Sierra Club, and the Center for Biological Diversity wrote to the Forest Service with specific concerns about the negative effect continued grazing would have on the critical habitat for both the Peninsular Bighorn Sheep and the Quino checkerspot butterfly.

On Dec. 23, Wade withdrew her earlier decisions approving the Rouse and Paradise permits. Five days later, an appeal deciding officer affirmed the groups' recommendation to reverse the Wellman allotment decision.

One of the principal reasons was the difference in the size of the allotment described in the environmental assessment and the size in the decision document. The latter was about 2,200 acres bigger.

In addition, the appeal recommended that the

Forest Service complete an environmental impact statement that will more thoroughly examine the alternatives and offer more effective mitigation measures.

"We are pleased that the Forest Service has responded to public concern and agreed to reconsider these grazing decisions to better protect important habitat for these endangered species," said Michael Connor, California director of Western Watersheds Project. "The Quino checkerspot butterfly has disappeared from 75 percent of its range and protecting what's left of its habitat is key to its survival."

"We hope to resolve this decades-long controversy over cattle in bighorn sheep habitat and Palm Canyon," said Joan Taylor, conservation chair of the local Sierra Club group. "There is no reason to let cattle threaten valuable biological and cultural resources." The Quino checkerspot is now found only in Riverside and San Diego counties in the United States.

Michael Connor, California director of the Western Watersheds Project, had replied to the Forest Service's initial planning request and the draft environmental analysis with the same concerns about possible damage to the Quino butterfly's and the bighorn sheep's critical habitat.

This correspondence has consistently addressed Forest Service's documents that acknowledge the possibility of habitat loss from grazing. However, the Forest Service was going to try to avoid critical seasons such as spring, but the appellants argued that was not sufficient protection.

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About 20 people attended the U.S. Forest Service's January bald eagle count at Lake Hemet last Saturday morning. Two adult eagles were spotted. From near the shore, the bird watchers search with binoculars and telescopes hoping to glimpse the bald eagles that nest here. The bald eagle count will be repeated at Lake Hemet on the first Saturday of February and March.

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Marlyn Sears (center) was December's winner of Sustainable Idyllwild's green bag drawing the sponsored by Mountain Harvest Market (MHM). Kevin Blow (left), MHM manager, and Juan Patlan (right), Fairway Market relief manager, presented the \$25 gift certificate to Sears last Friday.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

## Stone seeks CSA 36 members

Riverside County Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone is seeking residents interested in serving on the County Service Area 36 Advisory Council (CSA). The Idyllwild CSA Advisory members will advise and make recommendations to the supervisor concerning

recreation in the Idyllwild area.

Idyllwild residents who are available and willing to share their time and expertise are encouraged to apply for the appointed position. For more information, please contact Opal Hellweg at (951) 955-1030.



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# SPORTS

## Town Hall Volleyball

Town Hall Volleyball Coordinator **Brian Wilson** reported on Town Hall Coed Volleyball.

After the two week holiday hiatus, the Town Hall Adult Volleyball League is back in action. Monday night's match featured the Aliens versus Idyllwild Inn. The injury-riddled Aliens lost to the Inn in four games, but should be back to full strength soon.

Tuesday night's match brought the Silver Pines Lodge team and Team One Love to the court against each other for the first time. Silver Pines played well together, not showing any rust from the holiday vacation, and the match was won in three straight games.

The Café Aroma Meatballs and the Idyllwild Inn team met on Wednesday night, where the Inn showed their league experience and came away with the win in three games as well. The Meatballs are a youthful first-year team, but they are having a great time fitting into the league and are an exciting team to watch and root for.

The match of the week was Thursday night when Team One Love was beaten by the team from Idyllwild Garage. The Garage is led by Freddie Espinoza, and with great hitting and defense by both Cory Summerall and Kyle Olson, this team can be hard to beat.

The season is shaping up well, fun is being had by all, and wishes for speedy recovery go out to all those who sustained injuries over the holidays.

This coming weekend, Jan. 16 to 18, will be the annual Loutzie Tournament. This tournament, started in 2004 by fallen U.S. Forest Service Capt. Mark Loutzenhiser, is continued to honor the memory of him and his crew. The Tournament is a three-day event that will take place at the Idyllwild School Gym and will feature a 2 on 2 (beach rules) men's division and a 4 on 4 women's division. If you would like to compete or be a spectator, contact Idyllwild Town Hall at 659-2360 for details.

### The League Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	Points
Idyllwild Garage	3	0	+46
Idyllwild Inn	3	1	+64
Aliens	2	2	+48
Silver Pines Lodge	2	2	+44
One Love	1	3	+25
Café Aroma	0	3	0

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



**Kyle Olson**, of the Idyllwild Garage volleyball team, serves to Silver Pines Lodge Monday evening.



Silver Pines Lodge's ability to return spike attempts, as **Penny Bottomly** does (right), was an important reason for their victory over first-place Idyllwild Garage Monday night.

PHOTOS  
BY  
J.P. CRUMRINE

Despite strong and fast spikes (left), **Cory Summral's** team, Idyllwild Garage, lost to Silver Pines Lodge Monday evening.



**Jayden Fogle** takes a rest during the Town Hall youth volleyball training session (above). Jayden's parents, Julie and Lance Fogle, led their Silver Pines Lodge team to an upset of first place Idyllwild Garage.

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## Lowman

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founded the Nevada School of the Arts (NSA), using experience he had gained working for ISOMATA. NSA, built on the ISOMATA summer model, featured a six-week summer camp and after school community work during the school year.

In 1983, IAF exercised its option to resume independent management and sole ownership of ISOMATA. In 1983, Glen Stephens became IAF chair. In 1985, Dr and Mrs. Richard MacNeal became major IAF benefactors. And in 1985, IAF hired Lowman to put the summer program on a sound financial footing.

"They were struggling with what to do with the place," said Lowman. "I was hired to reinvigorate an already extraordinary program that was financially a little shaky. I came here as an expert in summer programs but it soon became clear that to preserve the summer we had to figure out what to do with the winter [academic year]. I had eight full-time staff at the time."

Lowman said IAF discussed many options in 1985 including forming a small liberal arts college, creating a conference center and dividing up the campus into lots and selling it off. "We were losing enough money with the summer but we wanted to expand using the founders' [Krones] vision."

Lowman said the opportunity, epiphany and eventual solution centered on Idyllwild's Desert Sun, then Elliot Pope Preparatory boarding school, located on what is now Astrocamp. The idea was to have Pope provide academic classes to ISOMATA arts students



**Bill Lowman, in thoughtful mode, celebrating 25 years as head of Idyllwild Arts.**

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

during the school year and ISOMATA the arts education. Lowman was still doubtful. He told IAF chair Glen Stephens, "It's [ISOMATA] always going to run a deficit." That's when benefactor MacNeal stepped in. He told Lowman, "I'll make the money problems go away if you can start it [the new venture] in one year [fall 1986]."

By August 1985, conversations with the Pope board had not produced an agreement. "At an IAF board meeting, I just announced the partnership," said Lowman. The Elliot Pope board hastily convened and, in September, Lowman had his partnership. "It was a calculated risk," said Lowman, "something I could never do today."

