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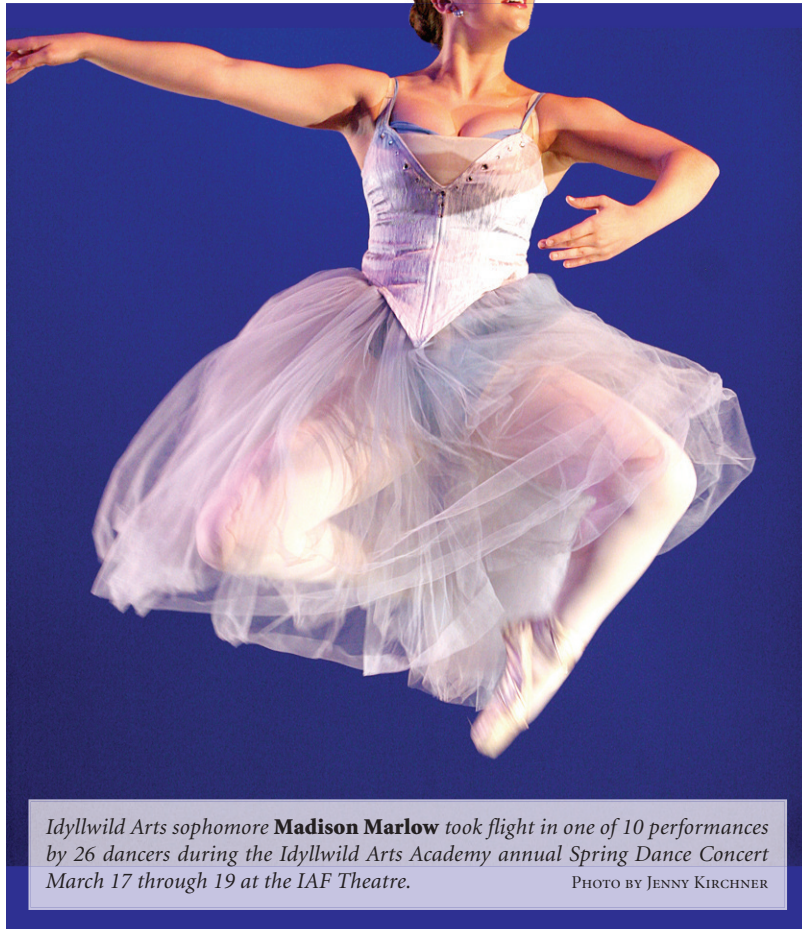
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Idyllwild Arts sophomore **Madison Marlow** took flight in one of 10 performances by 26 dancers during the Idyllwild Arts Academy annual Spring Dance Concert March 17 through 19 at the IAF Theatre.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Big turnout for Historic District

By **MARSHALL SMITH**
STAFF REPORTER

Discussion of a proposed Idyllwild Commercial Core Historic Preservation District (district) drew 50 people, including 25 owners of property within the proposed historic corridor, to a community meeting at Town Hall on Thursday evening, March 18.

The impetus for district classification came from Riverside County Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone. Stone's Chief of Staff, Verne Lauritzen, explained that since many commercial buildings in Idyllwild's village core do not meet current code, the county faces liability if it does not strictly enforce code. Lauritzen

noted strict enforcement could shut down Idyllwild's business activity.

District classification would create an Idyllwild model for code enforcement, taking into account the average age of structures, giving owners more time to bring buildings to code and allowing some flexibility for historic structural considerations as long as public health and safety standards are met. "This is one piece of a broader package of ways to assist Idyllwild and help it maintain its identity," said Jerry Jolliffe, Riverside county deputy planning director. "This would allow code compliance at a more comfortable schedule," said Lauritzen.

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Summer work program for Idyllwild youth

By **MARSHALL SMITH**
STAFF REPORTER

Bill Brown, County Service Area operations manager, talked to the Idyllwild Business Roundtable (IBRT) on Thursday, March 18 about a federal stimulus money-funded summer work program that could benefit Idyllwild youth. "It's not set in stone yet," cautioned Brown, "Any announcement of available funds won't be made until

the first week of April, but it could provide a valuable work experience for Idyllwild youth."

The Summer Work Experience/Employment Program is national in scope, and has been successfully employed in all regions of the country. Brown estimates wages paid to employed teens and young adults would be in the \$10 to \$12 an hour range. The employed young people would all be Idyllwild and

Hill locals.

Started in 2009, the federal program provides stimulus funds to regional nonprofits to interview, perform background checks, and place youth age 16 to 24 in temporary summer jobs for up to four months of work experience and training. Targeting youth in low to moderate family income brackets, the program is designed, said Brown, to provide workforce skills to

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HUSD's Pendley retires

By **J.P. CRUMRINE**
EDITOR



Last week, Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) Superintendent Dr. Phil Pendley announced his retirement. At the March 16 board meeting, he and Deputy Superintendent for Education Services Mary Wulfsberg both said June 30 would be their last day with the district.

Pendley came to the district in 2002. He has seen it grow to over 20,000 stu-

dents, the passage of several bond measures and ever tightening state funding.

Wulfsberg began her HUSD career in 1996 as Hemet High School principal.

In a period of about a year, HUSD will have lost three senior executives. At the end last school year, Richard Beck, the assistant superintendent for business services, took an early retirement.

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

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, March 15 to 21:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

March 15 — Walk-in medical aid.

March 16 — Medical aid, Marion View Drive, Idyllwild.

March 18 — Walk-in medical aid.

March 18 — Rescue, Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Log unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

March 16 — Structure fire, 57500 block of Mitchell Road, Garner Valley.

March 18 — Medical aid, 56500 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

March 20 — Medical aid, 56500 block of Highway 371, Anza.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Nothing to report.

Riverside County Fire, Anza

March 15 — Medical aid, Hill Street and Lapp Lane, Anza.

March 15 — Medical aid, Reynolds Way and Table Mountain Road, Anza.

March 16 — Ringing alarm, Mitchell and Bohlen roads, Anza.

March 17 — Medical aid, Reynolds Way and Table Mountain Road, Anza.

March 17 — Medical aid, Bahrman and Locust roads, Anza.

March 17 — Medical aid, Meyers Road, Anza.

March 18 — Medical aid, KGKJ Ranch Road, Anza.

March 18 — Walk-in medical aid.

March 18 — Medical aid, Derry Lane, Anza.

March 19 — Walk-in medical aid.

March 20 — Medical aid, Old Mine Trail and Indian Road, Anza.

March 20 — Two walk-in medical aids.

March 20 — Medical aid, Highway 371, Anza.

March 20 — Fire, Tule Valley Road, Aguanga.

March 21 — Two walk-in medical aids.

March 21 — Medical aid, Regal Blue and Lubo trails, Anza.

CHP log

Nothing to report.

Sheriff's log

Nothing to report.

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.

Young community members from Hemet High School and Idyllwild Arts Academy who benefited this past year from these scholarships were: Keith Donahoo, Lucas Dunn, Blythe Ferro, Michael Ferro, Brittany Gallardo, Richelle Gribble, Spencer Koobatian, Anna Lilieholm, Christina Rizk, Larissa Shirley, Cory Sumrall and Kendra Wines. A total of \$14,000 was awarded.

The Idyllwild Scholarship Fund is extremely grateful to the following members of the community for their recent contributions: Norman and Kim Walker, James Johnson, Richard Campbell, Colin Henderson, Walter and Jeri John, Bill and Carolyn Lowman, Rotary Anns, Idyllwild Rotary Club, and The Women's Guild.

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

Favorite recipes sought for cookbook

The Spruce Moose is creating a cookbook and is seeking locals' favorite recipes to include in it. Up to three recipes may be submitted in writing to the shop, by mail to P.O. Box 1820, Idyllwild, CA 92549 or by e-mail to SpruceMooseGifts@msn.com. Deadline for submission is April 30 and the cookbook is scheduled to be printed in early summer. Once printed, \$1 from the sale of each cookbook will be donated to the Idyllwild HELP Center's Food Bank.

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Community helps fire victims

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Manuel Lopez and his four children, displaced on March 5 from their fire-damaged house on Live Oak Street in Idyllwild, are now ensconced in an apartment in Cedar Glen thanks to the generosity of Idyllwild residents.

Donors at Idyllwild's Community Presbyterian Church raised \$675 that

went directly to the landlord of the new family residence in the form of a check. Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild also raised \$225 for single father Lopez and his two sets of twins.

"We're pretty much set up right now," said daughter Maria who thanked the community for its generosity.

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

Strange but true

In 1911, it became illegal in China to wear a pigtail.

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69/35	64/36	69/39	69/38	69/39
Mostly sunny, highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s.	Partly cloudy, highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s.	Mostly sunny, highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s.	Mostly sunny, highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s.	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	
3-15	na	na			57	26			
3-16	69	41			65	31			
3-17	69	38			na	na			
3-18	65	35			71	34			
3-19	67	32			71	38			
3-20	67	32			71	34			
3-21	65	33			61	32			

Moisture in inches	Snow in inches
To date this season (Idy): 19.63	To date this season (Idy): 28.81
To date last season (Idy): 16.78	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.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

BY BRUCE WATTS

Even more mammals: Skunks



The only time most of us notice skunks is after a skunk's failed attempt to cross the road. Louden Wainwright put it succinctly with his song about road kill, "dead skunk in the middle of the road and it's stinking to high heaven." Even more annoying is when a skunk sprays an overly curious dog. Needless to say, the dog is banished from the house until it gets the tomato juice treatment.

The skunk's potent weapon, which can spray up to 12 feet, is really only used for protection and as a last resort against predators.

However, I must say that, unlike most animals, my encounters with the nocturnal skunk always end with me heading in the opposite direction. The only time this wasn't true was when I saw a momma skunk with her kits. Then I stayed maybe a second longer as even baby skunks are cute like most small baby mammals.

The main species that inhabits the Idyllwild area is the striped skunk that has a black body with a white V-shaped marking on its back. Skunks are part of the weasel family and their diet is similar to the raccoon as they are opportunistic omnivores. Roughly the size of a house cat, the skunk lives in a den. The male generally dens alone; the females sometimes dens in small groups.

