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The Chakra Shack celebrated May Day, Saturday afternoon May 1, with their own version of the Maypole. Many participants came out to create garlands and enjoy the fun of dancing around the Maypole after they finished circling the tree with ribbons.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

**Idyllwild Earth Fair comes of age**

BY BETH NOTTLEY  
 STAFF REPORTER

The Idyllwild Earth Fair celebrates its 21st anniversary this year and the people who have volunteered countless hours over the years to produce it are proud of the way it has grown and its positive impact on the community — especially the children. Many of the first organizers, some of whom still volunteer, fondly recall the early years when the group was largely composed of families with young children who grew up working together at the Earth Fair.

“It was a wonderful thing for the children,” said David

Reid-Marr, one of the original organizers. “They grew up knowing we were advocates for the environment and could make a difference in the world but could have fun and celebrate together at the same time.”

Reid-Marr said the idea for the first Idyllwild Earth Fair, held on April 22, 1990 at Town Hall, evolved from many passionate discussions among a group of friends about what they saw as an impending crisis in the Earth’s health. “We were always talking about big issues and we related them to local issues, like logging at Black Mountain. People were just becoming aware of the

environmental crisis and we were creating a community of like-minded people who wanted to do something to make things better. Creating the Earth Fair bonded us,” he said.

Sabrina Verney, also an early organizer, remembers when Earth Fair first started, some townfolk perceived the environmental issues as “fringe” causes. She recalls a conversation between a man who liked to hunt and a festival organizer that centered on the outdoorsman feeling that hunters were the true lovers of nature.

She said festival organizers considered it a real coup See Earth Fair, page 12

**Carlson ignores board, alters ballot**

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
 STAFF REPORTER

Chamber President Ken Carlson, without board authority, unilaterally altered the ballot submitted by the nominating committee, inserting his name, even though he had not been nominated according to bylaw provisions.

Chamber bylaws (section 4.01 B c), which govern elections and ballots, state: “The nominations of the committee (Richmond Blake and Mimi Lamp) shall be communicated in writing to the Board of Directors at the March board meeting. At that time, additional nominations may be made from the floor by Directors or Chamber members in

good standing.” The minutes of the March meeting, which Carlson wrote, state, “There were no nominations from the floor.”

Director Mimi Lamp, who was on the Chamber’s nominating committee, had prepared the ballots consistent with the board actions through March and addressed the envelopes.

Just prior to Lamp’s mailing the ballots to members, Carlson asked and was told his name was not on the ballot. Carlson was elected in 2007 after several previous appointments. Terms are three years and his expires this June.

After discovering he was not nominated for a second See Chamber, page 9

**PCT hikers’ snow woes**

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
 STAFF REPORTER

“Bacon,” “Yellowstone,” “Skyeward,” “Trailhacker,” “Backtrack,” “Nitro,” “Schroomer” — each year Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) through-hikers stop in Idyllwild to restock after beginning the 2,650-mile northward trek from the Arizona and Mexican border to Canada. This year, the recent and late April snow posed another

challenge. Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit conducted a snow survey April 25. They found three feet of snow in the valleys. More is likely in the high country through which the trail passes.

As a result, some PCT-ers are opting to rent vans to skirt local snow and ice encrusted trail sections and return at the end of their 6-month jaunt to complete skipped sections. Of the 300 or so hikers that begin, See PCT, page 11

# NEWS OF RECORD

## Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, April 26 to May 2:

### Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

**April 26** — Medical aid, 52500 block of Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

**April 27** — Two walk-in medical aids.

**April 29** — Medical aid, Franklin and Sherman drives, Pnc Cove.

**April 29** — Traffic collision, Highway 243 and Marion Ridge Drive, Pine Cove.

**April 30** — Rescue, San Jacinto Road, Idyllwild.

**April 30** — Rescue, Ponto Road, Anza.

**April 30** — Traffic collision, Highway 74 at McCall Park Road, Mountain Center.

**May 1** — Two walk-in medical aids.

**May 2** — Unintentional alarm activation, Cricle Drive, Idyllwild.

**May 2** — Medical aid, Forest Haven Drive, Idyllwild.

### Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

**April 29** — Medical aid, full arrest.

**April 29** — Traffic collision.

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**April 30** — Traffic collision.

