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IDYLLWILD EARTH DAY 2010



On Earth Day, April 22, local Earth Witness volunteers visited Town Hall's Pre-school. After the learning to make bird masks, the children and adults went out into the spring snow to test their ability to fool local birds. Standing in front and proudly displaying the masks are **Reese Whitney, Octavia Severa, Hunter Stewart, Tara Geisinger, Brody Posey and Preston Pino.** In the back row, the Earth Witness volunteers are also proud of their masks. From the left in the rear are **Myra Dutton** (Earth Witness member hiding behind mask), **Christina Nordella** (Earth Witness member), **Claudia Posey**, administrative director, **Anna Anchetta** (another shy Earth Witness member) and **Kelly Willis**, Town Hall staff. This summer, Earth Witness will offer a free program to children enrolled in the Town Hall summer programs.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BOB LEWIS

Hedrich's passion builds world-class event

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On May 1 and 2, the Idyllwild Spring Challenge (ISC), commits professional mountain bike riders from around the country to a grueling 30-mile cross-country course in one of the most beautiful race venues in the country. And ISC is not just for pros. There's something for every racer from 14-years-old and under to 50-years-old and older and for tandem riders to unicyclists. "It's a home-

grown event, with a personal touch," said race founder and director Katie Hedrich.

And when she isn't out marking trails, fabricating awards, dumpster diving (for granite at a willing stone yard to use in making those awards), answering e-mail queries from potential riders, refreshing Web sites, rewriting software — and all as a volunteer — Hedrich tries to find time for a career as a film editor. Although she would prefer that it took a village to create what has become a world-class event,

and she is always mindful of and grateful for her many volunteers at the race, Hedrich acknowledges that, more often than she would like, it is a "one gal effort" leading up to the race.

Hedrich singles out notable exceptions. "Linda McCaughin and Sandy Wampler have gone to the merchants and done the lion's share of getting businesses signed up as sponsors," she said.

The sponsor program, new this year, is designed [See Challenge, page 12](#)

IWD sets rate hearing

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

On June 15, the board of the Idyllwild Water District (IWD) will conduct a public hearing on the issue of raising water rates. At the hearing, the board will discuss its needs for a 6-percent rate increase effective July 1 and language to impose a 6-percent rate increase for each of the following four years.

Last week, at a special meeting, the board originally set the hearing date for May 18. Since then, the board decided the later date allowed them to fully comply with the requirements of Proposition 218. California voters adopted this proposition in 1996 and it became article X111, sections C and D of the state constitution.

The language governs

existing and proposed increases in property taxes, assessments and special government fees. IWD, in order to increase its water rates and related fees, must comply with this language.

Prior to the June session, the district will mail more information and details to district voters. If more than half object to the proposed increase, the board may have to reject it. Other fee increases, such as meter installation, will be on the agenda, too.

During the discussion of the level of rate increase needed, Director John Cook stated IWD's average annual operating or expenditures increase has been 5.7 percent.

"We're also trying to keep a reasonable and prudent reserve," added Director

[See IWD, page 13](#)

A good day for the Roundtable

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Idyllwild Business Roundtable (IBRT) had an especially good day on Friday, April 23, according to facilitator Doug Yagaloff.

IBRT presented their Business Improvement District (BID) Letter of Intent, signed by 28 Idyllwild businesses, to Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone at his regular monthly meeting in Idyllwild. The 28 businesses represent more than

10 percent of all businesses licensed or registered in Idyllwild, and include some of the most prominent in town, covering both inns and retail businesses.

Stone expressed support for the effort and recognized that it would best serve constituents if it were, as IBRT intends it to be, a grass-roots effort. Stone assured IBRT representatives that they would have full access to county resources as the BID proposal proceeds.

Next in IBRT BID plans, [See IBRT, page 12](#)

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, April 19 to 25:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

April 19 — Medical aid, 26700 block of Highway 243, Idyllwild.

April 22 — False alarm, highways 243 and 74, Mountain Center.

April 23 — Medical aid, 54000 block of Fern Lane, Idyllwild.

April 23 — Medical aid, 54000 block of Live Oak Lane, Idyllwild.

April 23 — Medical aid, North Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

April 24 — Malfunctioning alarm, Deerfoot Trail, Pine Cove.

April 25 — Traffic collision, Highway 243 at Foster Lake Road, Pine Cove.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

April 22 — Traffic collision.

April 23 — Medical aid.

April 24 — False alarm.

April 25 — Traffic collision.

April 25 — Medical aid.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

April 22 — Traffic collision, 53000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

April 24 — Medical aid, 36000 block of Gold Shot Creek Road, Garner Valley.

April 24 — Medical aid, 56000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Nothing to report.

Riverside County Fire, Anza

April 19 — Unknown type of fire, Lake Riverside Drive and Highway 371, Aguanga.

April 19 — Vehicle fire, Sweet Bush and Spanish Dagger Road, Anza.

April 19 — Two walk-in medical aids.

April 20 — Medical aid, Glenda Lane and Fisher Road, Anza.

April 20 — Two walk-in medical aids.

April 22 — Walk-in medical aid.

April 23 — Walk-in medical aid.

April 24 — Medical aid, Indian Hill Trail, Aguanga.

April 25 — Medical aid, Scrub Oak and Polliwog Road, Anza.

April 25 — Medical aid, Saddleback Drive and Arroyo

Way, Aguanga.

April 25 — Medical aid, Burnt Valley Road and Jenny Lane, Anza.

April 25 — Medical aid, Bailey Road and Terwilliger Road, Anza.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Monday, April 19 to Sunday, April 26. This may not be a complete list of responses:

April 21 — Two-vehicle, noninjury hit-and-run traffic collision, Highway 74 west of Carrizo Road, Pinyon.

April 22 — Single-vehicle traffic collision (Riverside Sheriff's Department SUV) with one minor injury, Highway 74 east of Highway 243, Mountain Center. Snow and icy roadway conditions cited as factor in collision.

April 25 — Single-vehicle traffic collision with one minor injury, Highway 243 north of Cedar Glen Drive, Idyllwild. The vehicle's driver, Timothy Johnson, of Idyllwild, was subsequently arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol. One of the three passengers complained of pain and American Medical Response transported the person to a local hospital.

Sheriff's log

The Lake Hemet Sub-division of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department responded to the following calls from Monday to Monday, April 19 to 26. This may not be a complete list of responses:

April 19 — Felony burglary by an unknown suspect in the 59000 block of Harna Place in Anza. Case is open and assigned to investigators.

April 23 — Felony auto theft by an unknown suspect at the Alhatti Christian Resort at 23551 State Highway 243 in Idyllwild. Case remains open, but suspended.

April 23 — Man identified as Edward Harry Ferrara Jr., 47, of Winchester, arrested on suspicion of committing felony embezzlement while out on bail at Suburban Propane, 54225 Ridgeview Drive Idyllwild. Suspect remains incarcerated at Larry D. Smith Correctional Facility in Banning on \$20,000 bail, awaiting a May 24 court appearance.

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

Weekend rescue and snow survey

BY MARSHALL SMITH, STAFF REPORTER, AND J.P. CRUMRINE, EDITOR

On Saturday, April 24, Les Walker and Pete Carlson, of Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU), rescued a Skyline Trail hiker who had lost the trail the previous evening. The 40-year-old man had begun hiking early Friday from Palm Springs and intended to complete his hike at the tram. Unlike many who attempt that trail, the man was properly equipped for his expedition, according to Walker. "He just got lost," said Walker.

A Riverside County Sheriff's Department Aviation Unit helicopter spotted the man around 5 p.m. RMRU got the dispatch call and arrived at the tram base around 9:30 p.m., about one-half hour after the last regular tram car dispatch. Tram officials refused to authorize a car for the six-man RMRU team to ascend.

Consequently, they camped in their cars in the parking lot and took the first tram up at 6:30 a.m. Saturday. Walker and Carlson were the first to reach the hiker. "We located the man,"

See RMRU, page 10

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MARY KAY

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service.

Thursday 4/29	Friday 4/30	Saturday 5/1	Sunday 5/2	Monday 5/3
56/26 Partly cloudy, windy, slight chance of showers at night.	59/31 Partly cloudy, chance of morning showers, windy.	63/37 Mostly sunny with a few random clouds.	69/38 Mostly sunny and clear.	76/47 Mostly sunny and clear.

Date	Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
4-19	70	42			76	45		
4-20	63	38			78	40		
4-21	38	27	.78	.8	83	46		
4-22	38	22	1.40	6	73	44		
4-23	50	23			67	42		
4-24	64	30			65	40		
4-25	70	30			57	36		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 23.54
To date last season (Idy): 18.04
Total last season (Idy): 18.04
To date this season (PC): 30.68

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 35.91
To date last season (Idy): 55.2
Total last season (Idy): 55.2
To date this season (PC): 71.5

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

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

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

It's still about the snow ...



Last week's snowstorm put a damper on the rites of spring and caused yours truly to go into a brief funk as I spent my days-off indoors.

I am chomping at the bit to get out on the trail and am totally focused on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hikers and work issues. It seems that it is hard to get my act together when the weather will not cooperate but the bottom line is that the next month or so belongs to the PCT hikers.

At least a couple dozen hikers have come into town already and most of them are not particularly anxious to tackle the trail through our mountains. I don't blame them for being cautious as things are not looking so good out on the trails currently [see snow survey on page 2]. Of course, it is nothing that a couple of weeks of warm, sunny skies can't take care of, but here and now things look bleak for all but the most ambitious PCTers.

My local informant, better known as Forest Service Volunteer Joe Bressi, reports 10 inches of new snow on top of a 3-foot base at Chinquapin Flat and no other footprints other than his own. The trail is not really visible past the Tahquitz Peak junction. I have not spoken to a single hiker that has made the trip from Highway 74 to Humber Park.

Next weekend there will be a three-day snow course in our local mountains and I think that most of those seeking instruction will be PCT hikers. At any rate, they will either have to hike and camp on snow or take the Black Mountain Road to bypass the local trails. It is a decision that has to be made most every year unless a hiker is traveling through in late May or June.

So far this year, in addition to meeting PCTers from all over the United States, I have met hikers from France, England and Austria. I believe this is the first Austrian hiker I have met in the shop.

The French hiker was a woman hiking solo on the PCT. We met when I was out shoveling snow at work on Thursday morning. I happened to look up and she was standing in the driveway looking a little cold and forlorn. She asked if she could help me shovel snow because she had nothing else to do as she was not going out on the trail during a snowstorm.

I made a deal with her; I would "let" her shovel some snow if she would teach me the French words for some of the gear in the shop. We never got around to the French lessons but I did manage to find her a ride down to the PCT kickoff at Lake Morena.

On Sunday, I met another Karen Keller. Not Idyllwild's own Karen Keller, who I dubbed "Special K," but another PCT hiker named Karen Keller. Luckily they have different



Idyllwild was blessed with more snow last week. Early in the morning of April 22, Village Center Drive looking towards South Ridge has about 5 to 6 inches. PHOTO BY SHANE FENDER



On Saturday, April 24 there is no sign of the recent snow, but the South Fork of the San Jacinto River looks wet. This was taken about 2.8 miles from the trailhead on Highway 74.

PHOTO BY SHANE FENDER

trail names so other hikers will be able to distinguish them without confusion.

