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THURS., APRIL 15, 2010



On Saturday, kids and coaches turned out for Baseball Skills Day led by Town Hall Recreation Director **Bob Lewis**. Setting the pace is **Jayden Fogle** pitching to dad, **Lance**. More photos on pages 12 and 13.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

IBRT examines business district for Idyllwild

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

At a Wednesday, April 7 meeting at Café Aroma, members of the Idyllwild Business Roundtable (IBRT) agreed to gather business owners' signatures and forward a letter of intent about forming a Business Improvement District (BID) to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors — a preliminary first step toward getting county designation as a BID. Business owners can view supporting materials and sign the letter of intent at Spruce Moose in the Fort. "Rather than keep

this process closed and under [a particular group or individual's] control, we decided to go in the opposite direction and make it totally transparent to the entire community," said IBRT spokesperson Doug Yagaloff.

BIDs, already active in Palm Springs, Temecula, and the wider Coachella Valley, are special benefit assessment districts that allow an area or municipality to levy a tax within a defined geographic area to bolster tourism, improve the financial health of those businesses, promote economic revitalization and physical maintenance of

the district, create jobs, attract new businesses and prevent the erosion of the business district.

Since Idyllwild is unincorporated, the Board of Supervisors will approve it if there is local support. An elected local board will still direct it. That board, in regular consultation with district businesses, administers assessments and directs spending for the benefit of the business community. Often that means employing a full-time executive director — someone who knows how to effectively access and work county, tribal and

See IBRT, page 8

District, teachers reach agreement

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) and the Hemet Teachers Association (HTA) have reached a tentative agreement regarding budgets, salaries and number of teachers retained or hired in the future.

HTA's governing board approved the agreement Monday, April 12, and the teachers had to collectively approve it before the school board acts to implement the agreement. HTA organized meetings to explain the details and obtain members' votes, according to Holly Guntermann, an Idyllwild School teacher on the nego-

tiating committee. Meetings were scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, April 13, after the Town Crier went to press.

If the teachers approve the proposed agreement, HUSD will hold a special meeting Friday, April 16 for the board to review the plans, according to HUSD Superintendent Dr. Phil Pendley.

The proposed agreement is for two years. It achieves the budget reductions, which the district needed; however the means were different, according to Pendley.

There will be two furlough days between now and the end of this school year and eight each in the

See HUSD, page 10

VHS bankruptcy plan approved

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

On Thursday, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Peter Carroll approved Valley Health System's (VHS) plan of adjustment — its map to emerge from bankruptcy.

The major step in that emergence will be the consummation of the sale of the hospital district's assets to Physicians for Healthy Hospitals (PHH) — a group of local doctors.

Both VHS and PHH officials were happy with the

decision. While the VHS board was already deferring to PHH's expected takeover at the April 5 meeting, PHH said Friday they hope the sale closing can occur by the end of June.

Dr. Alex Denes, PHH spokesman, was very excited and effusive about the decision and PHH's future.

"I'm enthused about the future," he said. "I'm glad Judge Carroll approved the plan of adjustment."

VHS chairman and interim CEO Joel Bergenfeld was pleased with the decision.

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Rough RMRU rescue

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Early Monday morning, April 12, Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU) volunteers retrieved Air Force Major Robert Wilson, 44, from the west side of Black Mountain, in what RMRU volunteer Les Walker describes as "probably the most harrowing and challenging rescue I've been involved in."

Four RMRU Idyllwild

residents — Walker, RMRU President Lee Arnson, Chad Marler and Chuck Springer responded to a call at 9:30 p.m. Sunday to locate a lost day hiker.

"We were not able to get him out until 6:30 a.m. Monday morning," said Walker. "He had gotten off trail and weather conditions had badly deteriorated. We had 40 mph wind gusts and sideways sleet and hail sticking to us. Because of weather conditions, with

wind and fog, it wasn't possible to get a helicopter in [for rescue assist]." A helicopter had, prior to conditions deteriorating, spotted Wilson.

Arnson echoed Walker's impression of the mission. "It was the hardest physical mission I've ever been on in my life," he said. "It took us 10 hours to go three miles. It was the worst terrain and the worst weather, an absolute nightmare of a mission. I firmly believe he would

have died had we not gotten him out. We and the subject were all hypothermic at the end. They wanted us to go to the hospital as well, but we refused. It was a great mission — hard, strenuous, dangerous. I'll never forget this one."

After rescue, Wilson was transported to a local hospital for treatment of exposure.

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



Kushan Peykarian, 48, of San Diego, crashed his 2009 BMW K1200 motorcycle around 2:05 p.m. Sunday on Highway 243 about a half-mile north of the Alandale Forest Service Station. According to California Highway Patrol Officer Mike Murawski, Peykarian may have suffered a broken left arm, and was complaining of arm, chest and back pain. He was transported to the San Geronio Pass Memorial Hospital.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, April 5 to 11:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

- April 5** — Two walk-in medical aids.
- April 6** — Rescue, Chicago Street, Hemet.
- April 7** — Walk-in medical aid.
- April 8** — Medical aid, Cedar Street, Idyllwild.
- April 9** — Walk-in medical aid.
- April 10** — Traffic collision, Highway 243, Pine

Cove.

- April 10** — Walk-in medical aid.
- April 11** — Walk-in medical aid.
- April 11** — Rescue, Park Lane, Idyllwild.
- April 11** — Rescue, Meadow Glen Road, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

April 10 — Traffic collision medical aid, Highway 243 approximately 5 miles north of Pine Cove.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

April 10 — Improvement fire, Loop Road and Highway 74, Pinyon.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

- April 6** — Medical aid, Big Horn Drive and Highway 74, Pinyon.
- April 10** — Structure fire, Loop Road and Santa Rosa Road, Pinyon.

Riverside County Fire, Anza

- April 6** — Walk-in medical aid.
- April 10** — Residential

structure fire, Loop Road and Highway 74, Pinyon.

April 11 — Medical aid, Pacific Crest Trail and Table Mountain Truck Trail, Anza.

CHP log

Log unavailable.

Sheriff's log

Log unavailable

Strange but true

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service.

Thursday 4/15	Friday 4/16	Saturday 4/17	Sunday 4/18	Monday 4/19
70/40 Partly cloudy with light winds.	69/37 Partly cloudy becoming mostly clear in the evening.	71/40 Mostly sunny in the morning, becoming partly cloudy.	73/39 Partly cloudy.	66/39 Partly cloudy.

Date	Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
4-5	50	34	.61		63	29		
4-6	59	26			67	35		
4-7	63	27			65	39		
4-8	67	32			66	34		
4-9	66	35			na	na		
4-10	67	31			54	26	.01	
4-11	59	33			38	32	.8	2

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 20.24
To date last season (Idy): 18.04
Total last season (Idy): 18.04
To date this season (PC): 26.61

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 28.81
To date last season (Idy): 55.2
Total last season (Idy): 55.2
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.

OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

BY BRUCE WATTS

Special K to brighten the day

Whenever I see Pacific Crest Trail hikers in the shop, I always ask where they come from and if this is their first through hike. Then I ask if they have a trail name or what their "real" name might be.



Sometimes I have actually given trail names to hikers that have stuck. Once you get a trail name it becomes your name for the duration of your hike. Even after you complete your trek, you retain that name whenever other hikers refer to you.

Most of the hikers are more than happy to talk about themselves and their through hike. After all, they are just getting started and they are on a hiker high, as I like to call it. A hiker high is when they finally realize that they are free from the everyday worries that plague us "civilians" and that all they have to do is walk and enjoy the journey.

Every once in awhile I get a hiker that is very closed mouthed and basically will not say anything about where they are from or even tell me their name. One such hiker was in the shop this week. He didn't volunteer any information; so I guess I struck out with Mr. No Name.

I had a completely different experience with another hiker named Karen Keller, who lives on the Hill. As far as her outdoor endeavors go, until this year, she was known for two things.

First, she had an unexpected overnight experience on the Deer Springs Trail. Second, she is a famously generous trail angel. For the last few years, Karen has taken many hikers home to feed and house during their brief stay in town.

Karen's son, Ben Shackelford, has worked in the shop in Idyllwild and currently is working in our Joshua Tree store. I got in the habit of referring to Karen as "Ben's mom."



A male black-headed grosbeak perches on a branch in Mountain Center. Perhaps it is the same grosbeak that visited Vi Hallacy last week?

PHOTO COURTESY OF DORIS JEAN LOMBARD



This Great Blue Heron visiting Idyllwild thinks the gold fish in a private pond are its personal gourmet meal.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ROSEMARY ASHCRAFT



From left, Idyllwild Garden Club member Rosemary Ashcraft, supervising arborist Deborah Geisinger, Lenore Miller and an unidentified prospective member, help prune an apple tree in front of the Town Crier.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH



Alpine Shooting Star (*Decathea alpinus*), a native wildflower, is a small perennial that goes dormant in summer; but is an early spring bloomer. It has a one-foot-tall flower cluster with half-inch shooting stars. It grows well in woodland gardens or north slopes. The foliage color is silver while the flowers are pink.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HAROLD VOORHEIS

Then I began to see Karen in a different light. I noticed that she had educated herself about ultralite hiking gear and bought a new pack and some other items from me.

A few months back, Karen took a map and compass class. She talked about a winter snow course and some training hikes. It turned out that she was planning to do a section hike on the PCT.

I was really impressed when she told me her plans. I think I said "that is just great" about a dozen times.

Karen brought her pack into the shop with all her

gear and we worked on a little fine-tuning and knocked a couple of pounds off her base weight and then she was off on the trail. I was so very impressed to see Karen making her dream of hiking on the PCT become a reality.

Later on when Karen came into the shop with some of her hiking friends that she met on the trail it was obvious that she was having a great time living her dream.

I asked Karen if she had a trail name yet and she said "no," I said, "Your trail name should be 'Special K.'" I think this one is going to stick.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

- 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.
- Mile High Radio Club Entry-level Ham Radio Technician class, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8312
- 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.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- "Calling in the Divine Feminine" workshop with Celeste Mann, 6-8 p.m.; New Moon Circle, 7-8:30 p.m. The Chakra Shack, 54750 North Circle Dr., Unit A.
- CAHSEE class, 6-9 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

- Idyllwild Business Roundtable, 8 a.m. Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.
- "Living Through Transition and Loss," program, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Spirit Mountain Rereat, 23661 Oakwood St. Call

659-2523 for information.

- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Bible Study, noon-2 p.m. Chapel In The Pines, Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Hwy. 243. Call April Wilson at 659-4006 for information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Lemon Lily Festival planning meeting, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.
- Lake Hemet Municipal Water District meeting, 3 p.m. 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
- County Service Area 36 (Idyllwild recreation district) Advisory Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. Idyllwild Water district, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- High Valleys Water District, 6 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- ESL class, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Highway 243.
- "Living with Vitality: Naturally!" free presentation by Dr. Jon Dunn, Licensed Naturopathic Physician, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mountain Harvest Market, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

- Fern Valley Water District board meeting, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
- Baby Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Debbi Geisinger, 659-8710 or (951) 966-1094.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse-Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Hamilton Museum Lecture Series: "Observing Earthquakes Along the San Andreas Fault," by Frank Vernon, 5:30 p.m. Anza Valley Library, Hamilton High School, 57430 Mitchell Rd., Anza.
- HUSD special meeting (tentative) to approve teachers'

contract, 6 p.m. Professional Development Service Center Board Room, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet

- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. BBQ 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.
- "Inner Journey to Self" workshop with Celeste Mann, 7-9 p.m. The Chakra Shack, 54750 North Circle Dr., Unit A.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

- Earth Fair Yard Sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 53910 Pine Crest Ave.
- Forest Service Volunteer Association, New Volunteer Orientation class, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Forest Service Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave. Call (909) 382-2951.
- Al-Anon, noon, Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- 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.
- Girls' Goddess Group with Celeste Mann & Jules Johnson, 1-2:30 p.m.; Affirmation Boards with Sherry Chaney, 2:30-4:30 p.m. The Chakra Shack, 54750 North Circle Dr., Unit A.
- Idyllwild Gay Potluck, 6 p.m. Location varies. E-mail scottngregg@greencafe.com.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

- Zen Meditation Group, 8 a.m.-4p.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, 12x12 Book Study closed meeting, noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club,

45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flat, across from CalFire Station 63.

