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Idyllwild School student **Patrick Pirtle** gazes in amazement at one of the many art projects exhibited during the SmARTS program opening reception last Friday at the Idyllwild Arts Parks Exhibition Center. SmARTS is a grant-funded program that ensures and promotes visual and performing arts education to Idyllwild School students. The show runs through Friday, March 19 and is open to the public. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Dems aim for SD 37

By MARSHALL SMITH
 STAFF REPORTER

Editor's Note: Three Democrats, three Republicans and one American Independent are running for California Senate District 37 in the April 13 primary. We have profiled the three Republicans. This week, we look at two Democrats, Justin Blake and Anna Nevenic.

Justin Blake, currently a member of the Palm Springs Unified School District's Board of Directors, sounds some themes with which Republicans could be comfortable. For example, Blake favors, "returning control of our children's

education to local teachers and administrators."

In position papers, Blake states, "With increasing state involvement with our public school system, this is what we have come to: last year, our public schools suffered massive cuts while the state's prisons got a 2-percent raise. It costs far less to keep a boy in school than to keep a man in prison."

Blake rails against Sacramento raiding proposition set-asides, as in 1988's Proposition 98 which established minimum funding levels for K-12 and community colleges from which the state continues to "borrow." The state owes public schools \$37 million for 2006-07.

Blake slams state legislators for suspending Proposition 98 allocations in 2004-05.

"It is very clear to me that if we want to improve and grow our economy, California needs a well-educated, critically thinking, and problem solving workforce," Blake said. "It makes no sense to me to cut education when we desperately need to nurture and support the students in our schools today who will be the backbone of our economy in just a few short years."

Blake also supports fast tracking green initiatives to make Riverside County a net exporter of green energy. "Finance it through an [oil] See Dems, page 13

IFPD volunteers major topic

By J.P. CRUMRINE
 EDITOR

In contrast with the brief and cursory meetings, the new Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Commission held a marathon session at its regular meeting, Tuesday, March 9. It began promptly at 5:30 p.m. and continued, with one short break, until nearly 10 p.m.

During this period, the commission covered 18 separate items on the agenda as well as the regular reports and financials. But it was interim Fire Chief Mike Mulhall's candor and report which surprised the board

and public.

Mulhall's comments were a blow to the department and particularly the paid-call firefighters (PCF). First, Mulhall announced that he had to take Engine 622 out of service because of the lack of equipment for crews to be in the field safely. PCFs primarily man and operate this engine during fire incidents.

"It's disturbing for me that Engine 622 is out of service ... it doesn't have the equipment to operate safely," Mulhall told the board. "It's unacceptable to me and an obvious safety issue."

The breathing apparatus See IFPD, page 18

Ghosts and ghouls need home

By MARSHALL SMITH
 STAFF REPORTER

At the March 11 meeting of the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC) meeting, Kathy Sacher Wilson, director of the chillingly popular Halloween Haunted Ghost Town, proposed moving the event, ghosts, ghouls and all to a new venue — the Idyllwild Community Center site.

In principle, the ICRC board agreed, pending approval by the land donor of a planned chainlink fence enclosure for the event. "It's what [the kind of event]

we're supposed to do," said Director Emily White. "We'll get back to you within a week," said ICRC Chair Chris Singer. Wilson is contemplating the move because Faux Ever After, the site for the previous five years of the Ghost Town, is closing shop.

"This is an Idyllwild School Parent Teachers Association [PTA] event," said Wilson. "All profit from the event benefits the PTA. And the PTA will cover the insurance for the event, including a hold harmless agreement for ICRC."

Wilson explained the See Ghosts, page 17

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, March 8 to 14:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

March 9 — Unintentional alarm activation, 52500 block of Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

March 10 — Medical aid, 52500 block of Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

March 10 — Walk-in medical aid.

March 11 — Two walk-in medical aids.

March 11 — Medical aid, 24000 block of Highway 243, Idyllwild.

March 11 — Rescue, 52500 block of Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

March 13 — Walk-in medical aid.

March 14 — Medical aid, 54500 block of Chipmunk Road, Idyllwild.

March 14 — Medical aid, Cedar Street, Idyllwild.

March 14 — Noninjury traffic collision, Highway 243 at mile marker 2, Mountain Center.

March 14 — Three walk-in medical aids.

March 14 — Medical aid, Tollgate Road and Meadow Glen Drive, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Log unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

March 8 — Traffic collision, 59000 block of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

March 10 — Medical aid, 56500 block of Red Shank Road, Garner Valley.

March 14 — Medical aid, 28000 block of McCall Park Road, Mountain Center.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

March 8 — Two medical aids.

March 10 — Medical aid.

March 12 — Public service assist.

March 12 — Medical aid.

Riverside County Fire, Anza

March 8 — Traffic collision, Highway 74 and Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

March 8 — Traffic collision, Highway 79 near the San Diego County line.

March 9 — Medical aid, Reynolds Way and Table Mountain Road, Anza.

March 10 — Medical aid, Terwilliger and Grandon

roads, Anza.

March 10 — Medical aid, Terwilliger Road and Rogers Lane, Anza.

March 10 — Medical aid, Red Shank and Rolling Hills roads, Anza.

March 11 — Medical aid, Cave Rock and Tamscott roads, Anza.

March 11 — Walk-in medical aid.

March 12 — Walk-in medical aid.

March 12 — Unknown origin of fire, Valley and Evening Star roads, Aguanga.

March 13 — Medical aid, Benton Way and Bailiff Road, Anza.

March 13 — Walk-in medical aid.

March 14 — Medical aid, Highway 371 and Lake Riverside Drive, Aguanga.

March 14 — Medical aid, Reed Valley and Ruskin roads, Aguanga.

March 14 — Medical aid, Whitmore and Mitchell roads, Anza.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls for a two-week period from Monday, March 8 to Sunday, March 14. This may not be a complete list of responses:

March 8 — Single-vehicle, noninjury traffic col-

Sheriff says SCS gang is local and limited

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Questioned about the March 1 tagging incident at Idyllwild School (IS), Sergeant Steven Mike, Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) special investigations supervisor said, "I'm quite confident these two individuals acted on their own."

The taggers style themselves SoCal Skinheads (SCS). RCSD's Mike said that parents could be financially liable under Riverside County statutes.

Mike made the evaluation after reviewing the evidence.

lision. Highway 74 west of Horse Canyon Road, Garner Valley.

March 9 — Two-vehicle, noninjury traffic collision, Highway 243 and Cedar Glen Drive, Idyllwild.

March 14 — Single-vehicle, noninjury traffic collision, Highway 243 north of Highway 74, Mountain Center.

Sheriff's log

Nothing to report.

"The deputy [Josh Cadenhead] was familiar with one of the suspects. We did not have to do search warrants. The evidence was readily accessible [in the boy's rooms and on two social networking sites]. They [the juveniles] intended shock and awe. We're quite confident we have the perpetrators."

In a call to the Town Crier, local Realtor Joe McNabb reported that the new Idyllwild gateway sign had been tagged with a peace sign the same night as the school incident.

E-mail Marshall Smith at marshall@towncrier.com.



Taggers painted a peace sign on the new Idyllwild gateway sign. The incident occurred on March 1, the same night taggers defaced buildings at Idyllwild Middle School.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Thursday 3/11 | Friday 3/12 | Saturday 3/13 | Sunday 3/14 | Monday 3/15 |
| | | | | |
| 69/32 Mostly sunny, highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s. | 68/34 Mostly sunny, highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s. | 68/35 Mostly sunny, highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s. | 67/35 Mostly sunny, highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s. | 67/35 Mostly sunny, highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s. |

| Idyllwild this year | | | | | Idyllwild last year | | | | |
|---------------------|------|-----|---|----|---------------------|-----|---|---|--|
| Date | High | Low | M | S | High | Low | M | S | |
| 3-8 | 42 | 30 | | .2 | 54 | 26 | | | |
| 3-9 | na | na | | | 57 | 28 | | | |
| 3-10 | 42 | 22 | | | na | na | | | |
| 3-11 | 54 | 22 | | | 56 | 21 | | | |
| 3-12 | na | na | | | 51 | 28 | | | |
| 3-13 | na | na | | | 59 | 28 | | | |
| 3-14 | na | na | | | 58 | 28 | | | |

| Moisture in inches | | Snow in inches | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| To date this season (Idy): 19.63 | To date last season (Idy): 16.78 | To date this season (Idy): 28.81 | To date last season (Idy): 53.2 |
| Total last season (Idy): 18.04 | Total last season (Idy): 55.2 | To date this season (PC): 25.97 | To date this season (PC): 60 |

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.

Editor's note: Last week's precipitation total was .1 inch above what it should have been. The running total has been adjusted to reflect the correction. Town Crier regrets the error.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

BY BRUCE WATTS

More mammals: the bobcat and the fox



Bobcats

There is only one species of *Lynx rufus*, better known as the bobcat because of its short stubby tail, in North America but there are 12 subspecies. The local subspecies in our mountains is *L. rufus californicus*. I know this breaks my own rule of not using scientific names but when a species is as widespread as the bobcat I thought it was interesting to note with which subspecies we are dealing.

The bobcat is roughly twice the size of a domestic cat and can easily be told apart by the black markings on the forelegs, the black tufts on the ears and the bobtail. Although they really stand out from domestic cats, they are pretty elusive so the first step is to actually see a bobcat in the flesh. That is easier said than done.

My only encounters with bobcats have been while driving on Highway 243 coming up from Banning. I have seen three bobcats either crossing the road or on the side of the road and always at night. Bobcats are not nocturnal per se, as they do hunt late in the afternoon and morning. They are known to cover several miles on a habitual route while hunting.

A bobcat preys mostly on rodents but will eat anything from insects to even small deer. Male bobcats weigh between 16 and 30 pounds and females are around 20 pounds. The average lifespan is an amazingly short six to eight years in the wild but they have been known to live over 30 years in captivity.

Bobcats live solitary lives and each bobcat will establish a territory that he or she marks with urine, scat or claw marks. Mating typically takes place in February and March and the gestation period is 60 days — the same as a domestic cat. The kittens are fully mature in about two years for males and as little as one year for females.

Foxes

My encounters with our local gray foxes have been just as infrequent as with bobcats; but they were a lot more up close and personal. My favorite fox sighting occurred on the Ernie Maxwell Scenic Trail. I was with my longtime hiking partner, Jim, and he blurted out, "Look at the size of that squirrel!"

I looked up in time to see the hindquarters and the big bushy tail of a fox as it was fleeing the "Scenic" as it were. I then hit my hiking partner with the snide comment that can only be said between friends without either taking offense. "That's a fox you moron," I told Jim.

Fox sightings are rare, as they are nocturnal. I have only seen one other fox as it scurried through a friend's backyard in Pine Cove. Still, to see a fox in broad daylight was a real thrill for me because it was the first one I had ever seen.

Foxes are for the most part solitary creatures and they hunt the same prey as the bobcat but also add some berries and other vegetation to their diet. Foxes look similar to a small coyote at first glance but with sawed-off legs and a big bushy tail.

See a photo you like? Most can be purchased, contact jenny@towncrier.com for a reprint

REWARD

The family of **JEAN MASON** is looking for a family **PHOTO ALBUM** that Jean donated to a **THRIFT SHOP** several years before she died in **JUNE 2006**. The album is the **OLD-FASHIONED** 19th century kind, with thick cardboard pages with slots for the photos, a brown or reddish cover, and most of the photos are of people in England or in Tekamah, Neb. There is a ***100 REWARD** for the photo album. If you think you have the album, please contact **KENT STEINKE**, at **816-245-5364**, or e-mail: thelmarosedog@yahoo.com.