Finally, I have begun the process of learning how to download my PCT hiker photographs onto my digital picture frame. Instead of printing photos and tacking them on the wall this year, everything will be digital from start to finish.



In February, the Mt. San Jacinto peak was covered in snow. It appears as if the elevation sign is planted on a long, smooth meadow. Below is a photograph of the same site in July 2009. The peak is a pile of rocks. Several times, **Thomas Harrison** hiked to the top this winter. "There was hardly a breath of air on the peak when I was there, so unusual especially for winter. That really is a special piece of nature up there," he said.

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Mt. San Jacinto peak, July 2009.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.
- ESL class, 8:30-11:30 a.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, women only, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- "Calling in the Divine Feminine" workshop with Celeste Mann, 6-8 p.m. Full moon hike with Jules Johnson, 7-9 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.
- VHS Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Menifee Valley Medical Center Educational Center, 28400 McCall Park Blvd., Sun City.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

- "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.
- ESL class, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Highway 243.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

- 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.
- 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, MAY 1

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, speaker Bob Smith of IAHS and author of "Idyllwild and the High San Jacintos," 8:30 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr., Pine Cove.
- Spirituality Book Club, 10 a.m.-noon. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 23661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523 for information.
- 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.
- Wild Girls Group with Celeste Mann & Jules Johnson, 1-2:30 p.m.; Yoga with Trine, 2:30-4 p.m. The Chakra Shack, 54750 North Circle Dr., Unit A.
- Raw foods potluck, 5:30 p.m. Nature's Wisdom, 54235 Ridgeview Dr. Call 659-4300 for information.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

- Pinyon Pines County Water District, 9 a.m. Pinyon Fire Station, 70080 Hwy. 74, Pinyon.
- Zen Meditation Group, 9 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, MAY 3

- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz

- Dr.
- School Site Council, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild School, Room 14, 26700 Highway 243.

- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

- 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.
- Low Income commodity Distribution (all ages, low income) & Senior Food Sharing (anyone over age 60 qualifies), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mormon church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.
- Idyllwild Garden Club, noon. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.

Birth

Dominic Gene Richardson

Dennis and Elaine Richardson of Colorado Springs, Colo., proudly announce the birth of a son, Dominic Gene Richardson. He was born at 5:51 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at St. Francis Medical Center in Colorado Springs. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19-3/4 inches long.



Baby Dominic is welcomed by big sister Natalie, family pets Banshee, Shessi, Pumpkin and Honey, paternal grandparents Danny and Terry Richardson of Idyllwild and maternal grandparents Terry and Cindy Bartges of Monument, Colo.

- Hilltop Horsemen, 6 p.m. Call 659-0214.
- ESL class, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Highway 243.
- HUSD board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
- Beginning Belly Dancing with Raye, 6-7 p.m. "Room for Life," workshop with Jules Johnson, 7:30-8:30 p.m. The Chakra Shack, 54750 North Circle Dr., Unit A.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, [See Calendar, next page](#)

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Summary info for the week of April 20-26, 2010

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Unique Visitors - 4,851
Page Views - 28,162
Total Hits - 144,170

To place an ad that will link your business from Idyllwild's premier online site to your Web site, call (951) 659-2145. Ask to speak with Shane.

Memorial Service Annette M. Doar

Come celebrate the life of Annette Doar (Nov. 1 1963 - April 3, 2010) with family and friends at 4 p.m. Friday, April 30 at the Idyllwild Bible Church, 25860 Highway 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Potluck to immediately follow. Call Jessica for more information at (951) 659-8653.



Also, the Annette Doar Memorial Softball Tournament will be held from July 3 through July 5. Contact Ken Hawkins for details at (760) 445-2412 or e-mail LpsTournaments@gmail.com. All proceeds from the tournament will go to Annette Doar's minor children.

MOUNTAIN FOLK



Anastasia Geges will be competing in the 2010 Inland Icon Finals. Geges attends Hemet High School, and is a former Idyllwild School student.

There are 30 finalists for the third-annual Solo Vocal Competition of the Inland Icon competition open to Southern California youth ages 7 to 18.

Roughly 125 talented young singers competed in the semifinal round of the competition on Saturday,

April 10 at the historic Corona Civic Center Theater. These contestants were selected out of hundreds who auditioned during the qualifying round. The 30 finalists will compete in the Final Concert Event to be held 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 2 at the Irvine Barclay Theatre.

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

To get your birthday listed, e-mail beth@towncrier.com or call (951) 659-2145, Ext. 17, with the month and day.

Local cyclist featured in film

"Ride the Divide," a film telling the story of Mary Metcalf-Collier's epic bicycle ride from Canada to the Mexican border, will be shown at a pre-release film screening at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2 at the the Rainbow Inn.

Calendar

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6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

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• Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
• Garner Valley Women's Club, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley common, 61600 Devils Ladder Rd.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, women only, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.

• Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

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

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

Education and, not or, recreation ...



Recreation Council staff who were concerned their jobs were at stake.

Neither there nor since has anyone spoken up for the potential loss of teachers at Idyllwild School.

I must confess I enjoy conversations with Bob, especially during softball games and the youth basketball games he referees (but I think he needs to wear his glasses more often if he intends to use his whistle). But I'm sure he would agree that the recreation brouhaha is not about where one resides; it's about the quality of performance or service. As the venerated Marge Muir said, "It's what's best for Idyllwild."

I could viscerally sense the community's support for Bob and his staff last week. And it made me comfortable to realize I live in a community that cared about neighbors.

But why can we organize and agitate about recreation and not education?

As we know, "all work and no play ..." but "readin, ritin', and 'rithmetic" are still important for our children's and their children's futures. Recently 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone said, "Riverside County can not compete with Orange and San Diego counties because we don't have the same level of an educated workforce."

Inadequate education is not Bob's fault. I'm blaming all of us. Several times, I've written of the possible deleterious effects reduced state funding will have here. Last week, the Town Crier reported that Hemet Unified School District (HUSD), of which Idyllwild School is part, will have to lay off 15 teachers.

HUSD's offices may be in Hemet, but their authority extends to Idyllwild. Now Principal Matt Kraemer may face the next school year with two, maybe three, fewer teachers. Full-time kindergarten teacher, Michelle Adler, Kirsten Ingbretnsen, a sixth grade teacher, and Colleen Sandlin, the Helen Hunt Jackson teacher assigned to Idyllwild, are targeted in this lay-off procedure.

Except for Dawn Sonnier, who is a teacher and married to one, too, and Jessica Priefer, also an educator's spouse, and my astute colleague, James Larkin, I have not heard discussion on this situation. Education, jobs and income are inextricably related.

How can we congregate at the fire station, populated mostly with off the Hill employees, demand that the softball umpire be retained, but express no opposition to the decimation of our local school's faculty and the concomitant erosion of our children's future earning potential?

Is it really because Michelle lives off the Hill? Right now, more people seemed worried about who will order softballs than who will be able to keep the score correctly.

We need to focus the district administration's attention on Idyllwild's concerns and desires for our children.

Think Adler and Ingbretnsen are just teachers who come out of molds? Then look at the photo on page 18. The Parent Teacher Association of the 23rd District, which encompasses Hemet and San Jacinto, thought Ingbretnsen was the best. Why don't the rest of us? Why aren't we telling Bill Sanborn, help us keep Michelle, Kirsten and Colleen and help us keep the faculty size stable?

I also suggest you turn to page 19 in last week's paper and discover Michelle plays softball, too. Isn't that enough to defend her?

On a sadder and more personal note, my son, Jamie, and I don't share the same value of the relative priority of education versus recreation in his daily life. Unfortunately, he will no longer have to worry about the state of HUSD.

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Illegal netting of trout

EDITOR:

It's just about the time of year when the California Department of Fish & Game (DFG) should stock our mountain's only stream that will be stocked, Strawberry Creek.

I remind those who are ignorant of the law regarding our stocked trout, that the use of nets is illegal.

I also remind you that all who care to see this type of activity end may help by keeping an eye on those who care not. The DFG will not investigate any such activity without a photo of the person using the netting. Use your cell phone camera to take a picture of any suspicious vehicles in the vicinity of said illegal activity. These are evidence and proof DFG can use to prosecute. I will be fishing with a camera. Will you?

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Remember our children have no where else in town to learn and five is the daily limit with hook and line. Enjoy. You pay for them with your license fee. Under 16 years old is free, but no nets.

Thank you kindly.
"MOUNTAIN MIKE" ALLEN
IDYLLWILD

Driving me crazy

EDITOR:

Wow. I am just amazed at some people. Take, for example, the writer who slammed a legitimate road rage concern in today's paper.

Brings to mind cliches. My first thought was "For Pete's Sake" why is this guy "Tearing (this concerned writer) A New A Hole?" "Blowing A Gasket" and "Getting His Panties In A Wad" cannot be good for his health. Poor "Mitch" from Pine Cove is "Wound Tighter Than A Spring" and most likely he always has his "Guns Blazing" while "Having A Cow." It makes my "Blood Boil" to read of

[See Letters, page 23](#)

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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



Matters of fact

Bill Klippel's guest column, about the fuzzy math of Proposition P, in the Dec. 17, 2009 issue incorrectly identified him as a member of the Hospital Defense League. He is not and was not a member of HDL, but he did oppose measures I, G and P.

The April 15 story, "1000 Trails open to the public," omitted reference to the seven getaway rental units. Resort Manager William Hirata says there are also four trailers and four cabins. His correct e-mail address is idyllwild_manager@equitylifestyle.com. We apologize to prospective vacationers who may not have been able to contact him.

The photo of the Idyllwild Earth Fair yard sale in the April 22 issue had the wrong date for the 2010 Earth Fair. The correct time and date for the event will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 15 at Town Hall. We apologize to all who must now change their travel plans and reservations.

Town Crier regrets the errors.

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DOG TALK

BY JENNY KIRCHNER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

What's your favorite thing about spring?



Milo, 7
White pup

"Snowballs don't get stuck in between my toes."



Abby, 4
Lab mix

"I like to run in the sun and the snow."



Ivory, 6
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"The patches of snow left in the shade."



Pixel, 3
Chorkie

"Sun, sun, and more sun. I'll also get to wear dresses instead of sweaters."



Idyllwild Rotary President **Steve Kunkle** (left) presents **Doug Austin**, head of the Olde English Theatre, with a gift for being the guest speaker at the Rotary's April 21 meeting.

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ON THE FRINGE

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THE DISCOMBOBULATED TALES OF AN EX-NEW YAWK BABE ON 'THE HILL'

BY RACHELLE WEISEL

Editor's Note: The Town Crier is honored to announce the arrival of Rachelle Weisel on the Hill. She is the kind of girl who has gone coastal — East and West. This guest column is her introduction to a new blog, "the discombobulated New Yawk Babe." This can be found on our Web site (www.towncrier.com). Go to blogs and look for hers; I'm sure you'll find her thoughts provocative and stimulating. The former New Yorkers will feel transported 2,800 miles east. Enjoy and share your comments with Rachelle directly online.



Hello Idyllwild!

"Getting to know you ... getting to know all about you" This is a song along here folks, okay? "The King & I" ... Why do I know these things? Whaddya expect from a Nice Jewish Girl who was brought up listening to Broadway Musicals and at the age of 6 was running around the Passover table stripping to Ethel Merman's "Gypsy"!