MONDAY, APRIL 19

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Family Tree Learning Center Parent Information Meeting, 2:30 p.m. Hamilton Elementary School, 57430 Mitchell Rd., Anza.
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Water District board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

- Zen Meditation Group, 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. Call 659-2253.
- "MOMS: Motivated, Organized Motherhood Survival," workshop with Jules Johnson, 10:30 a.m.-noon. The Chakra Shack, 54750 North Circle Dr., Unit A.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge Rd.
- 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.
- Family Tree Learning Center Parent Information Meeting, 3 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Hwy. 243.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Cancer Self-help Group, 5:30 p.m. Call 659-6262.
- ESL class, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Highway 243.
- Hemet Unified School District Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Professional Development Service Center Board Room, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky

School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 659-5228 for location.
- Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 7 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- "Room for Life," workshop with Jules Johnson, 7:30-8:30 p.m. The Chakra Shack, 54750 North Circle Dr., Unit A.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.
- ESL class, 8:30-11:30 a.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, women only, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
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Unit A.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- California Department of Forestry (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m. Tuesday-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.

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Obituary Annette M. Doar

Annette M. Doar, born Nov. 1, 1963, left us to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 3, 2010.

She was a loving and proud mother of six beautiful children. She lived for her children and loved them with all her heart.

Annette loved to fish and played all sports but softball was her passion. She was a natural. Whether playing or umpiring, softball was her sport.

Originally from Chula Vista, she lived in Temecula before moving to Idyllwild. Although Annette only lived in Idyllwild for the last year and a half, she had many friends here. Her beautiful smile and goofy laugh will be missed.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 15 at the Glen Abbey Mortuary, 3838 Bonita Rd., Bonita. There will also be a memorial service in Idyllwild in the near future.

Annette's dear friend, Ken Hawkins, is planning a memorial softball tournament Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 18 at Kit Carson Park in Escondido. All proceeds will go to Annette's children. For more information contact Ken Hawkins at (760) 445-2412 or lpstourneys@gmail.com.



Obituary Kelly Lee Riddle

Kelly Lee Riddle of Idyllwild died on Thursday, April 8, 2010.

Kelly was born in Long Beach to Mike and Lorrie Riddle on Aug. 23, 1957.

He is survived by his parents; his companion in life, Jody Daniels; son Nathan Riddle; wife Andrea of Lake Havasu City; daughter Keyerra of Palm Desert; and, brother Patrick of Coarse Gold, Calif.

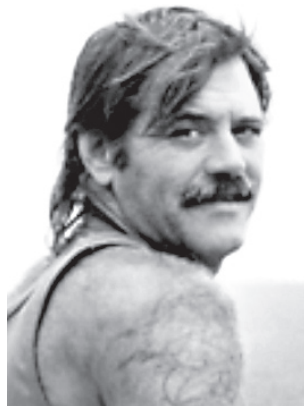
Kelly's journey on life's path took him many places: California, Texas, Hawaii and to his home in Idyllwild.

Kelly was a master carpenter and worker in wood. A forest lover and activist, an artist combining sticks, stones and bits of things left behind into assemblages of nature's beauty. He leaves a legacy of his craft and the sweat and soul put into assisting with the Idyllwild Monument and stabilization of Arizona's Swansea Ghost Town site.

Life experience gave him knowledge and insights, painfully learned, that he used to counsel others and to offer a hand and a hand up.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17 at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive, Idyllwild, followed by a gathering at the Idyllwild Nature Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to tell stories and celebrate this remarkable life. In a quote from Jimmy Buffet "some of it tragic, some of it magic, but all in all a pretty good life."

Donations to help the family with expenses may be made at any Compass Bank or locally at the branch, 54335 Ridgeview Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Make checks payable or cash donations to Michael Riddle.



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 Monday, March 29.

Lake Hemet

Darlene Redner at Lake Hemet had this report on fishing:

On Saturday, April 3, **Drake Rasmussen**, 8, of Orange County caught a 3-1/2-pound bass off the peninsula using nightcrawlers.

Tuesday, April 6, was a busy day at the lake. **Nicholas Martinez** pulled in a 1-1/2-

pound trout shore fishing using powerbait. **Richard Hinejos** of San Jacinto took home two trout for dinner. He was using nightcrawlers by the dam. **Tom and Kaitlyn Wilkins** and **Laura Jones** of Moorpark were fishing the south shore with Kastmasters and took home 12 trout.

On Saturday, April 10, **Keith Wilson** of Oceanside was trolling with rooster tails near the dam, pulling in a bass and six trout. **Jordan and Jacob Painter** of Borrego brought home four trout between 1-1/2 and 2 pounds each. **Pat Bruner** of San Diego reeled in a trout using green rooster tails. **Anita Hallock** of Costa Mesa skunked all the guys she was trolling the lake with and brought home two 1-1/2-pound trout.

Hollock and her husband **Mike** pulled in more on Sunday, April 11. She brought home a 2-pound trout, topping Mike's 1/2-pounder.

Also on Sunday, **Todd Loomis** of Anza brought home eight 3/4- to 1-pounders.

Water level at the dam is 126.3 feet. Last year's level was 125.2 feet.

Diamond Valley

Jesse Dinkins at Diamond Valley (DV) Reservoir had no report this week.

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



On April 3, **Drake Rasmussen**, 8, caught a 3.5-pound large mouth bass at Lake Hemet.

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

Choose the new superintendent ...



Volunteerism takes many forms. In this issue of the Town Crier, at least eight articles describe various volunteer efforts on the Hill. Yet one article discusses the sad situation of the Hill ignoring a critical opportunity to shape the future and not just plan fun today or this summer.

If the San Andreas or, worse, the San Jacinto faults were to move as much as the plates under the Carribean, in Chile or as close as the Mexicali quake, the potential consequences here would be serious and, perhaps, long lasting.

Fortunately, many of our neighbors have already begun thinking about this potential problem and the community's response. Let's give thanks to the Mountain Disaster Preparedness group and also the ICRC Speaker's series for bringing Peter Lent, of the county Office of Emergency Services, back next week to discuss it further.

Doomsday is not my script. The Business Round Table, a group of local merchants, is working to improve the local economy for all of us. Doug Yagaloff and the others are investing their time to examine the benefits of a business improvement district and are soliciting a tour bus operator to bring patrons here from the Desert and to consider transporting us to other events off the Hill.

Transportation, the pedal version, plays a role in the story about the Spring Challenge, only weeks away and another fun event, which local volunteers have organized and managed.

Beth's story is about one of our senior and more well-known cyclists — Bud Hunt. Before there was a new fire station on Maranatha Drive, before local fire chiefs were earning nearly six-figure salaries, Hunt led the local volunteer fire department.

Not only the stories, but also the photo journalism highlights the volunteers that abound on this mound. Volunteer work and workers are captured in photos of both the new PAR course stations on the Idyllwild Community Center property and the photo spread of Baseball Skills Day Saturday.

Coaches volunteer their time and experience and the ICRC board is composed of volunteers who lead the Hill's recreational effort.

So why did I say we missed an important opportunity to participate? Well, read Marshall's story about the Monday evening meeting about the search for a new school district superintendent.

I know, it was 5 p.m. in Hemet — not a good time and a long drive. But this is about a new Hemet Unified School District superintendent to replace Dr. Phil Pendley.

This isn't an annual event. You can't catch it next year. Regardless of what you think about Pendley, what capabilities and talents do you want a superintendent to possess? And this decision affects all taxpayers, not just parents.

Do you want somebody who believes public schools are like many governments, full of waste and fat? Do you want someone who feels teachers make too much money and still get summers off? Do you want somebody who cares about special education? Do you want somebody who thinks like you?

Whoever replaces Pendley will be making decisions that affect school administration, school principals, teachers and ultimately students and our children, which means it affects their futures and ours.

Idyllwild may not constitute a sizeable majority in this district, but if only seven Hemet residents go to the meeting, two or three from Idyllwild can dominate it.

Read the column written by our chief leasher — Conor O'Farrell, thespian and faux athlete. Give some of that valuable time to our kids. Discard the notion for visibility and short-term gratification.

In these economic times, we need a great superintendent. An active, involved community is much more likely to find the right candidate than is an indifferent community.

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Road rage on Hwy 74

EDITOR:

My wife and children were traveling down Highway 74 around 7:50 p.m. (Friday) from Idyllwild to Hemet when just past Marion View Street leaving town we noticed a truck behind us getting very close. The driver started flashing the truck's lights around Saunders Meadows intending for us to pull over at a turn out.

My wife was driving our car and she doesn't know the road at night so she was going about 40 mph. Several times the truck was so close it almost touched the rear bumper of our car.

As we got closer to Keenwild we came to a straight away. The truck whipped out into the opposite lane, passed us and then cut us off by weaving back into our lane. We honked our horn because the truck almost hit us.

Suddenly the truck slowed way down and then hurriedly slowed down to a complete stop in the lane on the highway. We braked as hard as we could to avoid hitting the truck. We stopped just behind the truck.

The driver opened his door and proceeded to get out of the truck. My wife put our car in reverse and backed up because we didn't know what the person's intentions were. At that point the driver got back in the truck and sped away.

We called 911 non-emergency services and reported the incident.

The truck was a silverish newer Ford F150 or F250, extra cab with a lift and a chrome drawbar on his hitch. We didn't get a plate number. But there are only a handful of this model and type of truck on the hill.

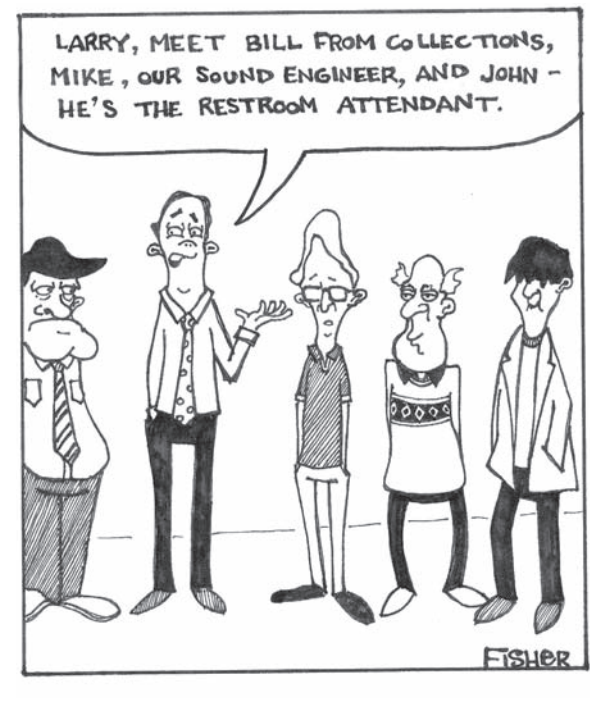
Drivers be aware, this person had intentions to harm my family on that highway. I used to live in Idyllwild and never had anyone try to completely brake in front of us and intentionally stop on the highway.