The gestation period is around 60 days and the kits are usually born in early May. Oddly enough, the skunk makes a good pet with behavior similar to its cousin, the ferret. If you Google skunks you will come across a number of sites that sell them and also information on their care in captivity. I, for one, think they should be left in the wild.

Black-tailed deer (mule deer)

I have had many run-ins with our local deer population. Unfortunately one of them was with my pickup truck.



California Buttercup—A spring California native wildflower that is pretty and useful. The cheerful yellow flowers bloom on long stems over finely-cut foliage. The seeds are edible. Grind them and use as a flavoring in soups or as a meal for making bread. A yellow dye can be obtained from the flowers. Hummingbirds and insects also enjoy the flower nectar, making this plant a good addition to the wildlife garden.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HAROLD VOORHEIS

Left, a solitary bald eagle scans Diamond Valley Lake Sunday.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CHAD MARLER

As a vegetarian, this was a total nightmare for me. This unexpected encounter resulted in a dead deer and \$3,000 in damages to my truck.

A much more pleasant experience happened on Deer Springs Trail. I was hiking alone, stepping quietly on a bend in the trail and surprised a deer standing in the middle of the trail. I got a very up close view of some big brown doe eyes.

Later that same day and higher up on the trail, I saw two other does running up the steep hillside. I remember thinking that I would love to be able to run uphill like

they were doing with their "four wheel drive."

Our local mule deer are large animals — as long as 6 feet and weigh over 200 pounds. Since they are such large animals, you would think that you would spot them quite readily.

With their acute hearing and keen sense of smell, they are aware of our presence long before we have a chance to see them. Still, seeing an occasional deer when you are out hiking does give you a stronger sense that you are really out in the natural world and not just a couple of miles from town.

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*Larry
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.
- ESL class, 8:30-11:30 a.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, women only, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- 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 25

- "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.
- County Service Area 36 Advisory Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- ESL class, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Highway 243.
- GED class, 6-9 p.m. St.

Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

- Baby Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Debbi Geisinger, 659-8710 or (951) 966-1094.
- County Supervisor Jeff Stone, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr. Call 1-866-383-2203.
- 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 27

- Stand in Silent Vigil for Peace, Justice and Nonviolence, noon. Town center at "Girl Reading" monument. Call 659-2718.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

- 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 29

- ESL class, 8:30-11:30 a.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Valley Health System board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Medical Arts

Building Boardroom, 301 N. San Jacinto, 2nd floor, Hemet.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

- 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.
- 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.

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Square.

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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.
- Idyllwild Skate Park, Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243, 2:30 p.m.-dusk Wednesday & 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.

ONLY IN IDYLLWILD

"Only in Idyllwild could a small group of business and professional women, Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, raise almost \$1,000 through their Hearts of Hope for Haiti Campaign. Take into consideration that Soroptimist International of the Americas, of which we are part, sent a check for \$10,000 to Soroptimist International of Europe, of which Haiti is a member. Therefore, the wonderful people of Idyllwild provided 10 percent of the entire donation."

Karen Doshier
Idyllwild

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



Idyllwild Rotary President Steve Kunkle (left) presents Kevin Brennan, California Fish and Game Department wildlife biologist in the San Jacinto Mountains, with a gift for being the guest speaker at the Rotary's March 17 meeting.

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Obituary

Richard T. 'Buz' French Sr.

Richard "Buz" French passed away Monday, March 8, 2010. He was born in Memphis, Tenn., on Dec. 21, 1932, the son of Emmett and Mary French of Pomona, who predeceased him.

He served in the U.S. Army until 1952. He was part owner of the Agitator Shop, a family appliance store. It was the largest appliance store in the United States in the '50s and '60s.

He was a general contractor in the cities of Pomona, Ontario, Fontana, San Dimas, Claremont, Riverside and many others in the '70s and '80s. He managed the building of hundreds of homes (custom, medium, low-cost) including three full tracts, apartment complexes and numerous room additions.

Richard was vice mayor and city councilman for the city of Pomona in the early '70s. He was president of Children's Charity Organization, sponsor for Little League and Pop Warner, member of the Masonic Lodge and the Elks Club of Ontario, contributor to the Children's Special Olympics in Riverside and recipient of the "Goddess of Pomona" awards for recognition of contributions to the city of Pomona.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra (Higday of Yorba Linda) whom he met on the Internet and then retired to live in Idyllwild three years ago; four children, Belinda



Barry Nestande passes unexpectedly

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Barry Nestande, longtime chief of staff for Fourth District Supervisor John J. Benoit, died unexpectedly Friday afternoon, March 19. According to sources, he was working out in a gym, collapsed and subsequently died at Desert Sun Hospital.

Nestande is the brother of 63rd District Assemblyman Brian Nestande. Assemblyman Nestande has been unavailable for comment.

Barry had served Benoit since his election in 2002 as 63rd District Assemblyman, followed him to the state

Senate in 2008 and joined him at the county level when Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Benoit to replace former Supervisor Roy Wilson, who passed away in August 2009.

Barry Nestande was well known and well liked throughout the county. He was a helpful, gracious, competent and reliable man.

"From the earliest days of my first campaign for the State Assembly in 2001, until lunch [Friday], Barry Nestande was by my side. We were closer than most brothers," said Benoit.

Nestande enjoyed the love and support of his wife,
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(John) Ellena, Richard (Diane) French Jr., Carole Butler and Brian (Sharon) French; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The family will honor his life with a celebration in Idyllwild in May at his mountain home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild (ARF) or Living Free Animal Sanctuary in Mountain Center.



FISHING REPORT



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

Lake Hemet was last stocked with catchable-sized rainbow trout on Wednesday, March 10.

Lake Hemet

Darlene Redner at Lake Hemet had this report on fishing:

On Saturday, March 20, **Lee Anne Priest** of Yucca Valley, her uncle and cousin were fishing near the dam. She caught five trout and skunked both.

Also on Saturday, **Chuck Gootz** of Camp Pendleton

took home a 2-pound trout from a cove near the dam.

On Sunday, **Dawson and Madeline Smith** of San Diego were fishing by the shore near Camp 6, where they brought in 16 trout between 1 and 2 pounds.

Water level at the dam is 125.6 feet. Last year's level was 125.1 feet.

Diamond Valley

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

The small bass in the shallows are biting better than previous weeks, but not quite up to some anglers' standards. **Lil Richey** of Ontario caught a 4.93-pound bass fishing with nightcrawlers along the dams. **Michael Hernandez** of Hemet caught two bass at

4.97 and 7.50 pounds with nightcrawlers on the saddle dam and the east dam. **Adam Hector** of Beaumont caught two bass at 2 and 4 pounds fishing with nightcrawlers.

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 also slowed 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.

Not many catfish were caught this week. Rawson cove and the inlet were familiar spots to try.

Crappie fishing took off this week with many reports of 2-pound slabs and a new lake record. Michael Hernandez of Hemet caught 2.36-pound Crappie fishing with a white crappie jig. **Jesse Mena** of Hemet caught a 3.47-pound crappie breaking the DVL panfish record. Jesse was fishing near the saddle dam with a white crappie jig.

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

Communal spirit or lemony lions ...



I've been writing about community spirit. That summary is for those of you who have been away for a few weeks and didn't take your Town Crier with you (to pose for one of those celebrated vacation photographs) and for those of you whom I easily bore.

Where is community spirit? How can we find it and what will motivate us as a collective to collaborate? These questions have been posed and left unanswered because I don't know.

I had an epiphany this week, despite the distance from Christmas and proximity to Easter. Despite the flushing sound of the economy, regardless of watching fewer DVDs and constraining our vacations, or to sound hip "staycations," to Hemet or Palm Desert, I'm seeing a vital and invigorated communal spirit on the Hill. I sense it is spreading faster than a viral Internet joke about Tiger Woods.

Let's start with the 2009 Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema. Did you enjoy it? No? That's because first public articulations of an Idyllwild Film fest only surfaced last March.

In the following nine months, Steve Savage, Chuck Huddleston and many others created and manufactured a wonderful and successful film fest. One that will only improve over time and with more resources.

Yeah, but suppose you're not interested in the big screen or winter activities, does that mean you have no outlet here? Well, the 2009 Lemon Lily Festival could have used more help and it's in July.

You're right, the first Lemon Lily Festival will be July 2010. We haven't had one yet. This event seems to have captured the imagination of many here already. Although my imagination tends more toward celebrating the fabulous fuschia flower or the mighty mauve medallion. Lemon Lily sounds like a used flora with poor petals.

But this beautiful and regal flower was chosen for one reason. It is historically native to the Hill. Similar to many native humans, this native flower has seen a dramatic decline in population as the human population of the Hill populates more area.

Whatever other reasons exist for honoring this yellow flower (remember the yellow-legged mountain frog, maybe there's gold under these hills), its historical focus is paramount.

Which brings me to another activity that needs volunteers, time, effort and money. The proposed Idyllwild Historic District was the subject of several hours' discussion last Thursday. More than 50 people filled historic Town Hall to envision a future for this village.

What could need more community spirit than something that affects all of us directly or indirectly? Pause a moment for full disclosure, the Idyllwild Town Crier building is currently incorporated within the proposed boundaries of the district.

This proposal has originated with Riverside County Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone. The county planning department, led by Jerry Jolliffe, has sustained the idea for nearly two years.

Now we town folks have to decide if we want to go forward with it. The decision is ours. Marshall describes some of the pros and cons in his article on page 1, but ultimately we must embrace it or reject it. The county cannot carry it for us; otherwise it will become a burden that no one wants to own.

But this is not a paid political ad for the district. Rather just a memory jog, to remind all of you who are still with me that no Historic District existed in 2008 or 2009 or before.

Think about our community spirit. In less than a year, we have created and built a film festival, a Lemon Lily fest, and maybe a historic district. When the Chamber couldn't seem to step up, the Business Roundtable filled the void.

Our "yellow" mountain hamlet might have the capability to plan and fund a new Community Center in 12 months. We're a vital, vibrant, vigorous vein of "lemon and buff" colored Mountain Lions!!!

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

The teachers' position

EDITOR:

HUSD has taken an unfortunate and misdirected approach in dealing with its employees this year. The relationship between district administration and teachers, which took several years to develop, has been destroyed in two short months.

Why has the district chosen such a destructive path? You may have read in the local papers that several surrounding districts have taken a similar approach. Many of these districts use the same law firm, so you may draw your own conclusions about where this strategy originated.