And yes, "discombobulated" is a word. As per The Free Dictionary: "To throw into a state of confusion." Hah ... told ya so! Anyone for a little Scrabble Challenge ... umm? A synonym being "Fahklemped."* [Editor's note: an explanation of why the writer uses an asterick with some words can be found below]. Fahlemped is a Yiddish word. Yiddish is a German Jewish language created during The War [editor's note: The Town Crier thinks it may have been a little longer ago] and also used frequently by Jewish Parents not wanting their children to understand what they were saying! Made popular in the very early stages of "Saturday Night Live" ... "I'm so Fahklemped" ... speak amongst yourselves (am I dating myself here??)

Though I'm not big on 'splaining myself on a regular basis, I will condescend to do so since, apparently — as per the last count up here — the Jewish population was 1.28 percent! I couldn't find anything about an Ex-New Yawk Jewess though I have no idea how accurate that

figure is, of course But I can spot one of My Tribe a mile away. We call it "Jewdar"! Sometimes the infamous Dr. Diamond Nose Job just gives it away! So far, in reality, I have only found one "Barry-la" as I like to call him — the Wonderful Pharmacist at our one and only Idyllwild Pharmacy.

So for all you, Guyum* and Shiksas* "On The Hill, "I will be starring (*) such words and explaining the meanings of them as we go along. Non-tribal members), just think ...you'll have your very own Yiddish Dictionary in a coupla weeks! You'll feel like a real Mensch* next time you go to Palm Springs or Miami! (a nice, normal person).


And since there is no audio/visual capabilities here (yet?), I will also attempt to flavor or color my diatribe with the right inflections by using phonetic spelling. So don't think I can't spell, okay?

And being a Nice Jewish Girl from New Yawk yet ... "On The Hill" ... few and far between ... there will be a bit of that ... So let's give it a whirl right now, shall we?

A typical Jewish New Yawk Babe's Breakfast Ohrdah.
See New Yawk, page 23

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Businessman

Prop. 13 seismic retrofit faces little opposition

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Proposition 13 (Limits on Property Tax Assessment. Seismic Retrofitting of Existing Buildings. Legislative Constitutional Amendment) is likely to pass because it faces no public opposition. It proposes to amend the state constitution to prohibit tax assessors from re-evaluating new construction performed on existing buildings, including those made of unreinforced masonry, when the purpose is seismic retrofit. The California Constitution excludes from classification as "newly constructed" re-constructing or improving a building to comply with any local ordinances that relate to earthquake safety.

Re-evaluation after new construction that adds space, converts a building to a new use, or renovates the building, typically leads to higher assessed value and consequently higher property taxes. The proposed change eliminates an existing 15-year cap on property tax reevaluation for buildings made of unreinforced masonry and sets a statewide standard for types of buildings and seis-

mic retrofit improvements that qualify for exemption from reassessment. It also removes time limits placed on consequent exemptions. The exemption would exist until the property is sold, at which time it is automatically reassessed.

The underlying purpose of primary sponsor State Senator Roy Ashburn's legislation is to encourage wider seismic retrofitting by extending exemptions to

more types of structures and making costs of retrofitting more affordable in the long run.

Advocates note passage of Proposition 13 would remove a dangerous disincentive for property owners to upgrade unreinforced masonry structures in order to improve earthquake safety — the 15-year cap. Unreinforced masonry structures are those most likely

See Proposition 13, next page

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IFPD and volunteers discuss past training

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) commission held a special meeting Friday, April 23. The session was an opportunity to address several issues deferred during the April 13 regular meeting.

The principal subject is the evolving turmoil over the capability of the paid call (volunteer) officers to function at their rank in case of incidents outside the district. The commission also discussed the adequacy of the crews' turnouts (fire protection outer clothing such as pants, jackets and boots) and the establishment of routine reviews of equipment.

The clothing's purpose is to protect firefighters from the heat and flames while fighting a blaze. A complete set of gear costs about \$1,500 per firefighter, according to Acting Capt. Mike Yount. The commission approved the purchase of two full sets for firefighters Mark LaMont and Logan Bates and new pants for Capt. James Reyes.

Yount, however, told the board that several other departmental members need gear repaired or replaced and estimated that \$20,000 would be needed.

"It depends on the immediate need," Yount told the board. "A lot of the stuff can be repaired." Commissioner and Vice President Pete Caparelli concurred that the board wanted all firefighters to be safe and perhaps each member should have his turnout gear inspected. Interim Chief Mike Mulhall said that Cal OSHA regulations require an approved inspector conduct the equipment review.

Mulhall showed the commission a list of classes the State Fire Marshal's training requires for eligibility

to become a fire officer in California. President Jeannine Charles-Stigall made it clear that the commission, with only three members present, would not make any decisions at the meeting regarding the role of volunteers or how much training was sufficient. Their objective was to learn more about the issue of adequate training and to be aware of the various views about the subject.

Mulhall highlighted a list of 10 classes that a California fire officer should have completed for eligibility for a fire officer position, including a captain of a paid call department or crew.

"California is currently revamping the classes and adding some more," Mulhall said. "Before being hired or promoted, a firefighter needs fire officer training. For example, one captain and myself have the training for the chief officer position."

The commission asked questions about previous training given to volunteers and whether documentation of these classes was available in the crew's personnel files.

In its absence, Commissioner Paul Riggi and Charles-Stigall inquired about the ability to recreate and verify past training. Riggi said he is aware of many cases where the State Fire Marshal's office will recognize past training as sufficient for current requirements if the fire department has some documentation of the content and participants. The commission explored this approach as well as several other means to confirm an individual's qualifications without requiring that person to start over.

Former San Jacinto Ranger District Fire Chief Norm Walker supported this approach. He explained to the commission that he had personally taken



Mark LaMont, Idyllwild firefighter, displays a firefighter's necessary turnouts or gear.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

nearly 70 training classes in 25 years.

"There are different names and titles, but I had to look for equivalencies in content," he said. "This is a classic struggle to do the research to demonstrate the equivalency of content and get the State Fire Marshal to accept it. It's universal."

Riggi concurred that the department needs to review what training the volunteers have received and taken and get recognition for that effort.

The subject of a retroactive pay raise for Capt. Alan Lott was also on the agenda, but he did not attend the meeting. In his absence, Stigall said his request would be withdrawn and may or may not be brought forward again in the future.

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Supervisors meet with CalFire

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors is exploring as many ways as possible to reduce budget expenses. That includes asking the state to share in program cuts just as all the county agencies have.

The board's reaction to a CalFire \$2 million administrative fee increase associated with the county's fire fighting contract with the state has been quick and direct. The board sent a letter to Del Walters, CalFire

director, two weeks ago and met with him and his staff Tuesday.

Riverside County is struggling with a \$100 million deficit and the supervisors have little sympathy for the state when hundreds of local jobs are in jeopardy.

Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone asked his colleagues to authorize the county's executive office to reanalyze the feasibility and cost of establishing a separate county fire authority.

On April 20, Stone pulled his item from the agenda until the board, led by 4th District Supervisor John J. Benoit and board chairman

Marion Ashley, had its sit-down session with Walters, scheduled for April 27 in Banning.

At last week's board meeting, Supervisor John Tavaglione suggested the county simply not pay the requested increase.

"The state refuses to do what other local government agencies had to do — slim down," Stone emphasized. "I would look forward to a decrease in administrative fees not an increase. Certainly a floor, no more than last year."

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Proposition 13

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to suffer damage during a major earthquake. Proponents state the proposition promotes fairness in application of reassessment exemptions by eliminating unequal treatment of different types of properties that undergo seismic safety improvements.

The California Legislative Analyst notes in the Voters' Information Guide that local tax revenues would be reduced to the extent that seismically retrofitted unreinforced masonry properties are no longer reassessed at higher values 15 years after those improvements are made, but that the effect on tax revenues would be minimal. The Voters' Guide states, "Many county assessors,

however, have indicated that they either: (1) do not track the number of years that unreinforced masonry upgrades have received an exclusion or (2) classify these upgrades as maintenance or repair [in which case they would not trigger reassessment]. In addition, many properties sell before the 15-year period is up [thereby triggering a reassessment of the entire property]. For these reasons, the loss to local property taxes as a result is probably minor."

Editorial boards of the Contra Costa Times, San Luis Obispo Tribune, San Francisco Chronicle and the Los Angeles

Times support the measure, as does the California Democratic Party. The Los Angeles Times board calls the ballot proposition "as close as a California ballot measure comes to being a no-brainer."

No one submitted arguments to the state's official Voter Guide opposing the measure. In the final votes the California Legislature cast on SCA 4 (Proposition 13) prior to its being put on the ballot, both the Senate and Assembly voted unanimously to approve the changes.

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Challenge

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to bring town merchants together with race riders. For a \$50 fee, which goes to help fund race expenses, participating merchants get an "ISC Proud Race Sponsor" sign for their window. Race participants, prior to their race or races, see the sponsor sign, come in and receive a coupon for \$5 they can use toward their race entry fee. "That way, racers come into the sponsoring restaurant, have a meal, perhaps decide to stay at a sponsor inn or buy merchandise at a merchant," explained Hedrich. To date, 21 local businesses are now advertised on the ISC Web site as race sponsors.

"Ralph Hoetger graciously allowed me free rein to use his shop to laser the plaques and ribbon awards," said Hedrich.

Dore Capitani, another race contributor, has designed the King and Queen of the Hill trophies (see photograph) to be awarded at the race and molded the enclosures for the ribbon gold, silver and bronze awards.

"What Dore has designed will blow your mind," enthused Hedrich. "They are amazingly cool. One of the greatest things I love about doing this are the relationships I form with the people



King and Queen of the Hill awards, designed and crafted by local metal sculptor Dore Capitani as the top trophies for pro racers at the May 1 and 2 Idyllwild Spring Challenge, now in its sixth successful year.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

who assist and contribute to making this race a success."

Each year, those successes build. One hundred riders participated in the first ISC in 2005. Over 400 are expected this year. The race is now a recognized American Mountain Bike Challenge race (added in 2006), was listed in the National Mountain Bike and Cross Country calendar in 2007 and became a Union Cycliste Internationale race that same year. In 2009, race organizers added a junior Olympics component for riders 18 and younger giving those who place high enough to qualify for special training camps.

Next year, Hedrich hopes to introduce an in-town mountain bike street race (a "fat tire crit"), which will make it easier for townsfolk and tourists to watch a competition. "I want to bring

Funds for seniors to insulate homes

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Hill resident Pat Ruffner, among others, notified the Town Crier of a county energy savings program for low-income seniors. Federal stimulus dollars are available to make home weatheriza-

tion repairs. Administered by the Riverside County Office on Aging (OA), the program is directed at seniors (people 60 years of age and over) and people with disabilities. There is no cost to qualifying applicants for weatherization repairs up to \$3,000, the limit per

home.

"There are income guidelines," said OA administrator Dennis Rutkoski, "\$2,431.04 per month for a single person, \$3,179.06 for two people, \$3,927.06 for three, and \$4,675.08 for a family of four." Rutkoski advised getting applications in quickly

since stimulus funds could soon become exhausted.

Contact Rutkoski at the Senior Service Center in Hemet at 1075 N. State Street, (951) 791-3580.

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about a balance between the town and our racers," said Hedrich. Along with a new race, she hopes to add in-town entertainment events to precede or follow the race in a further attempt to bring the town and race participants together.