"In 1985 the IAF board had some very savvy and forward-looking people who realized that the new program [whatever it turned out to be] needed to be equally as important as the summer for the sum-

mer program to succeed. We wrote master plans, developed programs, and planned budgets."

In 1985, Idyllwild Arts (IA) opened with 80 students, an arts curriculum of music, dance, theater and visual arts, a budget of \$800,000, and eight to 15 employees. The Pope partnership continued until 1990 when IA began conducting academic classes on campus. In 25 years, IA has grown to a \$13.5 million budget institution, more than 270 students from 30 states and 20 countries, more than 100 employees, 36 new campus buildings constructed since 1985 and added three new disciplines — creative writing, interdisciplinary and moving pictures.

"I've given my life to this and I'm thrilled with how it's turned out," he beamed when telling how it feels to him. When asked about proudest accomplishments over his 25-year tenure, Lowman said, "It's three things. Preserving the remarkable summer program founded by the Krones and their vision that the arts can enrich human life — arts for humans' sake, across many cultures; founding the Academy and seeing its extraordinary affect on young people; and philosophically, to have been part of the movement in this country that puts art in everyone's life and its profound impact on this world."

Disappointments? "I wanted to build a larger endowment," said Lowman. "It's still hard to do and I'm not going to be able to do that. Endowments are built through generations. Also I still want to build a concert hall and a theater."

Lowman, characteristically affable and upbeat, is focused on IA sustainability in this difficult recession and in years to come. "This



*Idyllwild Arts President Bill Lowman shown here in 1985 upon his appointment to head the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts (ISOMATA).*

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year is better than last," he said. "We're up in enrollment. Things are looking good."

"I'm surprised I was here 25 years, now longer than the founders," he said. "I'm proud. Those early years were the wild days. It was surprisingly difficult," and judging by Lowman's smile and track record, well worth the effort.

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## Country star to help Idyllwild kids

By Beth Nottley  
News Assistant

Country singer Mark Connors and his band will perform a benefit concert for the Idyllwild HELP Center Children's Fund on Sunday, Jan. 24 at The Rustic Theatre. They take the stage at 7 p.m. Local group Fault Line, featuring Harry Joe Hamilton and Kathleen Johnson and special musical guests Don Reed and Alex Watson, will open the concert at 6:15 p.m.

Connors, now in his 40s, said he is giving the benefit concert because "I made a promise to God, over a pot of beans that I had to steal that if I was ever successful enough, I'd do my best to make sure other children don't end up in that situation." When he made that vow, Connors was 13 and homeless, after having spent many years in foster care.

When Connors learned that the HELP Center, a nonprofit organization providing services to Idyllwild-area individuals and families in need, had over 600 clients seeking help during 2009, he said, "Let's do it; let's help these people," according to his publicist, Nada Piper.

The Idyllwild concert is his first benefit concert of 2010; he has pledged to do at least three benefit concerts yearly, with special focus on nonprofits devoted to helping youth in crisis. According to Connors, he chose the HELP Center Children's Fund because, "I know what it's like to go to school hungry and wearing mismatched clothes and shoes that don't fit right."

As a part-time resident who splits his time between Idyllwild



Country music star and part-time Idyllwild resident **Mark Connors** is holding an **Alex Watson** (of Idyllwild) custom-built guitar. Connors' band will give a fundraiser concert at The Rustic Theatre on Sunday, Jan. 24 for the Idyllwild HELP Center Children's Fund. The opening act, including Watson, starts at 6:15 p.m.; Connors takes the stage at 7 p.m.

and Nashville, he also has a vested interest in the local community. He said that's why admission to the concert is only a \$5 donation. "Times are tough. I want the families of the kids we're helping to be able to attend. I want them to know I care," he said.

Caring about kids and helping them overcome the challenges faced by having a rough start in life is a mission for Connors. He makes frequent visits to Safe House of the Desert, a crisis center for teens, many of whom have been abused and are homeless. He spends time with the kids, plays a few songs and

then tells them his story and encourages them to think positively and work toward a better future. Connor said, "I tell them, look at what I've done. It's just a matter of a short time and you'll be an adult and in control of your own lives. You can do it too; it's all up to you."

It was the theme of new beginnings that launched Connors into the country music arena. He had performed rock-and-roll since he was a teen. Then in 1999, he wrote a song, "A Brand New Start," for his grandfather who had just died. The song caught the attention of a Nashville producer and Connors did indeed get a brand new start in country music.

He was honored with the North American Country Music Association International's Most Promising Album of the Year for his first album and the California Country Music Association's Male Vocalist of the Year and Song of the Year for "Girl I've Had It." He has headlined the Nashville Music Festival and appeared on stage with many of today's country music stars such as Montgomery Gentry, Randy Owen, Earl Scruggs, Jimmy Dickens, Jewel, Chris Young, Terri Clark, and Toby Keith, who praised him as " ... a great song writer, well on his way."

Connors has also performed for troops on the USS John C. Stennis aircraft carrier

on patrol in the Persian Gulf and is planning another concert for military personnel. "I'm a very patriotic person; it's part of my calling to entertain the troops," he said.

Connors third CD, "It's All About the Country," is being released in February. He presently has two new singles, "I Think She Loves Me" and "You" airing on the radio. Connors, who is not married, said that "You" is "dedicated to whomever God has waiting for me." Of his new CD, he said, "Country music is all about life and love. It stands for all that's good."

He said he would perform a benefit concert every year for the Idyllwild HELP Center Children's Fund. He's already invested quite a bit in the first concert, paying out of

pocket for renting the venue and paying the band members. All proceeds from the concert, including the sale of autographed photos for \$1 each, will go to the Children's Fund. Tickets for the concert will only be sold the night of the event at the Rustic.

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# Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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**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; Puente, 1-3 p.m. 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 & Paul Carman, 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.

**Monday, Jan. 18**  
Dan Papaila, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20**  
ICRC Speaker's Series: "Idyllwild in the Af-

termath of a Major Earthquake," with Peter Lent, 5:30 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. speaker; Rainbow Inn. Optional dinner with the speaker; 7 p.m. Rainbow Inn. Call 659-0111 for reservations.

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

HOJO and the Half Notes, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**Thursday, Jan. 21**  
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. 22**  
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.  
Live music, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Cafe.

Theatre Production: "Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter," 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

**Saturday, Jan. 23**  
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; Puente, 6-9 p.m. 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 & Paul Carman, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Live music, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Cafe.

Theatre Production: "Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter," 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

**Sunday, Jan. 24**  
Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; The Wills & The Ways, 1-3 p.m.; Skeleton Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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

Theatre Production: "Welcome Home, Jenny Sutter," 2 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Mark Connors Benefit Concert for HELP Center Children's Fund, 6:15 p.m. music by Fault Line with special guests Don Reed and Alex Watson; 7 p.m. The Mark Connors Band, Rustic Theatre.

**Monday, Jan. 25**  
Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.  
Skeleton Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**Tuesday, Jan. 26**  
Jazz Night: Paul Carman, Marshall Hawkins & Barnaby Finch, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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# IdyllwildARTS EVENTS



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**  
Visiting Artist Exhibition. Marilyn Arsem. Opening reception, 6PM, Parks Exhibition Center.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18**  
Pianofest. 7:30PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**  
Guest Recital. Thomas Rosenkranz, piano. 7:30PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

**FRIDAY & SATURAY, JANUARY 22 & 23**  
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**  
Guest Reading: Brad Udall. 7:30PM, Krone Museum.