**May 2** — False alarm.

**May 2** — Remote area rescue.

### Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

**April 26** — Medical aid, 56000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

**April 29** — Medical aid, 56000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

**April 29** — Vehicle fire, 47000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

**April 30** — Medical aid, 43000 block Patten Place, Garner Valley.

**April 30** — Traffic collision, 53000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

**May 1** — Public service, 59000 block of Highway 74, Idyllwild.

**May 2** — Rescue, 24000 block of Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild.

### Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

**April 26** — Public assist, 70000 block of Highway 74, Pinyon.

**April 28** — Traffic collision, 71000 of Highway 74, Pinyon.

**May 2** — Cover assignment, Station 53.

### Riverside County Fire, Anza

**April 26** — Walk-in medical aid.

**April 26** — Medical aid, Cary and Yucca roads, Anza.

**April 27** — Medical aid, Highway 371 and Bailiff Road, Anza.

**April 27** — Walk-in medical aid.

**April 28** — Medical aid, Indian Road and Quail Place, Anza.

**April 30** — Medical aid, Cave Rock and Howard Roads, Anza.

**April 30** — Traffic collision, Highway 371 and Cary Roads, Anza.

**April 30** — Medical aid, Patten Place, Anza.

**May 1** — Walk-in medical aid.

## CHP log

Log unavailable.

## Sheriff's log

Log unavailable.

## Identity theft tips

The Palm Desert Sheriff's Station says that sources of information about an individual are so numerous that identify theft cannot be prevented. However, risk of loss can be minimized by following a few simple tips:

- Never throw away ATM receipts, credit statements, credit cards or bank statements without shredding them first.
- Never give your credit card number, social security number or any other personal information over the telephone unless you make the call or are sure the call is legitimate.
- Review your monthly bank/credit card statements and notify your bank and credit card companies of any discrepancies immediately. If the discrepancies or transactions appear to be fraudulent in nature, contact your local Sheriff or police department.
- Keep a list of telephone numbers and account numbers in the event your wallet or purse, credit cards or bank information is stolen or lost.
- Review a copy of your credit report at least once each year. Notify the credit bureau in writing of any questionable entries and follow through until they are explained or removed.
- If your identify has been assumed, ask the credit bureau to print a statement to that effect in your credit report.
- Do not carry your social security card on your person, in the event your wallet or purse is lost or stolen.

# Rescue Sunday

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

A hiker apparently fell and injured himself Sunday afternoon. This is why several helicopters were observed circling Idyllwild.

Public safety and emer-

gency rescue personnel from Idyllwild Fire Protection District and Cal Fire stations 23 and 53 were all involved in the effort.

The individual declined air transport and Idyllwild Fire District transported the person to medical care.

## Strange but true

It was beloved American comedian and actor Bob Hope who made the following extremely sage observation: "People who throw kisses are hopelessly lazy."

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Mostly sunny skies with light winds.	Mostly sunny and clear.	Mostly sunny, becoming partly cloudy in the evening.	Partly cloudy, becoming mostly cloudy, light winds.	Mostly cloudy in the a.m., becoming partly cloudy.

Date	Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
4-26	72	38			63	30		
4-27	68	39			61	35		
4-28	na	na			na	na		
4-29	66	31			61	29		
4-30	54	26			72	38		
5-1	60	26			76	47		
5-2	62	33			69	44		

Moisture in inches	Snow in inches
To date this season (Idy): 23.54	To date this season (Idy): 35.91
To date last season (Idy): 18.04	To date last season (Idy): 55.2
Total last season (Idy): 18.04	Total last season (Idy): 55.2
To date this season (PC): 30.71	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.

*Editor's note: Last week's weather report omitted a .01 inch of moisture for April 19. The season moisture total was correct however.*

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# OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

## Who are these guys?



Now that the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) hiking season is once again in full swing, I find myself asking these questions: Who are these guys and where did they all come from? Of course, my main job is to supply the gear they need, but in my brief encounters with the PCT hikers I try to find out their stories.

It's the typical who, what, where, when, why and how that any quasi-journalist like myself is supposed to ask. But it goes deeper than that series of basic questions. I really want to understand more about the PCTers and the culture of the through-hikers. Not just because it's my job, but because I find them fascinating.

First off, the PCTers are obviously in way better shape than the general population. I would say they are mentally tougher than most of us as well. Their reasons for hiking are varied, but they either have a lot of time or they have chosen to make time. Some are retired, out of work or recent college grads. Or, they can be simply devoted to hiking above all else in their lives.

This year we have hikers from all over Europe and the USA. Last weekend, I had hikers from Japan and the "flying Kiwis," as they are called on the trail, from New Zealand.

Some of the folks from the USA include a female construction worker and an employee of an outfitter on the Appalachian Trail from Georgia, a registered nurse from Boulder, Colo., and hikers from at least 40 other states.

I guess that you can say that all PCTers share a love for the outdoors. If you're going to hike the PCT, you have to be willing to invest a lot of effort in an endeavor that has no monetary reward. So I guess through-hiking is like an uberstrenuous hobby.