"What I'm proudest of is that our race is 'old school' — not the same big 18 wheelers and vendors you see at corporate events," she noted. "We have many volunteers about whom we get so many compliments

from race participants."

Even when the race begins, it is not over for Hedrich. She is out there, patiently explaining last minute details to racers at the starting gate, providing that hometown personal touch to a race that has become increasingly hers. "There is so much of it [organization and execution] that is important. There is no skimping," she said with a smile.

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is a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19 at the Caine Learning Center to hear representatives from the Temecula BID discuss the process of its formation and their challenges and successes.

Stone also bestowed significant support for the first Lemon Lily Festival, scheduled for July 16, 17 and 18. Stone committed to add-

ing the festival to his Web site, having the Riverside County Board of Supervisors (BOS) issue an official proclamation, and spreading the word about the festival through the county information network. He invited the festival committee to make a presentation at a future BOS meeting and, most significantly, pledged \$2,000 from his discretionary funds to support the festival.

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Terrorism talk at MEMSCOMM

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) Central Intelligence Unit Terrorism Liaison Officer Ed Price spoke to the Thursday, April 15 meeting of the Mountain Emergency Services Committee (MEMSCOMM).

Price spoke about the coordinated efforts of RCSD, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and agency first responders in tracking potential terrorist incidents

in the Inland Empire of Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Price's job is to interact with professional agencies and to go out into the community to educate the public in the role they can play in fighting terrorism.

"In so many instances it comes down to tips from the public, both private and official," said Price. "Good leads are assessed and without the coordinated system in place to track these tips, we would be far more at risk. Last year

we had six solid leads upon which we followed up. Task force members are trained in vulnerability and threat assessment."

Price counseled Hill residents to watch for suspicious activity, such as individuals taking pictures of propane tank fields, water systems, storage facilities or infrastructure that could put the community at risk. Since the Hill is relatively isolated, he suggested reporting any groups that look as if they might have a paramilitary purpose or

seem to be probing security structures. Leads should be reported to leads@lajric.org or by calling (562) 345-1100. "If you see something, say something," Price recommended. "Get license plate numbers."

The stated mission of the JRIC (Joint Regional Intelligence Center) is to protect the people, infrastructure and economy of the Central District of California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties) from ter-

rorism by collecting, analyzing and disseminating threat intelligence to local, state, tribal and federal partners.

A meeting attendee asked the difference between gang activity and terrorist activity. Price explained that terrorism is directed toward governmental interruption or overthrow.

In other business, MEMSCOMM coordinator Gina Moran-McGough noted that Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trainings would be held in

Lake Riverside from June 4 through 6. Contact gina.moran-mcintosh@fire.ca.gov for more information.

The local Mile High Radio Club is conducting ham radio license classes that began April 24. Contact mhrc@arrl.net for more information or Bill Baker at 659-4366. Radio skills are important in rural environments in times of disaster. www.milehighradioclub.org.

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IWD

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Warren Monroe. "Even the 6 percent [increase] may [eliminate] some possible capital projects."

In March, the IWD operating water budget had a \$36,000 deficit. Since July 1, expenses have exceeded revenues by nearly \$133,000. However nonoperating rev-

enue, such as property taxes, reduces IWD's water fund deficit to \$12,000 through March 2010 with three months remaining in the fiscal year. The projected loss through nine months was \$57,900, almost five times the actual deficit.

In March, lower water sales contributed to the imbalance between revenues and expenses. Residential sales were 68 percent less

than projected for March and commercial sales were slightly more than \$1,800 less than projections. For the year, water sales have slightly exceeded the budget projections, according to Auditor/Controller Jim Ludy.

March water production of 5.3 million gallons was 270,000 gallons more than February, but nearly 475,000 gallons less than March 2009. Since January, water production is nearly 18 percent less than the first three months of 2009.

Pine Cove and Fern Valley are also experiencing water demand declines. IWD's conservation program must be making some contribu-

tion, according to President Allan Morphet. Since July, IWD has given almost \$10,000 for 27 installed water-efficient clothes washers and \$4,900 for the installation of 50 low-flush, water-efficient toilets.

While demand is declining, the district is still working to strengthen its water sources. Two test wells were drilled in March.

The tentative results and estimates of production levels for both wells disappointed General Manager Terry Lyons. The projected production level for the first well was less than 5 gallons per minute (gpm). Lyons was prepared to abandon the site after cleaning it

up, but the property owner requested the well for irrigation uses. "I said he could have it," Lyons told the board.

The second well, drilled 200 feet deeper (a total of 800 feet), also disappointed Lyons. Its projected produc-

tion rate (with pumping) was only 15 gpm. While below his goal for a good production well, Lyons decided to cap it and keep it in reserve for emergencies.

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RMRU

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rehydrated him, fed him and hiked him out of the snow chute and up to the tram," recounted Walker.

On Sunday, April 25, RMRU volunteers hiked up to Saddle Junction and through the meadows behind the ridge. Snow is still there, an average of 3 feet in

depth, according to RMRU President Lee Arnsen.

"This was the most snow in April we've seen in the last five years," he said. "In fact, in the last three years there was not enough snow to do a [April] survey."

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Art as a cultural and economic bridge

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On Monday evening, April 26, an enthusiastic group convened at the Creekstone Inn to hear about participatory art. Local artist Judith Schonebaum brought to the Hill Katherine Bonalos and Ming Ng, coordinators of the Active Arts events at the Los Angeles Music Center.

The two spoke about the democratization of participatory art and how it can create a bond between people with different cultural and economic backgrounds. "It's using the performing arts to connect the surrounding and disparate communities," said Ng. "That's what this is about — bringing people together and being around a wide diversity of people to enjoy participatory performing art." Even the term "participatory art" carries a democratic ring, said Schonebaum who hopes to import some of the Active Arts concepts to the Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) site to augment Idyllwild's annual summer concert series. Four Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC) directors attended to hear the presentation.

At the open-air plazas at the Music Center, Active Arts offers free or low cost group participation events in dance, sing alongs, story telling and group instrumentals. Supported by grants and



Ming Ng, coordinator for the Los Angeles Music Center's Active Arts program.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

donations, Active Arts links non-professionals who love to dance, sing, tell stories or play instruments, and are mentored and lead by paid facilitators. Proficiency is not a requirement for participation, noted Ng, just enthusiasm. "Active Arts has taken the judgment out of public performing," she smiled. Los Angeles County and the Music Center fund the space, the electricity and the insurance. Private non-profits operate the programs which include Friday night sing-alongs, holiday sing-alongs, 20-minute dance lessons in a variety of disciplines at \$1 per class, and a free 45 minute Bollywood Blast. In addition, Dance Downtown provides an evening of dancing, preceded with dance lessons and featuring the largest line dances in Los Angeles. "All money has to be raised privately [to produce] the programs," said Ng. Bonalos and Ng committed to share information and

lessons learned in five years of producing Active Arts at the Music Center with any Idyllwild contingent that opts to introduce it to the wider Idyllwild community.

Schonebaum arranged for Ng and Bonalos to make the presentation in Idyllwild. Schonebaum believes the ICC site would be the ideal venue for an event of this nature. In response to a question about how to keep the program running year-round, ICC Chair Chris Singer and Recreation Director Bob Lewis said they would explore ways to subsidize the program at Town Hall.

Attendee Bronwyn Jones immediately understood the concept of bridging economic and cultural divides as the central theme. "I teach ESL [English as a second language] classes and I'd like to involve our Hispanic community in these events," she said. "I'd love to learn and enjoy dances from Central and South America."

For two reasons, the Music Center's location in Los Angeles is key to Active Arts success. First, the professional performing venues provide a funding base. "Our bread and butter is really selling tickets," said Ng. Secondly, patrons



Katherine Bonalos, coordinator for the Los Angeles Music Center's Active Arts program, spoke to Idyllwild residents at Creekstone Inn.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

who attend the opera and theater mix with less affluent art enthusiasts who likely cannot afford Music Center prices but appreciate the group participatory art experience.

Schonebaum and Ng mentioned grants as ways of funding infrastructure purchases such as a portable dance floor in Idyllwild. "Participatory art humanizes people and keeps them off a pedestal," said Schonebaum. It also, according to Shonebaum, Ng and Bonalos, makes them happy.

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Idyllwild student posters are winners

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Four Idyllwild School elementary students earned high recognition for the art work submit to the Smokey Bear Poster Contest.

Three earned state-wide second-place awards and the other was a third place. No other school achieved this level of recognition, according to Linda Riddle, the Smokey Bear Poster chairman.

The students with second-place awards are first-grader, Harley Bernal, third-grader, Paighton Draxton and fifth-grader Audrey Craver. Sec-

ond-grader Nicholas Fey won a third-place award.

The California Garden Clubs (CGCI) sponsored the event and entries were submitted from all over the state. The children are invited to a CGCI Youth Recognition Luncheon in Walnut Creek on June 6.

The contest was part of an annual program, sponsored by the U.S. Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs, to give students an opportunity to demonstrate, through original drawings of Smokey Bear and Woody Owl, an understanding of wildfire prevention and environmental conservation.

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Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment



Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Wednesday, April 28

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

ICRC Speaker's Series: "Idyllwild in the Aftermath of a Major Earthquake, Peter Lent, 5:30 p.m. reception; 6-7 p.m. speaker; 7 p.m. dinner with the speaker (reservations required for dinner). Rainbow Inn.

Dan Papaila, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma, "Date Night," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, April 29

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.

Soroptimist Basket Festival (free) spaghetti dinner, 5 p.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Battle Bunny with Chef Chris Coy, 6-9 p.m. Sandii Castleberry, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

ICRC Book Club: "The Survivor's Club," by Ben Sherwood, 7 p.m. Creekstone Inn. "Date Night," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, April 30

Sandii Castleberry & Kevin Hamby, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

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

"Last Song," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

IAM Show: "What Ever Happened to Limpy Glen?" 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, May 1

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

May Pole Celebration, 11 a.m.; **Drum Circle,** 5-7 p.m. The Chakra Shack.

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

"Last Song," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

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

IAM Show: "What Ever Happened to Limpy Glen?" 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Sunday, May 2

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.

"Last Song," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Monday, May 3

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

Kevin Danzig, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Last Song," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, May 4

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

"Last Song," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Theatre One-Person Shows: 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Wednesday, May 5

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

Bible Church.

Dan Papaila, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Last Song," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Theatre One-Person Shows: 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, May 6

Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.

Jeffrey Bristol, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Last Song," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, May 7

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

Visual Art Senior Show II, 7:30 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts. (Show runs through May 14.)

Saturday, May 8

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

Art Alliance of Idyllwild 12th-annual Members Show & Treasure Hunt: Members Show, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. (Artist's Reception and awards, 6-8 p.m.) Oakwood Village; **Treasure Hunt,** noon-4:30 p.m.

Get map at Village Centre Gazebo.

Lilac Gardens Tea & Guided Walk sponsored by Idyllwild Garden Club, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., 25024 Fern Valley Rd. Call 659-9711.

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

Idyllwild Firefighters Association 49th-annual Benefit Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Lindsay Speed & Friends, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra New Music Concert, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Sunday, May 9

Art Alliance of Idyllwild 12-annual Members Show Open Exhibition, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakwood Village.

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.