My wife and I and our children were in danger and our safety was threatened. If anyone has any information on this truck and the driver

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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



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RON ROMERO
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from such bikes can be deafening, and should not be tolerated.

According to the California Vehicle Code:

"Section 27150: (a) Every motor vehicle subject to registration shall at all times be equipped with an adequate muffler in constant operation and properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise, and no muffler or exhaust system shall be equipped with a cutout, bypass or similar device."

We expect this law to be enforced throughout the state, including Riverside County. At present, it obviously is not enforced effectively here and, to be fair, in most places in the state where we travel.

See letters, page 23

Noisy motorcycles spoil trip

EDITOR:

Last Sunday, March 28, we took a drive up into the mountains, to Idyllwild. In the 3-hour trip from Hemet through Idyllwild then to Banning, the sound of motorcycles with missing or "modified" mufflers interrupted the peace and quiet at least 20 times.

In Idyllwild alone, while sitting at an outdoor table having coffee, at least five very loud bikes drove by, making it less than an enjoyable experience. The noise

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TOWN TALK

BY JENNY KIRCHNER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Are you concerned about the recent earthquakes, and have you done any preparations for future quakes?



Bert Kramer
Retired
San Diego

"We felt the big one, and we got up from the couch and headed for the doorway. On the news they said they've had 700 tremors since then, but we aren't too concerned."



Janet Everitt
Owner, Everitt's Minerals
& Gallery
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"For our store it's okay, but I worry about a giant rock punching through the highway, blocking it. Propane tanks should also be tied down also to prevent fires. My main concern is for the community as a whole."



Jimmy Lande, 7
Student
Idyllwild

"I think I was asleep that time, but not for all of them. I don't really care too much."



Jeff Lane
Cabin restoring
Idyllwild

"I'm going down to get a generator and one to two weeks of extra water."



Idyllwild Rotary Vice President **Dawn Miller** (right) presents **Allan Hurst**, president of Quorum, Ltd, with a gift for being the guest speaker at the Rotary's April 7 meeting.

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OFF THE LEASH

BY CONOR O'FARRELL

Education: sow it, cherish it ...

I'm going to tell you a little story about a boy's education, or what started as lack of education.

For full disclosure, most of this story is personal. Education wasn't that important where I grew up. Memories of my parents or my siblings sitting down to read a book don't fill my mind and aren't evoked when I think of childhood. I don't recall any spirited discussions of politics or religion or, for that matter, any exchanges of ideas around the dinner table.

When I started school I was more interested in playing football or basketball during recess and lunch than I was learning about history, literature or the difference between acute and obtuse angles. Homework was out of the question. My parents rarely asked about homework or if it were done. When they did, I told them that I had none and they let it be at that.

I was smart enough that I could get by and that's all I did. Sports were my currency, being good at both football and basketball was the reason I continued to attend school. I tolerated learning in order to play. My teachers were good enough but I didn't grow up in the world of ideas. Unless they knew the starting lineup of the 1972 championship New York Knicks, I wasn't interested.

When high school ended, it turned out that I wasn't as good at sports as I thought I was. [Editor's note: And it's still true.]

Many of my friends went on to college with scholarships and a few to professional careers; but I was left disillusioned, scratching my head, wondering what my next move would be.

In community college, I floundered for a couple of years; then I traveled around the country searching for something to spark my interest. While kicking around the western United States in my '66 VW bus, I read my first book.

Believe it or not, I managed to graduate from high school and community college without ever reading a book completely. To this day, it's still a mystery to me.

My mind opened. I cracked the door and peeked into the world of ideas. That first book led to a second, then a third, another and many, many more now. Why didn't someone tell me? Why didn't my parents let me in on the secret?



In hindsight, I don't think it was on their radar. When I look back on all that I missed during my 14 years of schooling it pains me to think of the opportunities I could have taken advantage of.

Eventually, I became an actor, of all things, and moved to New York City. I jumped into the deep end of the pool of American culture and swam for my life. I was in hog heaven.

Sports speak was gone and now I spoke a new language of books, plays and ideas. As an actor, I had to think about "What was Arthur Miller really saying about the American dream in 'Death of a Salesman'?" Later I played "Biff Lowman," which was ironic since his character was a failed, disillusioned football star.

Now I'm much more interested in "The Battle for God" by Karen Armstrong than I am "The Zeke from Cabin Creek," the biography of Jerry West [former pro basketball player and general manager of the Los Angeles Lakers]. Two lives lived in one lifetime.

This column has a reason. Education thrives in an environment of curiosity. The home is where we begin and where our hunger to learn is formed. We can throw all the money in the world at an educational "system" and still come up short if kids don't have the support they need to learn at home.

Some can find their way on their own, but let's face it [See Leash, next page](#)

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Thousand Trails open to public

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In a change of policy that went into effect February 1, Thousand Trails Idyllwild opened its gate to nonmembers. "The policy is designed to allow more visitors to sample what we have to offer," said local Resort Manager William Hirata. The policy change is also designed to convince visitors of the benefits of membership in 80 preserves in 22 states and British Columbia, Canada.

"Previously nonmembers could only use the park as guests of a member," said Hirata, who brings 15 years in hospitality management to his present position. He joined Thousand Trails in July 2009, having logged previous food and beverage stints with the Fairmont in San Francisco and L'Auberge in Del Mar.

With the new policy, Thousand Trails, located in Pine Cove, offers public admission starting at \$35

a night for a tent camping site, \$45 for an RV site with water/hookups and 330 amp connections, \$61 for a 29-foot trailer with bathroom \$79 for a cabin and, of special interest to Idyllwild residents, day passes for \$10. Weekend, monthly and special holiday rates are available Hirata noted.

"Thousand Trails Idyllwild is a premiere destination property," said Hirata, as compared with convenience properties located near interstates or in major metropolitan areas for travelers to access on trips from one place to another. "Most of our guests come from metropolitan areas and come here for the isolation, the quiet and the serenity."

The local Trails features a broad menu of amenities including both a swimming and wading pool, stocked trout pond, camp store, cafe, basketball court, horseshoe pits, shuffleboard, volleyball court, lodge and adult center and recreational equipment.



Thousand Trails Idyllwild is now open to the public with day passes and RV and campsites available for a fee.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Situated on a 200-acre preserve, Thousand Trails has 220 summertime and 40 winter camping sites, four trailers and seven cabin lodging availabilities. "We're open year-round," said Hirata, "but our season is from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

"If a visitor or member reserves three or more sites or cabins, they are assigned a super host," said Hirata, "a staff member who helps them organize activities, and provides concierge-like services. This can be helpful

for large parties, like church gatherings, family reunions and club meetings."

The Thousand Trails network is owned by Equity Lifestyle Properties, Inc. and advertises itself as a "green" preserve.

Thousand Trails is located at 24400 Canyon Trail Drive (Pine Cove). The telephone number is (951) 659-4137 and e-mail is manager@equitylifestyle.com.

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



"Deer continue to visit behind our house in the early mornings, and seem to be increasingly comfortable with us watching and photographing them. This is not an everyday event, but is something we can look forward to once every week or two," wrote Dave Pelham with submission of this photograph.
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Leash

Continued from previous page

it, it's rare. Parents, give your kids a chance to succeed. Read to them, talk to them, share with them what living has taught you, help them to be curious about the world around them. Teach them to use the big brain that God

has given them and they will thank you for it. Being educated doesn't make you "elite," and being ignorant doesn't make you pious. I spoke my piece, I threw out my idea and now I'll step down off my soapbox.

IBRT

Continued from page 1

other organizational structures to the best advantage of the local district.

Assessments — in the form of add-ons to nightly lodging charges or annual flat fees on business licenses for other kinds of businesses, or some combination — finance the district's operations. The county collects the funds and the local district's board draws from the account.

Although county leaders believe formation of an Idyllwild BID needs to be a grass-roots effort, they also voice support for this concept as a way to energize and revitalize Idyllwild business, especially in the

event that a Historical District is created. Yagaloff said at the meeting that it would be unfortunate if a Historical District were formed and lacked a funding base and professional marketing effort to promote it.

After their submission of the letter of intent to Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone, IBRT is planning three business community forums. At the first, county representatives would explain BIDs, their benefits and their creation process. Next, they would like Palm Springs representatives, who both supported and opposed the Main Street BID, to talk to Idyllwild business owners. The third meeting would invite representatives from Temecula to share their views, successes

and problems.

Following that, a BID steering committee would be formed to begin the steps, both educational and procedural, to move this idea forward. Visit www.idy4u.com/idybid for information and regular updates on formation steps an Idyllwild BID newsletter announcing meetings and progress to date and a Q and A section. Register on-site to receive it.

Bus tours

At the April 1 IBRT meeting, representatives from Celebrity Tours (CT) of Palms Springs discussed beginning regular trips to Idyllwild. CT President Tim Bannister and Marketing Director Kathy Bates presented the possibility

and offered suggestions of how local business owners could maximize bus tour effectiveness.

Bannister suggested targeting the late spring and summer months for the first Palm Springs to Idyllwild loop. Since his regular desert tours occur in the morning, buses would be free for an Idyllwild afternoon to early evening trip once a week or whatever traffic and interest might merit.

"We could have the bus here [in Idyllwild] from 2 to 5 in the afternoon or into the evening dinner hour on a regular schedule for which local businesses could plan and market," said Bannister. Besides arranging the tours, he had suggestions how area businesses could

optimize desert tourists' Idyllwild experience. "They could provide coupons and incentives to desert shoppers and diners ..." Bannister suggested. He also recommended IBRT create

a three-part Idyllwild tour menu to appeal to tourists of different inclinations—for instance a shopping and dining menu; a hiking/Humber Park menu; *See IBRT, page 26*



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Sheriff's budget cuts, fewer patrols

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) patrols in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County would substantially decline if the Sheriff's Office budget were cut 10 percent, according to County Sheriff Stan Sniff.

He discussed the consequences of major reductions of the Sheriff's Office budget with county supervisors on March 30. Another major concern, which he expressed, was whether the board would maintain its mandate to begin hiring and staffing the Larry Smith Correctional Facility (LSCF).

Sniff emphasized that if the current staffing plans were negated through budget cuts, he could not operate

the correctional facility with a portion of the needed staffing.

The overall Sheriff's budget is nearly \$550 million of which the county provides nearly \$260 million directly. The board is examining the results of possible 3- and 10-percent reductions to the budgets of public safety agencies.

But Supervisor Bob Buster, 1st district, stressed RCSD's recent budgetary growth. From 2005 through 2009, the Sheriff's budget from the county has nearly doubled, more than a 20-percent compounded rate of growth, according to Buster.

The Sheriff's Office provides four major functions: patrols, corrections, support and the coroner. Patrol costs

total \$274.9 million, slightly more than half of the total RCSD budget. The cost of managing the county jails is almost \$165 million.

Assuming the board does not withdraw its previous approval to proceed with staffing the LSCF, a 3-percent reduction would be about \$6.9 million. Sniff said about 69 positions would go unfilled, most staff reductions would come from attrition.