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 & 7**  
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**Cpl. Todd Garvin** from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, and his bloodhound "Inga" were part of the Bloodhound Seminar held at Pathfinder Ranch and in Idyllwild from Jan. 6 through Jan. 10. The seminar was attended by bloodhound teams from across the country, as well as a handful of international teams from Singapore and Germany. Garvin and Inga practiced "human tracking" by following a trail of scent set up in the center of town.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



**Cpl. Todd Garvin** and "Inga" track the "human scent" to Idyllwild Shell. Inga jumps at the door as she gets closer and becomes more excited and anxious to see the source.

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**Deputy Matt Broad**, and his hound "Morgan," traveled from San Mateo County to be a part of the Bloodhound seminar last week. Morgan barks and lunges forward after recognizing human scent.

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### Strange but true

Although almost everyone today thinks of the dictator Napoleon as being unusually short, records show that he was actually 5 feet, 6 inches tall, which was the average height for a man in France at that time.

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**IIFC**

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film for \$325,000 in 17 days was “finding a way to make something big that is not.” He succeeded.

Patrick Warburton as Rock Slyde, a cognitively clueless detective whose nose for crime is better than his noggin, was sad eyed, pitch perfect and endearing. Resisting the advances of femme fatale Rena Sofer’s delicious Sara Lee because of a childhood spent watching “Soul Train” (but that’s another story), Slyde faces down adversary cult leader Andy Dick (Bart of Bartology) to save his holdout office space in the ever-expanding Bartology building and rescue his brainwashed secretary. And if you think that sentence is pointedly pithy, “Slyde” is even more crammed full with over-the-top winks, asides and jokes including a cameo by Jason Alexander as a Jewish U.S. postal carrier enamored of Slyde’s turn as an actor in a gay porn musical (but that too is another story).

“Rock Slyde” performances, cinematography, original score and songs (if you don’t leave the theater singing, “swashbuckle me, swashbuckle, down on your knees,” you’re probably dead), and script are brilliant and of a piece — a carefully crafted piece that is a testament to creativity on the cheap — brilliance without big budgets. It is in fact everything the festival hoped it would be.

So clever you could see it twice, “Slyde” screens again at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Rustic.

**IIFC first day notes**

Festival producers and Rustic Theatre owner Shane Stewart were smiling and had reason to be. IIFC banners decorated the town. The interior of the Rustic featured spotlighted IIFC posters. Klieg lights lit up two outdoor Subaru

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The crowds descend on The Rustic Theatre Monday night for the International Festival of Cinema last Monday night. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Stephen Savage (left) and Jody Mortara arrived at The Rustic Theatre for the grand opening of the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

### Film Fest pricing

Pass	Screenings	“Legacy” Premiere	Receptions, Seminars & Awards	Price
Platinum	all	yes	yes, all	\$125
Gold	all	no	seminars & awards *	\$ 75
Silver	all	no	awards	\$ 50
Idyllwild Residents	all	no, and no to “The Shortcut”	awards	\$ 40
Bronze	all screenings in a single day			\$ 25
“Legacy” Premiere only				\$ 10
All Seminars *				\$ 10
“Women in Independent Film” Seminar Available at door only				\$ 20

\* Excludes “Women in Independent Film” seminar

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Passes can be obtained at the Rustic Theatre with proof of residency.  
No single screening tickets.



Chris Dowling, writer and director of “Rock Slyde,” explained his efforts in making an independent film look like a high budget movie just before the premiere of “Rock Slyde.” PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

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# Idyllwild grows a lily festival

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Once a village of numerous festivals, Idyllwild is growing another — the Lemon Lily Festival ([www.lemonlilyfestival.com](http://www.lemonlilyfestival.com)), to be held Friday, July 16 through Sunday, July 18, 2010.

The idea of U.S. Forest Service botanist Kate Kramer, the festival's purpose is to provide education about, celebrate and restore what was once a major Idyllwild tourist attraction — the Lemon Lily (*Lilium parryi*). Dr. Charles C. Parry, a renowned British-American botanist, who was among the first to collect it in the summer of 1876, also shared his name with the flower's scientific name.

Many thousands used to grow on the Hill along perennial streams and in wet meadows, canyon bottoms, seeps and springs at elevations between 4,000 and 9,000 feet. A striking plant that can grow to over five feet with up to 30 flowers on a stalk, it is known for its strong lemon vanilla scent.

Owing to over-zealous bulb collectors in the early 20th cen-

tury and to environmental changes (less water, taller trees and more shade), the once populous local lily declined dramatically until the present time when it is largely unknown to most Idyllwild residents.

On Thursday, Jan. 7, planners of the prospective festival met at the Idyllwild Nature Center to introduce the concept to the community. Idyllwild Business Roundtable (IBRT) member Bryan Tallent, co-owner of the Spruce Moose, speaking on behalf of an already formidable committee that includes representatives from the Forest Service, the Idyllwild Garden Club (current sponsor), Friends of the Mount San Jacinto County Parks (current sponsor), IBRT and a profes-



The Lemon Lily, subject of the eponymous festival scheduled for July 2010.

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sional events planner, said the festival will be an annual event designed to return the Lemon Lily to its former prominence.

Tallent said organizers hope to generate funds and enthusiasm for propagation and planting of the Lemon Lily, create public enthusiasm for those visiting the Hill

to see it in bloom and for visitors and residents alike to become stewards of its restoration, growth and continued survival. "I can't imagine that anyone in Idyllwild who is civic-minded would not want to be involved," he said, "even if you just want to plant lily bulbs. The festival is not about making money, it's about planting lilies."

Committee member, pharmacist and self-styled naturalist and amateur botanist, Dave Stith outlined how community members can "Adopt a Lily," by purchasing bulbs which volunteers will take to scouted locations and plant, as part of the propagation program. Last summer, Stith counted 2,662 Lemon Lilies along Willow and Tahquitz creeks from the end of July through September.

"Had we seen a 100 we would have been thrilled," said Stith. "We saw many more." Stith accompanied Dr. Tom Chester, self-taught botanist, astrophysicist and renaissance man, on last summer's search along the local creeks. Chester, whose website, [www.tchester.org](http://www.tchester.org), contains a wealth of information about plants to be found along local mountain trails, estimates that at its height, prior to removal of bulbs and weather condition changes, the Hill hosted over 33,000 Lemon Lilies.

The festival will have a major



Dave Stith, amateur botanist and ardent proponent of Lemon Lily propagation, is a moving force behind the new festival.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

educational outreach component — to teach local and visiting children the importance of conservation and stewardship of prized natural resources and to motivate young and old to help restore the Lemon Lily to previous numbers. "One of the driving forces [festival goals] will be to get youth involved," said Stith. And organizers intend it to be fun for children, with festival events that are designed to be family friendly, with children at the center of the 3-day party.


IBRT member and lily festival website manager Doug Yagaloff asks those interested to visit the site and sign up to receive a regular newsletter about festival developments, schedule, volunteer and sponsor opportunities.

"I'm hoping the newsletter has 1,000 people signed up by the beginning of spring," said Yagaloff. "Our intent is to have a great presence at every event leading up to the festival. We'll have posters up at both venues of the Idyllwild [International Festival of Cinema] film festival, and representation at all festivals prior to July 16."