Idyllwild Arts Academy Or-



Prior to his Wednesday, April 21 presentation on the "Greatest Hits of the 21st Century," Idyllwild Arts Composer in Residence and Orchestra Conductor **Peter Askim** talks to **Jorgine Brause**, president of the Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation, cosponsor of Askim's talk.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Monthly raw food potluck

A raw food potluck is held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at Nature's Wisdom, 54235 Ridgeview Drive. Everyone is welcome, just bring a raw food dish to share. For more information, e-mail Lori Alexander at music@greencafe.com.

chestra New Music Concert, 5 p.m. REDCAT, Disney Hall, Los Angeles.

Monday, May 10

Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library; **Swift Pony,** 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

Tuesday, May 11

Jazz Night: Paul Carman, Marshall Hawkins & Barnaby Finch, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma. "Date Night," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre. **Voice Recital,** 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall.

COLONEL BO'S SENSE OF JOY

Okay, so my over enthusiasm last week with the Heavenly Spring weather in Idyllwild brought on the SNOW. I probably got 20 phone calls that opened, "Colonel Bo, you are responsible for this!" Then howls-of-laughter and this wisdom, "Spring isn't sure in Idyllwild until Mother's Day." But wait a minute! It was a delightful snow, wasn't it? Lovely white! Big Bear skiing could stay open another week — And, the soft white stuff brought snowballers up to Idyllwild for the weekend — Dollars — And when all else fails, we do need the moisture, right? I responded to most of the callers by singing — along with Satchmo Armstrong — "I see skies of blue, Clouds of white ... Bright sunny days, Dark, sacred nights; And I say to myself ... What a wonderful world." Then I send the caller over to B'S MOUNTAIN of BOOKS where Lauren & Linda can make their day with a smile and a book — Say, Blind Glory or Dishonored Glory — Enjoy!



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Judge and seek local art

By Betty Bailey
Special to the Town Crier

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) is combining two of its most popular annual events into what promises to be one of the biggest art weekends of the year ... the Juried Member Show and the Treasure Hunt and Gallery Show, sponsored by Middle Ridge Winery.

On Saturday, May 8, Oakwood Village (54425 N. Circle Dr.) will host the 12th-annual Member Show. The event showcases art from more than 75 AAI members. Works will represent a wide range of media, including oil painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, glass art, watercolors, acrylic painting and mixed media.

The Open Exhibition will run from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 9. Be sure to visit the "Under \$100" section and pick up, for a bargain price, an exquisite work of art by talented AAI artists.

Stop by the Artists' Reception from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a chance to chat with local artists while surveying their creations. Learning the history of a work of art or finding out what inspired it, only adds to the fun. Enjoy refreshments as you cast your vote for the "Artists' Choice" and People's Choice" awards.

AAI member galleries will add to Saturday's excitement. They are hosting the annual Treasure Hunt. Pick up a Treasure Map at the Village Centre gazebo (maps are \$3 each or \$5) and set out in search of your riches. Each gallery will give you a clue to one piece of the map. Solve the clues along the gallery route and bring your answers back to the gazebo to seek your reward, a chance to win some coveted prizes. Maps will be available any time after noon. The drawing will take place at 5 p.m.

Local businesses, artists and organizations donate the Treasure Hunt prizes. Win a two-night midweek stay at the Quiet Creek Inn or the Silver Pines Lodge or gift certificates from Mountain Restaurant, Café Aroma, The Creekhous restaurant, the Idyllwild Pizza Co. or the Gastrognome. The Idyllwild Gallery of Fine Art will donate a special piece of art. Other prizes are courtesy of personal trainer Kate Sirkin, photographers Gary Kuscher and Vic Sirkin, author Daniel Fiddler and Jazz in the Pines.

The AAI is a 501(c)3 organization that supports local artists and galleries while promoting art and art education. For more information about AAI or events, call 877-439-5278 or visit our Web site at www.artinidyllwild.com.

"The Shadow and Shell Series" by **Sandra J. Robinson** is one of the many spectacular works of art that can be seen in the many member galleries during the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Treasure Hunt and Gallery Walk on Saturday May 8. Robinson's work is featured at the Courtyard Gallery through the end of May.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ART ALLIANCE OF IDYLLWILD



From left, **Mark Taylor, Jim Crandall and Marshall Smith** are shown in Isis Theatre Company's staged reading of Yasmina Reza's comedy "Art," at the Idyllwild School of Dance on Sunday, April 25. A capacity audience literally fell off their chairs laughing. Isis's next production, a Summer Sizzler Fundraiser with music, art, theatre, wine and "lots more" takes place on Sunday June 27, location to be announced.

PHOTO BY BETH NOTTLEY

Strange but true

If you're planning a summer trip to Maine, you won't want to miss the stunning tourist attraction to be found on Peaks Island. There you'll find an entire museum devoted to housing a rather extensive collection of umbrella covers.



Many came out to The Creek House to participate in the "Meet the Winemaker" dinner and wine tasting event last Friday night. **Chris Johnston** (standing), owner of Middle Ridge Winery, described each of the wines paired with the four-course dinner.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



About 15 people stayed after the showing of "PrimeMates" at the culmination of the Independent Film Day at the The Rustic Theatre on Sunday to hear **Tom Hejda**, producer/cinematographer, and **Rudy Luna**, director/writer, discuss the film. Attendance at the weekend independent film event was low despite the fact many locals have been requesting more indie films be shown at the local theatre. PHOTO BY JAMES LARKIN

Trivia test

Poetry: Who wrote the poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay"?

Answer: Robert Frost



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IAM Show. What Ever Happened To Limpy Glen? 7:30 PM, IAF Theatre.

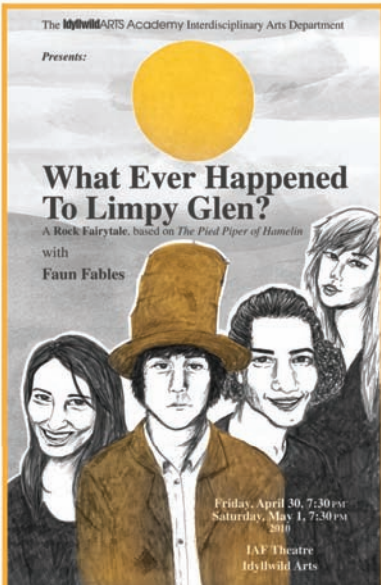
TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, MAY 4 & 5
Theatre One - Person Shows. 7:30 PM, IAF Theatre.

FRIDAY, MAY 7
Visual Art Senior Show III. Yoo Bin Cha, Sana Liu, Jasmine Marin, Bella Oh, Brent Terry. 7:30 PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through May 14.

SATURDAY, MAY 8
Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra New Music Concert. 7:30 PM, IAF Theatre. Featuring Vijay Iyer "Interventions for Improvised Piano, Electronics and Orchestra".

SUNDAY, MAY 9
Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra New Music Concert. 5 PM, REDCAT, Disney Hall, Los Angeles. Tickets: 213-237-2800. Featuring Vijay Iyer "Interventions for Improvised Piano, Electronics and Orchestra".

TUESDAY, MAY 11
Vocal Recital. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.



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Scott Carlson benefit May 8

BY BETH NOTTLEY
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild Fire Department fire fighter Scott Carlson has spent 15 years bravely battling blazes and rescuing people in peril. Now he faces a great personal challenge of recovery from cancer. As a firefighter, Carlson understood the need to sacrifice in order to rescue and save. About six weeks ago in the desert, Carlson had to give up a lung for life and he's not ashamed to admit, "I'm scared to death."

Carlson spent six weeks at Eisenhower Medical Center after his surgery, being released and readmitted twice before he finally came home on his 36th birthday on Friday, April 23. "You have no idea how glad I was to get out," Carlson said. The first thing he did was eat a cheeseburger. "It tasted really, really good," he said with a chuckle.

Carlson, who lives in Hemet, visited his friends and colleagues at the Idyllwild Fire Station on Sunday and had his vitals checked out. He was fine with the altitude and his blood oxygen level was 98 percent that day, according to him. Every day, Carlson says, he still deals with pain — a lot — and exhaustion. Although he was happy and excited to see everyone, share stories and demonstrate his

recovery, "I probably over did it," he admitted.

Out of the hospital, Carlson's immediate priority is to interview oncologists and select one to be the primary physician to guide his recovery process. The hospital's doctors expect he will need chemotherapy, meanwhile they just prescribed rest, he said. But that's not easy advice. "I'm used to being a really active guy," Carlson said.

The support shown by family and friends has meant a lot to Carlson. He gave special credit to his girlfriend, Amanda Anderson. "She spent weeks at the hospital, all her time when she wasn't at work, by my side," he said. "It really made a difference." Anderson works at the BBVA Compass bank and Carlson said cards to him can be delivered to her.

This year, the Idyllwild Firefighters Association's Spaghetti Dinner is a benefit for Carlson. He is hoping to make it and said, "If I can, I'll see everybody there." The Dinner will be from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8 at Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Donations for Carlson can also be made at BBVA Compass or the Town Crier or mailed to Scott Carlson Fund, P.O. Box 656, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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



After six weeks in and out of a hospital, firefighter **Scott Carlson** dropped by the Idyllwild Fire Station Saturday. He had to have a lung removed due to cancer. This year's Idyllwild Firefighters Association Benefit Spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8 is a fund-raiser for Carlson, who has served the community as a firefighter for 15 years.

PHOTO BY BETH NOTTLEY



The Idyllwild Business Roundtable (IBRT) Lemon Lily Festival committee met with 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone at his regular monthly Idyllwild meeting, on Friday April 23. Stone, who noted that not one constituent came to complain about anything on this particular Friday, expressed enthusiasm for the Lemon Lily Festival and the IBRT stewardship of the project.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



Fotine Fahouris speaks to a full house last Saturday at the Caine Learning Center during the "Changing the Dream — Awakening the Dreamer" symposium. Attendees discussed powerful films on the state of our planet.

PHOTO BY GRACE REED

Lemon Lily sighters needed

The Lemon Lily Festival is seeking volunteers to coordinate a Sighting Project for locals and Pacific Crest Trail hikers. The coordinators will reach out to hikers to let them know how to report sightings of Lemon Lilies and share the sightings with the community.

This project is part of the Lemon Lily Festival which will take place in Idyllwild from July 16 to July 18. The festival's purpose to provide education about, celebrate and restore what was once a major Idyllwild attraction — the Lemon Lily.

To volunteer for the Sighting Project e-mail Doug Yagalloff at doug92549@gmail.com or contact him at Mountain Harvest Market. For more information about the Lemon Lily Festival, go to www.info@lemonlilyfestival.com.

Trivia test

Literature: In what city and state did poet Emily Dickinson live almost her entire life?

Answer: Amherst, Mass.

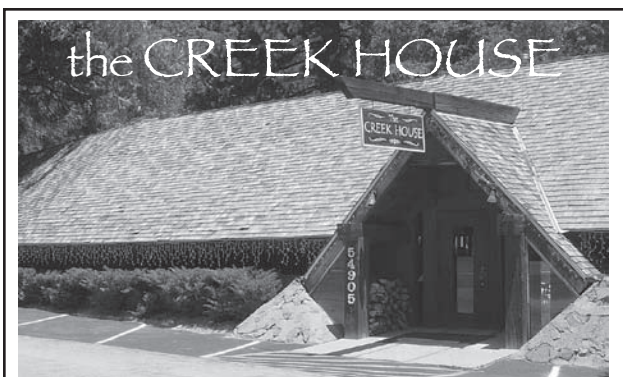
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Join us at Oakwood Village, 54425 N. Circle Dr.