A 10-percent cut, equivalent to \$23 million, would reduce RCSD staffing about 225 positions, of which 156 sworn officers might have to be laid off. Besides significant patrol reductions in unincorporated areas, the LSCF would not be opened and one of the coroner facilities would have to be closed.

A year ago, the patrol ratio was approximately 1.2 officers per 1,000 residents. It has fallen to 1.0 officers this year and further reductions could drop it to less than .8 officers per 1,000 residents, according to Sniff.

Fire Department

After the April 6 board meeting, Chair Marion Ashley wrote to Del Walters, Chief of CalFire, regarding the administrative charge imposed on Riverside County.

"An increase in the rate during such dire economic times is unrealistic and not acceptable. If the rate were modified we believe fire stations could remain open," Ashley wrote to Walters.

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Winter litigation thinning

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Noel Winter has asked that his libel lawsuit against the Town Crier and many local residents be dismissed. Winter, acting as his own attorney, submitted the motion to dismiss the suit.

After reading and reviewing Judge Magistrate Frederick Mumm's recommendations to presiding Judge Virginia Phillips, Winter apparently accepted the conclusion that the U.S. District Court did not have jurisdiction over the major-

ity of his claims which do not raise federal questions, especially the libel issues against the Town Crier and Idyllwild locals.

In the future, Winter may re-file his charges in state court. However the California state courts do have authority to entertain counter motions claiming the libel charge is an effort to constrain free speech.

In February 2009, Winter announced plans to locate a shelter for abused women in Pine Cove. After several articles about the shelter's

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sion and prepared to begin the transfer of ownership to the physicians.

"The judge's decision validates the efforts of our Board to stabilize our hospitals and ensure continued health care for our communities," stated Dr. William (Bill) Cherry, Chairman of the VHS Board.

The judge rejected every charge that Prime Healthcare made, including the possibility of conflicted board members.

However, he was very careful on that point and the issue of holding a competitive bid. Since none of the board members had a direct interest in PHH, Carroll felt that there was neither evidence nor proof of a conflict for the three board members — Vinay Rao, Madeline

Dreier and Cherry.

While he characterized the VHS relationships with Dr. Kali Chaudhuri as a web, he determined that no direct connection was established that proved any of these directors benefited from the disposition of the hospitals, Hemet Valley and Menifee Valley, to PHH.

Carroll also rejected the claim that a competitive bid was necessary to dispose of the hospital district assets. State law does not require hospital districts to hold competitive auctions, and if the legislature wanted that option, it could have required it as it has in other situations, he averred.

While he quoted several cases demonstrating the benefit to shareholders and creditors of a competitive auction, he determined the board had the right to conduct its business differently.

PHH is paying about

\$156 to \$162 million for the district. This includes about \$55 million of claims from PHH members, which will be forgiven.

PHH has stated to the court that it expects to earn \$181 million in revenues in its first year of operations. This is about 20 percent more than VHS will raise this year. Several PHH officials were unsure how they could increase revenues so

much and so fast. Even VHS director Glen Holmes was unsure.

Denes said one big change would be acceptance of several HMO plans, which were dropped about two years ago. He said the return of these patients, who had to go to other hospitals, would begin to grow hospital revenues.

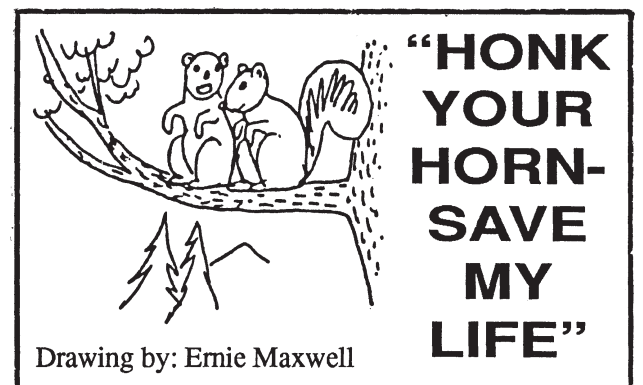
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Mountain Community Patrol seeks members

The Mountain Community Patrol is recruiting new members to help in its crime prevention and community safety efforts on the Hill.

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Few attend super search

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On Monday April 12, a public forum to select a new superintendent for Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) disappointed by attracting only 11 attendees, two of them press, one an HUSD board member and one a district employee translator.

The Governing Board of HUSD commissioned Leadership Associates of Mission Viejo to take input from district residents about what qualities they seek in a new superintendent to replace retiring Superintendent Dr. Phil Pendley and advise the board of community input. By the time Walter Buster and Rene Townsend of Leadership Associates met with the seven com-

munity members present at the forum, they had already interviewed 75 others that day — teachers, principals and district employees.

Amy Lashley, parent and current teacher in the district, suggested that the new superintendent should be a public servant who would focus on the whole child, resolve tensions within the system and bring about a familial feeling. "It is important to serve the children and make them the focus," said Lashley.

Maria Ilagor, a single mother of two, said through a translator, "That person [the new superintendent] should be like family for us as well, accessible to us all in such a way that we know we can all come together."

Responding to Ilagor, [See Super, next page](#)

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next two years. In addition, the district will hire 15 fewer teachers in 2010-11 and then again in 2011-12.

"We would prefer to do it without layoffs," Pendley firmly stated. At the special meeting, if the board accepts the proposal, the district will rescind the layoff letter to

most teachers that was sent in March.

Until the board has decided on its path, Pendley said it was premature to address the criteria for how to determine which teachers will ultimately be laid off.

"Seniority will play a role, but there are many other variables that can be included," he said. "We'll discuss it with the board."

"I don't like this strat-

New K-8 plan for Idyllwild

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild School, Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) will have a parent information meeting for parents interested in a home school program for children in grades kindergarten through eighth at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.

Family Tree Learning Center (FTLC) Principal Ellen Burgess notes the K-8 program provides support to home schooling parents. A credentialed teacher at Idyllwild School conducts weekly workshops with five to 10 students. The district can provide standards-based textbooks, workbooks and other curricular materials necessary for home education at no cost to the family, opportunities for field trips

as part of project-based learning and parent trainings on effective techniques to teach writing, mathematics and reading. Applications are available online at hhjftlc.org or by contacting (951) 765-5193.

Burgess notes that FTLC provides the best of both worlds — an opportunity for home school learning coupled with credentialed teacher supervision and a school administration available to serve home-schooling parents.

Ongoing is the Helen Hunt Jackson (HHJ), an alternative to traditional high school, and also part of HUSD. HHJ, named after the author of "Ramona," upon which the Hemet based pageant is named, offers opportunities for students [See HHI, page 26](#)

egy," Trustee Bill Sanborn said without hesitation. Although he had not seen the agreement's language, he was still adamant that letting teachers go was not his first priority.

The HTA negotiators felt this was a good proposal to take to its membership, Guntermann said.

"We got a package of benefits the majority of members will likely ap-

prove," she said. "The district's enrollment is declining and there would be fewer teachers anyway."

Jerry Hall, HTA executive director, believes district enrollment will decline by more than 400 students next year. With teacher reductions, he expects class sizes to increase.

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Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week (from left) are Addison Wilson and Yasmin Morales. Sonya Dravenstatt, also known as The Lunch Lady, chose the students for being polite and courteous in the lunch line.

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Could Mexicali quake affect Hill?

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The April 4 Easter Sunday 7.2 magnitude quake centered close to Mexicali, Mexico near the village of Guadalupe Victoria may trigger future quakes along the San Andreas and related faults. The critical question, according to Dr. David D. Oglesby, Associate Professor of Geophysics, University of California, Riverside, is when.

"Basically, a quake [of the magnitude of the Mexicali quake] readjusts the forces on nearby faults," he noted. "In some, stress is relieved. Others are 'stressed up.' The [Mexicali] quake probably relieved some stress on the fault where it took place. Studies are currently underway to see which related faults were stressed up and

which were relieved. It's a tough calculation. The 'stress up' factor is the unpredictable. Even if we understand that stress is building, it does not necessarily lead us to an accurate prediction of when a major quake could occur." Stress that builds along a fault eventually needs to be relieved. That comes with earthquakes.

On Saturday, April 10 a U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map showed a swarm of smaller quakes that formed a solid pattern stretching in a northwesterly direction from the Mexicali area in a line leading toward the San Andreas Fault zone. The San Andreas lies east of Idyllwild in a northwest/southeast direction and the San Jacinto, part of the San Andreas Fault system, is to Idyllwild's west in a parallel direction.

The San Andreas Fault, running locally through the Banning pass, forms a portion of the boundary between the Pacific and North American tectonic plates. The Pacific and North American plates slip laterally past each other in a north/south direction.

The full San Andreas Fault is one of the longest such structures in the world, running 625 miles from Point Arena, north of San Francisco, to a point below the Salton Sea. An infrared aerial photograph revealed extension of the fault on the southern end thought to run another 1,000 miles, roughly following the axis of the Gulf of California. Plotting that diagonal would show a direct line from the San Andreas to the area of the Mexicali quake, according

to a monograph, "Geology of California's Imperial Valley" by Eugene Singer. He notes, "The San Andreas fault is a shallow fault, generally extending into the Earth's crust 4 to 10 miles. Earthquakes associated with shallow faults are more destructive at the surface than those originating from deep-seated faults."

A study by Yuri Failko, Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego, that examines accumulation of strain on the southern San Andreas Fault, concludes, "Regardless of details of fault geometry and mechanical properties of the ambient crust, results in this study lend support to intermediate-term forecasts of a high probability of major earthquakes on

the southern San Andreas fault system. The data and modeling results also reveal a surprisingly robust strain accumulation on the San Jacinto fault. Together, the San Jacinto and the southern San Andreas faults appear to accommodate the bulk of the relative motion between the North American and Pacific plates in Southern California."

San Diego State Professor Emeritus Patrick Abbott concurs. "From a statistical analysis, we say the next big earthquake in California will be a 7.6 to 7.8 movement of the San Andreas or portion of it, from the Salton Sea up through San Bernardino," he said. Referring to the Mexicali quake he said, "Any quake of this size seems to pass some kind of threshold where it's large enough to disturb or trigger other faults. In cases like this, that often means increasing stress on other faults, which makes them more prone to movement. The energy seems to be moving northward toward the San Andreas Fault. I don't want to anthropomorphize, but it's like this quake was goading the San Andreas."

UCR's Oglesby offered that areas such as Idyllwild, primarily on solid granite,

would be among the best places to be during a large earthquake because there would be no liquefaction or collapsing of soil structure. "Garner Valley, on the other hand, sits on an old lakebed," noted Oglesby. "There would be a pretty high degree of motion."

Although USGS and Cal Tech seismologist Lucy Jones does not expect the Mexicali quake to precipitate the "Big One" on the San Andreas in the immediate future, she, as do other experts, cautions those in or near the San Andreas fault system to be prepared.

As part of California's Earthquake Preparedness Month, Peter Lent, Deputy Director of the Riverside County Office of Emergency Services (OES) speaks about earthquake preparation at the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's Speaker Series on Wednesday, April 28 at 6 p.m. at the Rainbow Inn. The talk, as is the wine and cheese reception that precedes it are free to the public. Dinner, with Lent, follows at the Rainbow Inn. Dinner reservations are \$20 by calling (951) 659-0111.

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Super

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Buster said a theme had already emerged from previous interviews that the new supervisor should be accessible to all groups and make HUSD welcoming to all groups. Townsend noted other concerns gleaned from previous interviews — that

the new superintendent be visible in the community, build relations between district stakeholders and recognize that as a public servant, he or she is answerable to the community.