Two eagles reside at Lake Hemet

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Saturday morning, the U.S. Forest Service concluded its 2009-2010 bald eagle count in the San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF). The bird census takers confirmed the presence of the two Lake Hemet eagles.

Unlike most Southern California eagles, this pair does not appear to migrate north for the summer. They

have decided to make the local lake environment their permanent home.

The arrival of fledglings or eaglets will not be known until late summer.

In total, 11 eagles were spotted through the SBNF. More than 140 volunteers participated in the eagle count Saturday, including a dozen locally.

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



Last month, a jay and deer communicated in Mountain Center.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BETHANY PULLIAM



This week in Mountain Center, a female Anna's hummingbird repeatedly came to collect the last remaining seed fluff off the winter cattails.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DORIS J. LOMBARD



Idyllwild local **Gregg Williams** captured this tree with thousands of ladybugs last week near the Quiet Creek Inn.

PHOTO COURTESY OF GREGG WILLIAMS



A snowscape the evening of Tuesday March 9.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



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INVITATION

WHAT - Idyllwild Garden Club gathering to learn about us and see the plans for the Idyllwild Area Historical Society gardens

WHEN - Tuesday, March 23rd

WHERE - Presbyterian Church
North Circle Drive

TIME - Noon

Soup luncheon will be served

RSVP to Ann Kohler @ 951-317-5183

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the *Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar*, see "On the Town," on page 14.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.
- ESL class, 8:30-11:30 a.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 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.
- CAHSEE class, 6-9 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

- Idyllwild Business Roundtable meeting, 8 a.m. Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.
- "Living Through Transition and Loss," program, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Spirit Mountain Rereat, 23661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523 for information.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Bible Study, noon-2 p.m. Chapel In The Pines, Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Hwy. 243. Call April Wilson at 659-4006 for information.
- Lemon Lily Festival planning meeting, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.
- Lake Hemet Municipal

- Water District meeting, 3 p.m. 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
- High Valleys Water District, 6 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- 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.
- "Detox, De-Stress & Energize," free presentation by Dr. Jon Dunn, Licensed Naturopathic Physician, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mountain Harvest Market, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Riverside County Planning Department, Idyllwild Historic Preservation District meeting, 7-9 p.m. Town Hall.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

- 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 candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse-Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

- Mountain Disaster Preparedness training exercise, 9 a.m. to noon, DAS B, Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin 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.
- Vigil to mark seven years in Iraq, 6 p.m. Town Centre at "Girl Reading" monument.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

- 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 22

- 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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

- Zen Meditation Group, 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. Call 659-2253.
- Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild Garden Club, noon. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr. RSVP to Ann Kohler, (951) 317-5183.
- 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, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

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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-Thursday; 9 a.m.-noon Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce, 54325 North Circle Dr., #103, Mile Hi Plaza, noon-4 p.m. Friday & Saturday. 659-3259.
- 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.



Last fall, Alice Badger and Gary Kuscher traveled with the Town Crier through the Panama Canal. They were on a 17-day cruise aboard the Celebrity Mercury which departed San Diego and docked in Baltimore.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

CLUBS

Garden Club

Plans for a native plant inspired "Village Garden" on the grounds of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society will be one of the topics discussed at the next Idyllwild Garden Club meeting at noon Tuesday, March 23.

The program and social time, will include a sampling of homemade soups, crusty breads and desert pastries. Non-members interested in becoming members are welcome to attend.

E-mail cidcastillo@hotmail.com for more information.

To get a listing in "Clubs," visit 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.

- 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.

TownCrier.com Stats

Last week the front page of the Town Crier's Web site was visited **10,122 times**

If your Web site is not getting that kind of traffic from people who live, work, visit and spend money on the Hill, talk to us about setting up a link from any one of our online sections to your Web site.

Summary info for the week of **March 8-15, 2010**

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Obituary Micheal Dennis O'Sullivan

Micheal Dennis O'Sullivan, 55, former resident of Idyllwild, died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, in Bogalusa, La. Micheal succumbed to respiratory failure at the Louisiana State University, Bogalusa Medical Center.

Micheal was born June 14, 1954 in Oceanside, Calif. He grew up in Newport Beach. He lived many years in Idyllwild, but moved to Bogalusa 10 years ago to live with his sister, Dee, and nephew James Ladd.

He is survived by a daughter, Jennifer Lynn of Fresno, Calif.; two brothers, Abe Perry of Foxworth, Miss. and Jimmy O'Sullivan of New York; a sister, Dawn (O'Sullivan) Crawford of Oregon; nephew James Ladd of Bogalusa, La., along with several other nieces and nephews.

Micheal was preceded in death by his father, James M.P. O'Sullivan of Ireland; his mother, Gaynelle Knight of Slidell; and his sister, Dee O'Sullivan of Bogalusa, La.

May the road rise up
to meet you, Micheal.

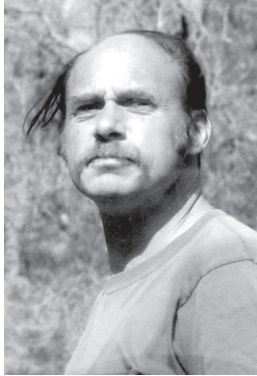
May the wind be at your back.

May God hold you in the
palm of His hand, Micheal.

And may you be in heaven
an hour before the devil
knows you're dead.

Go with God Micheal, farewell and be at peace.

We love you and will not forget you, Micheal Dennis O'Sullivan.



Obituary Diana Rose Harvey

Diana Rose (Lightell) Harvey, 65, passed away on March 6, 2010. She was born on Oct. 19, 1944 in New Orleans, La. to Margaret Mary (Bourgeois) Lightell and Herman Lightell. She was married to Clark Lee Harvey on April 13, 1964 in Riverside, Calif.

Diana's quick and surprising death reminds us all to live every moment as if it were the last one and never to let the day end without telling your loved ones how special they are.

Diana will be missed.

A memorial service is planned for 1 p.m., Mountain Time, Saturday, March 20, at Lake Havasu Mortuary, 2225 Kiowa Blvd. North, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

Additional information is posted at lakehavasumortuary.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Hospice of the East Bay, attn: Bruns House (www.hospiceeastbay.org).



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FISHING REPORT

Hemet had this report on fishing:

On Wednesday, March 10, **Oswald Hernandez** of Indio and **Jerry Humpert** visiting from the desert, each caught five trout from the peninsula using all colors of Powerbait.

John Keith of Palm Desert and **Chris Willis** of La Quinta each caught their limit of 1-1/2- to 2-pounders on Friday. They were shorefishing with white and red Powerbait as well as floating salmon eggs.

Sunday was also a pretty busy day at the lake. **Lance** and **Brandi Ward**, and **Ron Klopff** of Aguanga limited out using spinners. And **Randy** and **Kelly Gillum** of Riverside caught eight trout with lures.

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Idyllwild Rotary Vice President **Dawn Miller** (right) presents **Shelley Kibby**, park interpreter at the Idyllwild Nature Center, with a gift for being the guest speaker at the Rotary's March 10 meeting.

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Idyllwild Rotary Vice President **Dawn Miller** (right) presents Good Citizen Awards and \$100 bills to Idyllwild School sixth-graders, **Hannah Hardy** and **Max Swanson**.

PHOTO BY STEVE ESPINOSA

Water level at the dam is 125 feet. Last year's level was 127.4 feet.

Diamond Valley

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

The bass have moved up tight, but have not been in-

clined to bite as much as anglers would like. There have been plenty of catches between 2 to 3 pounds for largemouth and smallmouth alike. Senkos, drop shot rigged purple plastics and Carolina rigged brush hogs have worked well. **Bill Williams** of Vista released six, 6-pound

largemouth, fishing along the east dam.

Trout fishing slowed a bit this week, but there were still some notable catches. Nightcrawlers, mini jigs, and trout worms were the most reported baits. Shore anglers seemed to do better than the boaters.

Striper fishing slowed down this week. Stripers are always on the move, but the most consistent spots have been the inlet tower or the

east dam. Anglers have caught striper on swimbaits, either trolling as deep as 50 feet, or throwing into boils. **John Ross** of Mission Viejo caught a 26-pound striper fishing along the east dam with a Jerry Rago Swimbait.

Not many catfish were caught this week. DFG checks anglers for fishing licenses. See the Idyllwild Magazine and Visitor's Guide for locations where licenses are sold.

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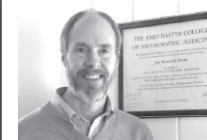
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INITIAL THOUGHTS

.400 ain't good enough here ...



This week's column is a potpourri of thoughts about mistakes during the first four months of the new team.

Looking backward or in the rearview mirror has tremendous value if you can admit mistakes and understand their source.

Before I begin my "mea culpa," let me offer a little background to my thinking. I love baseball. I love playing, watching, photographing and talking baseball. In my opinion, the game is a metaphor for life and especially for publication of a newspaper.

For example, only 13 times since 1900 has someone hit higher than .400 for a whole season. Of the thousands of professional baseball players, only eight have hit higher than .400 since 1900. These eight men batted .400 or better 13 times in this 110 year span. The last immortal to do that was SoCal's own, Ted Williams, in 1941 — nearly 70 years ago.

As great as this achievement is in baseball annals, always remember this point, these great hitters still failed, made an out, nearly 60 percent of their at-bats. In baseball, Hall of Famers fail more than half the time.

This success rate, .400, is not necessarily adequate for other professions. For example, you would probably not be holding this publication if 60 percent of our articles were full of falsehoods and misstatement or if articles were only 40-percent accurate.

No, we have to meet a higher standard. So last Wednesday, when I arrived at the office and looked at the fresh, newly printed March 11 edition, I was immediately mortified. I committed an error. I hit away instead of recognizing the runner on third or I threw to first without checking the runner on third — dumb, unthinking errors that can cost teams a close victory.

The lead story was about the two teens who defaced Idyllwild School and next to the story without a separation or independent headline was a photo of the 5th- and 6th-grade Town Hall basketball champions.

Would someone mistake the basketball players as the defacers? Would a parent or child be insulted? I worried about this error for days. Fortunately for me, if I did upset people, they kept it to themselves.

Then I committed a common baseball goof. I forgot how many outs we had and trotted off the field after two, not three.

I have written three columns about community spirit, but I failed to mention the Idyllwild Time Bank — Idyll Hours. Judith Schonebaum wrote me almost immediately after I first solicited ideas. I responded positively, but I failed to follow through.

Besides forgetting, a knack I developed more frequently in the past few years, I don't have any good reason for the omission.

Judith's view is that whatever inspires the community, a delivery system will be needed and the Time Bank can contribute to the project's achievement.

The final mistake was just coasting, playing each game without scouting. This week, March 14 to 20, is Sunshine Week, dedicated to open government. I should have devoted the entire column to this subject. But it's Tuesday morning and I don't have time to rewrite a full column. My apologies, but more on this subject in the future.

And please, if you have been scouting us, share your observations on our weaknesses and strengths, which we shouldn't take for granted.

J.P., EDITOR

Hemet DMV reopened

After two months of being closed for renovations, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Hemet office reopened on Monday, March 15. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays except Wednesday when it opens an hour later at 9 a.m. All DMV offices will be closed Friday, March 19. For information, call 1-800-777-0133 or online at www.dmv.ca.gov.

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Idyllwild's race?