Saturday, May 8 ♦ 9:00am-8:00pm
Open Exhibition – View paintings, drawings, and sculptures created by more than 75 member artists of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild for this 12th Annual Members Show.
Artist's Reception 6-8pm with selection of Artists' & People's Choice Awards

Sunday, May 9 ♦ 9:00am-1:00pm
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Saturday, May 8 ♦ Noon-4:30pm
The Treasure Hunt!
 Pick up maps at the Village Centre Gazebo
 Winners Announced & Grand Prize Drawing 5:00pm
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A 2nd Saturday AAI Event



Soon to be engaged, **Sharon Campbell and Tim Steen** are “engaged” in reading the *Town Crier* at the top of Heavenly Ski Lift in Lake Tahoe.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SHARON CAMPBELL



Danny and Terry Richardson proudly displayed the *Idyllwild Town Crier* throughout Bailey, Colo., during their recent visit. They were also able to spend time with their son, his family and their new grandson, **Dominic**.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DANNY RICHARDSON



On Friday, April 23, Idyllwild School Principal **Matt Kraemer** was recognized with the Outstanding Principal award from the Parent Teacher Association's (PTA) 23 district, which encompasses Hemet Unified School District and San Jacinto district schools, too. In the photo, from the left, are **Dawn Sonnier, Rachel Teegarden, Kraemer, and Wendy Read**. Not shown is Idyllwild teacher **Kirsten Ingbreetsen** who was selected as the 23rd district's outstanding teacher.

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE RACHEL TEEGUARDEN



While visiting Anchorage, Ala., two weeks ago, **John Stonitsch**, from *The Spruce Moose*, fights to keep a grizzly bear from stealing Stonitsch's copy of the *Town Crier*. Warding off ursine-like creatures, another valuable use for keeping your *Town Crier* close by.

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Gary Brosterhous and daughter **Emily** are captured using the *Town Crier* to guide them on a trek through the Grand Canyon.

PHOTO COURTESY OF GARY AGNER



Idyllwild School Principal **Matt Kraemer's** students of the week (from left) are **Natalie Quintero** and **Dahlia Serrato**. Bus driver, **Rachel Haynes** chose the students for always being courteous and obeying the bus rules.

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Window washing, home repair & general maintenance, abatement, garage clean up, painting, etc.
Call Gilbert
(760) 828-7254 or
(951) 659-3584 or
chileanhandyman@yahoo.com

SCOTT'S HANDYMAN SERVICE

Repairs, remodeling, yard cleanup. Free estimates. St. lic. 762574. 951-659-5280 or 951-764-1714.

Petsitting, visits to your home. Walk your dogs, cuddle your cats. Exp. giving meds, also exp. caring for livestock. Local refs. Barb, (951) 663-2480.

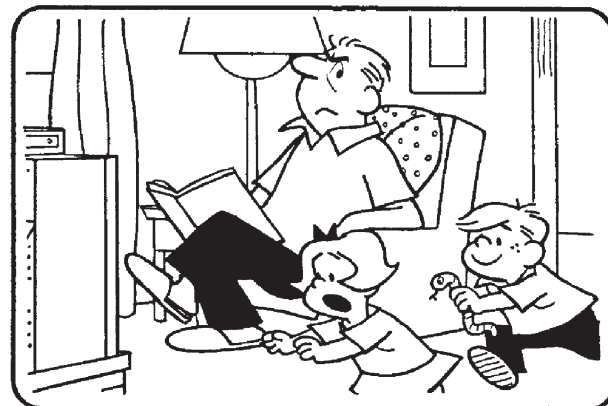
For Sale

Sink with marble top, 36x23-1/2, \$50. 659-2752.

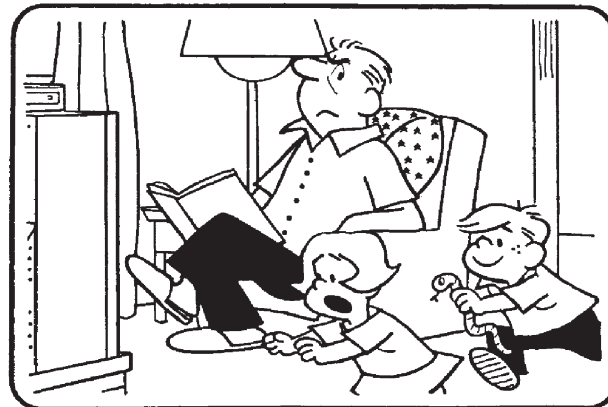
FREE CLASSIFIED

Place a Marketplace ad for item(s) totaling \$50 or less. 5 lines, 3 consecutive weeks, private party, for sale items. One ad per household at a time. Town Crier, 659-2145.

IT'S DIFFERENT



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Pillow is different. 2. Hair bow is missing. 3. Snake is longer. 4. Picture is missing. 5. TV is taller. 6. Shirt has buttons.

For Sale

When you place your classified line ad in the Town Crier, it also appears on our Web site at no additional charge. Call 659-2145 to get your ad in front of thousands of people! www.towncrier.com

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

Pine Cove, trailer/cabin, furnished. \$15,000. Call 760-699-5122.

Emachine (parts), 4 pcs. Ram (256 + 512 MB), wireless mouse, classic Rayban Wayfarers, Razr V3 ATT cell phone. All OBO. Rachele 630-632-2732 (local).

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

For Sale

SUPER EASY & SECURE! Place Your Town Crier Classified Ad by using our on-line Classified order form. It counts your lines and computes the cost as you type. Just go to www.towncrier.com and click on Place a Classified Ad under Advertising in the menu bar. If you have any questions, please call the Town Crier at (951) 659-2145 or toll free at 1-888-535-6663. Ask for Sandy.

Auto battery \$50. Call 659-2239.

Basic H, FIRST Earth Day product. 659-8293 Merrie VonSeggern or Web site: green-cleaners.myShaklee.com

Maple butcher block table 34"x60", \$50. 659-3076.

FREE wood stove, needs some work. 659-9953.

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Answers to Sudoku
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
(Puzzle on next page)

Classifieds

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For Sale

TRAVEL TRAILER, \$4,000 with 20 ft. metal awning. All appliances work. Replaced w/heater, A/C, propane heater 3 yrs. ago. New carpet in back. In Royal Pines. Please call 951-468-4027.

Yard Sale

Come Celebrate with Us! Something Old Made New Byou
A Thrift Shoppe Grand opening. New location. 25965 Hwy. 243. (Next to Mountain Do's) Saturday, May 1st, 10-5 Live music 12-2 (951) 852-0568

Education

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

Equipment

NEW Norwood SAWMILLS-LumberMate-Pro handles logs 34" diameter, mills boards 28" wide. Automated quick-cycle-sawing increases efficiency up to 40%! www.NorwoodSawmills.com/300N 1-800-661-7746 ext. 300N. (Cal-SCAN)

Health

FDAAPPROVED MEDICAL. Medical Vacuum Pumps. Viagra, Testosterone, Cialis. Free Brochures. (619) 294-7777. www.drjoelkaplan.com (Cal-SCAN)

Health

If you used Type 2 Diabetes Drug AVANDIA and SUFFERED a STROKE or HEART ATTACK. You may be entitled to compensation. Attorney Charles Johnson 1-800-535-5727. (Cal-SCAN)

Automotive

2007 Lexus RX 400h, hybrid, 4WD, SUV, 12,500 mi, loaded (navigation, Bluetooth, rear camera, htd. seats, prem. audio, tow pkg. etc). Bamboo pearl ext, tan leather/walnut int. Asking \$36,000. 951-659-8725.

2000 Ford F150 XLT, 4x4, V8, auto, power everything and 8-ton winch. Trailer package and cross bed tool box. 68K low miles, \$9000. Call Dick 927-3996, leave message or eldersft@yahoo.com

Autos Wanted

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE! Receive Free Vacation Voucher. United Breast Cancer Foundation. Free Mammograms, Breast Cancer Info www.ubcf.info Free Towing, Tax Deductible, Non-Runners Accepted, 1-888-468-5964. (Cal-SCAN)

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

Autos Wanted

DONATE YOUR CAR To Breast Cancer! Help Support Breast Cancer Patients Financially. Free towing! Tax deductible! Se Habla Espanol 1-800-489-2540 www.CarsForBreastCancer.org. (Cal-SCAN)

Mobile Homes

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

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

Rentals Wanted

Roommate situation wanted ASAP. Cool, creative woman + 2 cats seek housing, \$500 max rent, will barter house/pet sit. Great references. Call (630) 632-2732 (local) or e-mail rachelleweisel@gmail.com.

For Rent or Lease

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

Desperate for a rental? Place your classified ad in the best read "bulletin board" in town The Town Crier. Call Sandy 659-2145.

2 BR cabin, stove & refrigerator, \$650/mo. Credit check. Call 760-469-5905.

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

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

2 BR, 2 BA + office, DW, micro, W/D. In Cedar Glen. 2-car gar. \$1,100/mo. 1-yr. lease, 951-659-0710 or 760-773-1929. Avail 6/1.

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.

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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BIG newer hm. Steps to lwd! 2nd flr-1 BR/BA, hi-ceil, deck w/ vu, W/D, carport. 1st flr-1 BA w/ + rms., BRs, ofc. or sound/art studio? \$1295/mo. (818) 880-1628.

For Rent or Lease

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

Idyllwild Property Management

Long Term Leases Pick up a flyer at our office or check out our Web site for up-to-date listings 54710 N. Circle Dr. #4 Idyllwild, CA 92549 Next to the Bread Basket Phone: 951-659-4200 Fax: 951-659-4206 Toll free: 866-669-4200 www.myipmoffice.com

Stonewood, 3200 SF, 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 FP, DW, pd. H20, 4 ac. w/view. Lease, lse/op. Avail. 6/1, 659-5809 or 659-3191.

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

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A seemingly stalled romantic situation could benefit from your reassurance that you want this relationship to work. And if you do, use a tad more of that irresistible Aries charm.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Going to new places and meeting new people appeals to both the Taurean's romantic and practical side. After all, you never can tell where those new contacts can take you. Right?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) That career-change opportunity that didn't work out when you first considered it could come up again. But this time, remember that you have more to offer and should act accordingly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) There could be some tensions in relationships — domestic or workaday. But a calm approach that doesn't raise the anger levels and a frank discussion soon will resolve the problem.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good idea to begin preparing for that career change you've been thinking about for a while. Start to sharpen your skills and expand your background to be ready when it calls.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Bless that Virgo skepticism that has kept you from falling into traps others seem to rush into. But you might want to give a new possibility the benefit of the doubt, at least on a trial basis.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Traveling and career are strong in your aspect.

Perhaps your job will take you to someplace exotic. Or you might be setting up meetings with potential clients or employers. Whatever it is, good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone might use deception to try to push you into making a decision you're not fully comfortable with. But those keen Scorpio senses should keep you alert to any such attempt.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Romance dominates this week when Cupid spears the Archer, for a change. Positive things also are happening in the workplace. Expect important news to arrive by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Anyone trying to bully the Sea Goat — whether it involves a personal or a professional matter — will learn a painful lesson. Others will also benefit from the Goat's strong example.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Congratulations. With things going the way they are, you should be able to spare some time and take a break from your hectic schedule for some well-earned fun and games.