The strategy is to cut off the bargaining process early on by going to impasse and then laying off large numbers of teachers to force a settlement at the bargaining table. This tactic is nothing short of blackmail. They are using the current fiscal situation to "muscle" teachers.

While such distasteful tactics may be common in Los Angeles or Orange County, Hemet is unique. Most teachers live here in town [Hemet]. It is not uncommon for both spouses, and in many cases their children, to be employed as teachers. Dr. Pendley and the HUSD board have miscalculated the damage this strategy will cause and the hard feelings that may never go away.

Talking to board members, it has become clear that they not only hold different opinions of the situation, they appear to have been provided with different information by HUSD. To be clear, the Hemet Teachers Association (HTA) bargaining team submitted an initial proposal that included three furlough days and language on transfer and reassignment.

Holly Guntermann, our bargaining chair, made it clear to the district's team that HTA was willing to show movement, but also wanted to see movement from the district. Rather than negotiate, the district chose to declare impasse.

Vince Christakos, assistant superintendent of business services, stated

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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



during negotiations that the District could get through next year with five furlough days. Why then is the District requiring what they see as a long-term fix and demanding 6.5 percent [of salaries and benefits]? They have no crystal ball to tell them the future. As we have seen year after year, what the governor proposes in his January budget rarely looks like the final budget adopted by the California Legislature.

Let's get everyone back to work, get through next year, and deal with years two and three when we have facts, not conjecture. HTA wants to bargain in good faith, but does HUSD? It is time for the District and the HUSD board to return

to the bargaining table and to stop their power plays with the lives of their employees.

JERRY HALL
PRESIDENT
HEMET TEACHERS
ASSOCIATION

Editor's note: If you would like to ask Mr. Hall any questions, he can be reached at (951) 925-8263.

Difficult times for HUSD requires better leadership

EDITOR:
In difficult times, good leaders bring people together and lead them to victory, united and proud. In fact, the leaders we ad-

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TOWN TALK

BY JENNY KIRCHNER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

What's your opinion on the teacher salary cut versus layoffs?



Sean Lande
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"For quality teachers, you don't want to cut pay. If you do, you'll lose the good ones."

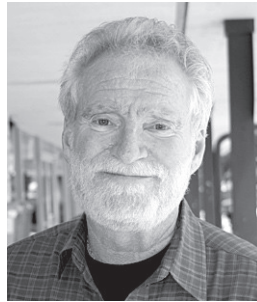


Diane Riggi
Occupational Therapy
Assistant
Idyllwild
"It sucks."



Janice Hope
Massage Therapist/
Transformational
Breath work
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"I think the most important position is a teacher in this world. To treat them with less respect by not making them a priority is a sad affair."



Chris Hadley
General Manager,
Sids Carpet Barn
Idyllwild

"The schools get tons of money, then the teachers' union gets involved and it becomes about politics. They mishandle the money, that's the problem."

Trivia test

Science: What would an entomologist study?

Answers: Insects



10 DIRECTIONS

BY SHIRLEY SCHAFF

Food ...

I have always had an intimate relationship with food. I mean more than chewing and swallowing. Many of life's lessons are demonstrated in the kitchen.

I was 9 years old when I baked my first cake. Standing on my little brother's bench that he used to reach the faucet to wash his hands, I could reach the tabletop, tools and ingredients.

Baking that cake was a rich learning experience. I learned that there was a good and positive payoff for following the rules. Experienced cooks developed and tested the recipe. I clearly didn't know what I was doing. But, I knew that experimentation could produce good results as long as I knew the rules and understood what I could expect using certain techniques and ingredients.

A very important lesson, possibly the most important part of cooking, is to organize the workspace and the food you are preparing. Work clean. Simply clean up as you go to avoid clutter, which interferes with the cooking process. "Mise-en-place," French for put in place, is included in many recipe instructions.

So, your kitchen, skills, and methods of preparation are organized. Do you want to be a better cook?

Culinary school isn't usually an option for a home cook. A home cook can learn technique by observation, reading and hands-on experience. For example, one can observe a video of the bread making process — a country loaf. The recipe is metric so we observe the chef weighing the flour. We might have read about how and why the weight of the flour can vary from day to day. Adjustments in the recipe may be necessary because of temperature, altitude, moisture, age of the flour and leavening.

Knead the dough and feel how active the yeast might be. Throw the dough down on the work surface several times to activate the gluten. Feel with your fingers and in your skin how the dough changes. Experience your effort in tandem with the dough. Be aggressive! Throw



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. For more information, call 1-800-777-0133 or online at www.dmv.ca.gov.

the dough down again harder! Examine the dough. How has it changed? Does it feel elastic? Does it have multiple bubbles on the surface?

Bread making is a joyful and creative experience. The dough is shaped and formed into a loaf of your choice. The more you learn about technique the more proficient you will become. However, there is always something more to learn.

You can learn to make any day a special occasion by planning a noteworthy meal. Preparing delicious, approachable and uncomplicated food for friends and family is such a pleasure and is received with anticipation and appreciation by invited guests.

The conviviality that is generated by sharing food, wine, conversation, discussions of issues and ideas, usually morphs into a good feeling for mankind and a sense of camaraderie that carries over into our work-a-day world. Eating a meal together is a powerful ritual. Cooking such a meal is an honor and a delight.



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IFPD settles accounts

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

During a special Saturday meeting, Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) commissioners wrapped up several old issues and laid the groundwork for the future.

The Zoll Medical equipment purchase and the payment of former Fire Chief Steve Kunkle's unused leave were dispatched. Moving forward, the commission selected new legal counsel and prepared to advertise for the chief's position and interview applicants for a new office assistant position.

Commissioner Paul Riggi presented the lease proposal from PNC Equipment Finance (PNC) regarding the Zoll equipment. The terms include 60 monthly payments of \$1,349 and a \$1 buyout at the end of the period. The commission approved the lease and its terms. The signed papers were returned to PNC this week. Zoll should ship the equipment shortly after payment from PNC.

The commission approved a full payment of \$26,593 to former Chief Kunkle. This is for 372 hours of annual leave and



IFPD commission (from left) Paul Riggi, Pete Capparelli, Jeannine Charles-Stigall, Ben Killingsworth and Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

888 hours of accumulated sick leave. Although his contract had language establishing a cap of 288 annual leave hours, IFPD's new counsel felt the wording was too ambiguous for the commission to take any other action and be confident of no legal repercussions.

Prior to this step, the commission selected Brad Neufeld of Gresham and Savage, a Riverside city law firm, as its new legal counsel. He will replace Douglas Walters of Walters & Caietti of San Diego.

The commission also approved a draft job description for a new chief. The salary range will be \$92,000 to \$96,000. It will include minimum qualifications as well as desirables such as a bachelor's degree in fire science and certification as

Roundtable

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youth who might otherwise fall out of the system and into nonproductive tracks.

IBRT attendees expressed enthusiasm about the program as a win for community youth. Several thought they might be able to use a summer intern. Brown thought that to employ ten youth this summer would be a huge success for the community and the program — in jobs with local businesses such as the newspaper, water companies, fire station, some retail/restaurant businesses and a downtown "Clean Team" that would help keep the downtown business district clean and friendly for tourists.

"I've seen kids transform in four months' time [as part of this program] from troublemaker to a person of value," he said. "The question for business owners is if they would be willing to invest the time to train and supervise these kids so that their summer experience would be a valuable one." Said IBRT attendee Bryan

a medic.

The new chief will be expected to be a resident of the fire district.

IFPD received 20 applications for its recently announced office assistant position. Commissioners Pete Capparelli and Ben



Bill Brown

PHOTO BY GRACE REED

Tallent, "This whole program would be improving our community."

The county will keep IBRT and the Crier informed of application procedures for local youth. Further information will be available on county website www.rivcowib.org, Riverside County Workforce Investment Board.

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

Killingsworth have reviewed them and were to meet with interim Fire Chief Mike Mulhall early this week to select those applicants to be interviewed.

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Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week (from left) are Ana Rincan and Justin Chrysler. Teacher Lenore Sazer-Krebbbers chose the students for being mature young adults who take responsibility for their learning, their actions and demonstrate their readiness for high school.

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Final two of seven in SD 37 race

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Editor's Note: In this issue we profile the remaining two of seven candidates running in the April 13 primary for the California Senate District 37 (SD 37) seat, Democrat Arthur Bravo Guerrero and American Independent Matt Monica.

Arthur Bravo Guerrero, the third Democrat

Calimesa resident and Army veteran Arthur Bravo Guerrero repeats a race he made two years ago. In that contest against John J. Benoit, Guerrero tallied 146,339 votes or 44.6 percent of votes cast.

Guerrero, who holds a masters of education degree in school counseling from

University of Redlands and works as a college counselor in Riverside, prioritizes education as a funding necessity. "I do not support layoffs or reduction of pay for teachers," said Guerrero. He might, to trim education budgets, streamline overlaps in state, county and local educational bureaucracies.

He also advocates protecting public safety agency budgets, but when pressed for details of where the money would come from to fund his various priorities, he did not offer details. He would remove drug-related crimes, unless violence is involved in the commission of a crime, from current three strikes sentencing. "I'd leave in the more serious crimes," he said. He'd

also put more public safety budget dollars toward rehabilitation of prisoners while incarcerated to ensure better quality of life upon release.

Guerrero advocates no tax increases, even selective ones, in order to raise state revenues.

He favors term limits but would increase term lengths to build legislator expertise. He advocates universal and affordable health care for all but offered no specifics on how to fund it.

Matt Monica, American Independent party candidate

Matt Monica, desert resident and Marine Corps veteran, worked for 33 years at the College of the Desert as a coordinator, counselor

and instructor. Currently retired, he is serving his 24th year on the Desert Sands Unified School District Board of Education. He previously ran for both a seat in Congress (1977) and in 1994 for Riverside County Fourth District Supervisor.

Faced with the current state budget crisis, Monica would privatize the state prison system in order to adequately fund education. Private prisons exist in a number of states but to date only Arizona is considering changing its entire prison system from public to private. Monica believes it could save \$5 billion, but could not offer supporting information to document that figure.

If elected, Monica would

rebate back to SD 37 half of his salary and earmark half for education in the district and half for Riverside county's economic recovery. He would work to cut legislator salaries, per diems, and reduce respective staffs by 50 percent.