EDITOR:

The "Spring Challenge" mountain bicycle race which started several years ago has now reportedly morphed from 100 riders to 400 plus riders (Town Crier, March 4, 2010). It was said the race has become Katie Hendrich's "passion." Sorry to say, I think with this passion she has also acquired a set of blinders.

If she looked on a map, a huge portion of the numerous routes and courses used for practice and racing are smack dab in the middle of a state game wildlife refuge. Take a look on the map. Better yet, go out there.

All around May Valley area, the bike trails are getting bigger and more eroded. Pristine Johnson Valley, which basically had no trails a dozen years ago, now has become a bicycle freeway, getting bigger and more eroded each time I go there.

The trails above Camp Ronald McDonald (formerly Camp Roosevelt) are a mess, with V-grooves from bike brakes locking. These grooves, coupled with subsequent rain erosion have made the trail dangerous to navigate, both on foot and by horseback. Other portions have bumps, berms and jumps built into the trails, turning them into a raceway rather than a path. Someone built a framed wooden bridge across a drainage — more progress.

Also, in an area where bike speed is essential, there is a small hamlet for the desert horned lizard. In the 30 years I have lived up here, that area is one little place where they are common and should be left alone. It used to be a place where you could take a child and show them one in the wild, instead of from a fish tank.

Another race is the 24-Hours of Adrenalin. Same area, different day, but closer to deer hunting season. In the same game refuge, deer can graze and bed down undisturbed.

But now, sorry Bambi. You have two-wheeled machines day and night with headlights banging through your refuge. But that's OK, just head over a mile to the Spitzer area and a hunter will greet you with an open trigger finger. Listen,

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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



I support outdoor recreation, I have ridden a favorite mule in that area for years. I too, have been diverted from areas on horseback because of environmental issues.

But, to see such an area turned into a literal racetrack, with its scars, is not in line with all the vernal joy that Marshall Smith described about this race in his article. He needs to go and see the "berm problems" on the trails, not the ones in his driveway.

Do you want our game refuge to be racetrack? Well folks, here it is. Tickets available at your local participating merchants. Don't forget we also now have shuttle service.

DENNIS T. WOHLMAN
IDYLLWILD

In support of mountain biking

EDITOR:

Yes, I am a mountain biker. But I am also an avid hiker and an equestrian of past. In fact, I had the privilege of owning and caring for over 20 horses for a good part of my life. I have heard many points of views in my lifetime regarding all three main trail user groups. One thing I've learned is times change and with that conditions change.

The fact is that mountain biking is fast growing in Idyllwild. It is a wonderful family sport and a great way to enjoy the outdoors while getting exercise. It is also an opportunity for the town

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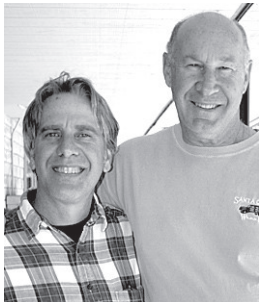
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Time to apply for after school program

Applications for the 2010-2011 school year SAFE After School Program are available at all Hemet Unified School District elementary, middle and K-8 schools' main office and the district office. The enrollment window is from March 15 through April 23. Parents will be notified by May 14 about placement into the 2010-2011 SAFE program, as space is limited. Private school children are eligible to apply and be considered for placement in the SAFE program at their home HUSD school. Call SAFE program secretary Delores Naus at (951) 765-5100 ext. 3901 with any questions.

ON THE FRINGE



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OFF THE LEASH

BY CONOR O'FARRELL

Orca being an orca ...



I'm sure many of you heard of the tragedy a couple of weeks ago of the Orca attacking and killing a trainer at Sea World in Florida. By all counts the trainer was a wonderful woman who loved her job and cared deeply for the whales, making this a tragedy for her friends and family.

Without trying to be insensitive to the sense of loss for those involved, I can't help but be a little perplexed by the response given about the incident by Sea World management, who said they were still looking into what may have provoked the attack. So, I start to do the math in my head.

You have an animal, a top-of-the-line predator, that migrates through roughly 10,000 miles of ocean a year from the Pacific Northwest to the southern coast of South America. You capture that animal and transport him from his pod to a tank about the size of a very large swimming pool, place him with other whales who are not necessarily part of his family unit, teach him to do tricks, feed him food that he doesn't stalk and kill. After all this, you scratch your head and ponder what could possibly provoke this animal to strike out in an act of aggression against his perceived captors. Excuse me, my eyes just got stuck in the upward position while trying to unravel this intricate puzzle.

We humans are such silly animals. We use the natural world like it's our own personal playground, or better yet, our own personal ATM and then wonder why nature rebels. We act like we haven't seen it before and then ponder the root causes as if they were just plopped in our laps. NATURE WILL HAVE IT'S WAY, it always does. It may come in the form of a breaking dam, a tsunami, an earthquake, a killing storm — or in the form of a suffering, cooped-up Orca that has to prove that it is

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Can HUSD survive without help from teachers?

BY JOE WOJCİK
PRESIDENT
HEMET UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD

Through a combination of the recession and inaction by California's legislature and governor, we find ourselves in the worst economic times in memory. As a result of these circumstances, Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) lost about \$32 million in revenue between the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years. That is over 15 percent of total revenues. None of this is due to any action on the part of the Board, the District, or its employees.

To address this revenue shortfall in 2009-2010, the Board offered an early retirement incentive and made nonpersonnel cuts to make approximately \$12.3 million in reductions. However, going forward, there is still a need to reduce the district budget by an additional \$19.7 million for 2010-2011.

To meet the \$19.7 million in reductions required to balance the 2010-2011 budget, the Board offered another early retirement incentive and made additional nonpersonnel reductions to achieve a combined reduction of about \$11 million. This left \$8.7 million of reductions still necessary to balance the budget.

In the budget reduction package adopted by the Board, NO teacher layoffs and minimal layoffs to other employees were proposed. Since 90 percent of our expenditures are for personnel (of which 61.5 percent consists of teachers salaries and benefits), this left the Board in the regrettable position of having to ask employees to reduce compensation by 6.5 percent as an alternative to layoffs. To date, administration, management, and classified employees (nonteachers) have either accepted our proposal or are in the process of evaluating and seriously considering it.

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Conservation "way of life" in Pine Cove

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

At its March 10 meeting, the Pine Cove Water District (PCWD) board set a public hearing for June 9 to discuss its annual standby fee or charge for undeveloped parcels.

The annual \$30 fee is applied to any parcel within the water district that does not have an active water meter. The fees help pay for the infrastructure (such as pipelines and hydrants) throughout the district that need to be available when the parcel owner decides to build on or use the parcel.

In water news, General Manager Jerry Holldber reported, "February production was 1.8 million gallons, down from the past two years." The combined January and February 2010 production of 4.2 million gallons is nearly 16 percent less than the 5 million gallons produced in the first two months of 2009 and 17 percent less than the same period in 2008.

PCWD's well levels have begun to rise, Holldber added. The level of the district's well no. 1A rose 6

feet during February despite being pumped more than any other well in the same period.

While the board is pleased with the customers' conservation efforts and the groundwater replenishment, they acknowledged the lack of evidence that the decade-old drought has ended. "We'll stay in Stage 1," advised Board President Thomas McCullough.

"Conservation is a way of life here," Holldber concurred, "not a way to make money."

The board also authorized the use of credit cards for payment of water bills. The district will not bear the cost of this program. The credit card owner will incur a \$2.50 charge.

"The usage charge is less than a late fee," said PCWD office manager, Becky Smith. "And it may be a convenience for customers living off the Hill."

"I think it's a good idea. Most customers won't use it, but a few ask about credit card usage each month," added Holldber.

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CSA 38 watches ambulance service

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Advisory Committee for County Service Area 38 (Pine Cove) met Wednesday evening, March 10.

Chairman Jerry Holldber reported on the combined Mountain Plateau and Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Emergency Medical Services Administrative Group meeting. According to several representatives,

now that American Medical Response, the contract ambulance service for Anza and Garner Valley, dispatches a backup ambulance as soon as its Anza ambulance is on a call, the need for the IFPD to send a second ambulance has diminished considerably.

"I have more confidence now," Holldber said. "I do feel better about ambulance service for Pine Cove."

The committee is considering a request to the county for

public records indicating CSA 38 fees and fire fees for parcels adjoining IFPD. Member Marge Muir had previously noticed inconsistent county assessment of these fees.

The Advisory Committee wants to perform a preliminary examination before contacting the county about possible record discrepancies. Member Thomas McCullough drafted a letter and with Muir's

help on parcel numbers. They will ask the Assessor's office for the information.

CSA 38's fire engine (no. 223) is still for sale, but several parties have shown an interest according to Riverside County Fire Department Battalion Chief Dan Johnson. A third party contacted him this month.

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I-10 scales and big rigs

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Lieutenant Roman Finale, commander of the Desert Hills Inspection Facility that regulates truck passage on I-10 just west of Cabazon, spoke at a March 11 Mountain Emergency Services Committee (MEM-SCOMM) meeting about commercial trucking coming in and out of Southern California. He also described the larger role the facility can play in times of disaster, as an emergency command post for the region, with emergency power, to handle housing people stranded or displaced by a disaster

such as an earthquake that destroys highway bridges over I-10.

The facility also plays a role in Homeland Security with protocols in place for dealing with terrorists and terrorist response training for California Highway Patrol (CHP) personnel.

In response to a question, Finale sought to assure Mountain residents that in the event of a major terrorist event in Los Angeles spurring a mass exodus east, CHP would patrol Mountain roads to make sure refugees were not moving upward.

Finale explained that some trucks, seeking to

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of Idyllwild to earn extra revenue. Mountain biking can be done in an environmentally friendly way with little impact on surrounding land.

The initial building of trails, for any user group, is often initially jarring and might take some getting used to, just as we adjust to the fire abatement that is being done to areas around Idyllwild. These things are created either by necessity or demand.

The Idyllwild Spring Challenge (ISC) and 24-Hour courses are held under a special permit provided by the Forest Service.

Prior to approving the courses, an extensive study of each trail is done by the Forest Service including biologists, archeologists and other specialists. Any areas that are of concern are not approved.

The races themselves are held over just two weekends out of the entire year. Mountain biking is not always about racing. In fact, that is a very small part of it. Idyllwild Cycling is one of the largest user groups maintaining trails in the area and has been presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Forest Service for their volunteer work.

Several studies have been conducted about what little impact mountain bikes have on trails and how they compress soil more than erode it.

A good source to examine is a non-biased site called americantrails.org. Conditions of any trail have to take into consideration all user groups.

Yes, this is a dream of mine. I have the chance of a lifetime in creating an event enjoyed by the entire family, helping the town I love, forming a close relationship with the Forest Service and learning more about the land

than ever before.

**KATIE HEDRICH
IDYLLWILD**

Response to Bill Klippel

EDITOR:

On March 4, Bill Klippel took a departure from Hemet's "The Valley Chronicle." He's a frequent flier there. Instead, Bill's rant comes to us from the Idyllwild Town Crier. What's he doing here? Is he getting some traction with the mountain folk? I certainly hope not.

Klippel blames Chaudhuri for "the degradation of our once successful VHS [Valley Health System] ..." He's inaccurate. Tom Broderick [for Chief Executive Officer] ran VHS off the tracks — best illustrated by the sinking "Titanic" parking structure. Chaudhuri has taken the heat since — and wrongfully so.