PISCES (February 19 to March 21) Your sharp Piscean intuition should be able to uncover the true agendas of those who might be trying to catch the Fish in one of their schemes.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your flair for innovative art and design keeps you at least a step ahead of most everyone else.

CROSSWORD

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- 4 King (Latin)
- 7 9-Down, for one
- 11 Came to earth
- 13 Corroded
- 14 "- Lang Syne"
- 15 Assess
- 16 Chatter
- 17 Note from the boss
- 18 Rosemary's partner?
- 20 Bound
- 22 Tiny legume
- 24 Fasteners
- 28 Graceful animal
- 32 Otherwise
- 33 Furniture brand
- 34 Reverence
- 36 Mischievous Norse god
- 37 Dynamite constituent
- 39 Authorize
- 41 Slow crawlers
- 43 Eg. and Syr., once
- 44 Ardor
- 46 Rosters
- 50 "Scat!"
- 53 Freedom, for short
- 55 Willy Wonka's creator
- 56 Chess piece
- 57 Victory sign
- 58 On the Mediterranean
- 59 "- Karenina"
- 60 Roulette bet
- 61 Explanation

DOWN

- 1 Homer's imp son
- 2 Mediocre
- 3 Metropolis
- 4 Tatter
- 5 And others (Latin)
- 6 Three-masted sailing ship
- 7 Home of the Buccaneers
- 8 Regret
- 9 Shade provider
- 10 Tokyo's old name
- 12 Suburb of Phoenix
- 19 Conger, e.g.
- 21 Will Smith biopic
- 23 Carte intro
- 25 Winter forecast
- 26 Jab
- 27 Use a teaspoon
- 28 Traps
- 29 Related
- 30 Catherine - - Jones
- 31 Ram's mate
- 35 Ostrich-like bird
- 38 Bullring bravo
- 40 Crony
- 42 Spirited attack
- 45 Told a whopper
- 47 Beauty pageant ID
- 48 "The Cosby Show" role
- 49 Cabbage salad
- 50 Hot tub
- 51 - Solo
- 52 Possess
- 54 Foundation

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.

Classifieds

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For Rent or Lease

Large 2 BR, 1 BA apartment, Indry. facility, close to town. No pets/smoking. \$800/mo + sec. dep. 951-659-5424.

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.

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

Partially 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. Call 951-659-6366 or 760-777-2328.

Share house, room with private full bath, W/D, Jacuzzi, clean, full house privileges, in town. Call 951-219-4210.

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

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.

Two-story house, one bedroom, one and a half bath + carport! RECENTLY remodeled, on BEAUTIFUL property (Strawberry Creek). Walk into town! \$950/mo.-unfurnished, \$1100/mo.-furnished. Please no smoking/no pets. Call 858-485-1045.

2 BR, 1 BA, \$825/mo. W/D hookups, deck. New paint, new electric stove, 3-car parking space. No pets. 52725 Idyllmont. Call Yolanda 619-276-9800.

Commercial Rentals

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.

Commercial Rentals

FREE RENT 1st mo. w/lease!
Available NOW!
54295 Village Center Dr., Suite 102A.
\$369/mo. Ample parking. Call the Town Crier for more info:
(951) 659-2145

RETAIL or OFFICE
the courtyard building
• Ample Parking
• Central Air & Heat
• 600 - 1,500 sq. ft.
• Low Rent
659-2774

MOUNTAIN MANOR
Reduced Rates...
54585 N. Circle
Suite B, \$500/mo.
Suite D, \$400/mo.
Pete Daly
(619) 871-7235

Real Estate/Land

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE! Owing land in "The Path of Progress & Development" is one of the great secrets to wealth! Discover how you can now participate for far less than you ever imagined! Call (866)221-4004 to hear a vitally important recorded message. (Cal-SCAN)

Real Estate/Land Out of State

1ST TIME OFFERED. 40 AC outside Show Low, Arizona. \$29,900. One day only, May 1st. Only 9 ranches on 360 acres priced for immediate sale - great opportunity. Middle of nowhere prices, for an exactly where you want to be location. Shadow Springs by AZLR. 1-888-445-5740. (Cal-SCAN)

GET MORE 4 LESS! 10+ acre in New Mexico close to Arizona border. Views, trees, power, for less than \$300/month. You're approved! Call now 888-812-5830. www.SW-Properties.com (Cal-SCAN)

Real Estate/Land Out of State

BANK OWNED LAND! 10 acres. Trout stream, \$39,750. Substantial discounts, limited availability. Beautiful Fish Lake Valley acreage w/year round rainbow trout stream in foothills of Boundary Peak, Nevada's highest mountain. Gorgeous snow-capped views. Great recreational opportunities. Upscale ranch community. Financing available to qualified buyers. Call 1-877-669-3737. (Cal-SCAN)

ONLINE HOME AUCTION: 300+ Bank-Owned Homes thru-out 46 States including 24 in California! Go online now to see Color Photos and get complete details. Don't miss deadline- Bid Now: www.OnlineBidNow.com 1-866-539-4174. Buyers Agents: Up to 3% commission available! Auction by Hudson & Marshall, Bond FS386-69-21 & FS386-69-22. (Cal-SCAN)

Real Estate Out of State

20 ACRE RANCH FORECLOSURES Near Booming El Paso, Texas. Was \$16,900 Now \$12,900. \$0 Down, assume payments, \$99/month. Owner financing. FREE map/pictures 1-800-343-9444. (Cal-SCAN)

Real Estate Auctions

UNRESERVED AUCTION / SACRAMENTO: Thursday/Friday, May 20-21, 2010. Two Unused Modular Homes By A Ritchie Bros. Unreserved Auction. For more details: 530-724-3900; www.RBAuction.com (Cal-SCAN)

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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.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS 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 FURAHAKISA SMITH FOR CHANGE OF NAME.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: FURAHAKISA SMITH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:
a. Present name: FURAHAKISA SMITH changed to Proposed name: FURAHAKISA DEROSIERS
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.

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 BUSINESS 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 FREDRICK 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

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.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 5-17-10 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: 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.

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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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By: S. Berry, Deputy
Pub. TC: April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as DOSSTENNIS COURTS, 36672 Lion Peak Road, Mountain Center, CA 92561, Riverside County, JIMMIE EARL DOSS, 36672 Lion Peak Road, Mountain Center, CA 92561.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in July 1977.

Signed: JIMMIE EARL DOSS
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 13, 2010.

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LARRY W. WARD, County Clerk
By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy
Pub. TC: April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as IDYLLWILD BREWING COMPANY, 53400 Idyllwild, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1163, Idyllwild, CA 92549. DONALD ALAN PUT and DIANE SHIFRIN PUT, 53400 Idyllwild, Idyllwild, CA 92549-1163.

This business is conducted by Husband & Wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on January 1, 2006.

Signed: DONALD ALAN PUT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 13, 2010.

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By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as THE KOFFEE NUT, 54423 Village Center Drive, Suite 1, 2, 3, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside

New Yawk

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Oh and BTW (by the way), we Nevah Ohrdah from the menu! "I wanna darhk couffee ... two sweet & lo on the side ... and want my toast dry ... no butta! And I don't wanna break a nail ovah it ... Okaayy?!" Did

you 'get' that?!"

So ... What Is a Nice Jewish Girl from Da Bronx doing way up here in the mountains of Idyllwild? That is a very good question! What prompted this Thelma & Louise Road Trip of mine (minus the rape, murder and, unfortunately, Brad Pitt!) all the way from Illinois in my Jeep Wrangler with my

two rescued kitties giving me That Look ... like "Mom. we Did Not sign up for this."

Well, my first column will be a teaser of sorts ... ya can't give it all away that easily ... like I always say...I ain't no Mcdonalds 99 centser ... think of me as steak tahtah ok?!

Check out my New Blog this week ... I'll answer that

question and then some ... I think I'll subtitle it, "Mountain Man wanted to light my fire ... Literally" or "How to light a fire without ruining your French manicure!"

So when you see a discombobulated babe getting out of a Jeep Wrangler with Blue Suede Birkenstocks (high fashion in Idyllwild), say "Hi" cuz it's Me!

Letters

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such a "Tongue Lashing."

Most likely, this disgruntled writer from Pine Cove will be "All Bent Out Of Shape" when he reads this letter and will write back "Madder Than A Wet Hen." Or, will he show us "His Bark Is Bigger Than His Bite?"

DENNEY HERR
SAN DIEGO/IDYLLWILD

Recreation surveys

EDITOR:

Thanks to all of you that have expressed such an interest in the recreation issues facing our community. I encourage everyone to fill out both surveys that appeared in last week's [April 22 issue of the] Town Crier.

Please return them to

either the drop box at the newspaper office or to my e-mail address [hmaag@verizon.net]. Your responses, comments and suggestions will be carefully considered by both the ICRC Board and the CSA 36 Advisory Committee, so let us hear from you.

But don't stop there! Keep the dialog alive by talking to ICRC and CSA. Come to the meetings, hear what goes on firsthand and offer your suggestions and comments, good or bad. Lively discussions are the way new ideas are brought to the table, so please don't miss your chance to contribute.

Most importantly, your participation in Idyllwild's recreation activities is essential to maintaining current and developing future programs. Recreation can only succeed if we as a community are involved, so please consider attending

at least one of the ICRC activities or ongoing Town Hall programs. You will see that your participation does make a difference.

HOLLY MAAG
CHAIR OF THE COUNTY
SERVICE AREA 36
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
IDYLLWILD

A barn raising

EDITOR:

First, let me start by saying that I am just a community member, and am not employed by or associated with the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC), Town Hall or the County Service Area 36 Advisory Committee.

Maybe it is time for this community to come together and be a role model for other communities. Let's pull together and do what we can for the [Idyllwild] Community Center.

Wasn't it community members that came together to build Town Hall on property that was donated by a local family? If we can do this, maybe we can make the news, and catch the eye of a corporate giving program.

Think about it, what can you contribute?

The possibilities are wide open from stump grinding to grant writing. I imagine the first thing to be done would be to remove stumps and level off the terrain for safety. Again, we would need to contact ICRC, as I am just guessing, and do not know specific needs, requirements or legalities.

Maybe [you could give] just a small donation. If each of us gave something, it would go a long way. For instance, perhaps parents could give \$5 or \$10 for each of their children to help with the expense of playground equipment.

Second, what would it take for us to reclaim the Community Center we had on Franklin Drive and sold to Riverside County for \$1. We could use this facility for classes, among other

things.

Maybe the surrounding neighborhood would allow the community to once again use the ball fields that were there.

How to contact ICRC:
P.O. Box 1770, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

KATHY WILSON
IDYLLWILD

Chris & his owl

EDITOR:

[I'm writing about] the article in last week's paper, entitled "Christopher and the Owl." First, I did not understand the larger heading of "Ten Questions." What is that? And who is the author Shirley Schraff? More to the point, why would you choose to print a piece about a boy capturing an owl?

This is very disturbing. We try at the Nature Center to teach children to value and protect our fauna. Here is a written piece stating just the opposite.

DIANE OLSEN
VOLUNTEER
IDYLLWILD NATURE
CENTER

Editor's note: Shirley Schraff is a Town Crier columnist. Her column, entitled "10 Directions," appears in the fourth issue of each month. She chose this title for her column because it "includes the whole cosmos. Besides the world's north, south, east and west and the four intermediate points, it encompasses zenith and nadir. Thus making ten points of reference in all."