Townsend stressed that residents who were unable

to attend could still provide their views by fax, e-mail, telephone or individual conversation by contacting the Board's advisors (Leadership Associates). "This is a 'destination' position," said Buster, "and an important position to fill, in a district that is proud of what it has accomplished." The current salary level for the position is \$209,000 annually said Townsend.

Leadership Associates' contact information is as follows: fax (949) 461-9119; letter to PMB-455, 23052-H Alicia Parkway, Mission Viejo, CA 92692; e-mail to leadershipassociates@cox.net or call either Buster or Townsend at (949) 461-9119.

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Brodyn Posey waits patiently hoping Bob Lewis, recreation direction, will select him for one of the minor league skill groups.



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Town Hall finances in good shape

By BETH NOTTLEY
STAFF REPORTER

At the Thursday, April 8 meeting of the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council board, Town Hall Recreation Director Bob Lewis reported that March was "by far the best month [for the current fiscal year] financially" for Town Hall Recreation. Lewis gave board members the welcome news that revenue was over budget and expenses were under budget.

According to Town Hall's "Summary of Revenue and Expenses" for March, actual revenue for the month was

\$6,538 compared to a budget of \$6,450, for a positive variance of \$88. Actual expenses for March were \$20,607, \$3,428 less than the budgeted \$24,305. Year-to-date, revenue exceeds its nine-month projection by more than \$4,500. Expenses are even more favorable. After the first nine months, costs are more than \$13,000 less than the projected level.

According to Lewis, these positive figures are attributable to the temporary closing of the Skate Park two days a week. This has reduced the planned personnel costs. Revenues benefited

from a \$10 price increase for Youth Baseball participants and the addition of a second basketball league.

Lewis received kudos from the board. "Those are great numbers and you really worked hard to do that," said Director John Simpson.

Lewis told the board that a classified ad seeking volunteers for the Skate Park has yielded no interest. Currently, Town Hall needs volunteers to reopen the Skate Park on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:30 p.m. to dusk. In the summer, when children are out of school for vacation, more volunteer

time may be needed.

Board Chair Chris Singer told Lewis she'll volunteer and has signed up for the Live Scan fingerprinting that is required of all Town Hall staff and volunteers. Town Hall Coordinator Claudia Posey said she has arranged for Live Scan fingerprinting to be done for all ICRC board members and potential volunteers from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 20. Anyone willing to volunteer to supervise the Skate Park, or for any other Town Hall youth activity, can call Lewis or Posey at 659-2360.

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Elias Wilke begins pitching early in the session.

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Ben Goulding fields a sharp ground ball to first base during the workout.

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Cassius Rutherford takes his turn batting.

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Mike Vladika takes a break from catching.

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On the Town

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Indie day comes to Rustic

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

After the success of the first Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC) featuring breakout independent films, Rustic Theater owner Shane Stewart decided to mix it up and regularly break his first-run format to present indies to Hill patrons.

The first Indy Day, a full day of features and shorts devoted exclusively to independent films, will be Sunday, April 25 beginning at noon. IIFC

Director Stephen Savage is selecting the films for this series, currently planned for every other month. On this first outing, Indy Day is IIFC redux, an IIFC encore day showcasing some of the most popular films from the recent festival.

At noon is "Something Blue" (comedy/drama), directors Sean Dillon and Curtis Krick's wedding documentary about a beautiful Caucasian woman from an upper class suburban family who marries a blue collar and blue-skinned Polar-American

groom, a recent immigrant from Antarctica. The directors developed the film to explore, in a humorous way, issues of race, class, gender, culture and age.

At 2 p.m. and not previously part of IIFC, artist and producer Leslie Jean Porter, previously Robert Altman's personal assistant, showcases director Bruce Feagle's "Popsicle" (horror/drama) about Javier, a popsicle vendor in a quiet neighborhood who becomes a destroyer of evil using the power of mystical energy.

At 3:30 p.m. is Short Film Grindhouse, a potpourri of short crime dramas, political intrigues, sweet tales of life and comic adventures including "Ten Days," "Wrong Way Up," "The Hit," "The Most Powerful Man," "Yellow Cake" (animation with a political theme), "Café Forte" and "The Deposition of Lou Bagetta," one of the more popular IIFC shorts.

At 6 p.m., after a dinner break, director David Spaltro's first feature film "Around" (drama) chron-

icles the adventures of a homeless genius in modern day New York. At IIFC, "Around" lead actor Robert Evans won the best actor award. The film is about a young man with a dual life living out of Penn and Grand Central Stations while going to film school.

The final film at 8 p.m. is "PrimeMates," (drama) by director Rudy Luna, depicting an extended conversation of four young men in a cigar shop exploring their thoughts about love, relationships and sex, and delving into many

political taboos — facts that every woman is afraid to know and what every man feels trembling deep beneath the surface.

Stewart said pricing for the Indy Day would be \$18 to attend all films or \$10 per individual showing. The Rustic seats 232 and all showings are first come, first seated. "This will be an every other month event, usually the third Sunday of the month," said Stewart.

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Changing a global dream

By Beth Nottley
Staff Reporter

The 40th anniversary of Earth Day is April 22. Two days later, Saturday, April 24, Spirit Mountain Retreat and Sustainable Idyllwild offer a unique opportunity to residents to be part of

a worldwide movement to honor the Earth and its resources.

At an all-day symposium entitled "Changing the Dream — Awakening the Dreamer," attendees will view films by internationally recognized scientists, environmentalists

and spiritual leaders who address the current global challenge of the Earth's limited and nonrenewable resources and learn about the Pachamama Alliance. It works to preserve the Earth's tropical rainforests and seeks to create a new global vision of equity and

sustainability. Throughout the day, participants will also engage in discussions and interactive exercises centered on environmental and spiritual issues.

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MONDAY, APRIL 19
Senior Recital: Charlotte Clist, violin, A-tao Liu, violin. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23
College Fair. 12:30–2:30 PM, Nelson Hall.
Visual Art Senior Show II. Esther Chung, Dominique DeRoss, Natania Frydman, Haley Kuhlmann, Grace Leigh, Joohee Park, Helena Walker. 6PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through Friday April 30.

Theatre Production: *As It Is In Heaven*, by Arlene Hutton. 7:30 PM, IAF Theatre.

Senior Recital: Nathan Levenson, jazz, Mint Park, jazz. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

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Wednesday, April 14

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

"How to Train Your Dragon," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, April 15

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.

Battle Bunny with Chef Sam McKenzie, 6 p.m.; **Dan Pappaila**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"How to Train Your Dragon," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, April 16

Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Hojo & the Half Notes, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Belly Dancing, 7 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Clash of the Titans," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Senior Recital: Kitty Honma, piano; **ShiShi Zhou**, violin, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, April 17

Earth Fair Yard Sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 53910 Pine Crest Ave.

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; **Desert Rose**, 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Mysteries and Movies" Book Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

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

p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

"Clash of the Titans," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Chica & the Man, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Associates of Idyllwild Arts Pre-concert dinner, 5:30 p.m. Weston Room, Krone Library (Call 659-6104 for reservations); **Barnaby Finch & Friends**, presented by the Associates of Idyllwild Arts, 7 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Sunday, April 18

Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; **Hojo & the Half Notes**, 1-3 p.m.; **Skeleton Crew**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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

"Clash of the Titans," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Monday, April 19

Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros story time with music, free book and refreshments, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Swift Pony, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Clash of the Titans," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Senior Recital: Charlotte Clist, violin; **A-tao Liu**, violin, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, April 20

Jazz Night: Paul Carman, Marshall Hawkins & Barnaby Finch, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma. **"Clash of the Titans,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, April 21

ICRC Speaker's Series: "Great-est Hits of the 21st Centu-

ry by Peter Askim, 5:30 p.m. reception; 6 p.m. speaker; 7 p.m. dinner with the professor; for reservations call 659-0111. Rainbow Inn.

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

Desert Rose, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Clash of the Titans," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, April 22

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.

Battle Bunny with Chef Geoffrey Brown, 6 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Clash of the Titans," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, April 23

Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Visual Art Senior Show II, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center (Show runs through April 30); **Senior Recital: Nathan Levenson, jazz; Mint Park, jazz**, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; **Theatre Production: As it is in Heaven**, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Meet the Winemaker Dinner with Chris Johnston of Middle Ridge Winery, 6:30 p.m. The Creek House.

Saturday, April 24

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; **Hallie Hudson**, 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Awakening the Dreamer — Changing the Dreamer" Symposium, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The Caine Learning Center.

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

Joey Latimer & Friends, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Sunday, April 25

Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; **Kevin Danzig**, 1-3 p.m.; **Skeleton Crew**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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

Monday, April 26

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

Kevin Danzig, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

Tuesday, April 27

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



Idyllwild photographer **Trish Tuley** (left), and metal sculptor **Dore Capitani** (center), held a joint artist reception at Café Aroma last Sunday afternoon. **Doris Lombard** (right) came out to support the couple. Hors d'oeuvres and champagne were served to attendees.

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Lemon Lily Festival organizer **Doug Yagaloff** (right) discusses how to "adopt" a Lemon Lily with Idyllwild resident **Barbara Burgess**. For a \$25 donation, a Lemon Lily will be planted in the donor's name as part of the effort to restore the flower that was once plentiful on the Hill. The Lemon Lily Festival will be July 16 to 18. Yagaloff will be setting up an information table in front of the Post Office again from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the next two Thursdays. For more information about the festival and how to become a sponsor, go to www.lemonlilyfestival.com.

PHOTO BY BETH NOTTLEY

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Rothluebber film wins award

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Local author and President of the nonprofit New Momentum Francis Rothluebber notified the Town Crier that her film, "City of the Dawn" had won the Planet Prize at the European Spiritual Film Festival in Paris, France. The documentary, about the building of a spiritual and eco-friendly new city in India called Auroville, was featured at January's Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC).

Chris Buhrman, vice president of New Momentum and director and co-author of the film, attended the Paris screening and awards ceremony. Rothluebber, who penned the film's narrative, provided this account in her letter.

"On Saturday, March 27, 2010, approximately 150 people were present for the screening of 'City of the Dawn.' A panel of Auroville associates and UNESCO [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization] representatives followed [the screening]," she said. "Their conversation was a spirited exchange about

Auroville and the importance of the film in spreading the message of the need for unity on this planet.

"Sunday evening, New Momentum [as film producers] received the Planet Prize for 'City of the Dawn.' The prize is given to the film that offers the most significant impact for the enrichment and improvement of our world," she said proudly.

Rothluebber, in thanking those whose donations helped finance the film, said, "It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes a very extended village to create a film."

"City of the Dawn" chronicles a 40-year journey by followers of Sri Aurobindo to transform a desolate and barren region in southern India into a tropical, self-sustaining township with over 2,000 residents from 40 different countries. According to promotional materials for "City," Auroville residents come from a multitude of social and religious backgrounds and choose to live together, embrace their differences and achieve unity through diversity.

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The par course on the future Idyllwild Community Center site is nearly finished. Signs next to each station give directions and suggestions on what to do while making your way through the whole course.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



As of Friday, sections of the new par course were not finished, but well on the way. Yellow caution tape was wrapped around sections that were not completed to keep people off of the equipment.