Monetary or in-kind donations are tax deductible since the festival is being run through the Friends of Mt. San Jacinto County Parks' 501 (c) (3) non-profit.

Although the festival planning is just beginning, what has already been talked about is: an opening reception; a juried art show (Lemon Lily inspired art) with awards; organized hikes to see the lily in its natu-

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## Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema Schedule

### The Rustic Theatre

- WEDNESDAY**
- 10 a.m. **Short Film Grindhouse:** "Ten," "Wrong Way Up" and "Validation"
- 11 a.m. "... Around"
- 1 p.m. "Cake"
- 3 p.m. "Sides"
- 5 p.m. "Gb2525"
- 7 p.m. "Broke Sky"
- 9 p.m. "Something Blue"
- 11 p.m. "Primemates"
- THURSDAY**
- 10 a.m. **2 Long 4 Shorts Series:** "Crook" and "Dead Cat Bounce"
- Noon **Short Docs:** "Faces Overlooked" and "The Romance and Sex Life of the Date"
- 1 p.m. "Clear Lake, WI"
- 3 p.m. "Broke Sky"
- 5 p.m. "Rock Slyde"
- 7 p.m. **World Premiere Film:** "Daddy I Do"
- 8:30 p.m. **2 Long 4 Shorts Series:** "Poet, Soldier," "A Way Back In," "Merry Go Round" and "The Hunter's Moon"
- FRIDAY**
- 10 a.m. **2 Long 4 Short Series:** "Poet, Soldier," "Merry Go Round" and "Cafe Forte"
- 11:30 a.m. **Short Film Grindhouse:** "Wrong Way Up" and "Inri"
- Noon "Something Blue"
- 2 p.m. "Cake"
- 4 p.m. "Broke Sky"
- 6 p.m. **Special Screening:** "The Shortcut"
- 8 p.m. **World Premiere:** "Legacy"
- SATURDAY**
- 10 a.m. Idyllwild Arts Student Film Series
- Noon **Second Premiere Screening:** "Legacy"
- 2:30 p.m. "Ketch My Drift"

### The Caine Learning Center

- WEDNESDAY**
- 10 a.m. **Short Film Grindhouse:** "Slow," "Inri" and "The Ride Along"
- 11 a.m. "City of Angers"
- 1 p.m. "The Independent"
- 3 p.m. "GB2525"
- 5 p.m. "Ketch My Drift"
- 6 p.m. **Short Film Grindhouse:** "Ten" and "Re-bourne Identity"
- 6:30 p.m. "Homeland"
- 8 p.m. "Night Before The Wedding"
- THURSDAY**
- 10 a.m. "Airplay: The Rise and Fall of Rock Radio"
- Noon "From Page to Stage: The Journey of Heartland"
- 1 p.m. "Thursday's Lovers"
- 3 p.m. "The Canary Effect"
- 4:30 p.m. **Short Film Grindhouse:** "Re-bourne Identity" and "Wrong Way Up"
- 5 p.m. "Last of the Scottish Wildcats"
- 6:30 p.m. **2 Long 4 Shorts Series:** "Crook," "Dead Cat Bounce," and "Alone at Midnight"
- FRIDAY**
- 10 a.m. "City of Angers"
- Noon "Versus Ivan"
- 2 p.m. "Alone At Midnight"
- 3 p.m. "Water Wars"
- 4:30 p.m. **2 Long 4 Short Series:** "The Deposition of Lou Bagetta," "A Way Back In" and "Cafe Forte"
- 6 p.m. "City of the Dawn"

See the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema Program for full film details.



**Jim Tanner (right) and Peter Kohl** were happy to have a copy of the Idyllwild Town Crier while visiting the Far East from Hong Kong to Sydney, Australia. Here they are reading the paper at the Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand. "Yes the palace spires behind us are gold leaf!" wrote Tanner.

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Send in your vacation photo posing with the Town Crier and it, too, may get published.

## Lily

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ral habits; a square dance, hoedown and chuckwagon with Dennis Riley of the Oak Glenn Riley Ranch and his late 19th century period costumed players; children's crafts and face painting; a kids' village-wide scavenger hunt. Similar to the Art Walk's yearly wine glass, this festival will have a Jan Jaspers-Fayer custom-designed plate that attendees can carry to participating businesses to receive treats or little gifts (lemon-themed of course). Jaspers-Fayer will also sign and number five of the posters he designed for the festival and they will be raffled on festival weekend.

An ecologically themed, family centric festival with a major education component, that draws on Idyllwild's past and repopulates the Hill with a once plentiful beautiful and fragrant natural resource, the Lemon Lily — what's not to like about that?

*Marshall Smith* can be reached at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).

## Lodging Directory of Idyllwild

**Edelweiss Lodge** • [www.1cabin4u.com](http://www.1cabin4u.com)  
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25055 Marion Ridge Dr., P.O. Box 1747, 659-2787

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54540 North Circle Dr. • [www.thefireside-inn.com](http://www.thefireside-inn.com)

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## Churches and Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

### Chapel in the Pines Christian Fellowship

Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer.  
Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School, 9:30am plus  
Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097, 659-2038. On Hwy 243  
at Idyllwild Pines Camp, directly across from Idyllwild School.

### Christian Science Church

25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school,  
10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m.  
Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to  
the public, Wednesday through Friday, 2 - 5 p.m.

### Community Presbyterian Church

54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 • Rev. Richard Olson  
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship ~  
Child care available • Wednesday: Men's Breakfast - 6:15 a.m.

### Idyllwild Bible Church

25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott.  
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship.  
Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.  
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups.  
Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

### Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church

54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA  
Father Charles E. Miller  
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.;  
Sat. 5 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.;  
Confession: Sat. 4 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

### Spiritual Living Center

Idyllwild Religious Science  
54423 Village Center Dr., Ste. 5 on lower floor. 659-3464.  
Dr. Betty Jandl. Classes available - contact Church;  
Sunday service, 10:00 a.m. Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.;  
Teen group, 10:00-11:30 a.m. Sundays.

### Shiloh Christian Ministries

~ FULL GOSPEL ~  
54968 Upper Pine Crest  
Pastor Kristeen Bandelin 659-2416  
Sunday Worship 10 am • Wed. Bible Study 7 pm  
International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild  
First three Tuesdays., 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. 659-5255

### St. Hugh's Episcopal Church

An Anglican House of Prayer for all people  
Rev. Gordon Scheible • Sunday Service, 10:00 am  
25525 Tahquitz Dr. (in Fern Valley off South Circle Dr.)  
Phone (951) 659-4471

### Yokoji Zen Mountain Center

58900 Apple Canyon Rd., Mtn. Center, CA 92561  
Zen Buddhist Retreat Center & Monastery  
Under the direction of Charles Tenshin Fletcher, Roshi.  
SUNDAY PROGRAM 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Including silent meditation, Buddhist service, lecture & lunch. Meditation  
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**Francoise Frigola.** Over 40 yrs. exp.  
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**WHITNEY'S SNOWPLOWING**  
951-537-4705 or 951-659-9594

**Gary Drywall. Tape** and texture. Don Gary, 30 years' experience. (951) 659-2536.

## Services

**Horse boarding in** Mtn. Center. 28230 Mc-Call Pk. Rd. 951-659-6174. 30'x40' v-mesh corrals. \$250 per horse, per month. Large turnout area. Ask for Tim Peay.