He advocates taking tax breaks currently given to large state businesses and transferring them to small businesses and proposes to create state jobs by making payments to companies that hire new workers. Monica opposes term limits as an impediment to legislator job expertise. He supports bilingual education in public schools. He is a pro life and traditional marriage advocate and opposes granting domestic partnerships to gays.

"I advocate cutting wasteful spending and eliminating free rides for welfare recipients," he said. "There has to be a required work component [for welfare recipients]." California has temporarily, to save money, trimmed its employment assistance programs, in effect taking most of the work requirement out of receiving welfare, until July 1, 2011.

Monica does not support a federal or state health care bill. "We need to slow down and get the experts in the room [to debate the health care issue]," he said. "I think we can wait one more year [to resolve the issues]."

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

COUNTY CORNER

Editor's note: The "County corner" is a new addition to the Town Crier. We will post news from Riverside County's Administrative Center here. Occasionally other news relevant to Idyllwild and originating from county sources will appear here, too.

Supervisor Stone announces Third District Man and Woman of Year

Riverside County Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone will honor two district residents for their exemplary community service at the Board of Supervisors meeting on March 23 in Riverside. A proclamation at the board meeting will be given to the 2010 honorees:

Melissa Donaldson was chosen as the Woman of the Year. Donaldson runs a Temecula nonprofit that helps youth and families struggling with abuse and violence. The Safe Alternative for Everyone (SAFE) organization has expanded under her watch to offer youth programs, domestic violence assistance and gang intervention services.

Dr. Leslee Cochrane will receive the Man of the Year award. Cochrane is the medical director for the Ramona Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice in Hemet. Despite running the hospice's medical operations, Cochrane still finds time to provide home visits and specialized attention to many of his patients.

Pledge to submit Census form and enter a drawing for \$100

Riverside County is taking online pledges from residents who, by returning their census forms, help ensure an accurate count of the local population. Entries submitted by midnight on April 15 at www.rccensus.org will be eligible in

the drawing for the \$100 prize. One name will be selected at random and announced at the Board of Supervisors' April 20 meeting.

Paper entry forms also are available at the County Administrative Center 2nd Floor Permit Center Information Desk, 4080 Lemon St., Riverside, or at the Desert Permit Assistance Center, 38686 El Cerrito Road in Palm Desert. Paper forms are available Monday through Thursday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Paper forms also must be returned to the counters where they were made available before midnight on April 15.

Participants must be county residents and only one entry per household is allowed. Winners must provide valid identification to receive the award. The information provided will not be used for any purpose other than to conduct the drawing.

For more information, visit the county's Census Web page at www.rccensus.org.

Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack (CA-45) dedicated Palm Desert Post Office in honor of Roy Wilson

The U.S. Congress recognized Roy Wilson's lifetime of achievements and service to Riverside County with the passage of legislation that Bono Mack introduced to name the Palm Desert Post Office in his honor

"This is one small way we can pay tribute to Roy's lifetime of service that has made such a difference in the Coachella Valley," the congresswoman said.

Wilson represented the Fourth District of Riverside County for 15 years, following 17 years of service on the Palm Desert City Council.

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Letters

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mire most are not those who romp with us through the good times but, rather, those who guide us bravely through the dark times.

I was disappointed when I read Joe Wojick's article in last week's Crier. I am in no way connected with Hemet Unified School District (HUSD), so I speak as an outsider, but this article leaves me thinking that HUSD is in dire need of effective leadership.

Anyone who has followed the news recently knows that difficult times can bring out the worst in people — and bring out the best as well. Strong leadership makes all the difference. Where it is present, people work together to accomplish wonderful things. Where it is lacking, situations become chaotic and ugly.

I will not speculate on the intent of Wojick's article. I am certain, however, that it will divide rather than unite. In it, teacher is pitted against teacher (those losing jobs against those losing pay).

Teacher is pitted against union. That's a bit like pitting child against parent. (Hint: people don't generally like being pitted against those who are looking out for their best interests.)

Teachers are pitted against HUSD. They are blamed for threatening the district's very survival.

Community is pitted against teachers. The article clearly attempts to make teachers look bad, insinuating that they care about their wages but not about our children. Teachers, undoubtedly, care deeply about both.

HUSD's financial difficulties will pass and be forgotten, but ill will, mistrust and division will long linger.

Effective leadership always originates at the top. Effective leadership requires sacrifice. Effective leadership

requires authority. Effective leadership requires respect. Authority can be given; respect must always be earned. When authority and respect are both present, things generally fall into place — both for leaders and for those who follow.

I suggest HUSD leadership stop whining. It's not becoming; it doesn't earn respect. Stop blaming others (teachers, the recession, and "inaction by California's Legislature and governor"). Stop trying to divide and conquer. It never works in the long run. Stop making teachers sound unreasonable.

Start by making personal sacrifices significantly more painful than those you are asking of subordinates. Take responsibility, earn respect, unite those under you and lead! Now, that's what you were elected to do.

DAN PIETSCH
IDYLLWILD

One parent's perspective

EDITOR:

Our family has had children in the Hemet Unified School District since 1998. There have been many wonderful and talented teachers and staff influencing and helping our children to learn. For this reason, the current financial strain placed on our district concerns me greatly.

The prospect of a reduction in pay is frustrating and stressful for anyone. Becoming unemployed during this current economy is more than frustrating, it is downright frightening.

While I do not like the former, it seems to be the prudent alternative to the latter. Asking a teacher to accept a pay cut seems unreasonable considering their great contribution. Telling teachers they are no longer

needed, from my perspective, is asking too much. Especially telling teachers who I know make a difference in my children's lives.

The Hemet Teachers Association (HTA) has a choice to make. I hope the HTA considers heavily the consequence to ALL of the teachers, staff, children and families affected by this financial downturn.

LESLIE SCHELLY
IDYLLWILD

Idyllwild Fire Department — near and dear to my heart

EDITOR:

The very thought of a forest fire is absolutely blood curdling. A crucial line of defense, the Idyllwild Fire Department (IFD) is adrift. Without good leadership, it will flounder. Does the interim fire chief's assessment, merit adequate attention to the district's number one priority — fire protection?

After all, medical aids and public services do generate a majority of the incidents and responses by the agency. Isn't a fire of primary concern to every single family living in this mountain community?

Fire protection is the very reason you'll find a special assessment fee on your Riverside County Property Tax bill, every year since 1979! Look and you'll discover the allocation of funds for "Idyllwild Fire Protection." Without it, IFD would've dissolved decades ago.

In 1978, IFD was in jeopardy after the passage of Proposition 13, the Jarvis Gann Initiative. The resourceful and visionary former fire chief, David E. Hunt Jr. (Bike Route Bud) brainstormed a successful plan to assure the department's continued survival.

Initially, Hunt polled property owners to determine if they valued and regarded the fire department

services highly enough to foot the bill. They did.

Overwhelmingly and by voter approval, residents accepted and levied a self-imposed "ad-valorem" tax based on land and structure assessment values. This became the foundation for revenue funding the Idyllwild Fire Protection District.

Whether or not Zoll Medical equipment and new radios are more vital than training and sustaining manpower is debatable. The volunteer paid-call firefighters provide a crucial link in fire protection and often times are recruited for the regular career slots. Why haven't they received the training that requires certification to mitigate liability?

The challenge that exists is in the ability to strike a chord of harmony between career and volunteer firemen. Allowing continued erosion of Idyllwild's paid-call fire department is shortsighted and foolhardy, in my opinion.

Understandably, interim Fire Chief Mulhall errs on the side of caution. "Shift happens" and we live in a litigious society.

Even career firefighters with good equipment perish. Dispatching members of the volunteer paid-call fire department out into the field lacking proper training and equipment is sheer negligence. The responsibility for their safety lands squarely in the court of the fire chief and ultimately Idyllwild's Board of Fire Commissioners.

When properly trained, volunteer paid-call fire personnel effectively enhance manpower. Their commitment and dedication is indispensable. They augment resources and re-double the efforts of career firefighters. Their contributions are critical for fire suppression in Idyllwild.

When there's a wildfire — "It Takes a Village." So, why not continue to tap into Idyllwild's richest resource

— the pride and passion of residents committed to this form of volunteerism? Why not actively recruit, train, certify and equip this contingency?

After all, Idyllwild is not recession-proof or immune from pink slips and furlough days. Where else can you get more bang for the buck than with paid-call fire volunteers? And, bet your boots — "Experience that Counts!"

SHARON RAE GAGE
CARVALHO
HEMET/IDYLLWILD

IFPD can seek help for training

EDITOR:

Now that IFPD admits to fielding unqualified and decertified crews and equipment threatening our health and safety, hard decisions must be made.

To certify and recommitment crews and equipment is a costly proposition, with associated certification maintenance costs.

We were sold a bill of goods why the district operated so cheaply. The IFPD commission must get a grip on what actual service costs are. They can't do this alone.

Given the bridges they've burned so far with the county and state they must approach Riverside County Emergency Medical Services

Administration, Riverside County Fire Department, and CalFire for assistance. They have the certification and training resources we need.

To go it alone again and thumb our noses at the county and state is dangerous to this town and may, in fact, lead to the collapse of this department.

JEFF SMITH
PINE COVE

IFPD correcting the past and will keep PCFs

DEAR EDITOR:

As the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Board of Commissioners' current president, I would like to clear some concerns, which I have heard. I may have the title for now but the following opinions are my own.

First, I am honored to be part of this time of renewal at IFPD. The board members are making strides in resolving many longstanding issues and it is through our mutual respect for each other that we have been able to move forward faster than any previous board.

IFPD is in a time of flux. The previous chief walked away from the department without notice. Previous boards' lack of management allowed

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Executive Director's Message

The year of the Idyllwild HELP Center's Child:

The Idyllwild HELP Center is calling this the Year of the Idyllwild Child. It was kicked off by Mark Connors' concert to assist our children and the HELP Center will continue it. We will be starting two new fundraising programs: Help Feed our Children and Back to School Supplies. While our client's children are in school, they receive reduced or free meals, but when school is out for the summer, they suffer because of the difficult times trying to add breakfasts and lunches to their parents already stretched food budgets. To help these children, the HELP Center will be starting the Children's Food Drive the first of May. Then in July, we will start the Back to School Supplies program. Every child needs new school supplies or a new back pack to help start school off right, and the HELP Center's children especially need help getting them.