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There are lots of sports fans out there, and a lot of sports to enjoy: football, basketball, soccer, baseball, hockey ... olive oil wrestling? OK, maybe there aren't a lot of oiled wrestling events here in America, but in Turkey it's the national sport. Kirkpınar, as it's known there, has been popular since the Ottoman Empire. The Turkish town of Edirne has been hosting the annual tournament since 1361.

COLONEL BO'S SNOWSTORM



As the sleety snow lashes my window and my TV says "No Signal," I realize I can get back to my writing. I'm taking from my 1968 Vietnam War Journal a story about a lavender leopard we pilots stalked along the Mekong River. But the biting snowstorm outside here in Pine Cove reminds me of a similar late April icy-snow storm in 1927 that forced my brother and I to turn our horses loose and climb into the belly of a buffalo we had just shot. It was a late April blizzard in north Montana, and we were hunting out there on the prairie 100 miles from nowhere. I was 10, but I still remem-

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Bud Hunt still cycling

BY BETH NOTTLEY
STAFF REPORTER

When people reach retirement age, they usually think about taking it easy. When Bud Hunt, Idyllwild's past fire chief, retired in 1985, he took over operation of his son David's bike shop. Then he started some serious mountain bike riding of his own.

For years, Hunt has joined with other local cyclists on a Friday morning road ride from Lake Hemet to Paradise Corner and back. On Saturday mornings, he rode the trails behind Idyllwild Arts.

Local resident Anthony Negrete, 15, joined in on the Saturday ride last spring. "It was really hard; I'm young and Bud still whipped my butt," he said.

This spring, Hunt, now

80 years old, is laying off the trail rides due to a pacemaker that he had put in last November. But the 16-mile, relatively flat, ride through Garner Valley is still a cruise he makes. And he's still operating The Bike Route shop where he sells and repairs bikes. He'll also be a marshal for the 2010 Spring Challenge Bike Race that takes place on the trails surrounding Idyllwild the first weekend in May.

Hunt calls bike riding "an ageless sport" that has great health benefits. "If you don't overdo yourself, you can't help but be healthy, plus you get the pleasure of going someplace," he said.

Hunt said the Friday road ride takes off from Lake Hemet Market at about 8 a.m. The Saturday trail ride takes off from Hunt's shop on Pine Crest Avenue, also

Bike races grow interest in cycling

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Cycling is good for the health, especially for those who race, and also for the host town or municipality in which races are held.

On Saturday May 1 and Sunday May 2, Idyllwild's own Spring Challenge will host over 400 riders. "This is Idyllwild's race," said organizer Katie Hedrich of Idyllwild Cycling. "It's a homegrown enterprise."

Each year since its inception in 2005 the Idyllwild Spring Challenge (ISC) has grown in renown and numbers of participants — from 100 in 2005 to the more than 400 anticipated this year.

about 8 a.m., although some riders meet up at the "hub" where the pavement ends behind Idyllwild Arts. Most, but not all, of the riders are members of the local

The race is an American Mountain Bike Challenge (AMBC) race (added in 2006), listed on the National Mountain Bike and Cross Country (NMB) calendar in 2007, and also that year became an International Cycling Union (Union Cycliste Internationale) race that allows competing pros to gain points toward Olympic trials. In 2009, ISC organizers added a junior Olympics series for riders 18 and younger. "If they place high enough in the races they ride [at ISC], they earn the right to go to special training camps," said Hedrich.

This year, organizers are expanding the reach of the races to encompass more of

Idyllwild Cycling Club, but anyone is welcome to join the ride.

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Idyllwild — from the prime course at Hurkey Creek to a Time Trial in Idyllwild and a Super D that begins at Cowbell Alley and finishes at Hurkey Creek. "With our race, participants can opt to camp [at Hurkey] or stay in Idyllwild," said Hedrich. "We'll shuttle racers from town to the Time Trial and Super D sites," she noted.

Cycling is big business. In 2010 alone, the www.socalcycling.com Web site lists 13 mountain bike and cyclo-cross events in Southern California from Santa Barbara to Bakersfield to Big Bear and Idyllwild with finals in San Dimas, Calif., Massanutten, Va., and Nathrop, Colo.

Street or tour races, such as the recent March 12 and 13 Tour de Murrieta, the March 25 through 28 Redlands Bicycle Classic

Stage Race and the Ontario Easter Sunday Grand Prix are even more numerous with 83 events crowded into a mostly Southern California spread of venues. The Murrieta race, in which local Floyd Landis rode, attracted over 5,000 out-of-town spectators, according to race director Ernie Sanchez.

"Mountain bike racing has not grown at the same rate as street racing," said Hedrich. But ISC has grown remarkably in its five years. This year, ISC organizers hope to bring riders and families into town to sample the local economy, providing shuttle service and coupons to local businesses to attract riders into those businesses.

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A dry El Niño

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The El Niño of 2009-10 has been a disappointment to those expecting great amounts of precipitation — either snow or rain. In late summer and early fall, predictions were rampant of a possible repeat of the 2004-05 El Niño.

From November 2004 through March 2005, the Hill received more than 35.8 inches of rain (measured at the Idyllwild Fire Station). In those six months, the actual rainfall was 40 per-

cent greater than the yearly average from 1948 through 2005.

From the beginning of the rain year (July 1, 2009) through April 4, the Hill has received 20.24 inches of rain. This is about 2.5 inches less than the long-term average through April. We will need another five inches of rain from now through June 30 (almost twice the average) to reach the annual average. Unfortunately, traditional total rainfall is only 2.9 inches during these three months.

One climatologist who

was initially skeptical about this El Niño's promise, was Dr. William Patzert, an oceanographer and climatologist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. He expressed doubt as early as September 2009.

"In June 2009, hopes were floated that this would be the 'drought-buster' El Niño that Californians had been looking for," Patzert said last week. "But through the summer and fall, Niño remained modest. Modest Niño's don't cut it. They can even deliver below normal rainfall and

snow pack."

Even snowfall, which was nearly 50 percent more than average in 2009, is well below average this year. Through April 1, the 28.81 inches that have been recorded at the fire station are nearly 10 inches (nearly 25 percent) below the long-term average of 38 inches of snow.

As we near the end of a decade of relative drought, climatologists have no promise of immediate change. Unfortunately, La Niña, a drier year, often follows the El Niño.

"By June and July, we will

have some ideas about next winter. If the dry sibling of El Niño, La Niña, builds, we're dry," Patzert said. "Beyond that the longer-term fluctuations in the Pacific ... will govern the future. I see ... more dryness."

The Climate Prediction Center for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric


Administration reported last week, "The majority of models ... are predicting below-average temperatures in the region by Northern Hemisphere fall, with some forecasts meeting thresholds for La Niña."

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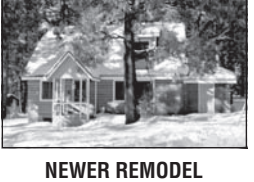
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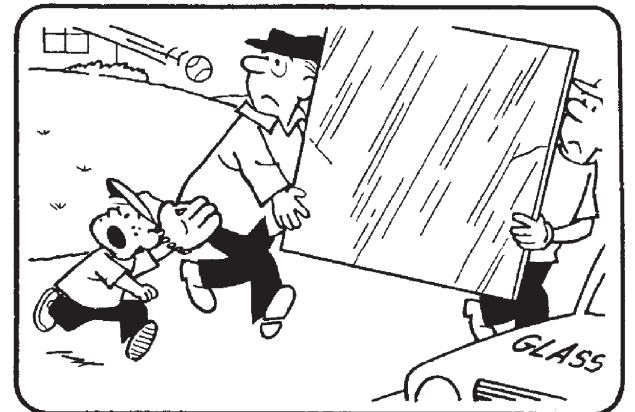
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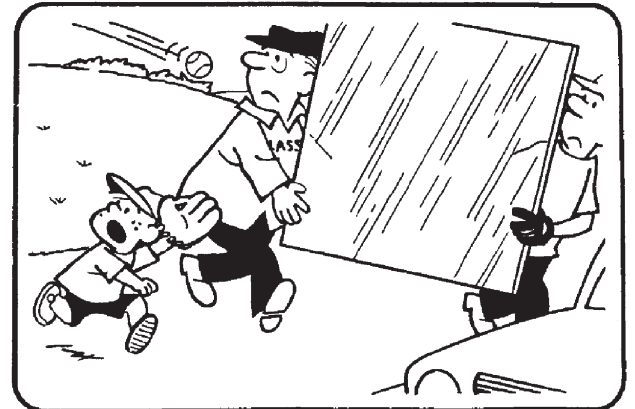
Alumium truck topper, \$45, white, fits 70s Chevy/Ford, solid windows front & back, louver on sides. 71-1/2"x100-1/2". Call Merrie 659-8293 to see.

27" RCA and VCR works perfectly, \$50. Call John 951-659-3141.

IT'S DIFFERENT



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Word is missing from vehicle. 2. Glove is black. 3. House is missing. 4. Bushes have been added. 5. Letters added to man's shirt. 6. Boy is wearing shorts.

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Answers to Sudoku
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
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Classifieds

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Yard Sales

Estate/Moving Sale. Antiques, collectibles, furniture & much more. Saturday & Sunday, April 17 & 18, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 53651 Idyllbrook Drive.

Earth Fair Yard Sale! Sat., April 17, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 53910 Pine Crest Ave. Huge variety, from housewares to children's items to electronics. Every dollar you spend goes directly to producing Earth Fair!

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Park model, 1992 Aljo, 1 BR, 1 BA, W/D, turn key, new carpet & water heater, great condition, 8x40, \$15,000 OBO. 760-775-9147.

Vacation Rentals

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SUDOKU

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

Rentals Wanted

Retired teacher/writer residing in Denmark wants to return to his beloved mountains to finish manuscript. Needs small, clean cabin/house suitable for one person. One bedroom okay, studio considered. Partly furnished would be great, but not a must. Local friend will act as liaison. Returning mid-April to May. Please call 951-675-2605 and leave message.

For Rent or Lease

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.

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2 BR, 1+ 1/2 BA, spare room, laundry, large lot on Westridge. Quiet neighborhood. No smoking. \$950/mo. Erica 562-686-5897.

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

For Rent or Lease

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.

Fern Valley/Lodge Road. Lrg. 1 BR SFR, wooded lot, lrg. deck, DW, stove, fridge. Living rm., sitting rm. or home office, dining rm., kitchen flow in bright open floor plan. FP insert, beautiful cathedral wood ceiling in all rms., incl. BR w/lrg. picture windows. New carpet, paint. Separate laundry/hobby rm., W/D incl. \$775/mo. unfurnished, furnished negotiable. Call M. Howe 760-613-8774.

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Furnished 1 BR, 1 BA, FP, 2 decks, \$850/mo. and large studio, full kitchen, partially furnished, yard, \$700/mo. Both are close to town and include paid utilities and cable. Call 951-659-6399 or 760-777-2328.

Pine Cove

2 BR, 2 BA with internet and spa, off main road. Furnished see: idlepinescabin.com. Flat screen TV, nice, \$975/mo. No smoking. Pet with deposit. 858-603-9507.

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1 BR, 1 BA apartment, close to center of town, \$675/mo. + deposit & references. Call 909-855-2747.