## For Sale

**FIREWOOD FOR SALE**  
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**Espinoza Firewood**  
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(951) 487-8508

**WANTED: OLD COINS, SILVER Dollars, Proof Sets, Gold & Silver Coins.** "COIN SHACK," 207 East Florida Ave., 951-925-5767. Next to Hungry Heart.

**Barber chairs (2)** and back bar for barbershop, never used, \$1500 OBO. Call (951) 306-0788 or (951) 929-5917.

**New tire chains, 15", 16" & 17" wheels,** \$25. 659-2239.

## For Sale

**Tire chains** for 13" or 14" radial tires, excellent condition. \$25. Call 659-0332.

## Yard Sale

**Giant Tool & Yard Sale, Fri-Sun, Jan. 15-17, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.** Shop-type panel saw, multiple compressors, lots of other hand & power tools. Also a freezer, small appliances, kitchen table & chairs & much more. Don't miss your chance to score some great stuff. 59292 Donna Mae, Mt. Center near GV Fire Station.

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## Automotive

**1996 Subaru Legacy,** AWD wagon. Great condition. Runs strong! 106K miles. \$3200 OBO. 659-2339.

**98' Subaru Legacy** Wagon, 4WD, white, excellent condition, AT, A/C, everything works, \$3750. Paul@323-810-8003 (cell).

## Autos Wanted

**DONATE YOUR CAR:** Children's Cancer Fund! Help Save A Child's Life Through Research & Support! Free Vacation Package. Fast, Easy & Tax Deductible. Call 1-800-252-0615. (Cal-SCAN)

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## Mobile Homes

**Double-wide home,** 2 BR, 1 BA, large living, dining, den & kitchen, wood stove, all appliances. Turn-key, furnished, backyard faces beautiful meadow. Price reduced from \$40,000 to \$35,000. #94. See mgr. at Royal Pines Estate or call 951-659-2691.

## Vacation Rentals

**Pine Cove** cabin, by the weekend or the week. Easy access. Discounts available. Call 951-659-3974 for prices and availability.

## For Rent or Lease

**55880 Encino,** 2 BR, 2 BA, library, den & Jacuzzi, views. No smoking. \$1250/mo.  
**52905 Tollgate,** 3 BR, 2 BA, W/D. No smoking/pets. \$1250/mo.  
Call Kay at Kay Realty, 951-659-3686.

**Available NOW! 53589** Tollgate. Warm & comfortable 3 BR, 1-3/4 BA home. On sewer, fenced. Garage + separate ART STUDIO, 1,600 sq.ft., \$1,100/mo. 1K dep. No smoking. One pet. Call Jackie, 951-306-9769.

**Cute 1 BR cottage,** 24825 Logan Creek Rd., Pine Cove. W/D, deck, small backyard, \$700/mo. Call 760-221-0227.

**2 BR, 1 BA,** \$700/mo., W/D hookups. Deck. No pets. New paint/carpet. 25462 Cedar Glen, Apt. B. 619-276-9800.

**Beautiful & spacious** 2 BR, 2 BA, plus bonus room, lots of built-ins and storage in Cedar Glen. Washer/dryer, fridge, freezer included. \$1250/mo. Please call 562-618-0008.

**2 BR, 2 BA,** 2-car, newer home, walk to Idy Arts, fenced yard on sunny lot, all appl., F/A, FP. \$1175/mo. Call Jason 659-3070.

**24676 Forest Drive,** Fern Valley. 2-1/2 BR, 2 BA, FA, 2-car garage, views of Lily and Suicide rocks, \$1100/mo. Owner onsite 1/14-1/17. Call 503-892-4576.

**3 BR, 2 BA** fully furnished house, FP, great view, deck front and back, private road, ample parking. No smoking/pets. \$950/mo. + sec. dep. 760-831-8008.

## For Rent or Lease

**Hemet home** for rent in gated community with amenities, 55+, \$825/mo. (951) 766-4733.

**See Real Estate** ad, 53490 Double View for lease option. Call for details. \$1000/mo. Leave message 760-770-9194 or 760-861-0991 (c).

**Fern Valley, 1 BR, 1 BA** apt. Small deck, water paid. \$600/mo. 909-376-0378.

## Pine Cove Rentals

**2 BR, 1 BA, FP,** washer, dryer, newly painted. Small pet. No smoking. \$825/mo. + sec. dep.  
**2 BR, 1-1/2 BA, FP,** washer, dryer, large fenced yard. \$1000/mo. + sec. dep. Call agent to see, Emily 951-206-9671.

## Royal Pines Estates

26350 Delano Drive Single-wide, with addition, 1 BR, 1 BA, shed, very nice unit. Unfurn., appliances. Sp. #62. \$650/mo. 951-659-2691.

## STORAGE UNITS AVAILABLE

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## Idyllwild Property Management

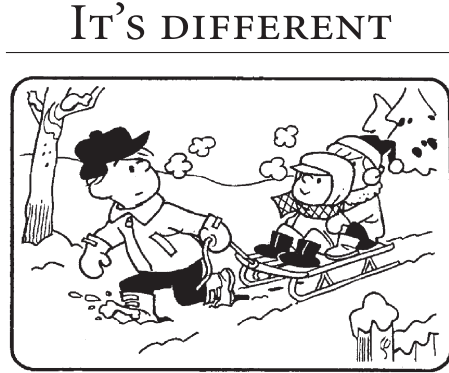
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54710 N. Circle Dr. #4  
Phone: 951-659-4200  
Fax: 951-659-4206  
Toll free: 866-669-4200  
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**Idyllwild, 2 BR, 2 BA,** propane heat, airtight wood stove, W/D, lg. fenced yard, \$875/mo. 659-3241 or 760-340-1270.

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## Commercial Rentals

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★ Pete Daly ★  
★ (619) 871-7235 ★  
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**Always wanted to run a cafe or gelato store?** For Rent: Tea/Coffee shop on North Circle Drive, in Oakwood Village. Available April 1. Rent, \$1,275/mo. Also in Oakwood Village: units 6 & 7. Available immediately. Rented separately: \$325 and \$425, together: \$740/mo. 1-year lease required. Contact Amanda 951-659-9091.

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### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PRIDE PIPER OF PALM DESERT, 81955 Hwy 111, Ste. 107, Indio, CA 92201, Riverside County. ALL VALLEY BBQ, SPA & PATIO, INC., 81955 Hwy 111, Ste. 107, Indio, CA 92201, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

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

Signed:  
LELAND BERLINER  
President

### Classifieds

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### Real Estate

**54449 Valley View**  
Dr. Top-to-bottom remodel, designer decks, paved parking, screen porch. \$250,000. 951-659-5152.

**53490 Double View.**  
Spectacular, unobstructed ridgeline Garner Valley views. Fenced, 1/2-acre corner lot (2nd lot perced), 2 BR, 2 BA, stone fireplace w/insert, newly remodeled, huge wraparound deck, FA, propane, laundry, storage below, detached garage \$275K; \$65K for adj. lot (terms avail.) Lease/option considered. Package for \$325,000. 760-770-9194 or 760-861-0991.