There is a quote that I remember from an outdoor catalogue and it reads "There is a leisure class at both ends of the economic spectrum." Although I would not call through-hiking



After last week's snow, this doe was watching the sunset from a Mountain Center ridge. PHOTO COURTESY OF BETHANY PULLIAM



The "Coyote Mint" (*Monardella villosa*), a bushy perennial, is one of California's native plants. With pleasantly mint-scented leaves and heads of tubular blue or purple flowers in summer, it attracts butterflies and bumblebees. Drought tolerant, this perennial will grow to 1- to 2-foot tall. Place in full sun to light shade, with good drainage and little summer water.

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This rare and beautiful lily, the Humboldt Lily, has large 3- to 4-inch red-yellow flowers on a 3-foot spike. Native to many parts of Southern California, this subspecies grows in gardens in Idyllwild quite successfully. This is a dryland lily species, somewhat drought-tolerant, but needs perfect drainage. It grows on sunny chaparral slopes.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HAROLD VOORHEIS

a leisure activity, it does require taking a lot of time off.

Another quote that I think is appropriate for through-hikers is by comedian Steven Wright. He says, "Everything is in walking distance if you have enough time." This quote could be the through-hiker's mantra. It is a matter of making the time to be able to hike the PCT.

So I guess there is really no way to categorize the PCT group as a whole because it would be like lumping all the

people of our state together and calling us Californians. Sure we all live in California but we are a diverse group, and the PCTers are as diverse as you can get.

Trying to lump the hikers into categories is an exercise in futility but it doesn't stop us townfolk from trying to figure out the rhyme or reason for the through-hiking phenomenon. All I can say after talking to the hikers every year is that it looks like a lot of fun.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the *Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar*, see "On the Town," on page 13.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.
- ESL class, 8:30-11:30 a.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Garner Valley 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.

### THURSDAY, MAY 6

- Idyllwild Business Roundtable, 8 a.m. Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Qigong with Keiko, 10-11 a.m. The Chakra Shack, 54750 North Circle Dr., Unit A.
- 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.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild business meeting, 5:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant, 55980 Highway 243. Call Karen Doshier, 659-0790.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

### FRIDAY, MAY 7

- 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 8

- Mountain Disaster Preparedness, Disaster Medical Class and exercise, noon-1:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Al-Anon, noon, Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Stand in Silent Vigil for

Peace, Justice and Nonviolence, noon. Town center at "Girl Reading" monument. Call 659-2718.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Girls' Goddess Group, 1-2:30 p.m.; Yoga with Trine, 2:30-4 p.m. The Chakra Shack, 54750 North Circle Dr., Unit A.

### SUNDAY, MAY 9

- Zen Meditation Group, 8 a.m. Call 659-2253.
- Teen Group, 10-11:30 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Drive, Strawberry Creek Square.
- Idyllwild Writer's Guild, 3 p.m. 25685 Big Pine St., Cedar Glen. Call 659-0130.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 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 Cal-Fire Station 63.

### MONDAY, MAY 10

- Associates of Idyllwild Arts, 10 a.m. Wilson classroom, 52500 Temecula Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m. Spi-

ritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

- Pinyon Communities Council, 7 p.m. Pinyon Fire Station, 70080 Hwy. 74 Pinyon.

### TUESDAY, MAY 11

- Zen Meditation Group, 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. Call 659-2253.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25830 Franklin Dr. Call 659-5208 for information.
- "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.
- 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.
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection

District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

- ESL class, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Highway 243.
- Beginning Belly Dancing with Raye, 6-7 p.m. The Chakra Shack, 54750 North Circle Dr., Unit A.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
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- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- MEMSCOMM, 9 a.m.

Anza Electric Cooperative, 58470 Hwy. 371, Anza.

- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, women only, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- CAHSEE class, 6-9 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

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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 29.

## Lake Hemet

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

Using nightcrawlers, **Layne Fleming** of Anza caught the limit on trout. He was fishing at the point on Monday, April 26.

On Saturday, May 1, **Justin** and **Josh Jones** of Riverside also caught their trout limits. They were trolling the spillway with Powerbait. Also using Powerbait, **Matt Creason** of Desert Hot Springs reeled in two nice trout Saturday.

On Sunday, **Marina Freeman** of Long Beach took home four rainbow trout, each between 12 and 15 inches long.

Water level at the dam is 126.7 feet. Last year's level was 125.2 feet.

## Diamond Valley

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

The continuously cold nights kept surface temperatures low, which slows the bass bite. The best anglers have been reporting 10-

fish days, but the fish have been small, between 2 and 3 pounds.

Trout fishing has been fair for boaters and shore anglers. Nightcrawlers, Powerbait, Powerworms and mini Jigs have been the best baits. **Darryl Spivey** of West Covina caught two 4.5-pound trout fishing from shore with Powerbait. **Julie I. Camp** of Corona caught the biggest trout of the week — 11.5 pounds — with a senko near the inlet tower.