Please look for more information later on these two important events.

Here at the Help Center we are dealing with

increases in the number of clients. When Colleen and I first started in 2007, our unduplicated number of clients was at 147. Today, that number has climbed to more than 600. Not only have the numbers changed but also the faces of our clients. Today, we are seeing more unemployed one- and two-parent families, seniors on fixed incomes, and grandparents raising grandchildren. All of our clients are income qualified, and all live within the Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Mountain Center areas. They are our neighbors, our friends, people we pass every day and smile at. Please help us help them. The next time you are at the grocery store, please pick up extra cans of food, boxes of cereal, clothes soap, toilet paper, sugar, dog or cat food, or drop a check by the HELP Center. If we all work and stand together, we can get through these difficult times. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Karen Patterson
Executive Director
Idyllwild HELP Center

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First-time homebuyer credit

Few new tax laws have received more attention than the first-time homebuyer credit. With the passage of a second homebuyer credit law in late 2009, you don't even need to be a first-time homebuyer to receive a new reduced credit. I will refer to the Old Law applying to purchases between Jan. 1, 2009 and Nov. 6, 2009 and the New Law applying to purchases from Nov. 7, 2009 to April 30, 2010.

If a binding contract is signed before May 1, 2010 and the closing is before July 1, 2010, you can still obtain

the credits and claim them on your 2009 tax return if you choose.

First-time homebuyers are defined as purchasers who have not owned a home in the last three years. They may claim a credit of 10 percent of the purchase price up to \$8,000 (\$4,000 married filing separately). With the New Law, existing homeowners can claim a credit if they have owned a home for five consecutive years out of the past eight and are buying a new one. The credit is 10 percent of the purchase price up to \$6,500 (or \$3,250 mar-

ried filing separately).

The ability to take the credit phases out as your adjusted gross income rises from \$225,000 to \$245,000 married filing joint (MFJ) and \$125,000 to \$145,000 for all others.

Purchases before Dec. 1, 2009 under the Old Law could be claimed on the 2008 return using an amended re-

TAX TIPS

By STEPHEN T. PEPLER, EA, CFP



turn if necessary.

The credit is subject to repayment if you don't keep the house as your principal residence for 36 months. You are excused from repayment if you divorce, die (not recommended) or the house is a casualty loss. Those who received the \$7,500, 2008 tax credit, will need to repay the credit over 15 years starting in 2010.

For married co-owners, both must be first-time homebuyers to receive the credit. If co-owners are unmarried the credit may be allocated between them by any reasonable method, even up to 100 percent to one co-owner (e.g. if one co-owner is making all the payments).

The purchaser must be at least 18 years old (unless married to someone older than 18 years).

The new law stipulates a maximum purchase price of \$800,000.

The tax return should be filed by paper with a copy of the HUD-1 closing statement to verify the purchase.


California also had a credit, which ended on July 13, 2009, with very different rules. A taxpayer has the choice of claiming either of the credits but not both. The state credit applies only to brand new homes that are purchased (not constructed) and equals 5 percent of the purchase price up to \$10,000. The credit is spread over three year's tax returns and is not refundable.

The complexity of the laws precludes listing all requirements and conditions of these two tax laws. You will want to discuss them in detail with your preparer before proceeding with a purchase.


Power outage planned

A twice postponed Southern California Edison (SCE) planned outage for the Cedar Glen area of Idyllwild will take place on Thursday, March 25, 2010 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Should SCE need to again postpone the outage, for reasons of wind or weather, residents in the area will be notified by telephone.

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Historic

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As indicated by audience questions, the issue for property owners within the proposed district is the balance between benefits the classification could confer on their property and the town versus regulation that district classification imposes.

Historic district classification — which would make Idyllwild the only county historic district — is known to attract “heritage tourists,” a category of tourists interested in history who are generally more affluent and who spend more and stay longer than the average tourist, according to tourism data.

For the individual businesses or homeowners in a historic district, most national studies conducted over the past 30 years show a strong correlation between higher in-district property values than neighboring properties outside the district. This is particularly true when districts have “local” or county classification of the type being considered for Idyllwild, with design review boards. Real estate in historic districts tends to appreciate at rates 5 to 50 percent greater than for nondesignated properties.

Then there are tax benefits, local, state and federal. Meeting organizers provided a handout, “Mills Act Property Tax Abatement Program,” that discusses one form of tax benefit in which property owners contract for a term of years (10 is typical) with a local government entity, in this case the county, for significant property tax abatements in exchange for an agreement to reinvest those abatements into property maintenance, improvements and rehabilitation over the contract term.

The next step in Idyllwild district classification is for the Planning Department and county counsel to complete a draft of a new county historic district ordinance, scheduled to be completed in early May in time for a Planning Department workshop.

Both Lauritzen and County Historic Preservation Officer Keith Herron emphasized that a majority of property owners within the district could scuttle district classification. If 50



Marge Muir, local Realtor and longtime resident, makes her point about the use of the center of town during the meeting about the possible historic district designation.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

percent plus one of owners voice objection to the ordinance, the county supervisors would cease adoption procedures and be precluded from revisiting the issue for one year.

Without those objections, lodged during public hearings before the Board of Supervisors, the board would move to adopt the ordinance. Subsequent to that adoption, the board would appoint a five-person local design review board, with at least one member who is knowledgeable in architectural and construction



Riverside County officials (from left) **Leslie Mouriquand**, county archaeologist, **Jerry Jolliffe**, deputy planning director, and **Keith Herron**, county preservation officer.

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techniques. The local board would be required to hold regular public meetings and establish rules and guidelines necessary to inform the public and conduct business. If a district is created, new construction or alterations to existing structures would require application to the local review board, issuance of a “certificate of appropriateness,” and approval by county planning.

Jolliffe proposed another Town Hall meeting at the end of April or early May to review the draft ordinance. Jolliffe also suggested that residents forward to his office any suggestions for additional properties to be included in the district that have been left out of the current corridor. Contact Jolliffe at jjolliff@rctlma.org

or (951) 955-2234. Maps of the proposed corridor are available at the Town Crier office and on the planning department Web site www.rctlma.org/planning. Jolliffe will post links on the planning Web site to supporting materials provided at the meeting.

“The [draft] ordinance will include a lot of the concerns that were expressed here tonight, such as a community approach to parking,” said Herron. “This won’t work unless you want it,” said Herron. “This [historic district] presents an opportunity to come together with a consensus. Use this vehicle as an opportunity to advance community goals.”

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



Verne Lauritzen, chief of staff for Third District Supervisor **Jeff Stone**, speaks during last Thursday’s meeting on the historic resource survey.

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On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment



Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Wednesday, 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.
ICRC Book Club: Discussion of "Three Cups of Tea," 7 p.m.

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

Faultline Folk Music with Harry Joe Reynolds, Kathleen Johnson & Don Reed, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
"Green Zone," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, March 27
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; **Willy B. & Alex Watson,** 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.

Billiards Fund-raiser, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (Sign-ups @ 10 a.m.), American Legion Post 800.
The Chakra Shack Grand Opening & SWAN Day Celebration, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The Chakra Shack (next to Café Aroma).

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
"Green Zone," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m.

The Rustic Theatre.
Sandii Castleberry & Paul Carman, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
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Idyllwild Master Chorale Annual Spring Concert, "Requiem," 7:30 p.m. Queen of Angels, Catholic Church.

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.
"Green Zone," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Monday, March 29
Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Sandii Castleberry & Paul Carman, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Green Zone," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, March 30
Jazz Night: Paul Carman, Marshall Hawkins & Barnaby Finch, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Green Zone," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, March 31
AWANA for ages 3 to fifth graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church.
"Green Zone," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, April 1
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.

Artist's Reception and Exhibit: Trish Tuley and Dore Capitani, 3 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Green Zone," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, April 2
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Live music, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Cafe.

Saturday, April 3
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; **Desert Rose,** 1-3 p.m. Café

Aroma.
18th-annual Idyllwild Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. Idyllwild Community Center site.

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

Taco Night with Karoke, 5:30 p.m. American Legion Post 800

Sandii Castleberry & Paul Carman, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Live music, 6-8 p.m. Mile High Cafe.

Sunday, April 4
Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; Café Aroma.

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

Children's Egg Hunt & Easter Party, 1-3 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Monday, April 5
Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Straight Jackets, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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

Strange but true

If you were asked to name the northernmost of the United States, I'm sure you'd have no trouble naming Alaska. And you probably also know that Alaska is the westernmost state of the union. You might be surprised, however, to learn that Alaska is also the *easternmost* state. Yep. The Aleutian Island chain crosses the International Dateline, placing a few of the islands in the Far East.



Idyllwild ARTS EVENTS

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TUESDAY, APRIL 13
Senior Recital: Linda, piano, Martin, violin. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

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Local volunteers in Haiti

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Rather than send a check for Haiti earthquake relief, Idyllwild local Susan Swanson went instead. A little more than a month after the Jan. 12 devastating quake, Swanson, joined friends Jane and Ron Brookshire and Pat Stanbery on a volunteer mission to pitch in and do whatever they could to help.

"Well-meaning friends tried to talk us out of going, fearful of more quakes and disease," she recounted. But on Feb. 16, Swanson and others touched down in Cap Haitien on Haiti's northern coast about 81 miles from Port au Prince and the earthquake's epicenter.

Before last month, Swanson had made three previous trips to Haiti with

the purpose of assisting sponsored Haitian children. But this trip presented the most logistical and personal challenges because of the quake conditions. Swanson has no medical training, but found that volunteers were in short supply and desperately needed in field hospitals throughout the still shaking countryside.

"I worked with American doctors in Cap Haitien," she said. "Supplies were short. We did not even have paper towels to wipe up blood. I also did crowd control, anything to help." Swanson found the dedication of the American medical teams inspirational. "I'll never forget having the opportunity to assist American medical teams doing such amazing work — that and visiting our sponsored children in Maissaide. Those were my



A photo of a collapsed building in Haiti following the Jan. 12 earthquake taken during local Susan Swanson's volunteer mission to Cap Haitien, Haiti.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SUSAN SWANSON

indelible memories."