### Lots For Sale

**26780 Meadow Glen,**  
.45 acre lot, water meter, temp power, plans & permits. \$95,000. (951) 659-5152.

### Real Estate/Land Out of State

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COLORADO Land Bargain 87 Acres- \$39,900 Rolling fields, Rocky Mountain views, access to 1000's of Acres BLM Land. Electric, telephone, excellent financing. Call now 866-696-5263, x 5488. (Cal-SCAN)

By: C. Berg, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Dec. 24, 31, 2009, Jan. 7, 14, 2010.

### NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

T.S. No: C501261 CA Unit Code: C  
Loan No: 0323291310/LARSON AP #1:  
563-283-018-6 T.D. SERVICE COMPANY, as duly appointed Trustee under the following described Deed of Trust WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (in the forms which are lawful tender in the United States) and/or the cashier's, certified or other checks specified in Civil Code Section 2924.8 (payable in full at the time of sale to T.D. Service Company) all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property hereinafter described: Trustor: HERBERT W LARSON Recorded March 4, 2005 as Instr. No. 2005-0177739 in Book --- Page --- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, pursuant 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 HomEq 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 HomEq 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 JOYVANISH. 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 Mortgagee, 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.ascentex.com/websales](http://www.ascentex.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 BUSINESS 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 BUSINESS 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

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as COMMUNITY LUMBER COMPANY, 54200 Maranatha Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549-0037, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 37, Idyllwild, CA 92549-0037. KARIN OLIVE GREENWOOD, 25755 Scenic Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549-0540.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on December 21, 1981.

Signed:  
KARIN OLIVE GREENWOOD  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 18, 2009.

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: 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 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.

Manager: Alex Alvarez  
RE: Notice of Public Sale

Misc. Household Items and Furniture, Tools & Equip.  
Menifee Ranch Self Storage & RV  
30125 US Highway 74  
Homeland, CA 92584  
(951) 926-6262  
Unit # A0017  
Name: David J. Hearn  
Unit # B0010  
Name: Brenda Minoia  
Unit # C0009  
Name: David R. Ledezma  
Unit # D0109  
Name: Brian K. Clark  
Unit # D0144  
Name: Jared Moreno  
Unit # A0025  
Name: Steven Weeks  
Unit # B0049  
Name: Mandy Sanders  
Unit # C0012  
Name: Franklin Young  
Unit # D0115  
Name: Brian K. Clark  
Unit # D0147  
Name: Fred Lesikar  
Auction to be held on Jan. 19, 2010, at 12:30 p.m.  
Menifee Ranch Self Storage &

See Public Notices, next page

# HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Mixed signals could create problems. Make sure your views are presented clearly, and insist others do the same. Don't let an unanswered question go by without a full explanation.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Financial pressures ease, allowing for more budget flexibility. But as the money-wise Bovine will appreciate, thrift still beats out splurging. Expect news from someone special.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Getting things done is what you do so well. But be careful not to overtax your energy reserves. Take time out to relax or to do something different to help keep them at optimum levels.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 21) This is a good time to satisfy the Moon Child's growing sense of wanderlust. Choose a really special place to go to, with a very special person to share it all with you.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You love being in the spotlight. But be careful it doesn't blind you to the truth behind a seemingly wonderful opportunity. Look closer and you might be sadly surprised at what you find.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Isn't it time to take a break from your hectic schedule? Sure it is. And the sooner you do, the sooner you can return fresh and more than ready to take on all those new projects.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A recent family incident can help

bring everyone closer, and there's no one who's better at making that happen than you. Accept (indeed, insist on!) help from others to get things off and running.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Long-held habits are often difficult to break. But the change from how you always did things to how you can do them now can be liberating. So, be flexible and give it a try.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Someone you met in your professional world last year and thought you would never hear from again could make a sudden reappearance in your life, along with an interesting job offer.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Once again, you delight everyone by coming up with a solution for a problem that actually works. On another note, it's not too early to get started on those travel plans.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Before you go ahead with finalizing your plans for your new project, check them over to see if you can make some improvements or if you can find ways to cut costs.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) The Fabulous Fish might have been out of the social swim for too long, and it's time you plunge back in. Reinforce your old friendships and be open to starting new ones.

**BORN THIS WEEK:**  
Your creative talents help bring beauty to the world and the people in it. On their behalf, thank you.

# CROSSWORD

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# SUDOKU

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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. 11.

### Lake Hemet

**Darlene Redner** at Lake Hemet had this report on fishing this week:

Josh W. of Green Acres, along with seven other people, pulled in 13 trout and a 2-pound carp from the point. They were using Powerbait and nightcrawlers.

Water level at the dam is 118.6 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:

Decreasing surface temperatures is making it increasingly hard to catch bass at Diamond Valley.

There were some great bass reports this week. Bass have been caught as deep as 50 feet on underspins, ice jigs, and Carolina rigged

worms. Shore anglers had the toughest time. Most catches were made on the west shore.

Deepwater fishing off the points has yielded the best results. **Richard Laughery** got his two biggest bass at 4.77 and 5.44 pounds fishing from shore with a Krocodile and a spinnerbait.

There have been few complaints from trout fisherman at Diamond Valley. Whether they were fishing from shore or boat, trout anglers have been satisfied. Powerworms, Nightcrawlers, Powerbait, and mini jigs have been the most reported trout baits. **Isabella Gwizdak**, 4, of Cypress, caught a 10-pound limit of trout fishing from the west shoreline with nightcrawlers. **Stone Smith**, 3, of Hemet caught a 5.17-pound trout fishing from shore with Powerbait. **Pedro Moreno**, of Buena Park caught a 5.40 pound trout fishing from shore with Powerbait. **Frank Fernando** of San Bernardino caught a 4.5-pounder fishing from shore with flukes. **Devon Padilla** of Hemet caught a 7.60-pound trout fishing from shore with a mini jig.

Zplugs, LA sliders, and Lunker Punks accounted for most catches

*See Fishing, page 27*

## IFPD

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His current budget recommendations project a positive \$1,400 balance on June 30, 2010, at the end of the current fiscal year. However, Kunkle admitted that good fortune had smiled on the district.

As a result of joining the county's Teeter Plan which will provide some protection for future tax revenues, the county reviewed past years property tax payments and discovered \$138,000 of past due receipts.

"I was quite surprised," Kunkle noted. "I'm gratified, but it is one time only."

This unplanned windfall substantially ensures the budget for the remainder of the year, according to Kunkle. He also recommended net budget adjustments of about \$14,000. The largest was a \$30,000 reduction in the career salaries account due to former Capt. James Manietta's retirement. He also recommended reduc-

ing his contingency account by \$10,000 from \$28,250 to \$18,250, and paramedic training from \$7,500 to \$4,500.

His \$14,000 in adjustments plus the unexpected \$138,000 creates a budget projected to have \$1,400 surplus. But, Kunkle's proposal includes no provision for paying for the Zoll Medical equipment, if it is kept, or any other costs that may occur as a result of returning the equipment, such as a restocking fee or legal costs.

Since the commission did not yet know the final resolution and its concomitant cost, these funds could not yet be included in the proposed budget, according to President Paul Riggi.