Chris & his owl 2

EDITOR:

I'm a part-timer in Idyllwild, and try to keep up with things through local friends and Town Crier home delivery. Your current (April 22nd) issue contains a column so disturbing that I felt compelled to write immediately.

Shirley Schraff begins by writing a delightful, poetic

Garden Club

In honor of National Arbor Day, at 10 a.m. Friday, April 30, the **Idyllwild Garden Club** will be planting a 7- to 8-foot Mountain or Pacific Dogwood (*Cornus nuttallii*) on the grounds of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society.

This beautification project is also a celebration of the trees of life. All are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact **Harold Voorheis** at voorheis2@earthlink.net.

PCPOA

Bob Smith of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society and author of "Idyllwild and the High San Jacintos" will be the speaker at the next meeting of the **Pine Cove Property Owners Association**, 8 a.m. Saturday, May 1 at the Pine Cove Fire Station on Marion Ridge Drive. Smith will also have a slide presentation.

For more information, call Nancy Borchers at (951) 659-4759.

To get a listing in "Clubs," visit www.towncrier.com, click on "News" in the menu at the top and click on "Submit a news item," or stop by and fill out a news form.

description about a "beautiful, intelligent ... 7-year-old" who enjoys the sights and sounds of nature while exploring near his home. Christopher sees a burrowing owl, which nests on the ground, and is captivated.

Schraff's identification of the owl and its surroundings leads me to believe she was there and her initial appreciation of that wild world makes it all the more horrific that she goes on to glorify the actions of a child who would capture and perhaps injure an innocent creature.

The second half of her column tells how "Christopher sees the owl and knows that he has to catch him."

What follows is a "grueling battle" between "worthy adversaries." Excuse me — did the owl start the fight? Clearly, the bird was only defending his territory.

Our wild neighbors want only to make a life in their natural habitat and deserve our respect and compassion. This boy should have been told long ago to LEAVE WILD ANIMALS ALONE. What he did was illegal and immoral.

Schraff's readers are not told the owl's fate. Even if the bird was released when Christopher's "ecstatic" and "euphoric" feelings abated, the damage of stress and ignorant handling could be considerable ... and what if a nest or chicks were left unguarded?

Many years of volunteering in wildlife rehab have

not hardened me to animal suffering (including birds, of course), and I have seen the results of accidents, neglect and deliberate abuse. Christopher and his parents are responsible for his evil actions.

I am appalled that Schraff would celebrate the incident and I am very sorry that the TC chose to print her column. It is a pure disgrace.

LOIS SHEPPARD
SEAL BEACH AND
IDYLLWILD

Editor's note: Animal abuse is wrong and some instances can be abhorrent. Federal, state and local governments have enacted laws to control, curb and cease various forms of animal abuse. Even Michael Vick, a professional football player, learned about these laws.

Animal abuse is against the law; therefore a criminal act. Freedom to speak or express one's views is a right. Ms. Sheppard read Ms. Schraff's column and replied with her thoughts and criticisms about this issue. Thank you, Ms. Sheppard.

I feel neither ashamed nor disgraced for publishing Ms. Schraff's column. Nor do I object to Ms. Sheppard's letter. I encourage more people to submit their thoughts and opinions regardless of the issue. But recognize there is very little chance that our individual opinions will form a unanimous community. Free speech is not unlimited, but it separates us from almost every other country on this globe.

Public Notices

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County, Mailing address: P.O. Box 1631, Idyllwild, CA 92549. DAVID STEVEN KENYON and MEGAN MARIE KENYON, 52980 Mountain View, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by Husband & Wife.

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

Signed:

MEGAN MARIE KENYON
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 19, 2010.

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By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy
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Notice of Sale of Abandoned Personal Property is hereby given that pursuant to California Civil Code 1988 Synergy Partnerships, will sell at PUBLIC SALE abandoned personal properties left at: 54700 & 54710, Units 1 & 2, North Circle Dr., Idyllwild, CA. Sale will be held at 1 p.m. May 13, 2010. Items may include but not limited to: pots & pans, dishes, glassware, prep tables, guest tables & chairs, refrigerators, baker/cafeteria items & misc office equipment.
Pub. TC: April 29, May 6, 2010.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To whom it may concern:
This is to notify the public that there will be a public hearing on May 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Idyllwild Water District boardroom regarding Water and Sewer Stand-By Assessments for unimproved lots for the fiscal year 2010-2011. The amount will remain unchanged - \$30.00 per acre (or portion thereof) per year within the Idyllwild Water District/Improvement District #1.

Resolution No. 626
Resolution No. 627
Idyllwild Water District Board Room
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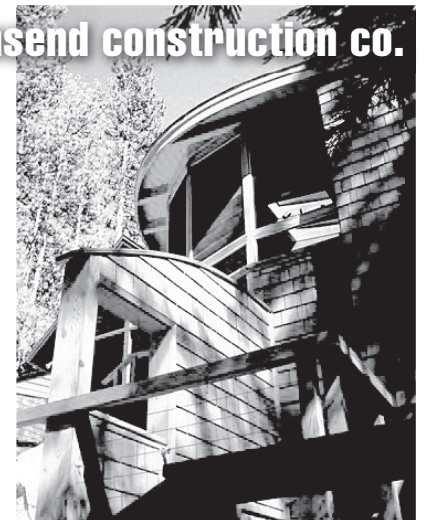
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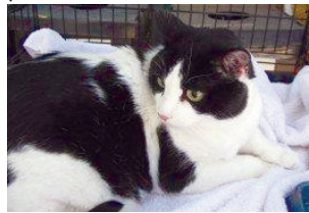
BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

ARF is searching for volunteers to assist with events and help foster our orphan animals. Come on Idyllwild — we need you. Call Maria Lehman at (951) 663-6466.



Meet **Marlena**. She is an adult tiger-stripe, content to watch the world go by. A perfect pet for a busy life, Marlena will keep that spot warm for you in your chair, and in your heart.

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Our calico kitten, **Twinkie**, went to her loving forever home this weekend. We will surely miss her daily antics, but know in our hearts that she will be loved. And, **Rosie**, the pit, was successfully reunited with her mom.

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

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Creature corner is sponsored this week by Dylan Goldberg. To sponsor the column, call Shane Fender at the Town Crier, 659-2145.

PAST TENSE

60 years ago - 1950

Ernie Maxwell was completing the 1950 U.S. Census report for this area.

50 years ago - 1960

Despite snow and cold weather, the Fourth Annual Bear Festival attracted the largest crowd in its history. Barbara Allert took first in the Pauline Bunyon chain-saw contest.

40 years ago - 1970

The town was in an uproar about a series of letters being circulated in the community accusing property owners and real estate agents of renting to "hippies and drug pushers."

35 years ago - 1975

The Town Crier published the following: "Desert Sun students will gladly deliver horse manure which has piled up on campus." The fee for this service was \$5.

30 years ago - 1980

A proposal to stage a mammoth rock festival in



About 40 people marched through Idyllwild early on a Sunday morning in April 2007 in support of the March on Washington to fight global warming and end environmental abuse and also to commemorate Earth Day. The march started at Idyllwild School and ended at Café Aroma, and was sponsored by Earth Witness Foundation of the Zen Mountain Center.

FILE PHOTO

the Anza-Aguanga area met the vigorous opposition of more than 275 mountain citizens who gathered at the Anza Community Hall and formed an anti-festival committee to oppose all future proposals for rock festivals in the area.

20 years ago - 1990

In preparation for installation of the plaque naming donors and describing the

new Tree Monument, retired U.S. Forest Service engineer Frank Gorzny began building a stone wall around the monument. The wall is still there; the monument is not.

15 years ago - 1995

During the first phase of improving Idyllwild School's playground, 48 Jeffrey and ponderosa pines were removed and the California

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection targeted another 12 for removal.

10 years ago - 2000


The Hemet Unified School District Board of Governors voted unanimously to revoke the charter of Idyllwild Charter High School effective July 1. The board said the school was out of compliance because it opened in September 1999 without credential teachers and because all adults involved in the school did not have fingerprints on file with the County of Riverside.

5 years ago - 2005

Idyllwild Water District broke ground for its solar project.

1 year ago - 2009

Hemet Unified School District decided not to change starting and ending times at its schools. Although the change would have saved an estimated \$500,000 in transportation costs, parents feared disruption to their daily lives.




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FISHING REPORT

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

Lake Hemet was last stocked with catchable-sized rainbow trout on Thursday, April 22.

Lake Hemet

Darlene Redner at Lake Hemet had this report on fishing:

Tuesday, April 20, was a bountiful day for anglers at the lake. **Tom Miller** of Pine Cove took home his limit using spinners near the spillway. **Tom Duncan** of Pine Cove, also caught his limit of trout. He was using needlefish by the dam.

The bounty continued through the weekend with **Kenneth Coggin** of Torrance taking home his limit, **Joseph Leewood** of Yucca Valley bringing in three trout with roostertails, and **Anthony Asebedo** of Hemet taking

home four trout.

Sunday, April 25, was a little slower than Saturday. **Peter Hernandez** of Palm Desert reeled in a limit with spinner bait. And, **Mark Agregado** of Palm Springs brought in a variety of trout, bluegill and carp using worms from the shore.

Water level at the dam is 126.5 feet. Last year's level was 125.4 feet.

Diamond Valley

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

Bedding bass have been biting in the coves and along the dams between 5 and 15 feet. **Gary Baker** of San Marcos caught a 7.5-pound bass fishing the north shore with a green pumpkin Senko. **Steven Frazier** had his best topwater day ever, catching over 20 bass back to back in the early morning.

Trout fishing has been fair for boaters and shore anglers. Nightcrawlers, Powerbait, Powerworms and mini jigs have been the best baits. Most

trout catches have been on the east dam or the coves west of the marina.

Anglers reported a few small striper catches this week on swimbaits. The most reported spots have been Rawson Cove, near the rock quarry, and by restroom 2. **Louie Vega** of Hemet caught three striper at 22, 19, and 18 pounds fishing from shore with a Zplug.

The cats have made a comeback! Several anglers reported catches over 5 pounds.

The panfish reports were

fair this week with crappie being the predominant species for panfish anglers. The bite will improve as the water gets warmer. Rawson Cove and the saddle dam were the most reported spots. Mini jigs, and live worms are the most common panfish baits. **Andrew Anchondo** of Stanton reported a 1.11-pound crappie fishing with jigs near restroom 1.

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

Steele still struggles

By JACK CLARK
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele was ill-treated by the Kinderlou Forest Golf Club course at Valdosta, Georgia, last week. He put together two over-par rounds on Thursday and Friday, which did not qualify him for weekend play.

Next up is this week's tournament at the University of Georgia Golf Club in Athens, Ga.: the \$550,000 Stadion Athens Classic worth \$99,000 to the winner.



Hemet High School's mountain bike team was first again. This race was in Lake Arrowhead. From the left, Coach **Pete Kirkham**, **Nathon Parrot**, **Marcos Mercado**, **Kristen Bland**, **Joel Turner**, **Jascee Goldsmith**, **Zachary Valdez**, **Brandon Kirkham**, **Mitchell Biley**, **Jacob Symonds**, **Emma Klingaman**, **Trent Brudin** and assistant coach **Kevin Turner**.

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