On a trip south to Port au Prince, Swanson saw increasing devastation and calamity. Smiles and waves from roadside Haitians hap-

py to see Americans were gradually replaced by faces numb with grief. "The Haitian faces, usually smiling, were now masks of shock," she remembered. "Most

held a faraway glazed look. Two dimensional pictures cannot show the heartbreak and scope of the devastation."

Swanson and her comrades spent two weeks on the island. "Haiti won't be rebuilt in my lifetime," Swanson noted sadly. "The ones who will rebuild it are the Haitian-Americans, such as the team of 22 Haitian-American nurses I met who were excited to be going back to help their people. They have the American know-how and the love of country and culture. Plus they speak the language [French and Creole]."

Asked what she'd recommend to people who want to help, Swanson said, "Volunteer and go. Don't just send a check. The four of us were semi-retired grandparents who took a step of faith and

touched many lives. If you can't do that, sponsor a child through our organization or some other. The need is huge since so many children have been orphaned.

"When I go back [possibly in May] I'll be taking a suitcase full of shoes, tennis balls, Frisbees. These kids had no shoes."

Looking back over her birthday present to herself (she left four days before her birthday) Swanson said, "I'm just hoping people don't forget Haiti."

Converge Worldwide can be accessed online at www.scene3.org. For information about volunteering and how to prepare, contact Crisis Consulting International, www.cricon.org, info@cricon.org.

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Strange but true

The Japanese ruling family is the oldest continuing hereditary monarchy in the world. The current emperor, Akihito, is the 125th holder of the title. Interestingly, he's also a marine biologist and has published papers on ichthyology in both English and Japanese scholarly journals.



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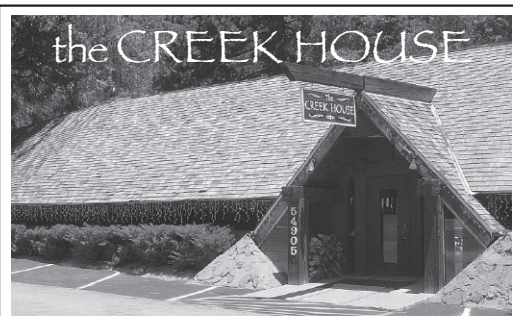
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Community Center revised building plans

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

At the Thursday, March 11 meeting of the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC), Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) architectural advisor Robert Prierer discussed a modular approach to construction at the ICC site. Building the entire \$6 million plus facility at this time is difficult because the current state of

the economy makes large-scale fund-raising difficult. The modular approach, building components of the larger plan one step at a time, is what Prierer is recommending and the ICRC board is considering.

An exercise station and walk course is currently being installed. The next planned phase, part of the overall plan, will be installation of a children's playground, ground surfacing

and picnic tables. Budgeted at \$50,000 or under, the playground will be state-of-the-art. The ICRC board is considering two companies that design and install playground equipment. They are also looking at options for "community installation," which would reduce the overall price. The Rotary Club of Idyllwild is helping to install the par course. "Community installation" would require a similar

volunteer effort.

The next phase would be construction of two classrooms, approximately 1,600 square feet of interior space, and two bathrooms. Preliminary budget for the building would be in the \$250,000 range with additional money budgeted for creating a finished parking lot, obtaining the necessary permits and setting aside money for bathroom maintenance.

Prierer suggested putting together a "Friends of the Idyllwild Community Center" to raise money for the revised two construction phases — phase 1, the playground, and phase 2, the classrooms and bathrooms. ICRC Chair Chris

Singer said that Director John Simpson has redone an executive summary incorporating the new phase plans that can be presented to potential donors.

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Ghosts find home

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Ghosts and ghouls facing eviction from their previous haunted habitat, have a new home at the Idyllwild Community Center (ICC), according to Halloween Haunted Ghost Town Director Kathy Sacher Wil-

son. The Idyllwild School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) event will take up residence for about 11 weeks beginning in late August or early September, with four weeks of construction, five for the event itself, and two for breakdown.

Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC)

Chair Chris Singer confirmed board approval for the event. ICRC Director Dawn Sonnier, also a PTA member, will be board contact and liaison for Wilson. ICRC Director Vic Sirkin will be board contact for all things technical.

Said Singer, "We are all looking forward to supporting your efforts to bring

this fun event to the community, especially because it is so 'teen oriented.'"

In our last edition we reported in error the name of the sponsoring nonprofit. The Idyllwild School PTA sponsors the event. We regret the error.

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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. The enrollment window is from March 15 through April 23. Applications are available at the school's main office, the SAFE site facilitator at each site and at the district office. 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.

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A wise man once told me our main job in this life is encouraging one another. Here on the "Hill" I notice a lot of that — especially around the post office at noon. Locals are smiling and hugging and lifting one another with compliments. I didn't realize how



this rubs off on even an old geek like me. Penny and I have been a week camping out in Hemet — surrounded by Canadian Snowbirds. Everyone we meet wants to replay the Winter Olympics hockey game (the Canadians beat the US team for the Gold). Normally I would have responded with anger and profanity — but no. With Hill influence I just



laugh and hug and encourage them to do better at the other events. See, the wise man was right — UP is better than DOWN. That wise man was my Mother. For more of Mom's wisdom, read my book WESTWIND WHISPERS at B's Mountain of Books.

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Bryan Tallent, Doug Yagaloff and Shelley Kibbey at the weekly Lemon Lily Festival planning meeting at the Nature Center. The Lemon Lily Festival will be held July 16-18.

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Local Color, a harmonizing choir of the Hill's talents, sang at Spirit Mountain Retreat last Sunday for the Spring Blossoming and Blessings event. Meditations were read between songs, and refreshments were served. The event welcomed the first day of spring.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Performance artist Ken Young played the role of Rembrandt at an event sponsored by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library on March 16 at the Community Presbyterian Church. Young has been performing historical figures for many years, at events, benefits and parties.

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Coach Jim Lillie (left) and Campus Supervisor Mike Franich at Palos Verdes Peninsula High School prior to being called to the principal's office for reading the Town Crier. Palos Verdes High School is in Rolling Hills Estates, west of Long Beach.

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The Idyllwild Arts Academy held its annual Spring Dance Concert March 17 through 19 at the IAF Theatre on campus. The 26 dance majors, who had been preparing for this event since January, performed to a packed house.

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Josh Leih, Hemet High School sophomore, serves for a point during the Junior Varsity tournament last Saturday. Hemet finished second, losing to Yucaipa.

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Chad Schelly (5) leads an Idyllwild School fast break during last week's 27 to 17 victory over Community Christian. Chad's teammates (from the left) are **Torrin Williams**, **Justin Chrysler** (2) and **Edgar Santiago**.



Mitchell Biley, Hemet High School freshman, bumps a shot during last Saturday's Junior Varsity tournament. Hemet swept its way into the finals, but was upset 2 to 1 by the Yucaipa JV's.



Jayden Emerson-Priever takes a corner jump shot and teammate **Liam Patton** (no. 1) calls for a pass. Idyllwild School easily defeated Community Christian 27 to 17. In background are **Jackson Logan** (left), resting on bench, and coach **Brennen Priever** and Idyllwild School Principal **Matt Kraemer** controlling the scoreboard.




Karrie Spehar scores another basket in the Idyllwild School girls' victory over Community Christian school. Karrie's teammates are **Cammi Mason Chapman** (center) and **Kaylee Dravenstatt** (in background).





Rachael Polk (10) drives to the basket for a score during the Idyllwild School girls' basketball game against Christian Community School last Wednesday. In the background is Rachael's teammate, **Cammi Mason Chapman** (12). Idyllwild won 26 to 4.

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Idyllwild Water recycling grant imminent

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District (IWD) board of directors heard positive comments from its consultant and general manager about the agency's proposed water recycling facility.

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is about to award IWD a \$35,000 planning grant, that the district will match, to prepare reports evaluating the benefits and alternatives of constructing a recycling plant. This work would begin once funding is received.

Although state officials seem to expect the planning phase to take a year or more, both Terry Lyons,

IWD general manager, and Anuj Saha, the consultant, believe the analysis can be completed in much less time.

"We need to understand what he wants," Lyons told the board.

As planning and analysis proceed, the DWR expects the district to involve both the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Board and the California Department of Public Health.

Once the planning work is completed, reviewed and approved, IWD intends to seek grant money to construct the facility. President Allan Morphet stressed that the search for construction funds needs to begin before final approval of the planning phase so that the

gap between planning and beginning construction is minimal.

In other business, Lyons announced he has contracted with Cost Control Associates to review IWD's electric bills. The company reviews utility bills searching for billing errors. If no savings are found, the review will not cost IWD any money; otherwise, the company will earn 35 percent of actual reductions or savings.

Test wells 17 and 18 will soon receive approval from the county Environmental Health Department. Lyons said he expects drilling to begin this week.

Lyons also discussed his plans to flush the system in the coming weeks. The last

major flushing was nearly five years ago, he said. Drought conditions discourage the use of water for this purpose unless necessary.

The work will be mostly in the late evenings and early morning hours. He also alerted the board that iron and manganese in the water may produce a brown color but it is not harmful.

In water news, Lyons reported that Foster Lake is full and well levels are rising. "The creek is flowing well and filled up the lake quickly," he said. "There was some overflow and we shut down the transfer."

Foster Lake's water level rose 10 feet in a month to reach its full level of 18 feet. A year ago, the lake was 13

feet deep. The wells near Foster Lake also confirmed the massive volume of water flowing through the area. The ground water level of IWD's lake wells rose eight feet in February.

The district's other ground water levels are about the same as last month and a year ago.

In February, IWD water production fell again compared to 2009 production. In the first two months, total water production was 10.1 million gallons, nearly 3 million (23 percent) less than the first two months of 2009. The lower water use appeared in the district's revenues, according to Auditor and Controller Jim Ludy.

He reported February water revenues were be-

low expected levels. The residential use was nearly 70 percent less than budget and commercial accounts about 28 percent less. But both are above targets for the first eight months of the fiscal year.

Conservation is contributing to the customers' diminished use, according to Morphet. For example, in the first eight months of 2008-09, IWD issued 17 rebates for clothes washers and 39 for low-flush toilets. During the same period this fiscal year, IWD has issued 24 washer and 45 toilet rebates. The total number of water-efficient appliances installed in district homes is even higher.