Questions were also raised about the status of the agency's reserves. Since Dec. 2008, IFPD's reserves have fallen almost \$225,000 (or 40 percent). Much of that money, according to the Craig Cooper-Smith, IFPD's financial officer, was used for cash until the property tax revenues were received last month. These deposits

will restore the previous reserve levels.

But \$170,000 has been "borrowed" from the benefits and capital reserve accounts without any prior discussion with the commission. In addition, nearly \$32,000 of benefit reserves were used to pay for unused vacation.

Earlier in the meeting, Schelly expressed his concern about the continuing growth of IFPD's budget. He expressed doubt that tax revenues would continue to grow at the same rate as in the past three to five years.

"If we keep that projection, we won't have revenues to meet the budget," he warned. We can't keep setting the budget higher and higher. We won't have the revenues."

In response, Kunkle said he felt very comfortable with his current five-year projections and recommendations for additional staff.

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



*Last week while vacationing at Zion National Park in Utah, **Jim and Joanne Tenney** take a break to read the Town Crier. Winter travelers are fewer and the Tenneys noted that this is a great time to visit the Park.*

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE TENNEYS

## Quakes shake the Hill

BY BETH NOTTLEY  
NEWS ASSISTANT

Several earthquakes that occurred near Banning were felt in the Idyllwild area on Monday, Dec. 11. The strongest, registering 4.3 local magnitude, occurred at 6:36 p.m. Its epicenter was 3 miles north-northeast of Banning, with a depth of 7.1 kilometers (4.4 miles). Two others, originating from the same location, occurred earlier in the day — a 3.1-magnitude quake at 3:24 p.m. and a 3.2-magnitude quake at 3:33 p.m.

Earthquakes of this size, while a little unnerving, are quite common. Quakes measuring 3.0 to 3.9 on the Richter scale are often felt, but rarely cause damage. There are about 49,000 earthquakes of this magnitude every year. Quakes measuring 4.0 to 4.9, of which there are about 6,200 each year, usually cause noticeable shaking of indoor items, but significant damage is unlikely. No immediate damage or injuries were reported as a result of Monday's quakes.

*Beth Nottley can be reached at beth@towncrier.com.*

## Geocaching in National Monument

The Friends of the Desert Mountains in support of the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument invite the public to the third-annual "Geocaching in the National Monument from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30. The event is free.

Participants should meet at the National Monument Visitor Center at 9 a.m. to receive a coordinate list that will act as a guide to find all 10 geocaches. Participants are asked to bring 10 small items to exchange for items in the caches.

Participants must have their own GPS unit to participate. Caches will be located on trails throughout the National Monument, covering Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert and La Quinta. Participants will have 24 hours to find the 10 caches hidden along the trails before they are removed until next year.

As is recommended with all hiking in the national Monument, bring plenty of water, wear appropriate foot attire and use sunscreen.

The National Monument Visitor Center is located at 51-500 Highway 74 in Palm Desert. For more information, call the Visitor Center at (760) 862-9984.

## 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](http://www.rivcowm.org/landfill_info/landfill_hours.html).

## Public Notices

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RV/Homeland  
Alex Alvarez - Manager  
American Auction Service  
Bond # FS8632014  
Pub. TC: Jan. 7, 14, 2010.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD TOWN CRIER, IDYLLWILD MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES TELEPHONE BOOK, IDYLLWILD MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY TELEPHONE BOOK, IDYLLWILD COMMUNITIES TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, IDYLLWILD MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY PHONE DIRECTORY, IDYLLWILD MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES PHONE DIRECTORY, IDYLLWILD COMMUNITIES PHONE BOOK, IDYLLWILD MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY PHONE BOOK, IDYLLWILD COMMUNITIES PHONE DIRECTORY, HILL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, IDYLLWILD PHONE BOOK, HOMES ON THE HILL, IDYLLWILD MAGAZINE & VISITOR'S GUIDE, IDYLLWILD CALENDAR, BOOKS, IDYLLWILD VISITOR'S GUIDE, IDYLLWILD VISITORS GUIDE, 54295 Village Center Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. IDYLLWILD PUBLICATIONS, INC., 54295 Village Center Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, a California corporation, 1745886.

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on July 1, 1994.

Signed:  
SIR RAYMOND STANLEY TINDLE  
President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 29, 2009.

FILE NO.: R-2009-14025  
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 29, 2014. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 29, 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).

### CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: C. Leyva, Deputy  
Pub. TC: Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4, 2010.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
Date of Filing Application: Jan. 5, 2010.

To Whom It May Concern:  
The Name of the Applicants are: DELNERO, RICK & RUDEEN-DELNERO, ELIZABETH  
The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:

54245 N. CIRCLE DR., UNIT C-8  
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549

Type of license Applied for:  
ON-SALE BEER & WINE  
PUBLIC PREMISES

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

### LIEN SALE

CIVIL CODE 3071 & 3072  
On 01/27/10 at 25015 Highway 243, Idyllwild, a Lien Sale will be held on a 2004 PONTIAC VIN: 5Y2SL628X4Z418525; Lic: DRJECT at 10:00 a.m.  
Pub. TC: Jan. 14, 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 11 a.m. on Jan. 27, 2010 at Guardian Self Storage, 1315 E. 6th Street, in the City of Beaumont, County of Riverside, State of California. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, misc. tools and equipment.

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 et. seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

Manager: Deborah Villagrana  
RE: Notice of Public Sale  
Misc. Household Items and Furniture, Tools & Equip.  
Guardian Self Storage

1315 E. 6th Street  
Beaumont, CA 92223  
(951) 845-2929  
Unit #G3  
Name: GRANT ESPINOSA  
Unit #A116  
Name: ANGELA BLACK  
Unit #C136  
Name: LORRAINE EWING  
Unit #A111  
Name: JAMES GRISBY  
Unit #C70  
Name: KASEY JAEGER  
Auction to be held on Jan. 27, 2010, at 11 a.m.  
Guardian Self Storage/Beaumont  
Deborah Villagrana - Manager  
American Auction Service  
Bond # FS8632014  
Pub. TC: Jan. 14, 21, 2010.

# Idyllwild Service Directory

- New ads placed at beginning of month only
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Check out the Town Crier's new Blog site, which includes **Frank & Conor: "Bad Advice in the Morning."**  
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## State

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reserve that he has included in his overall proposal.

Unlike last year, state park closures are not on the horizon. According to Ruth Coleman, director of the California State Parks, the one-year reduction is over. The new budget restores the \$22 million cut and provides \$140 million for park operations.

However, state park operational funds are no longer derived from the state's general funds. The governor has proposed to fund park programs from the Trankean Ridge offshore drilling leases.

Similar to the Cal-Fire ERF, if the Legislature balks at this funding mechanism, the \$140 million will come from the reserve funds.

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

## El Nino

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In the last very wet year (2004-2005), 18 inches fell on Idyllwild through December 31; more than 15.5 were received after October 1.

Last year's total rainfall was 18 inches, about 70 percent of normal and the fourth consecutive year of below average rainfall.

But snowfall was more than 55 inches compared to the annual average of 38.2 inches. Through December, the Hill has seen 17.5 inches of snow. Despite the very wet winter of 2004-05, only 18.7 inches of precipitation fell as snow.

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

## Trivia test

Politics: Plaid  
Cymru is the name of what group?