Truth is, controversial Dr. Prem Reddy, founder of Prime Healthcare Services and Prime Care Physicians P.L.L.C., has been grinding away at Dr. Chaudhuri, HCMG [Hemet Community Medical Group] and VHS for years — with a little help from his HDL (Hemet Defense League) friends. During the campaigns for Measure I and Measure G, Chuck Bolton, abrasive front man for the HDL, resorted to illegal campaign practices. He got his hand slapped by the judge. Bolton distorted the issues and strong-armed voters with a vile smear campaign targeting Chaudhuri, local physicians and their families. This shameful, sleazy business occurred under the auspices of HDL, and Bill Klippel is a carte blanche member. [Klippel has said he is not a member of HDL, although he agrees with their general views.]

Chaudhuri's vast sphere of influence is no secret. Connecting the dots to PHH [Physicals for Healthy Hospitals] isn't rocket science. Just visit the PHH Web site

and find Chaudhuri's name in black and white. He's in good company there with over 100 local PHH physicians.

Bill Klippel and others have hammered away at VHS, the hospital board, the city council, Chaudhuri and HCMG physicians long enough. Their ruthless efforts to slander and malign members of the local medical community are unjustified and unethical. Over the past decade, the HDL contingency has irreparably damaged and devastated VHS — as severely as the crippling Broderick regime.

Bill Klippel says that "many in our community feel that Riverside County District Attorney Rod Pacheco... investigate VHS and it's board." Don't try to pull the wool over my eyes! An accurate demonstration of what "many in our community feel" is the breathtaking victory of Measure P.

So, don't speak for me, Bill. I'll tell it like it is: Prem Reddy is picking the bones at Parkview Hospital and circling VHS — like a vulture. It's a "Doc eat Doc" world out there.

**SHARON RAE GAGE
CARVALHO
HEMET AND IDYLLWILD**

Typo! Maybe?

EDITOR:

J.P., Please! "Buss" means a kiss. "Bus" is the big thing people ride in as a means of transportation. "Buses" is the plural of bus, "busses" is the plural of "buss," as in kisses. You have "busses" in

your online headline, when you should have "buses" (although "busses" given out might attract a lot of attention to Idyllwild).

**J & B REGELBRUGGE
IDYLLWILD**

Editor's note: The writer is correct. But "Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary" gives the Town Crier a pass. The preferred plural of "bus" is "buses," which is what I learned long ago. However, Webster's does offer "busses" as an alternate spelling, which is the proofreader's choice. I belatedly agree with the writer, but lazily let the proofer win.

Response to Tim Bennett:

EDITOR:

If Mr. Bennett comes to the Lemon Lily Festival and listens to the speakers at the Nature Center, he will hear some of the same concerns that he so eloquently expressed [about drought and water conservation, in the March 11 Idyllwild Town Crier]. That is the education part of a Festival for Education, Celebration and Restoration.

It is true that lilies need water. Sites for restoration must be carefully chosen. Many who have come forward with requests for lilies will have to be denied due to unsuitable habitat. We have emphatically stated that lemon lilies are not suitable for everyone's garden. We will have a native plant sale at the festival and lemon lilies will not be included.

Scholarship fund donations sought

The Idyllwild Scholarship Fund is collecting donations for scholarships awarded annually to local high school seniors. During the past 40 years, \$281,995.88 has been awarded. Twelve young community members from Hemet High School and Idyllwild Arts Academy benefited this past year from these scholarships. A total of \$14,000 was awarded.

The Idyllwild Scholarship Fund is extremely grateful to the following members of the community for their generous contributions: Kathy and Hubert Halkin, Jayne Davis, Glenn/Susan Schumacher, Melody and Bill Blaschko, Michelle Akins-Johnson, Barbara and Terrel Richmond, Peggy Petty, Idyllwild Garage, De Lobo Enterprises, Inc., Silver Pines Lodge, Emanuel and Linda Rider, Marilyn Kemple, Katie Grigsby, Camp Maranatha, Idyllwild Pharmacy, Carl Cripe, Dick and Jan Goldberg, Joy and Karl Allgeier, Janice Lyle, Charlotte Anthony, Diann Coate, Allen and Lenore Miller, Pete and Suzon Capparelli; Eleanor Williams, Bonnie Doshier, Nick and Colleen Sanden, Celia May Munyan Ullis, Anne Finch, Gerald Holsclaw Sr., Spirit Mountain Retreat, Deanna and Richard Collins, Woodland Park Manor, Blair and Kay Ceniceros, Quiet Creek Inn, Karen Smith, Vic and Alice Scavarda, Gastrognome, Suzanne Bowman, Dr. Gerald and Marianne, George and Carolyn Hall, Community Lumber, Marlin Harris, Halic Masonry Company, and Jan French.

To contribute to the fund, mail checks payable to Idyllwild Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 97, Idyllwild, CA 92549. All donations are tax deductible.

While lilies do need water to keep their roots and bulbs wet, they use far less water than other forest inhabitants. A single large pine tree can use up to 75 to 100 gallons of water a day. Perhaps if we return an indicator species to Strawberry Creek, it will inspire people to think more carefully about the effects that people and an overgrown forest have on the watershed.

In the grand scheme of

things, are lemon lilies destined to become extinct? Perhaps so, but we all must die. Shall we take a defeatist attitude and throw up our hands and cry "woe is me" and do nothing?

Or shall we savor every hour we have on this planet and endeavor to make it a better place in which to live for you, me and the lemon lily?

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Town Hall looks to trim budget

By BETH NOTTLEY
NEWS ASSISTANT

At the Thursday, March 11 meeting of the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council board (ICRC), Town Hall Director Bob Lewis reported that due to a staff member quitting, "The Idyllwild Skate Park is closed on Monday and Tuesday for right now and, because of the budget being high this year, we might recommend putting in volunteers" [as opposed to hiring paid staff to fill the opening]. "Would the board be in support of that," he asked.

"I think we've always been in favor of volunteers," replied ICRC Board Chair Chris Singer. "It's a great opportunity to save money this year," she added.

Lewis explained that having a volunteer ready to work at the Skate Park will take awhile because, as with paid staff, all volunteers involved with youth programs are required to be fingerprinted and have background checks completed.

Town Hall has operated the Skate Park seven days a week using two paid staff members, Chris Ortiz and Peg Gallo. Ortiz recently quit and Gallo has increased her hours but, until there is more staffing, paid or not, there is no one to provide supervision every day.

Lewis and board members then discussed saving money by replacing paid scorekeepers, coaches and umpires for Town Hall sports programs with volunteers or using current Town Hall staff to perform these duties. Claudia Posey, Town Hall administrative director, said it would be difficult, if not impossible, for staff to add this type of duty to their current job

responsibilities. "We have a ghost staff at Town Hall now," she pointed out. She said that if a group of volunteers were assembled, she could arrange for Live Scan fingerprinting to be done at Town Hall at one time.

ICRC board member Vic Sirkin suggested that all board members get fingerprinted in case they should ever be in the position of helping with a youth activity. "We should do this, all of us," remarked Sirkin.

In two other possible cost-cutting moves, Singer asked Lewis to consider changing Town Hall's practice of giving every child who participates in a team sport a trophy — regardless of if they finished a sports season in first place or eighth — and to eliminate or change the practice of giving plaques to team sponsors. Town Hall currently budgets \$2,720 for trophies and plaques.

Regarding the cost of the trophies, Singer said, "We could cut the thing [awards] in half. We've taught them [the children] there is no disappointment [by giving everyone a trophy]."

Lewis and Posey told the board that Town Hall has already reduced the amount spent on trophies, from about \$9 each to about \$6 each. Also, medallions were given instead of trophies to this year's Youth Basketball first- and second-grade division players. Posey said sponsor plaques cost about \$12 each.

Sirkin suggested that medallions on ribbons could be substituted for most or all of the trophies. He said he knows of a local company that sells medallions for \$1.50 to \$4 each.

As far as plaques for sponsors, Sirkin said he

thought most sponsors would rather not receive them because a spot on the wall has to be found to hang them. "You feel guilty when you don't hang them; they collect dust and then eventually you donate them to the HELP Center or something," he opined. Board member John Simpson agreed, "I'd rather just get a letter than a plaque," he said.

Lewis and Posey disagreed with the proposal to change the way awards are made. Lewis, who recently submitted a proposed budget for Town Hall's fiscal year beginning July 2010 to the county and is awaiting response, said "Overall I'm happy with culling down to \$190,000 [from CSA 36 income] next year and that's with the trophies and plaques.

Lewis was apparently referring to the proposed budget submitted to County Service Area (CSA) Operations Manager Bill Brown, although projected expenses submitted are actually \$263,520, of which \$190,760 would be reimbursed by the county. Lewis' budget counts on an over 18-percent increase in program revenues, including increasing the cost of a child's participation on a sports team by \$10. The projected \$72,760 in revenue Lewis is counting on is an ambitious goal, considering Town Hall's year-to-date revenue is nearly \$20,000 short of this year's budget, with just four months to go in the current budget year.

Posey, speaking as a mother of a child who plays on a Town Hall sports team, said that trophies and other awards are very important to the kids and the parents. "You're asking me to pay \$10 more and get nothing back," she said of nixing

County to consider ICRC contract renewal

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Editor's note: ICRC's recreation contract with Riverside County expires on June 30, 2010. Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone is currently reviewing options regarding contract renewal and will decide within the next 30 to 60 days.

Although it is possible the county may renew Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's (ICRC) recreation contract, it is by no means a certainty, according to Bill Brown, the CSA operations manager. "Signing a new contract is not automatic," said Brown. "The Supervisor is reviewing his options and will decide in the next 30 to 60 days. The difficulties of the

trophies.

Singer replied, "I'm just asking if Town Hall is willing to look at revamping the awards and trophy program. Maybe if we save enough, we won't have to charge \$10 more."

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Strange but true

It was 18th-century French author and philosopher François-Marie Arouet, better known as Voltaire, who made the following sage observation: "It is forbidden to kill; therefore, all murderers are punished unless they kill in large numbers and to the sound of trumpets."

last seven months will be considered [in determining whether to renew the contract]."

Those difficulties seem self-inflicted despite ICRC protestations. They began when ICRC submitted its 2009-10 budget after the February 1 deadline and without required approval of the CSA administrator. Since then, ICRC board members Chris Singer and Vic Sirkin have called Brown a "tyrant" and "bully" for his oversight of public funds — oversight that is part of his job responsibilities.

Supervisor Stone has said he directs Brown to see that ICRC administers county recreation responsibly and according to contract. "My job is to walk the community through how their [tax

money is being spent," said Brown. "Does the community know where their taxes go?" He must also review ICRC's requests for reimbursement and determine if they can be approved under county guidelines. He discovered many that were inappropriate under county guidelines and returned them unpaid, with explanation. For example, a voucher attached to one submission did not match the reimbursement request.

Although ICRC and Lewis submitted a 2010-11 budget on time and within budget — \$29,677 less for salary expenses than 2009-10, the county is concerned that the larger 2009-10 budget continues to run up red ink.

See ICRC, following page

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"Those salaries [the higher current salaries] are still being paid out," said Brown. "The only mid-year [cost-cutting] correction made to Town Hall recreation was recession of a scheduled January 2010 3-percent employee cost of living raise. They [ICRC] will still be in the red [at the end of] this [fiscal] year. I'll have to go up the chain of command and authorize spending into reserves. This will be the costliest year in CSA 36 history."

For next year, Lewis' salary is reduced 5 percent to \$54,150, saving \$2,850. In addition, ICRC plans to eliminate the sports coordinator position and spread these duties over existing staff (\$6,096 savings). Other staff received more modest cuts.

To recover more of their costs, ICRC plans several fee increases including charging an average 50 Skate Park users a \$30 annual membership fee; charging \$10 extra for participation in youth basketball, youth baseball, youth soccer and youth football.