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Fern Valley wells are strong

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

In a brief and effective meeting Friday, March 19, Steve Erler, general manager of the Fern Valley Water District (FVWD) reported the district's water resources were responding well to the winter's precipitation. In addition, the recent leak detection program had successfully discovered a significant underground leak near Saunders Meadows.

"Well levels are one to four feet higher than the same time last year," Erler reported to the Board. The Office Well, which is the district's monitoring well,

rose 11 inches this month and is a foot above last year's readings, according to Erler.

The district's comprehensive leak survey detected several sources that have been repaired. The largest was near AstroCamp, but the leaking water seeped deeper into the ground rather than rising to the surface. Without the detection equipment, it would have continued leaking.

"We found several non-registering customer meters at very low flows, fire hydrants leaking and five leaks on the above-ground high pressure pipeline feeding tank no. 2, in addition

to the large nonsurfacing leak on Saunders Meadows Drive," he told the board.

This leak and the others contributed to FVWD's unaccounted-for water volume of 24 percent in March compared to the 16 percent average for 12 months.

Well water provided 9 percent of FVWD's total production in January and February. Total production fell 28 percent from 2009. Last year during January and February, the district produced 5.6 million gallons compared to 4.1 million gallons this year.

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New Lake Hemet Web site

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

At its Thursday, March 18 meeting, the Lake Hemet Municipal Water District (LHMWD) previewed its new campground Web site, www.lakehemet.org.

A key feature of the new site is the ability, under "Map," to view each camp area, proximity to the lake, and specific campsite numbers.

Under "Activities," are links to area-wide activities for campers. The site is soliciting links so that campers have a diverse range of activities to consider and pursue.

The updated site is designed to improve the process of making reservations and draw more visitors to the campground.

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Strange but true

Before horror author Stephen King became famous for novels such as "Carrie," "The Stand" and "The Shining," he wrote four novels and 60 short stories that failed to be accepted for publication.

Trivia test

Movies: Who played the lead roles in "The Silence of the Lambs"?

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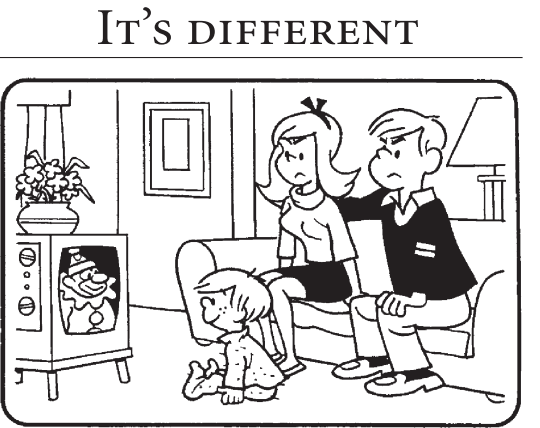
Pine Cove, trailer/cabin, furnished. \$15,000. Call 760-327-4075.

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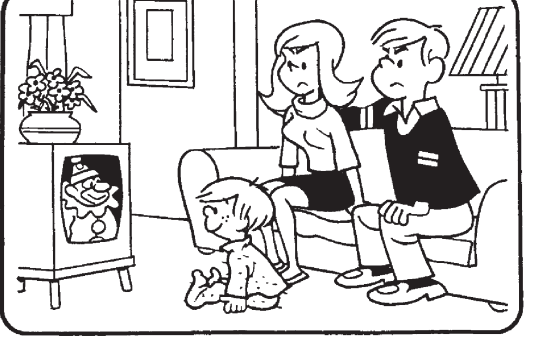
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is missing. 2. Both sleeves have stripes. 3. Lampshade is different. 4. TV knobs are missing. 5. Picture has been moved. 6. Plant has more flowers.

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Yard Sale

Mark your calendars. Saturday, April 3, huge yard sale at The Purple Scooter in Mtn. Center. Call for preview, 663-5618.

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HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA! Graduate in 4 weeks! FREE Brochure. Call Now! 1-866-562-3650 ext. 60 www.South-EasternHS.com (Cal-SCAN)

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Answers to Sudoku
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Answers to Crossword
(Puzzle on next page)

Classifieds

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Autos Wanted

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

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Mobile Homes

Park model, 1992 Aljo, 1 BR, 1 BA, W/D, turn key, new carpet & water heater, great condition, 8x40, \$17,000 OBO. 760-775-9147.

FOR SALE: 2006 28' Airstream International, sleeps 5, air, heat, extras. Excellent condition. Great space at Royal Pines w/deck or move anywhere. \$39,000 OBO. Call Rick @ 951-663-5618.

For Rent or Lease

Fern Valley 4 BR, 3 BA, 2-car garage & shed. Big lot. Appliances. 25260 Tahquitz. Pets OK. \$1500/mo. 760-578-5226.

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

For Rent or Lease

RIGHT IN TOWN

Cute studio apartment. Full bath and full kitchen. Stackable washer/dryer. Nice balcony on second level. No pets, please. Special Ballard pricing. **\$695/mo.** includes water and sewer.

WALK TO TOWN

Ground floor unit. 2 bdrms., 1 full bath. Complete remodel in 2008. Full kitchen w/stacked washer/dryer. Special Ballard pricing!! Incl. water & sewer. No pets. 1 year lease. \$850/mo.

Call Shane Stewart for showing:
951-659-9505

Cedar Glen single-level.

Move-in ready spacious 2-bedroom, 2-bath home with cathedral ceilings and dramatic floor-to-ceiling windows. Wraparound deck off living room and both bedrooms. Forced air heat and wood burning insert.

Appliances included; furnished if desired. Pets okay with deposit. \$1100/mo. Jay 858-335-4105.

Tri-level view Pine Cove home. 3 BR + den, 2 BA, W/D hookups, decks, skylights. No smoking/pets \$1225/mo. 760-904-5780.

For Rent or Lease

Fully furnished, or ? spacious 2 BR, 1-1/2 BA, washer/dryer, fridge, wood stove, paved cul-de-sac off Franklin. Great home! \$800-\$900/mo. Dan 760-458-6509.

3 BR, 2 BA + office or 4th BR, wood burning FP, appliances, W/D, close to school. \$1,000/mo. Move-in special. Lease option avail. 310-709-2311.

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For Rent or Lease

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Idyllwild, 3 BR, 2 BA, propane heat, wood burning, airtight FP, sunny, W/D hookups, lg. yard, \$1100/mo. 951-659-3241 or 760-340-1270.

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

On Strawberry Creek, charming 2 BR, 1 BA, airtight wood burning stove, W/D hookups, storage shed. No smoking. \$925/mo. 310-821-8232.

Large 2 BR, 1 BA apartment, Indry. facility, close to town. No pets/smoking. \$825/mo + sec. dep. 951-659-5424.

2-level house: 3 BR, 2 BA, furnace, FP, paved road, deck. No pets/drugs/smoking. Sec. dep & credit check \$895/mo. 951-925-1965.

For Rent or Lease

Prime views in Fern Valley, 24676 Forest Dr., 2 BR + den + craft/office, 2 BA, FA, lg. eat-in kitchen, W/D hookups, 2-car garage, \$1100/mo. Owner onsite 3/26-4/1. Call 951-659-0734 or 503-892-4576.

Pine Cove, newly remodeled 1 BR, 1 BA, \$575/mo. No smoking. Call 760-831-8008.

2 BR, 2 BA cabin. New wood stove, propane heat, sunny deck. Pine Cove. \$945/mo. 951-659-5385.

Log hm. built in 1990, 2 BR, 1 BA + loft, fully furnished, central heating, FP, dual pane windows, W/D hookups, spa tub, front deck, quiet neighborhood, level maintained street, close to town. No pets/smoking. Sec. dep. & credit check. \$895/mo. Chris 909-948-2982, cell 909-912-2862.

For Rent or Lease

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might be upset about having to deal with problems that are no fault of your own. But you can turn the annoyance into an asset by showing how quickly and how well you can resolve them.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bovine's fondness for tidiness pays off when you untangle a situation that seems hopelessly snarled. You might later be surprised to learn who will be expressing his or her gratitude.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you can tackle your assignment the way you prefer, it might be a good idea to at least ask for suggestions. Who knows? One or two might even turn out to be helpful.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Make all the changes in your plans or proposals that you feel are necessary before — repeat, before — you submit them to your colleagues. You'll come off looking more decisive that way.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You might feel a mite intimidated in a new environment, be it a job, a classroom or meeting the future in-laws. But enter with a big smile, and everyone will see you as a real take-charge Cat.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This could be a romantic time for you if you can set aside your cynicism and let yourself believe that someone really cares. If you're already in a relationship, expect your partner to be extra-loving.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to shed any doubts about your abilities.

You've proved yourself in the past, so why not accept that you'll do just as well, or better, in dealing with the new challenge ahead?

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your suspicions might be on the mark, but unless you can prove what you assume, you need to exercise that Scorpion discretion and let events unfold without your assistance.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Be careful not to go over the top this week. Avoid overeating (especially of the wrong foods), or drinking too much, or working too hard. You can do it all, but in moderation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A family matter is given to you to resolve because you have the gift for bringing quarrelsome kinfolk together. But while you're playing Dr. Phil, don't neglect your career obligations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone of importance shares your goals but disagrees with your plan to achieve them. Never mind. Defending your methods with logic and facts earns you admiration and respect.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Consider getting away, perhaps for the weekend, despite all the demands made on your time and energies. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle it all with your usual finesse.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a sense of honesty that makes people believe and trust in you.

CROSSWORD

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1 Mid-month date
5 Get on
8 Tranquil
12 Ships' warning noises
14 Solo by Sills
15 Time saver
16 Encounter
17 "Monty Python" opener
18 Type of monkey
20 String quartet member
23 Acerbic
24 - nitrate
25 Beauty contest, e.g.
28 Play on words
29 Wise ones
30 Dine
32 Frosty, for one
34 Long skirt
35 Knocks
36 Goosebump-inducing
37 Distance
40 Pismire
41 Neighbor-hood
42 Classical music lover
47 Carriage
48 Usual
49 Hotel
23 Acerbic
24 - nitrate
25 Beauty contest, e.g.