Wales  
Answer: The Party of

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## Garner

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revision. Swank also testified under penalty of perjury regarding the approval process.

The board under Lamont voted to settle the suit rather than to continue racking up legal bills. The \$125,000 settlement on top of costs that depleted GVPOA coffers has put strain on the community, and prompted the "no" assessment vote and the recall.

James Baron, publisher of the Garner Valley Underground, and a member of the "yes" on recall bloc, hopes that the new board, if elected, could get Jones to repudiate the existing settlement and keep his driveway as installed.

Swank doesn't buy it. "The lawsuit is settled. The recall won't make any difference. The bill will fall due."

The community awaits the vote and the outcome.

E-mail Marshall Smith at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).

### Hardball players sought

The Southern California Hardball Association is looking for players for its Inland Valley Division. All players must turn at least 28 years of age in 2010. Games are played on Saturdays. For more information, visit [www.schardball.com](http://www.schardball.com) or call Mark Piraino at (760) 240-3262.

### Soroptimists seeks new members

The Soroptimists of Idyllwild is a women's service club improving the lives of women and girls in our community and around the world. Now, in this decade of volunteerism, when so many people need our help, Soroptimist International of Idyllwild is actively recruiting new members who are business and professional women. Call Karen Doshier at 659-0790 for information.

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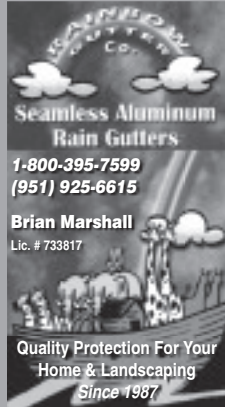
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**IIFC**

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displays provided by sponsor Palm Springs Subaru.

More than 25 patrons were ready for the first festival screening at 10 a.m. at the Rustic — 2 long 4 shorts, "Crook" and "Dead Cat Bounce." Attendance grew throughout the day. Some people interviewed prior to the "Slyde" screening had already seen four films.

Pine Cove resident Nancy Borchers spent much of her day at IIFC's second venue, the Caine Learning Center. "From Page to Stage: The Journey of Heartland," is one of the best movies I've ever seen," said Borchers. Already aiming for next year's festival, Borchers said, "Next year I will have a houseful [of guests]. I will invite everybody I know." Local Jon Brown split his day between the Rustic and the Caine. "Yeardley" was surprisingly good," said Brown. "A very non-Hollywood ending."

Locals Ned and Peggy Roberts were among those at the Rustic for the morning opening. "We just want the festival to succeed," said Peggy. They liked the menu of independent films. "For us, we have moved beyond what movies are today," said Ned, referring to many current Hollywood blockbusters films.

Chris Johnston, owner of Idyllwild's Middle Ridge Winery and festival wine maker, echoed what a number of patrons noted. "I wish more of the restaurants had been open," he said. "Attendees were looking for restaurants that

**TOWN TALK**

BY JENNY KIRCHNER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

*What are your expectations of the film fest?*



**Phil Critchfield**  
Writer  
Oklahoma City, OK  
*"I came all the way from Oklahoma to be a part of the film fest. My expectations are to see some great independent films. I'm looking forward to seeing 'Legacy'."*



**Scott Gordon**  
Independent entertainment professional  
Guthrie, OK  
*"I'm expecting to see some great independent films, and you can't beat this setting. It's gorgeous."*



**Mike Shaw**  
Cashier, Fairway Market  
Idyllwild  
*"I expect this fest to be the best this town has ever seen. It's going to be really good for the town."*



**Traci Yoshitomi**  
Homemaker  
Idyllwild  
*"Personally I think it's a great event to bring to Idyllwild. It may be a little slow this year, but I believe it will be better next year, and continue to get better year after year."*

were open." There were some equipment glitches on opening day but, all in all, it was, as festival producers had hoped, a real festival. "For the first day of the first year, this has been a

great festival," said IIFC director Stephen Savage. "I've been to festivals that have been around a long time that did not have this attendance." E-mail Marshall Smith at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).

**Children's Choir needs funding**

The Idyllwild Community Fund has given the Idyllwild Master Chorale (IMC) a partial grant of \$500 for 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](http://www.idyllwildmasterchorale.com). All contributions are tax-deductible.

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# Fishing

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of striper. Shore anglers and boaters did well this week. **Craig Garrison** of Sacramento caught a 14.46-pound striper fishing from shore with a Luncker Punker. Yvonne Southerland of Fontana caught a 13-pound striper fishing the north side of the lake with a Zplug. **Jesse Mena** of Hemet caught three stripers near the east dam with a Luncker Punker. **Charlie Dick** of Moreno Valley caught a 17.5-pound striper fishing along the west dam with a Huddleston. **Andy Sibounhom** of Escondido caught an 18.5 pound striper fishing with a Castaic swim-bait. **Markus Sanchez** of Hemet caught a 15 pound striper fishing from shore with an LA slider. **Jason Walsh** of Temecula busted the long standing DVL striper record with a 30.87-pound fish. Jason was fishing with a custom plug on the mid-lake point.

There were some decent catfish caught this week mostly on the west side of the lake. Mackerel or anchovies have been the most reported baits. **Jake Altamirano** of Fontana caught an 8.5-pound striper fishing from shore with a nightcrawlers. **Ernesto Vasques** of Riverside caught an 8.5 pound cat fishing from shore with shrimp.

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BY TASHA AND FRIENDS

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## 55 years ago - 1955

Among snow lovers who flocked to the Hill were Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz.

## 50 years ago - 1960

Sheriff's Deputy Hollis C. Hollis moved on the Hill to replace Deputy Jim Henry.

## 45 years ago - 1965

Town Hall membership cards were being sold for \$2 to raise money for the Town Hall Improvement Fund.

## 40 years ago - 1970

A citizens review committee for the general plan and highway work was named by the County Board of Supervisors. Appointed were Dick Elliott, Bob Johnson, Bob Eslinger,



A January snowfall blankets the San Jacinto mountains in 1960. The wet weather was front page news in the Town Crier.

FILE PHOTO

Mike Michelsen and Glenn Froehlich.

## 35 years ago - 1975

At a meeting of the 39'ers Club, Bob Allen predicted gas prices would rise to 75 cents a gallon as a result of President Ford's decision to tax imported oil.

## 30 years ago - 1980

Pat Hair was re-elected president of the Idyllwild Fire Protection

guage Program.

## 15 years ago - 1995

The Hemet Unified School District Board of Trustees voted to suspend teaching the district's sex education curriculum with exception of the state requirement on AIDS.

## 10 years ago - 2000

The Soroptimists and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department were raising funds for a gun buy-back program.

## 5 years ago - 2005

A rock slide of massive boulders closed Highway 243 between Idyllwild and Banning. A week of rain and snow, more than all of the previous year, caused the rock slide.

## 1 year ago - 2009

Jury selection began for the trial of Raymond L. Oyler, charged with igniting the 2006 Esperanza Fire that killed five U.S. Forest Service firefighters.

## 25 years ago - 1985

A climber who had spent a night stranded on the north face of Mt. San Jacinto was rescued by the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit.

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**Will Wallace**, producer of "Rock Slyde," jumps on stage before the premiere to thank everyone involved and to express his excitement for the festival.

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