Budget reductions, besides the elimination of the sports coordinator, include curtailing health insurance payments which were not used to purchase health insurance.

The ICRC board has maintained that the community recreation funds pay for their Directors and Officers insurance although they have publicly stated recreation requires only a third of their time. Brown questions why the county should pay to insure the board when only a portion of what it does concerns county business.

Commenting on events beginning with the salary increases, Brown said, "To me this [the last 7 months]

is a self-inflicted wound [by the ICRC board]," said Brown. "It is not an accident how we got into this budget problem." Brown stated that the county could have been helpful in getting ICRC back on track and into budget "reality" but that the board, or Lewis, or both seemed intent on maintaining their own positions.

Another "difficulty" in the county's deliberations over contract renewal are two recent letters written to Stone. ICRC board members Chris Singer and Vic Sirkin complained about Brown and asked Stone to intervene.

According to Singer and Sirkin, they wrote as individuals, without prior board approval or authorization, although Singer signed her letter as Idyllwild Community Recreation Council Chair.

Both Singer and Sirkin said Brown refused to assist them after many requests for assistance, did not answer their e-mails, would not attend ICRC board meetings and is unfairly pursuing a rogue agenda against them. They asked Stone to help solve the problem. Sirkin's letter can be read as a request to replace Brown. In their letters, Singer and Sirkin characterize Brown as "dictator," "arrogant," "a tyrant and a bully." They complain that Brown will not help them understand a contract they signed in 2007, even though at that time ICRC represented they understood what was expected of them and were competent to execute it.

After Brown and his deputy, Mike Franklin, were excluded from an August 2009 ICRC board meeting to which they had been invited by a sitting board member, Brown announced he would only meet with the board in a public forum, i.e. the CSA 36 meeting. For the most part, ICRC did not send board representatives to those meetings, only

Carlson schedules Town Crier trial

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce President Ken Carlson distributed a letter to attendees of the March 15 meeting stating his intent to conduct a hearing pursuant to Chamber bylaw 3.07 (c) to expel the Town Crier from the Chamber. The vote, that he referred to as a "trial," will be held at the April 19 Chamber meeting. Two-thirds of the directors present are necessary to expel a member.

The offense, as stated in his letter is "... your ongoing false, misleading, contrived, and libelous reports and editorials, which appear to be attempts to damage the repute of the Chamber..." Carlson's examples

Recreation Director Bob Lewis.

In his letter, Sirkin references Dr. Dick Goldberg as an ICRC board member respected by the county who also shares Sirkin's frustration with and opinion of Brown.

When asked if he agrees, Goldberg said he was not comfortable having been quoted by Sirkin and felt the letters were counter productive.

Brown said in an e-mail response to letter allegations, "I've never said I wouldn't help ICRC manage and improve recreation. I do remember telling ... there will not be any future private meetings between ICRC and CSA administration. All meetings would be open to the public [in the CSA 36 forum]. Mike Franklin has called Bob Lewis at

of offending stories were reporting on the Chamber's financial situation and its continued slide in membership.

"The primary problem that we have here is that [Town Crier] articles and editorials seem to be targeting the Chamber and I don't know why," he asserted. "The general problem is that the Town Crier seems to be looking at things that aren't working rather than wanting to help us."

Neither Town Crier Publisher Grace Reed, nor Editor J.P. Crumrine was allowed to ask any questions to better understand Carlson's allegations. For longer than a month, he has refused invitations to discuss his concerns with the editorial staff. "They'll

Town Hall a number of times with suggestions for improvement. CSA administration has sent letters to ICRC/Town Hall on ways to improve their billing and management practices."

He had no intention in his letter to "throw the man out," Sirkin said in an interview. "We just needed help," he stressed. "We needed attention. The board did not see either letter." Singer said, after a post-letter telephone conversation with Brown, "I see his point. I know where we need to move forward. I feel like we've turned the corner with Bill."

Stone, after receipt of the letters, reiterated that Brown administers the CSA and is the party with whom ICRC must deal.

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be able to respond at their trial," said Carlson.

Carlson complains of bad "publicity" but when pressed is not able to cite anything in Crier editions that is factually inaccurate. He did mention the recent article about the Idyllwild Business Roundtable

In other business, in a call for volunteers to stand for election as Chamber directors, produced only one candidate, Diana Helmbrecht. The Chamber currently has three sitting board

members out of a possible 11. Helmbrecht, if elected, would make 4.

He also introduced several people who have volunteered to help the Chamber with various jobs. For example Julia Countryman will update the Chamber's Web site and two people will attend the Palm Springs weekly Thursday night Villagefest for the Chamber.

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Chamber director expresses alternative view

Mimi Lamp, Chamber of Commerce director, e-mailed the Town Crier this message Tuesday morning:

"The role of any Chamber of Commerce is to foster, encourage and promote businesses. The Town Crier is a long-standing business in Idyllwild and is a valuable

asset to this town. The idea that the Chamber would put the Town Crier or any of its member's on trial contradicts our mission and philosophy. As I have told Ken Carlson today, I am in opposition to the direction he is taking us and will work to redirect the focus in a positive direction."

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MAST, new leaders, same protection

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST) is undergoing changes. The Wednesday, March 9 meeting was the first since the group's inception in 2003 without Kevin Turner, former CalFire Pre-fire Management Division chief, Mike Dietrich, former San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF) fire chief and Norm Walker, former San Jacinto Ranger District fire chief sitting at the front of the room.

Their absence and that of John Hawkins, CalFire Riverside Unit chief, who stepped down as a MAST incident commander, and a new Idyllwild Fire Department chief, created a sense of new beginnings.

The cooperation and partnerships established over the past several years remain and the new players still have to learn each others' habits and work styles.

But Bill Weiser, CalFire Pre-Fire Battalion chief, led the group forward without missing a beat. He followed up on items from previous meetings and ended the session with all agencies planning to convene in May for the new fire season.

He indicated that Riverside County and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were discussing a new memorandum of understanding regarding endangered species in the Anza area. The presence of the Stephen's kangaroo rat and the Quino checkered butterfly has complicated several fire abatement projects, especially



Bill Weiser, CalFire Pre-Fire Battalion Chief.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council (MCFSC) work which is federally funded.

"The Fire Safe Council can't help anyone in Anza because of the federal money," Walker said, attending the meeting as an MCFSC director. "It's not fair to citizens of that area. CalFire could issue fire abatement citations there and we can't provide any help, but here [Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Mountain Center] we'll offer help and pay for part of it."

Weiser stressed that the use of state funding as well as federal money was constrained until a new agreement is reached. Homeowners can still abate their property, but neither the state or federal grant money can be used to help.

He also announced that revising the July 2006 Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) would likely expand the coverage area to include Anza and south to the San Diego County border. The plan's western boundary would then be Sage Road.

The proposal was warmly received. While the communi-

ties involved have not yet been approached, Mike Esnard, MCFSC president, and Laurie Rosenthal, San Jacinto District ranger, both supported the idea. These communities to the south have to agree to inclusion in the revised CWPP before work will begin, according to Weiser.

A completed CWPP has become an important component of federal wildland fire protection funding. Many thought encompassing this area adjacent to the San Jacinto Ranger District would enhance the priority of its fuels reduction projects.

San Jacinto Ranger District Battalion Chief Chris Fogle reported on the Forest Service's pile burning and prescribed burns this winter. He said the target of 125 acres was going to be achieved this year.

Work at the Keenwild helipad is nearly done, but about June 1, it will be unavailable for emergency responses in order to complete all the work.

Weiser said Riverside County Fire was finishing pile burning work on the Ernie Maxwell Trail and doing other work near Stone Creek in the state park.

Current SBNF Fire Chief Kirk Winchester reported that the Forest Service has some new policies on helping land owners adjacent to forest land comply with the state's defensible space regulations.

FIRE AND FOREST

By MIKE ESNARD, MCFSC PRESIDENT

And now water ...

Water has never been the focus of this column, but because of our weather this season, I am now glad to make it so. The snow and rain, and the Highway 74 washout, are reminders of how powerful moving water can be. They also bring to mind how important it is to control runoff.

As we are well aware, this mountain needs all the water it can store. We need it for our household use, and we need it for the health of our trees and plants. Deprive trees of water, as in the past drought, and they are unable to fight off disease and insects and, once dead, become a fire hazard.

One thing we can do as property owners is to capture as much water as we can on our property, holding it for the vegetation, and preventing runoff from taking away soil. Doris Lombard, one of our board directors, has been pointing out the benefits of water capture for years. Properties can be altered to make them act like sponges, soaking up precious water from rain and snow melt and slowly giving it back to trees and plants over our long dry

season.

How to do this is laid out in "Rainwater Harvesting for Drylands," by Brad Lancaster, an excellent book that Doris has both used and recommended. Lancaster has studied water harvesting techniques from drylands all over the world, and he describes many inexpensive methods that emphasize earthworks as a way to slow down and capture rainwater.

The trick is to understand how your property sheds water, then to think about ways to slow it down so that it can be absorbed by the soil. Standing outside in the rain is a good, albeit uncomfortable, way to do this. But after a rain or a melt you can almost always tell by soil and debris where the water was flowing and how fast.

Lancaster describes many techniques for water capture, but I will just name three that are simple. One is a "berm and basin," where you dig out a shallow basin on a slope and create a small wall of soil on the down side, creating a berm around



the depression, trapping water as it flows downhill.

Another technique is terracing, which is creating a flat surface across the slope. This flat area can be used as a walkway or plant space. Steep slopes require retaining walls; gentler slopes can take small rock walls or even raised earth.

Last is what's called a French drain. This is a trench or basin filled with rock or gravel. As the water is directed into the basin, it infiltrates quickly into the root zone of surrounding trees and shrubs. It is excellent for silt-free runoff, such as water from a roof downspout.

I cringe when I see soil washing down the street, both because it weakens the vegetation from where it came, and because it is likely to cause a problem when it comes to a stop, such as at the mouth of a culvert.

But most importantly, absorbing rain water on our property helps to keep our trees and shrubs healthy, without placing any strain on our local water districts. And the healthier our trees and shrubs, the more likely they are to resist fire.

Tree mortality has declined substantially, according to Dave Simmons, Southern California Edison. "Year-to-date, we've removed less than 40 trees from the Mountain top," he said. "This is a significant departure from previous

springs when it was close to 150 trees."

Finally, Melanie Gerber, from the county's Waste Management Department, indicated that the contract for the grinding station was being reviewed in prepara-

tion for rebidding it. One of the changes suggested was to include a sorting yard on the site beside the grinding facility.

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extraction tax dedicated to green technology development," he said, noting that California is one of few states that does not charge oil companies an extraction tax. He also believes in working the tax structure to make it more attractive to new businesses coming into the state. "Give small and developing businesses lower taxes and tax incentives to come into the state," he said, "and favor small businesses. Café Aroma and Wal-Mart should not be treated the same."

He would favor selective tax cuts and advocates collecting taxes that are illegally avoided. Blake also could support a California Constitutional Convention, given that the system is so broken and abused that a new start is merited. He would throw out term limits since they stand in the way of legislators gaining job expertise. "Let the ballot box be the determiner," he said. He would end district gerrymandering for party political advantage. He would also jettison the three strikes law. "Drug laws are archaic and dishonest in application and intent," he said. "Sentencing laws should be revisited for fairness. Rich boys don't



Justin Blake

go to prison. If three strikes remains law, it ensures that in 20 years, California's prisons will be the largest chain of retirement homes in the country."