DOWN
1 Conditions
2 Homer's interjection
3 Id counterpart
4 Piercing
5 Curved lines
6 Wildebeest
7 Female hormone
8 Paparazzi's need
9 War god
10 Stead
11 Gymnasts' surfaces
13 "Beetle Bailey" dog
19 Colors
20 Upper limit
21 Ostriches' kin
22 Singer Loretta
23 Long stories
25 Brochure
26 Approach
27 Cab
29 Bat a gnat
31 Dead heat
33 Transplanted body parts
34 Kind of alcohol
36 MIT grad, maybe
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46 Reuben bread

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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
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 17, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-

MENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 17, 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).
CERTIFICATION
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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.
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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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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
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 26, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 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).
CERTIFICATION
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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-2010-02287
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MARCH 3, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MARCH 3, 2015. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT

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CERTIFICATION
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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.
NOTICE 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. 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 ASTROSNAKS 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
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MARCH 3, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MARCH 3, 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).
CERTIFICATION
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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.
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 CONGANNON, 745 Montauk Hwy, Oakdale, NY 11769; MICHELL BROWN, 6012 E Redfield Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85254; BRENDA LITTLETON, 44055 Barbara Trail, Agungua, 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: M. Llaneras, Deputy
Pub. TC: March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2010.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on January 10, 2010.
Signed: CHRISTOPHER LEIGH ROCKWELL
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 16, 2010.
FILE NO.: R-2010-02932
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Pub. TC: March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2010.
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as USA SMOG & AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, 710 N. Kirby St., Hemet, CA 92545, Riverside County. RASHA KAMAL JOULANI, 1420 Genoa Lane, San Jacinto, CA 92583.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on March 16, 2010.
Signed: RASHA K. JOULANI
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 16, 2010.
FILE NO.: R-2009-02772
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By: M. Llaneras, Deputy
Pub. TC: March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2010.
STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following fictitious business name USA SMOG & AUTOMOTIVE/AUDIO, 710 N. Kirby St., Hemet, CA 92545, Riverside County, has been abandoned by the following person: ESSA RAHEED JOULANI, 1420 Genoa Lane, San Jacinto, CA 92583.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on March 9, 2009.
I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
Signed: ESSA RAHEED JOULANI
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 16, 2010.
FILE NO.: R-2009-02772
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Pub. TC: March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2010.
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 880 N. State Street, Hemet, CA 92543.
PETITION OF ADAM KANTER FOR CHANGE OF NAME.
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b. The address of the court is same as noted above.
3. 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.
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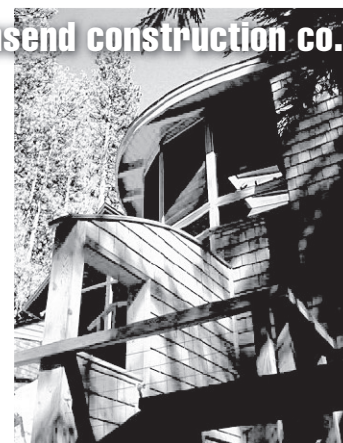
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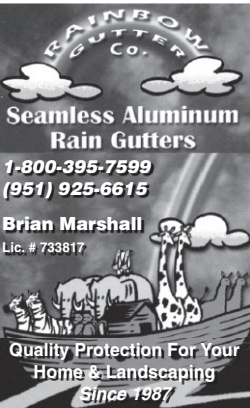
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PAST TENSE

60 years ago - 1950

The Idyllwild Inn was host to 56 foreign students from all over the world. They were members of the Visiting International Students Association sponsored by Rotary International.

55 years ago - 1955

The Rustic Theatre was showing "White Christmas," starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney.

45 years ago - 1965

One of Idyllwild's older resort properties, the Hillbilly Lodge, was sold by Phil and Dorothy Beggs to Ed and Dorothy Stacy of Los Angeles.

40 years ago - 1970

A conditional use permit for the development of a mobile home park at the Baldy Mountain Ranch was issued by the county.

30 years ago - 1980

The first 80 of 2,000 goats were delivered to the Forest Service. They were to be herded to munch



Former Idyllwild kindergarten teacher **Martha Reiman**, helped her students **Justin Bloom**, left, and **Christopher Johnson** in the fine art of coloring on the first day of school, 1988.

FILE PHOTO

their way up and down the fuelbreaks near Bee Canyon. The goats were part of a pilot program to find a more cost-effective and safer way

than manpower and pesticides to clear fuels.

20 years ago - 1990
Many town groups

participated in the Great Mountain, Pass and Valley Cleanup effort sponsored by then Riverside County Third District Supervisor Kay Cenicerros.

10 years ago - 2000

Idyllwild's first cellular phone tower was up and running with AT&T transmission from a tower on Pine Cove Water District property.

5 years ago - 2005

Two Idyllwild Arts Academy students, Anila Mazhary and Mimi Zhang, were named as finalists in the annual Spotlight Awards conducted by the Music Center of Los Angeles, considered to be one of the nation's most competitive and prestigious high school performing arts competitions.

1 year ago - 2009


Townspiece grieved the death of James "Jimmy" Campbell, recreation director for Town Hall and former Forest Service employee.

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Letters

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this vital resource — the department — to flounder.

For example, IFPD went into collections because of the lack of payment for the ZOLL Medical equipment. This left the current board no options. We are paying this debt regardless of the appropriateness of the equipment (expect resolution within 30 days).

There had not been audits for multiple years (now available on-line).

The assessment fee was left off last year's tax roll and it cost the community almost \$4,000 to send the amended bills to property owners.

Letters and calls from Riverside County Emergency Medical Services (REMS) to the previous chief went unanswered long enough that lack of action required a suspension, thereby forcing the department to incur additional costs. The board is working closely with REMS to resolve all issues to ensure Idyllwild retains excellent medical services.

More work remains, but the current board has taken on the responsibility of clear-

ing up issues left unresolved for far too long.

One of the remaining challenges will be retooling the paid-call firefighter positions. Their long and extremely valuable history of service on the Hill makes them far too precious a resource to lose. These sons and daughters of Idyllwild provide much needed coverage with no expectation of anything but meager pay. Losing them is not an option. Finding a way to retain all that talent is a priority.

I would like to invite the public to IFPD's Board meetings [6 p.m., the second Tuesday of each month, the next meeting is April 13]. I have also asked interim Chief Mike Mulhall to create an e-mail address for me on the IFPD Web site so there is direct public access to a board member ... unless you happen to see me at the post office or in town.

It is your fire department; the Board is your voice.

JEANNINE CHARLES-STIGALL
PRESIDENT, IDYLLWILD
FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT COMMISSION

Many connections at VHS

EDITOR:

Ms. Carvalho's rant directed at Bill Klippel last week seeks to hide several important facts:

- Bill Klippel was but one of several thousand GRASS-ROOTS members of the Hospital Defense League. He is passionate and the comments he made that offend Ms. Carvalho are right on target. It seems the shoe fits.

- Ms. Carvalho has a son who attends a medical school in India that Kali P. Chaudhuri built. That school was to have been a "source" for immigrant nursing staff to be brought to Valley Health System several years ago.

- Ms. Carvalho's husband has deep fiscal ties and associations with Chaudhuri, as do four of the current VHS directors.

- I never "resorted to illegal campaign practices," was never "slapped by a judge," and I stand behind any statement of the facts that I made.

- Ms. Carvalho is correct. I am abrasive.

- Like the several campaigns we ran against the

Chaudhuri empire, there were some reporting errors. We made no more and no fewer errors than Chaudhuri's puppet profiteers in their campaigns. Those errors have been corrected, which is both common practice and is done in most campaigns.

- We managed to raise slightly more than \$200,000, as opposed to their nearly \$3-million campaign. No wonder they're upset. It was a David and Goliath contest, and the little people won — twice.

- Dr. Prem Reddy is not "picking the bones" at Parkview. He loaned them \$30 million when they were broke, and they can't pay back the loan.

- There are not 130 local physicians in Physicians for Healthy Hospitals as reported throughout the media. I challenge Ms. Carvalho to name more than 10 that have invested anything approaching six figures.

- In fact, Ms. Carvalho, will your husband be laying his future on the line financially with Chaudhuri for another round of losses and closures?

- Most of the (so-called) PHH purchase funding is

Nestande

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Merrilee, and a loving home life with their two sons, Tyson and Brett.

Services for Nestande will be 10 a.m. Friday, March 26 at the Main Worship Center at Southwest Community Church in Indian Wells. A reception follows the service.

Barry's mother, Beverly, founded Beverly's House, a special place offering shelter

and hope to young women leaving foster care. In lieu of flowers, the Nestande family is requesting that donations be made to YWCA-Central Orange County, P.O. Box 689, Orange, CA 92856 with "Beverly's House" in the memo line.

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

Dr. Dunn gives talk on vitality

"Living with Vitality: Naturally!" will be the topic of a talk by Dr. Jon Dunn, licensed Naturopathic Physician, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15 at Mountain Harvest Market in the Strawberry Creek Shopping Plaza. Dr. Dunn will present natural therapies including herbs, supplements and diet and an integrated approach to common aging concerns. He will discuss skin care therapies, menopause relief; prevention for cancer, heart disease and chronic illness; and natural energy boosters.

The event is free and refreshments will be served.

just on paper, the rest is out of deep pockets that ought to have been used to treat patients.

I have no reason to believe that the County of Riverside District Attorney will investigate this ongoing saga. The Chaudhuri empire has achieved what it has

wanted all along with the passage of Measure P. Thank God that President Obama has put national health care through because Hemet and the surrounding areas will be needing all of the help we can get.

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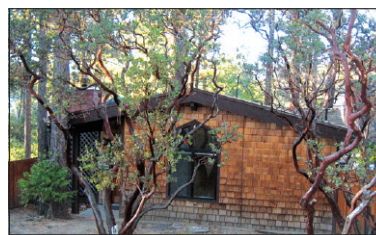
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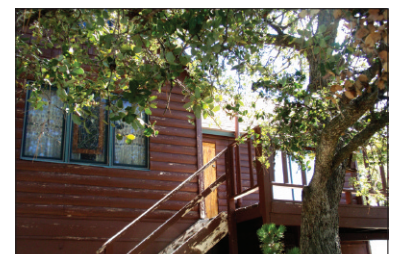
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