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CROSSWORD

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- 4 Regions
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- 12 Vast expanse
- 13 Ballroom favorite
- 14 Actress Myrna
- 15 Letter from the Vatican
- 17 Cleopatra's slayer
- 18 Floral garland
- 19 Undeveloped stage
- 21 Reacted in horror
- 24 Leeway
- 25 "Uh-huh"
- 26 Thickness
- 28 Dynamite inventor
- 31 Disposition
- 33 Formal 25-Across
- 35 "I never — man I didn't like"
- 36 Porcine sniffer
- 38 Pen point
- 40 Varnish ingredient
- 41 Small sala mander
- 43 In a whimsical way
- 45 IOU signer
- 47 Listener
- 48 Swiss canton
- 49 Sandbox toy, maybe
- 54 Zero
- 55 Mohammedanism
- 56 Pod denizen
- 57 Kenan's

DOWN

- 1 Kreskin's claim
- 2 Meadow
- 3 Orienteering aid
- 4 Dormant
- 5 With great intensity
- 6 Ostrich's cousin
- 7 More skilled
- 8 Canned fish
- 9 Warning signal
- 10 Too curious
- 11 Error in print
- 16 Matherhorn, for one
- 20 Prosperous time
- 21 Workout venues
- 22 Charlize Theron film, "— Flux"
- 23 Ibis' kin
- 27 Hankering
- 29 Handy Latin abbr.
- 30 Frilly
- 32 Song for two
- 34 Motorcycle attachment
- 37 Cheap
- 39 Lullaby composer
- 42 Lock of hair
- 44 Sphere
- 45 Basketball tactic
- 46 A reat Lake
- 50 Chicken — king
- 51 Suitable
- 52 Zodiac sign
- 53 Once around the track

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You still might have to deal with some lingering confusion that marked a recent workplace situation. But for the most part, you should now be well on your way to your next project.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new commitment might demand more time than you'd expected to have to give it. But rely on that special Bovine gift for patience, and stick with it. You'll be glad you did.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're earning the admiration of a lot of people who like the way you handle yourself when your views are on the line. Even one or two of your detractors are being won over.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Taking your responsibilities seriously is what you do. But ease up on the pressure gauge and make time for much needed R & R. Start by making this weekend a "just for fun" time zone.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Some recently uncovered information might make a change of plans inevitable. If so, deal with it as quickly as possible, and then find out what went wrong and why. What you learn might surprise you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Aspects favor moving carefully and deliberately when making any significant changes. Could be there are more facts you need to know, which you might overlook if you rush things.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A problem neighbor might be looking to goad you

into an action you don't want to take. Ask someone you both respect if he or she would act as an impartial arbitrator for both of you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A recent workplace accomplishment hasn't been overlooked by those who watch these things. Meanwhile, start making travel plans for that much-too-long-deferred trip with someone special.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Those money matters continue to move in your favor. Now would be a good time to start putting some money back into the house, both for esthetic as well as economic reasons.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A changing workplace environment can create job pressures. But, once again, follow the example of your birth sign and take things a step at a time, like the sure-footed Goat you are.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Cheer up. You could soon have the funds you need for your worthy project. Your generous gifts of time and effort are well known, and someone might decide it's time to join with you.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your inner scam-catcher is right on target, and you're absolutely right to reject that "too-good-to-be-true" offer. Meanwhile, something positive should be making its way to you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are generous, and also sympathetic to people who find they need the help of others.

HOROSCOPE

Classifieds

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For Rent or Lease

Royal Pines Estates, 26350 Delano Dr., Sp. #72. Small 1 BR, 1 BA, wood stove, appliances, new carpet, mattress. \$500/mo. plus utilities. Call 951-659-2691, mgr. Mary. Available now.

53331 Circle View cabin. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. New appliances, washer/dryer included. Large private deck. Available now. \$1000/mo. Call Randee 951-634-7500.

CLOSE TO IDY ARTS. 2 bdrms., 1.75 baths. Detached 1-car garage w/lg. office, workshop area. Fenced yard. Central propane heat. Full kitchen w/range, disposal and refrigerator. Laundry room. Wood burner. \$995/mo. Call 951-659-9505.

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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. \$775/mo. Call 951-659-9505.

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

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Commercial Rentals

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Retail/gallery space, 1,000 sq. ft. on North Circle in Oakwood Village, \$1,275/mo. Also available 6 & 7, \$700/mo. Contact Amanda, 951-659-9091.

Office/retail space, 54445 N. Circle Dr., Ste. D. Corner of N. Circle & Oakwood. \$525/mo. Owner/agent Pete 951-452-5552 or 659-2320.

Real Estate

2 bedroom, 1 bath cabin plus a separate studio apartment. Lots of decks. Live in one and rent the other, \$199,000. Call Randee 951-634-7500.

FORECLOSED HOME AUCTION. 95+ Homes / Auction: May 1st. Open House: April 17, 24 & 25, 2010. REDC / View Full Listings. www.Auction.com RE Brkr 01093886 (Cal-SCAN)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as HELPING THE HOMELESS, 26500 Hwy 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1168, Idyllwild, CA 92549. CHRISTOPHER LEIGH ROCKWELL, 53885 Marion View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. 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

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MARCH 16, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MARCH 16, 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
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy
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-2010-02900

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. 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 RASHEED 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 RASHEED JOULANI
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 16, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2009-02772

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. Llaneras, Deputy
Pub. TC: March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2010.

HEC10001010 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.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: ADAM RANDELL KANTER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: ADAM RANDELL KANTER changed to Proposed name: ADAM RANDELL IYAMAN

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: 5-11-10 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. H1
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: March 15, 2010
Kathleen Jacobs
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 2010.

RIC10004519 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

PETITION OF MARGARET MARILLA FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: MARGARET MARILLA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: KATRINA MICHELE ZIGRAY changed to Proposed name: KATHRYN MICHELE ZIGRAY

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: 5-6-10 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 8
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: March 12, 2010
Gloria E. Trask
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2010.

RIC10004984 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

PETITION OF IMAN NASHED FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: IMAN NASHED filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: IMAN NASHED changed to Proposed name: AMY NASH

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: 5-14-10 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 3
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: March 18, 2010
Gloria E. Trask
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: April 1, 8, 15, 22, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as BROOKDALE LTD; FAIRMONT LTD; FLEETWOOD DISTILLING PRODUCTS, LTD; J. HARRISON CO.; J. HARRISON DISTILLING PRODUCTS, LTD; JACQUE LEVEQUE LTD; PARK ROYAL LTD; R.J. REED LTD; VOLSKA IMPORTING CO.; WESTMONT LTD., 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, Riverside. LEVECKE CORPORATION, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, a California corporation (A 27762).

This business is conducted by a corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Jan. 1, 2010.

Signed: J. NEIL LEVECKE
President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 22, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-03126

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON MARCH 22, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO MARCH 22, 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
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy
Pub. TC: April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010.

RIC10005996 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

PETITION OF FURAH KISA SMITH FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: FURAH KISA SMITH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: FURAH KISA SMITH changed to Proposed name: FURAH KISA DEROISIERS

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: 5-26-10 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 6
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: April 2, 2010
Gloria E. Trask
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2010.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at the hour of 2:30

PM, April 20, 2010 at Lockaway Storage, 1181 N. State St. in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, misc. tools and equipment.

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

Manager/Cathie Brogdon
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Name: Jesus Quintero
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Name: Melanie Armstrong
Unit # F115
Name: Helena Driscoll

Auction to be held on April 20, 2010 at 2:30 PM.

Lockaway/Hemet
Cathie Brogdon - Manager
American Auction Service
Bond # FS8632014

Pub. TC: April 8, 15, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as TRUSTED KLOTHING, 66612 Mission Lakes Blvd., Desert Hot Springs 92240, Riverside County. CHRISTOPHER DAVID ENRICO, 66612 Mission Lakes, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed: CHRISTOPHER DAVID ENRICO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 5, 2010.

FILE NO.: I-2010-00924

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APRIL 5, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO APRIL 5, 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
I hereby certify that this copy is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: D. Perez, Deputy
Pub. TC: April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2010.

HEC10000671 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 880 N. State St., Hemet, CA 92543.

PETITION OF MICHAEL CRUMP JR. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: MICHAEL CRUMP JR. filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: MICHAEL FREDRICK CRUMP JR. changed to Proposed name: MICHAEL FREDRICH ROSE JR.

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: 5-17-10 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. H1
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: Feb. 23, 2010
KATHLEEN JACOB
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2010.

RIC10005728 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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Letters

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If you are not enforcing this law for some reason, I'd like to know about it. My commitment to the peace and quiet of our communities and the public places is strong, and I will take action whenever I can to pursue this goal.

GERALD JONES, PH.D.
HOMELAND, CALIF.

Editor's note: This letter was addressed to Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff with a copy to the Town Crier.

Response to Michael Freitas' Lemon Lily letter

EDITOR:

With run of the mill inattention to details, Mr. Freitas has glossed over his comments with misguided thinking.

Some responses to his comments are found below:

I am like a farmer in the field, believing that our food plants need care once all the theories have been exhausted. The Saudi Kingdom is certain they can get through climate change with a finite supply of a nonrenewable resource. They are, of course, wrong.

They were wrong 20 years ago, they are wrong now. Nobody likes to be shown wrong, so they throw the proof away. Mr. Freitas' wastebasket must be near full with good ideas tossed because others did not have the imagination to carry them out.

I said that Town Crier VERSUS the Chamber, VERSUS CSA 36 was competition that did not lead to success for those wishing to publicize Idyllwild's ability to be vacationland to all wandering vacationers with money to burn and gas in their tank.

The billboards on the side of Interstate 10 might as well advertise that Idyllwild has dinosaurs on view. As the depression economy deepens and more people lose their homes and jobs, mom and pop specialty businesses like Mr. Freitas' jerky store will fail.

Mr. Freitas and his small group of wishful thinkers will just try to think up new jingles to put on the billboards. They will gather together in groups and plant extinct lilies, in an effort to try to live in the past. Idyllwild will become a haven for panhandlers like the

parking lots of the big stores in Hemet. "Please buddy, can you spare a Lemon Lily bulb? Are they edible?"

Sucking Strawberry Creek dry will not help attract tourists, whether just one water company or all three are sucking out the trickle that will be left by July. Consider the reason they are sucking our stream dry.

Idyllwild is a small scale example of resources outflanked by overpopulation. Realtors with no future in an overcrowded world, strive to subdivide. People wishing to escape the bumper-to-bumper hell that used to be called the freeways are limited in scope and limited in means. The "haves" continue to "have" even less, the "have nots" continue with little or nothing, while the populace is diverted and misled by misinforming entertainment news programs, and survival shows.

T.S. BENNETT
MOUNTAIN CENTER

Winter

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policies and Winter's background, he dropped his plans for the Pine Cove facility.

In July, he filed a libel suit against the Town Crier and various local groups and individuals including the Pine Cove Property Owners Association and all of its members; the Professionals, a business owned by Gisela Stearns and Marie Williams; and Nancy Borchers, Cindy Harding, Beatrix Houghton, and Marge Muir.

In his initial filing, Winter claimed Town Crier reporter Marshall Smith, author of the articles, conspired with government officials in Florida and Riverside County to prevent the opening of the shelter.

Among his numerous later filings to the District court, Winter confirmed the original Florida charges and

his subsequent arrest and incarceration in Florida as a fugitive. Actions in Florida are still pending against Winter.

In October, the Town Crier's attorney filed a motion to dismiss Winter's charges. The paper's anti-SLAPP motion stated Winter was attempting to prevent the paper from performing its normal duties of reporting on events, people and activities within our community.

Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation (SLAPPs) are civil complaints or counterclaims (against either an individual or an organization) in which the alleged injury was the result of free speech activities protected by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The Town Crier filed an

anti-SLAPP motion because it considered Winter's action an effort to quench free speech — not only what the paper prints but what others who may be concerned might express, but are intimidated into silence by the threat of legal action and the cost of defending themselves.

Typically, SLAPPs are based on ordinary civil tort claims such as defamation. While most SLAPPs are legally without merit, they effectively achieve their principal purpose — to chill public debate on specific issues. Equally important, however, a SLAPP also sends a message to others — you, too, can be sued if you speak up.

Winter apparently plans to pursue, in federal courts, his actions against Riverside County and the State of Florida.

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

Roth IRA conversions

TAX TIPS

BY STEPHEN T. PEPPLER, EA, CFP



further.

Nondeductible IRA contributions made in the past are good candidates for conversion to Roth IRAs since the tax consequences are less.

Some taxpayers who cannot contribute to a Roth IRA due to the income limitations (MAGI less than \$105,000 for a single filer and \$166,000 for a joint return in 2009) make contributions to a nondeductible regular IRA and then convert it to a Roth IRA shortly thereafter. If one has no other IRAs this typically results in little tax since most of the converted amount was nondeductible originally and hence nontaxable now. However, if you have other regular, Simple or

Tax law allows you to convert all or a portion of your regular IRAs [Investment Retirement Account] to Roth IRAs. These rules received a major overhaul for 2010.

Until 2010 you could not convert a regular IRA into a Roth IRA if your modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) was over \$100,000. This limit disappeared Jan. 1, 2010.

When you convert a regular IRA to a Roth IRA, that amount becomes taxable. For 2010 only, you have the ability to make an election to pay tax on the converted amounts: one-half on the 2011 return (filed in April 2012) and one-half on the 2012 return (filed in April 2013). Spreading the tax liability over two years could lower the over-all tax paid. An uncertainty is what tax rates will be in 2011 and 2012. The Bush tax cuts are due to expire next year and with a mounting deficit Congress may increase taxes

to review tax implications closely before proceeding.

Nondeductible IRA contributions need to be reported on Form 8606.

If you convert your regular IRA to a Roth IRA and the Roth IRA loses value, its possible to recharacterize the Roth IRA back to a regular IRA, thus eliminating the tax consequences of the conversion. This must be done before the due date of your return for the year of the conversion, including extensions. Should you wish to reconvert the regular IRA to a Roth IRA (with less tax) you can do this 30 days after the re-characterization subject to certain restrictions.

You will definitely want to seek the assistance of the knowledgeable tax preparer and financial planner should you wish to take advantage of the opportunity to convert all or a portion of your regular IRA to a Roth IRA so that you understand all the tax implications.

Public Notices

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

PETITION OF CAROLINA DIAZ LUNA FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: CAROLINA DIAZ LUNA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: CAROLINA DIAZ LUNA changed to Proposed name: CAROLINA LUNA

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.

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Date: April 5, 2010
Gloria E. Trask
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as BIG WAGGLE INDUSTRIES, 3627 Washington Street, Riverside, CA 92504, Riverside, NICHOLLE (NMN) HUG and MICHAEL BARNEY RODRIGUES, 3627 Washington Street, Riverside, CA 92504.

This business is conducted by Co-partners. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
NICHOLLE HUG
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 8, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-03928

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: S. Berry, Deputy
Pub. TC: April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2010.

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On April 16, Frank Vernon will speak on "Observing earthquakes Along the San Andreas Fault." On April 23, Sean Owen will show his award-winning documentary, "Sing Birds," about the local Cahuilla Indians.

The lectures will be held at the Anza Valley Library at Hamilton High School in Anza.

Children's event at library

The Idyllwild Library will be celebrating Día de los Niños, Día de los Libros (Day of the Children, Day of the Books) at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 19 with a bilingual story time, music and refreshments. All children attending will receive a free book. The program is free.

Also, during the week of April 19 to 24, children applying for a new or replacement library card will receive a book bag with a free book, stickers and other goodies.

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HHJ

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to recover course credits, improve grades and graduate on time, with courses offered in 6-, 12- or 18-week formats. Students can earn up to 50 credits per semester compared to 30 in traditional high school. In addition, HHJ offers online study, independent study, and one-on-one small group instruction. For 9th- and 10th-graders, core subjects are taught two days a week with class sizes from 10 to 20 students. Classes are taught at Idyllwild School. "The Hel-

en Hunt Jackson program is designed to accommodate personal circumstances such as health, parenting, and other individual needs," said Burgess. "Students may graduate from HHJ, take a few select classes, or make up credits and return to their home schools, then move on to work or college."

Parents interested in HHJ can attend an information meeting April 28 at Idyllwild School at 3 p.m. Fall semester applications are available at the same contact information as FTLC.

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IBRT

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placing a traveling advertisement for Idyllwild on the back of the bus

IBRT participant Gary Budnick is testing the waters for the other direction — taking signups for an Idyllwild busload to attend the Thursday night Village Fest Street Fair in Palm Springs. If successful, Budnick said tours to the Temecula wine country and area casinos could follow.

or a nature center/historical society opportunity to guarantee a full bus.

"Each bus has an on-board escort," said Bannister. "You [Idyllwild business owners] could have the Idyllwild materials [maps, coupons, discounts, sightseeing opportunities] in hand for escorts to discuss with passengers on the bus trip up." Bannister also mentioned the opportunity for

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Strange but true

In Colorado, it is illegal to mutilate a rock in a state park.

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CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Here's some good news for pet owners! There are actually some legitimate dog-related tax deductions that you can take. Check with your tax preparer. Owning a pet will ease your tax time stress, too. Simply petting your cat or walking your dog lowers blood pressure. Try it! Stop by ARF on weekends for some kitty or puppy love.



Brothers **Rusty** and **Shorty** are 3-year-old indoor cats whose owner lost his life suddenly. They would love to be adopted together to bring joy and laughter to a loving home. They are good with other cats and dogs, and just need a new family.



Callie the young tortoiseshell has enchanting green eyes. Going to her forever home would be reason to celebrate since Callie's one-year birthday is this month!



Just the sincerity in **Spencer's** eyes will cause a heart to melt. A Chihuahua-Pomeranian mix, this fun-loving guy wonders why you won't give him a chance to prove his loyalty.



Roxie's family lost their home and consequently their pets. A little bit mischievous, this Australian shepherd-mix is easy to train. All she needs is a job and love to make her life purposeful again.



We have several cats, kittens and dogs available for adoption. Go to www.idyllwildarf.org and click on petfinders. All pets are current on shots and are spayed or neutered.

Thank you to our volunteers last weekend. ARF is still in need of spring yard work and foster homes for medium-size dogs. Our biggest need is foster parents who are willing to provide care and safe homes in the interim.

ARF is open weekends from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment. Phone is (951) 659-1122. We are located 1/2-block off North Circle Drive at Cedar Street, P.O. Box 719, Idyllwild, CA 92549. E-mail arf@greencafe.com or visit our Web site www.idyllwildarf.org.

Creature corner is sponsored this week by Ann Morrison and Steve Pitchevsky in memory of Shana. To sponsor the column, call Shane Fender at the Town Crier, 659-2145.

PAST TENSE

60 years ago - 1950

The U.S. Forest Service was finishing plans for the Lake Fulmor dedication ceremony.

50 years ago - 1960

"Biggest thing since the Inn burned down!" commented Jim Johnson as a 40-foot tree was being transplanted from Pine Cove. Placed in the center of town, the new town Christmas tree, unfortunately, died two years later.

45 years ago - 1965

By a wide margin, voters approved the unification of the Idyllwild, Hemet and Anza area schools.

40 years ago - 1970

The possibility that Garner Valley would be added to the National Forest was boosted by the introduction of bills in the House of Representatives authorizing the appropriation of funds for the purchase of the valley.

35 years ago - 1975

Funeral services were held in Los Angeles for film



On the morning of June 18, 1988, fierce winds hit the Hill, power at some locations was knocked out and this 65-foot oak tree toppled at the entrance to Mt. San Jacinto State Park on Highway 243. The park entrance was blocked for about an hour-and-a-half while a work crew cleared the debris. Winds were clocked at more than 50 miles per hour at the Tahquitz Peak Lookout station.

star and part-time Idyllwild resident Marjorie Main. A veteran of 80 movies, Main was best known for her role as the eccentric farm wife in the Ma and Pa Kettle movies.

30 years ago - 1980

Due to sudden Santa Ana winds, a U.S. Forest Service controlled burn escaped on the San Bernardino National Forest. The resulting Chimney Fire burned for two days.

25 years ago - 1985

Plans for a helipad at the Idyllwild Fire Station were put on hold until an official from the state's Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, reviewed and made recommendations on the proposed site.

20 years ago - 1990

The Idyllwild Water District board voted unanimously to amend a water conservation ordinance to prohibit new or additional

water service connections during a severe water shortage emergency.

15 years ago - 1995

Despite nearly a foot of snow falling on parts of the Hill Easter Sunday, Idyllwild's Easter Egg Hunt went on as planned.

10 years ago - 2000


The state Department of Education honored Idyllwild School with recognition as a California Distinguished School.

5 years ago - 2005

The Federal Emergency Management Agency approved individual assistance for the Idyllwild area for damage incurred during the February windstorms.

1 year ago - 2009

A new book by local author and historian Bob Smith, "Idyllwild and the High San Jacintos," was released by Arcadia Publishing, the leading local history publisher in the United States.




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Spirit

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was born out a relationship developed between a group of people from the modern world and the leaders of the Achuar, a remote indigenous group living in the Amazon basin of southeastern Ecuador.

According to Fotine Fahouris, one of the facilitators of the Idyllwild symposium, the Alliance was started about five years ago after the elders and shamans of the Achuar, deeply concerned about the growing threat to their ancient way of life, actively sought the partnership of individuals living in the modern, industrialized world to successfully blend the intellect and prowess of the modern world with the deep and ancient wisdom of traditional cultures. "They saw their way of life was changing; that destruction was happening," said Fahouris.

Out of the Pachamama Alliance came the "Changing the Dream — Awakening the Dreamer" symposium that has been translated in 11 languages, now has more than 2,000 facilitators worldwide and has

been presented to thousands of people internationally. According to Esther Kennedy, director of Spirit Mountain Retreat, the goal of the symposium is to help people "to become more aware of the limit of our resources and that it takes a community to shift a collective lifestyle."

Fahouris said that participating in the symposium inspires people "to look at the ways we operate and how it impacts the environment and gives confidence that you can do something together as a community."

The first Earth Day was April 22, 1970. Idyllwild celebrates Earth Day in May because of the uncertainty of our early spring weather.

Everyone is invited to attend the "Awakening the Dreamer — Changing the Dream" symposium that will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Caine Learning Center. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share for a potluck lunch. The event, partially funded by the Idyllwild Community Fund, is free of charge. To register, call Spirit Mountain Retreat at (951) 659-2523.

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Judi Milin perusing the Town Crier in Cozumel.

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Shane Stewart has rented yard space to Mike Johnson of Ballard Gas so Ballard can have a local presence on the Hill. The billboard promotes Ballard and Idyllwild businesses.

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Michael Blurton shares the Town Crier with the Seahorse Statue on the Malecon in Puerto Vallarta (right). Steve Shaw (below) had time to read the Town Crier while waiting for a cool drink in Puerto Vallarta's plaza (Zocalo) in front of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Blurton and Shaw have a cabin in Pine Cove, teach, and traveled the Mexican Riviera during Spring Break.

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