Finally, Blake said he recognizes that layers of government regulation designed to protect the consumer often "break the back of small businesses" and need to be sifted through and revised for redundancies and overlaps. Blake would do away with the two-thirds vote requirement for passing budgets and raising taxes. California is one of three states requiring two-thirds to pass budgets and to raise taxes and the only one requiring two-thirds to pass both. Blake has the endorsement of the state Democratic Party.

Democrat, registered nurse, author and activist Anna Nevenic stands solidly for public financing of po-



Anna Nevenic

litical campaigning. She finds the influence of lobbyists too pervasive and believes public financing would do much to curtail their influence. "Open the media to give time to all candidates," she said. "The air waves are [supposed to be] free. Open the system. It is the key."

Nevenic also advocates raising taxes on commodities that lead to trips to the emergency room and chronic conditions that have become costly to treat. "Raise taxes on alcohol, soft drinks, fatty foods, tobacco, products that target the young and lead to health issues — not huge increases, small increases on

millions of bottles of soft drinks," she said. "You have control not to buy and the money generated would go a long way to funding health care and education. Nurses are very persuasive by nature. Attack these problems in the right way and jobs can be created. A healthy workforce can contribute to job growth. All that money that we will save from health expenses opens employer pocketbooks. They'll be able to spend more in hiring."

Nevenic is founder of the United Children's Network committed to assisting youth in junior high school to lead productive and balanced lifestyles by creating peer programs on consequences of drinking, drug use and other risky behaviors. She is a published author of "Hidden Agenda," discussing the battle between religious fundamentalism and feminism, and "Parenting Made Easy," a guide to raising healthy children.

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Court finds Emmerson SD 37 race legal

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On March 9, in a suit brought by Corona Councilman Steve Nolan challenging Dr. Bill Emmerson's residency eligibility to run for the vacant Senate District 37 seat, a Riverside County Superior Court judge determined Emmerson is eligible to run.

Emmerson currently represents the 63rd Assembly District, which includes Redlands. He practiced dentistry in Hemet for over 25 years, and moved back to Hemet from Redlands to make the run for the senate seat. "The state's election laws clearly allow Bill Emmerson to run for the 37th Senate while continuing to provide Riverside County the representation it deserves in the state Assembly," said Jim Nygren, Emmerson's political consultant. On March 9 the judge agreed.

Nolan is a supporter of Emmerson's Republican



Dr. Bill Emmerson

primary opponent, Russ Bogh.

"I appreciate the Judge ruling quickly to end this matter," said Emmerson. "I look forward to focusing on the issues. I believe I win on the issues, and that is why my campaign has focused on them instead of abusing the court system."

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Frank Ferro (right) was the auctioneer during the Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) "The Eye of the Artist" live auction event at the Rainbow Inn last Saturday. AAI acting President **Darcy Gerdes** (center), shows each piece to the audience.



Lori Parker places her bids during the raffle portion of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) "The Eye of the Artist" event at The Rainbow Inn Saturday night. Raffle tickets were bought and placed in the appropriate box, one ticket was drawn per item at the end of the night, and the lucky winner walked away with the art piece.

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Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Wednesday, March 17
AWANA for ages 3 to fifth graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church.
Annie Moscow, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Two Micks & A Chick, 5:30-9 p.m. The Creek House.
"Dear John," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Spring Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, March 18
Thursday Morning Hikes, 9-11 a.m. Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center. Call (760) 862-9984.
Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.
PTA Book Sale and Family Night, 5-7 p.m. Idyllwild School.
Puente 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Dear John," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Spring Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Friday, March 19
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Live music, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Café.
Hojo and the Half Notes, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
"Crazy Heart," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Spring Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, March 20
Saturday Morning Hikes, 9-11 a.m. Santa Rosa & San Jacinto

Mountains National Monument Visitor Center. Call (760) 862-9984.

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon. Puente, 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.
Krone Library Book Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
"Crazy Heart," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Sandii Castleberry & Paul Carman, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Live music, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Café.

Sunday, March 21
Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; **Harry and the Half Notes,** 1-3 p.m.; **Special Showing of "The Pacific"** starring Conor O'Farrell, 9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Krone Library Book Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
"Crazy Heart," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Monday, March 22
Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Swift Pony, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Crazy Heart," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, March 23
Jazz Night: Paul Carman, Marshall Hawkins & Barnaby Finch, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Crazy Heart," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

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Wednesday, March 24
AWANA for ages 3 to fifth graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church.
ICRC Speaker's Series: "Healthy Aging," by Dr. J. Frank Randolph, 5:30 p.m. reception; 6-7 p.m. presentation 7 p.m. optional dinner. Rainbow Inn.
Desert Rose, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Crazy Heart," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, March 25
Thursday Morning Hikes, 9-11 a.m. Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center. Call (760) 862-9984.

Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.
Sandii Castleberry & Kevin Hamby, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Crazy Heart," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, March 26
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Live music, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Café.

Saturday, March 27
Saturday Morning Hikes, 9-11 a.m.; Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Visitor Center. Call (760) 862-9984.

Billiards Fund-raiser, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Sign-ups at 10 a.m.), American Legion Post 800.
David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; **Willy B. & Alex Watson,** 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Sandii Castleberry & Paul Carman, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Live music, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Café.

Sunday, March 28
Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; **Harry and the Half Notes,** 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

Monday, March 29
Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Sandii Castleberry, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.



Roger Dutton & The Grey Striped Suits took to the stage at *The Rustic Theater* last Sunday night. From left, **Don Reed, Dutton, Mick Lynch, Pete Holzman and Sue Parker.** About 140 tickets were sold, and the evening included an acoustic set and electric set of original music by the local talents. Not shown is bassist **Paul Carman** and drummer **Tony Verive.**

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Tuesday, March 30
Jazz Night: Paul Carman, Marshall Hawkins & Barnaby Finch, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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Next Speaker's Series topic: 'Healthy Aging'

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Dr. J. Frank Randolph M.D., chair of geriatric medicine at the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, will be the next guest in the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC) Speaker's Series. At 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, he will discuss "healthy aging" at the Rainbow Inn. Dr. Dick Goldberg organized this popular series, which presents experts across a wide variety of disciplines — art, music, health, disaster preparedness and current events

Randolph is a geriatrician who specializes in guiding and treating adults in later stages of life. This is when older patients are likely to experience and deal with chronic illnesses and multiple medical prob-

lems. Randolph emphasized that his practice focuses on optimizing quality of life and functional ability for his patients rather than concentrating on seeking definitive disease cures.

He employs a holistic approach to address the physical, psychological and social problems with which his patients and families are dealing. As a geriatrician, he works closely with other health care professionals and organizations, including other physicians, therapists, home care agencies, pain clinics and support groups, to meet the specific needs of each patient.

Randolph, like others in his specialization area, also examines the often large number of medications older adults take to make certain that the medications do not adversely interact with each other to

produce debilitating side effects or organ damage. Randolph considers whether a developing condition or issue is the result of the normal aging process or is, in fact, pathological.

"Older people today are starting to change what they do with an end to improving their life quality and duration," Randolph noted. "They're stopping smoking and curtailing certain [negative] habits. Many older Americans are starting to age successfully. A huge component of that is being engaged with life — socializing, hanging with friends.

"My older patients tell me how they are living longer and most cite being engaged with life, not withdrawing. In my practice I help patients identify underlying disorders, disease risk factors and how

to avoid them becoming problems.

"One of the joys of my practice is that I get to talk to people who flew planes in WWII — people who will sit down and talk to you and are not needing to go anywhere on some schedule," he said.

Randolph will address his own practice modalities, such as specific disease screenings and recommended vaccines, and counsel on ways to remain healthy and active into old age.

Randolph's talk is free to the public as is a wine and cheese reception at 5:30 p.m. "Dinner with the Professor" or in this case the doctor, follows, also at Rainbow. Call 659-0111 to reserve a place. The cost for dinner is \$20.

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From left, Rotary president **Danny Richardson**, **Rick Foster** and **Dan Slattery**, co-owner of *Honey Buns and Joe*, all volunteered their time at the future Idyllwild Community Center property last weekend. The trio, with the use of Foster's Compact Track Vehicle, dug post holes that will eventually be used to anchor exercise equipment.

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Seven years in Iraq vigil Saturday

A vigil to mark seven years in Iraq will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 20 at the "Girl Reading" monument by Village Centre. All are welcome to bring poems, songs, stories, a candle to light, thoughts to share and to speak from the heart. As it is said, "The more things change, the more they stay the same"

Trivia test

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Many locals came out to support Idyllwild local **Conor O'Farrell** (right) who played Dr. Sledge in five episodes of "The Pacific," a 10-part HBO miniseries by DreamWorks SKG. Café Aroma opened up the restaurant for Sunday's premiere of the series.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Annie Moscow sings and plays the piano at Café Aroma. She will return Wednesday, March 17.

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Strange but true

What do Steve Martin, Donald Trump, Dan Aykroyd, Gene Simmons, Leslie Nielsen, Burt Reynolds, Jerry Seinfeld and Peter Sellers have in common? They've all been featured on the cover of Playboy magazine.

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somewhere — (I think from over near Shane's Real Estate) comes the 50's voice of 'Satchmo' Armstrong: "I see skies of blue ... Clouds of white, Bright sunny days ... Dark Sacred nights, And I say to myself ... Whata' Wonderful World." It's Spring on the Hill! — Hooray! If you're downtown, drop by B'S MOUNTAIN of BOOKS in the Square — You'll see guys sitting around in chairs on their front deck, reading books! Join them. Linda or Lauren will slide you a chair. Try my BLIND GLORY — Won the Best Adventure of 2007, LA Times — or DISHONORED GLORY.



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Tricia Pilkington and daughter **Ashenara Joy**, 2, take a more hands-on approach to the artistic talent of the students involved in the SmARTS program during the opening reception at the Idyllwild Arts Parks Exhibition Center last Friday night. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Heather Thomas Mello was one of many locals who came out to admire the artwork of Idyllwild School students who participated in the SmARTS program opening reception last Friday at the Idyllwild Arts Parks Exhibition Center. The show runs through Friday, March 19 and is open to the public. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week (from left) are **Juan Pablo Galaz-Chavez** and **Destiny Griesgraber**.

Teacher **Diane D'Arcy** chose the students for showing a positive, attentive and responsible sense of citizenship and learning throughout the school year.

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Ghosts

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house has exterior walls with state-of-the-art animatronics, lighting, special effects and live actor ghosts and ghouls. "The site will be completely fenced," said Wilson responding to ICRC concerns over safety.

The site would be used for approximately 11 weeks — four for construction, five for operation on weekends beginning in early October through Halloween weekend, and two weeks to break it down. ICRC is attracted to the fact that the PTA has a large container that could be moved to the property to store equipment while

building the house, therefore making the entire operation more sightly and less of a construction site appearance.

Wilson said the PTA would pay for electricity used at the site during all phases of construction, operation and breakdown.

Next steps include Board member Vic Sirkin and site architectural advisor Robert Priefer going to look at the PTA container. Then, after Wilson prepares an agreement covering the operation, Sirkin and Priefer will take it to the land donor for approval. Board member Linda McCaughin suggested involving Mountain Community Patrol to patrol the site during hours of opera-

tion. "That would reassure me a lot," said McCaughin voicing concerns over patron safety.

"We have emergency lighting, as per Fire Department requirements," said Wilson. "Also an emergency code word of which all cast and crew members will be advised. When the code word is used, the show stops and emergency lighting is switched on."

"Community Haunt," the name of the 501(c)3, will pay for portable toilets and security fencing. Cast members will perform nightly cleanup on weekends of operation, according to Wilson

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Ben Campbell and Justin Read try to hit one of the opponents during Friday nights Hemet High School dodgeball tournament.

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Justin Read (right) and **Ben Campbell** (third from left) go after the dodgeballs at the beginning of their quarterfinal game. Other Idyllwild team members, **Gina Drell** (left) and **Josh Floquet** (second from right) are preparing to dodge. All of the Idyllwild members are juniors at Hemet High School. The "Caucasian Invasion with One Asian," the team's name, lost in the quarterfinal after winning two games to be in the final eight.

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Jamie Falk, Idyllwild resident and Hemet High School junior, races to the ball at the beginning of another dodgeball game. Falk's team, the *Thespian Lackies*, lost in the semifinals.

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IFPD

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tus assigned to the engine did not operate properly because of missing parts and missing equipment, he added. Mulhall has been soliciting excess equipment from neighboring departments and will report to the board in April on his success and the next step.

Previously unaware of the malfunctioning equipment, Mulhall did note that the Department has been constantly shifting equipment between engines and this contributed to the problems.

Later, Mulhall discussed his concerns about the lack of training for PCFs and the possible liability repercussions on the district if a mistake or tragedy were to occur. Consequently, he announced that he will limit their use and rank if IFPD is involved in future incidents. Meanwhile, he and the board will consider how the appropriate training can be offered to PCFs since they also have full-time jobs.

As he began, Mulhall said, "This causes me pain and it's an uncomfortable decision; but it's a priority not only for the safety of the employee but potential liabilities for the community and the department.

"Their experience, Keith Smith, Larry Donahoo and Steve Friemoth, is invaluable to me as chief and fire captain," Mulhall added. "But that's not the issue. In today's society, when lawsuits happen and they need certification of training, we don't have certification for company officers."

Mulhall also expressed concern about a multi-agency incident relying on IFPD officers who have not had the certified training.

"It's a liability we should not incur," he stated to the board. "My concern is on the scene, the red helmet [signifying fire captain] brings a command position with responsibility and liability."

By the meeting's conclusion, the commission agreed with Mulhall's caution. While the PCF officers would retain their rank, they would not act in that capacity during an incident was the commission's view.

In other business, commission Treasurer Ben Killingsworth discussed IFPD's current budget. While he recommended several budget adjustments, the two largest items were funding for a dispatch contract for the last half of this fiscal year (ending June 30) and the cost for new radios. Combined the two items may cost the department about \$40,000 to \$50,000. These decisions will be made late in the spring before the fiscal year ends.

The commission also confirmed its plans to consummate the purchase of the Zoll Medical equipment and Mulhall indicated that the company was already coordinating with IFPD to conduct training on how to use the new equipment.

Brad Neufeld of Graham and Savage, a Riverside law firm, made a presentation to the commission on the capability and benefits of using him and his firm as the IFPD legal counsel moving forward. He currently represents Pine Cove Water District.

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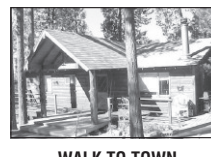
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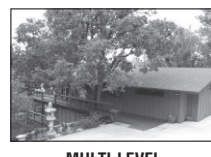
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Unfortunately, we are at impasse with the Hemet Teachers Association (HTA) because they have stated in negotiations, publicly, and in writing, that they are unwilling to accept a salary reduction of 6.5 percent. As a result, we recently had to notice a number of employees for layoffs that the Board hoped to avoid.

HTA wants the Board to further reduce or eliminate programs and services; however, these programs

and services greatly benefit the children. Furthermore, these programs and services have already been significantly cut over the last two years.

The Board has taken the position that layoffs should be avoided or minimized. A reduced paycheck is better than no paycheck. Laying off our younger employees only contributes to the overall unemployment problem in our community and mortgages the future of

HUSD.

As a Board we are cognizant of the necessity to maintain the District's fiscal solvency. The budget numbers have been available to the HTA since November 2009. These numbers are an accurate reflection of our District's fiscal condition, which has been unchallenged. Our budget and the salary reduction requests are based upon this reality.

We believe the residents of our District who elected us expect us to keep the District solvent, provide an excellent education to our students, keep programs for

kids, keep as many of our excellent teachers as we can, and maintain the public's facilities and property in a reasonable manner. We are trying to do all of these things through this difficult time. It is regrettable that, as a part of doing all of this, we have asked our employees to reduce their compensation. However, considering the financial impact this recession has caused to those living in our community, what is being asked of our employees is reasonable.

As a Board, we understand the difference be-

tween teachers and union tactics and we do not confuse the two. We are hopeful that HTA will find a way to do what is best for teachers to avoid layoffs and rescind the layoff notices, the district, and most importantly our students. After all, our mission is to serve the kids and their parents.

Editor's note: If you would like to know more about the HUSD budget and discussions with HTA, contact Idyllwild's representative on the HUSD board — Bill Sanborn. His phone number is 659-5228 or you can send an e-mail to bsanborn@hemetusa.k12.ca.us

Trucks

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avoid being inspected and weighed, could make detours on Hill mountain roads. But, CHP has a mobile scale unit that is tasked to find these truckers, determine if their mountain routing is justified or just avoidance of scales, and if avoidance, then deputies weigh at the stop site. If they are found to have rerouted just to avoid scales, they can be cited.

Finale emphasized that most truckers comply with the law. "They have the same right to use the roads as you do," he noted. Plus, the taxes trucking companies pay go a long way to pay for road maintenance. Finale also pointed out, because of recent legislation, truckers private moving vehicle citations count against their commercial license making most truckers very concerned about driving within the law. Finale pointed out that in the early 1980s and 90s a disproportionate number of accidents involving truckers



were the fault of truckers. "After CHP partnered with the truckers' association for education on driving safety, those percentages turned around," said Finale. "Now 62 percent of accidents involving a big rig and a car are the fault of the car driver."

Finale passed on advice regarding driving responsibly when near a big rig. "They're 85,000 pounds and that requires a lot of breaking," he noted. "Give them respect and room. These guys have a big job to do just to maintain their own safety. I try not to drive directly in front or behind them."

The next MEMSCOMM meeting, open to the public, is 9 a.m. Thursday April 15 at the Idyllwild Fire Protection District meeting room. Interim IFPD Chief Mike Mulhull attended the MEMSCOMM meeting representing IFPD.

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

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Leash

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still a world-class predator, no matter how hard we try to turn it into a cuddly trained goldfish. My God, we're silly animals.

In John Berger's book "About Looking" he asks the question, why do we feel sad when we go to a zoo? He answers because when we are looking at the lions we know that we're not seeing a lion, we are seeing a strange aberration of a lion. We're not seeing the King of Beasts the roams the savannah stalking prey and warding off attacking hyenas to protect the pride. No, we see a bored animal that has lost the fight and is waiting to die.

Zoos sometimes preserve some species from extinction. But who is usually, in one way or another, the cause of that eminent extinction? I think you can fill in the blank. [Eleven siberian tigers recently died in a Chinese wildlife park.] And so the rapist becomes the rehabilitator. And yet, we still scratch our heads and wonder, what happened? The thought that keeps coming back into my head is that we're such silly creatures, and all that's left to say is ...

To Dawn Brancheau's family, I offer my condolences for your loss. To Tilikum, the orca, I'm sorry that we're still scratching our heads.

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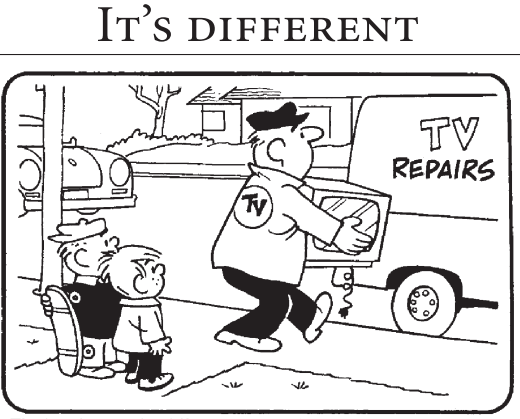
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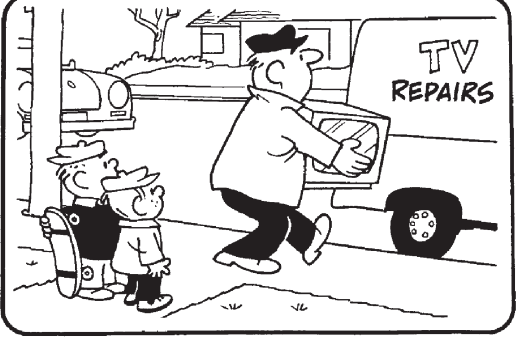
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An unexpected problem should be handled as quickly as possible so that it doesn't cause too much of a delay. Someone who knows what you're facing could provide needed advice.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

An unsettling situation seems to be taking forever to be resolved. Fortunately, your Bovine aptitude for patience is strong this week, so you'll be more than able to wait it out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Taking a stand against an uncalled-for situation involving a friend or co-worker isn't easy, but somehow you'll rise to the challenge and do it. Rely on advice from someone you trust.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

There are still some questions on all sides that need to be dealt with in order to allow hurt feelings to heal. Get your workplace tasks done early so that you can devote more time to loved ones.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Consider a new spring makeover that will show all you Leos and Leonas in your best light. A new hairdo and some fashionable new clothes can help put a fresh glow on your image.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

Some stormy, emotional weather can blow up in the workplace when an irate co-worker has strong words for you. But if you believe right is on your side, you'll be able to ride it out.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Creating more balance in your life is especially important now so that you're not dis-

tracted when you get into projects that will make demands on both your physical and mental energies.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

As much as you enjoy being right when others are not, show your generous side by offering to use what you know to everyone's benefit. This way, you gain admirers and avoid resentment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

This is a good week for the Archer to aim at healing relationships. Whether it's at home, at work or among your friends, get everyone to set things straight and make a fresh start.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

Although you like things done your way, this is a good time to listen to ideas from others. You might even find yourself agreeing with one or more of their suggestions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

Aspects favor positive action to reclaim your ideas from someone who might want the glory without doing any of the work. Expect to find many people rallying to support you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

You might feel uneasy about taking that step forward at work or in your private life. But who knows better than you that while treading water keeps you afloat, it doesn't get you anywhere.

BORN THIS WEEK:

You have a way of creating positive attitudes and making people feel good about themselves.

GV lawsuit: like a bad penny

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Garner Valley Property Owners Association (GVPOA) legal suit against residents Marc and Lori Jones continues. The GVPOA objected to

the installation of pavers over an association bridal trail. A without prejudice ruling by the Riverside County Superior Court entitles Jones to a \$125,000 settlement. The GVPOA must pay on or before March 2011.

In October 2009, in apparent response to a community vote against an assessment that would have dunned property owners to pay the settlement, Jones filed papers to convert the settlement to an immediate judgment. His alternative

would have converted the initial \$125,000 judgment to a "with prejudice" lawsuit. A hearing was set for Jan. 22.

Apparently the new board, formed by the October recall of the former board, was not informed of the hearing date until after it had passed. Several serendipitous turns have kept the matter active and a

new hearing is set for April 6, when the judge will rule in the matter after hearing both sides.

Garner Valley Underground Publisher James Baron said that the new board and association have already raised \$80,000 to fund the settlement plus secured a loan to pay the rest.

Garner Valley United member Mike Johnson said the entire suit was a non-starter to begin with since, according to governing architectural guidelines at the time, Jones' pavers were legal. "And now we're in this for over \$300,000, and all for something that never should have happened."

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as BOOKKEEPING MADE EASY, 40680 Walsh Center Drive #238, Murrieta, CA 92562, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 434, Murrieta, CA 92564. KIMBERLY ANN BARRIER, 40680 Walsh Center Dr. #238, Murrieta, CA 92562.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

FILE NO.: R-2010-01546

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk By: D. Rivera, Deputy Pub. TC: Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SOLUTION HANDYMAN SERVICES, 25400 Manzanita Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. EDUARDO (NMN) CORRALES, 27200 Roger St., Hemet, CA 92544.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

ness under the fictitious name listed above. Signed: EDUARDO CORRALES Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 26, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-00818
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 26, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 26, 2015. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk By: B. Harris, Deputy Pub. TC: Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PAT'S PC REPAIR, 45760 Bentley St., Hemet, CA, 92544, Riverside. Mailing address: 43430 E. Florida Ave. #F, PMB 284, Hemet, CA 92544. PATRICK ALAN LUFT, 45760 Bentley St., Hemet, CA 92544.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed: PATRICK ALAN LUFT Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 17, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-01761

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy Pub. TC: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as VEIN INSTITUTE OF THE DESERT, 44-300 Monterey, Suite B, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County. Mailing address: 45-166 Crystal Springs Dr., Indio, CA 92201, JOAN LEIGH WARREN, 45-166 Crystal Springs Dr., Indio, CA 92201.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed: JOAN L. WARREN Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 23, 2010.

FILE NO.: I-2010-00522

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk By: M. Duenas, Deputy Pub. TC: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as ROWLEY CONSTRUCTION, 53250 Big Rock Dr., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 2024, Idyllwild, CA 92549. VANCE WILBERT ROWLEY, 1246 So. Shelton Street, Santa Ana, CA 92707.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed: VANCE WILBERT ROWLEY Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 24, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-02097

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy Pub. TC: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD PILATES & MASSAGE, 54450 Village View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 524, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JUDITH CORRINE WAY, 54450 Village View Drive, 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: JUDITH CORRINE WAY Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 26, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-02236

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy Pub. TC: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as KENYON ELECTRIC, 52980 Mountain View, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1631, Idyllwild, CA 92549. DAVID STEVEN KENYON, 52980 Mountain View, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 25, 2002.

Signed: DAVID STEVEN KENYON Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 3, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-02387

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy Pub. TC: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2010.

RIC10063463 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501.

PETITION OF MATTHEW ANTHONY AUFIERO FOR CHANGE OF NAME. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: DON AND KELLY FORTNEY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: MATTHEW ANTHONY AUFIERO changed to Proposed name: MATTHEW DON FORTNEY

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

DATE OF HEARING a. Date: 4-26-10 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 7 b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: March 1, 2010 Angel Bermudez JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Pub. TC: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as ASTROSACKS VENDING, 69761 Rochester Rd., Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside County. PHYLLIS ANN WARREN, 69761 Rochester Rd., Cathedral City, CA 92234.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed: PHYLLIS A. WARREN Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 3, 2010.

FILE NO.: I-2010-00607

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk By: D. Perez, Deputy Pub. TC: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as W.I.S.E. INC., 9169 Stephenson Lane, Hemet, CA 92545, Riverside County. W.I.S.E. INC., 9169 Stephenson Ln., Hemet, CA 92545.

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Feb. 14, 2010.

Signed: MARIE T. LOMONACO President Statement filed with the County Clerk of

Riverside County on March 1, 2010. FILE NO.: R-2010-02284

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk By: M. Llaneras, Deputy Pub. TC: March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2010.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as W.I.S.E. LP, 9169 Stephenson Lane, Hemet, CA 92545, Riverside County. MARIE LOMONACO, 9169 Stephenson Ln, Hemet, CA 92545; DEBORAH CONCANNON, 745 Montauk Hwy, Oakland, NY 11769; MICHELL BROWN, 6012 E Redfield Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85254; BRENDIA LITTLETON, 44055 Barbara Trail, Aguanga, CA 92536; TRACY VANDEVENTER, 4834 Patio Springs Circle, Eden, UT 84310; JOANNE MUIR, 6807 BROYHILL ST., MCLEAN, VA 22101; KATHLEEN GALVIN, 6700 McMurray Ranch Rd., Bellvue, CO 80512; MEREDITH SAGAN, 6446 Lunita Rd., Malibu, CA 90265; and ELISABETH HOLLAND, 2323 Pine St., Boulder, CO 80302.

This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Feb. 14, 2010.

Signed: MARIE LOMONACO General Partner Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 1, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-02283

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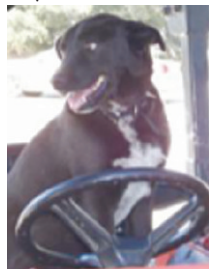
BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Everyone wants the Luck of the Irish, including these pets. So kiss your blarney stone, follow the rainbow and find your pot of gold at ARF of Idyllwild. This is your lucky day!



Meet **Magu**, she is 3 years old and lost her home when her parents had to move. Just give her a perch up high and she will be content to watch the world go by.

Twinkie will put the twinkle in your eye. No bigger than a minute and only 6 months old, this tortoise shell/calico was found in the rain and has survived despite many setbacks. She's a curious kitten who is bound to bring laughter to your home.



Happy Gilmore thought his luck ran out, until he found a foster home with ARF. This retriever-mix spent half of his 4 years in an abusive home and the other half in animal shelters waiting for legal release. Happy will need guidance, patience and love — all of which he had little of. Can you give Happy the life he needs?

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PAST TENSE

60 years ago - 1950

Herbert Hoover was invited to attend the dedication of the Lou Henry Hoover Memorial Forest at Azalea Trails Girl Scout Camp on June 25. The memorial honored Hoover's wife, a staunch supporter of the Girl Scouts.

55 years ago - 1955

Voters approved formation of a county water district to serve Idyllwild. Commissioners were Glenn Froehlich, Joe McGaugh, Clarence Bischof, Ralph Sturgess and Lou Brittain.

50 years ago - 1960

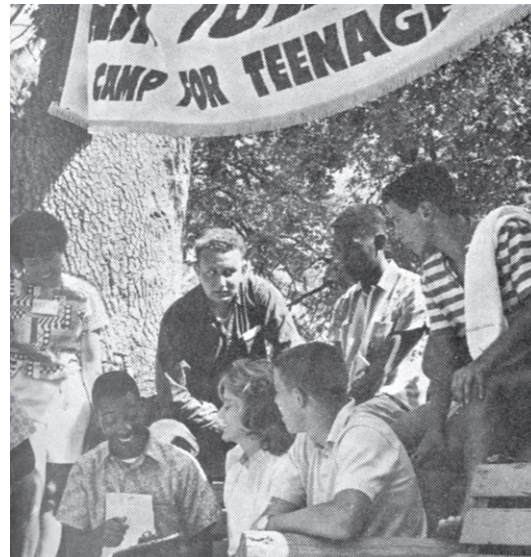
Reforestation of South Ridge began with planting of 5,000 Jeffrey and Coulter pines. The area had been logged years previously.

45 years ago - 1965

Idyllwild Postmaster Rita Patton retired. When she started in 1939, there were 100 year-round residents and 112 postal boxes.

35 years ago - 1975

The Village Market bowling teamed knocked Smith's Diggers out of first place



In August 1955, the song "Let There be Peace on Earth" was first sung by 180 teenagers, locked arm and arm, around a campfire at a summer program called Anytown, USA, at Idyllwild Pines. The world-renowned song, now sung by millions, was written by a Beverly Hills couple, Jill and Sy Miller. Their two daughters attended the camp where the song was introduced to the world.

FILE PHOTO

as the Pine Nuts bowling Mountain was down 71 percent from the previous year, the largest decline recorded among Riverside County's unincorporated areas.

30 years ago - 1980

Building activity on the

25 years ago - 1985

Riverside County Parks Department ban on motorcyclists camping at Idyllwild and Hurkey Creek campgrounds was lifted.

15 years ago - 1995

After two years of rancorous debate over sex education, the Hemet Unified School District voted to eliminate sex education.

10 years ago - 2000

The Chamber of Commerce gave Channel 4 weatherman Fritz Coleman a plaque for his help "putting Idyllwild on the map."

5 years ago - 2005

Gregg Casselberry was the new assistant district ranger for the San Jacinto Ranger District.

1 year ago - 2009

The Idyllwild Community Recreation Council hired San Diego-based fundraiser Cliff Underwood, of Underwood & Associates, to conduct a Feasibility and Planning Study for the campaign to build the Idyllwild Community Center.



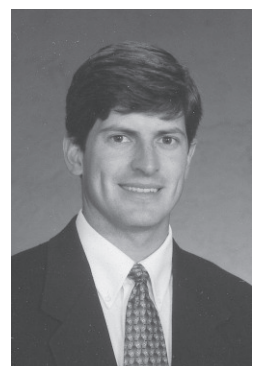
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Dozens of people join the Forest Service for May Valley fuels planning

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

After a morning tour of the May Valley area, nearly 25 interested people, in cooperation with the Forest Service, devoted an afternoon to a discussion of what topics and areas should be the Forest Service's focus as the planning for the work continues.

The group, composed of those with various interests such as residents near the area as well as users of the recreational trails in the valley, was almost unanimous that protection from fire and creating a safe corridor for firefighters or for residents to evacuate in case of fire was one major concern.

The session also encouraged the Forest Service to pay attention to the recreational opportunities presented in this area.

"The May Valley bike trails are some of the best and most unique in Southern Califor-



Saturday morning, the Forest Service's May Valley Fuels Reduction tour stopped at many locations in the valley, including this water trough.

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nia," said Simon Barnes.

Enhancing this recreational use could have a longer term benefit on the Idyllwild business community and eventually the entire community as riders visit and use the natural resources here.

The Forest Service has several critical elements it hopes to achieve when the project is completed. These include protection of the Keenwild Ranger Station and helpad, completion of

the South Ridge fuel break, maintenance of the Bonita Vista fuelbreak, protection of nearby communities and private property (such as Flemming Ranch, Living Free and Mountain Center) and establishment of a suppression corridor for the safe staging of fire suppression personnel and equipment in case of threatening conflagrations.

While this is the goal, the meeting participants stressed

their concerns regarding how these ends are achieved. The Forest Service acknowledged that their alternatives are intended to identify, protect and, if possible, enhance other benefits and uses in the planning area. On Saturday, the most frequently identified were the recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, meadows, watersheds and the general forest health across the landscape.

The Forest Service held the tour and planning session with the intent to get the community and interested public groups and individuals involved in the development of the strategy and plan. If a general consensus develops as the early analysis proceeds, then later lawsuits, which delay the project, will be avoided and the project can be scheduled on time, according to District Ranger Laurie Rosenthal

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During the May Valley Fuels Reduction project planning session, the public voted with white adhesive dots for the project objectives they believed the Forest Service should focus on during the analysis period.

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Based on the votes of the participants, these are the four most popular focus objectives:

- Access and egress for firefighters and public safety
- Potential impacts of operations on recreation opportunities, e.g., hiking, biking and horse riding
- Types of treatment and when or where each is appropriate
- Impacts of thinning operations on wildlife and plants

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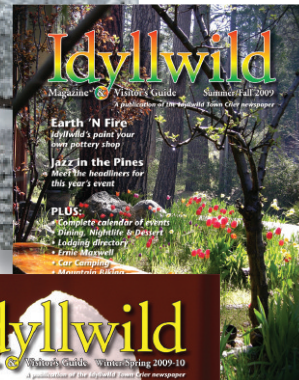
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