Mt. Lassen and DFG combined forces late this week to spur the striper into near wide open action. LA sliders, Lunker Punks, Z Plugs, and Huddlestones are the most reported baits as of late.

**Paul Thompson** of Hemet caught a 23.69-pound trout with a Zplug on the south shore. **Alex Toedt** of Escondido caught a 9.56-pound striper near the inlet with a swimbait. **Mike Southerland** of Fontana caught three stripers — 8, 13 and 14 pounds — with a Zplug along the west dam.

Anglers have been consistently catching catfish from shore as well as boats. Mackerel and anchovies have been the most reported baits, but shrimp and chicken liver have accounted for some catches. **Chris Hagopian** got his biggest two cats at 12 pounds each, fishing with mackerel near the quarry. **Terry Lairson** also caught two 12-pound cats near the inlet.

# MOUNTAIN FOLK

On Sunday, May 2, **Marilyn Moneysmith** died in Moreno Valley Medical Center. Her death was attributed to cancer. A memorial celebration of life for her is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22. A luncheon will follow at the American Legion ...

The Idyllwild Fire Department has placed boots around town. Money donated in the boot will be for the **Scott Carlson** benefit. Carlson, an IFPD firefighter, recently had a lung removed and the Idyllwild Firefighter Association's Annual spaghetti dinner on May 8 is in his honor. The dinner will be at Idyllwild Pines Camp and tickets are available at the door. Boot locations are Arriba Mexican Restaurant, BBVA bank, Café Aroma, the Gastrognome, La Casita, the Red Kettle and the Town Crier.

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

To get your birthday listed, e-mail [itc@towncrier.com](mailto:itc@towncrier.com) or call (951) 659-2145, Ext. 14, with the month and day.



**Cody Espinoza** caught a yellowtail tuna during a fishing trip with his grandparents, **Joe and Yong Neu**. PHOTO BY JOE NEU

The panfish bite improved this week with a few bluegill and crappie reported. **Jim Campos** caught a 2.93-bluegill fishing from shore. **Sue McGarvey** of San Diego

caught a 2.33-pounder. DFG checks anglers for fishing licenses. See the Idyllwild Magazine and Visitor's Guide for locations where licenses are sold.

# Calendar

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- Anza Municipal Advisory Council, 7 p.m. Anza Community Building, 56630 Hwy. 371, Anza.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- California Department of Forestry (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Mountain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.

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- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.

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- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

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## Democrats of Hemet-San Jacinto

**Justin Blake**, candidate for State Senate District 37 seat, and **Mark Pressley**, counselor at West Valley High, will present a \$1,000 scholarship to West Valley High senior **Jose Rivera** at the next meeting of the Democrats of Hemet-San Jacinto at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 at Ya-Ya's Coffee house, 312 N. San Jacinto Ave., in Hemet.

Rivera will read his winning essay to the members. The meeting is preceded by a 5:30 p.m. dinner. Cost of dinner (from menu) is \$10 each.

For information call Ken Hampton at (951) 487-0179.

## Women's Guild

**Margaret Lattin** will speak on "Flying in the Mission Field" at the next **Women's Guild** of the **Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church** meeting Wednesday, May 12.

The group meets in **Fellowship Hall** at the church for lunch at noon and the speaker begins at 1 p.m. Lunch is \$4. All women on the Hill are invited.

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It has been a busy week and I'd like to discuss several topics.

### Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce

President Ken Carlson has assumed control over most executive functions. Mr. Carlson, as you lead the troops, take a moment to be sure they're following and obeying.

In the venerable tradition of former Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Mr. Carlson has told us numerous times, he's in charge and has made numerous and conflicting statements.

But nominating himself to the board, when the bylaws give him another year, seems suspicious. Current board members have said he was never nominated to another term. Apparently, Mr. Carlson interprets the Chamber's rules for the benefit of himself.

In the March 15 Chamber meeting minutes, Mr. Carlson wrote, "Mimi then announced that we have only one candidate for the Board, Diana Helmbrecht .... There were no nominations from the floor." No further nominations? Look at the ballot on page 9 that Mr. Carlson distributed.

Directors Richmond Blake and Mimi Lamp were never at a meeting where Carlson was nominated because he asserts he nominated himself, seconded and placed it on the ballot at his discretion.

Section 4.01 A. i. of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce bylaws states directors' terms are for three years. Why did he say Ms. Lamp and Mr. Blake were in year two of a FOUR-year term?

### Idyllwild Recreation

The only people who claim the county is going to take over Idyllwild's recreation program, are those who intend to create a "straw man" alternative. I have not heard anyone who attended a CSA 36 meeting make that claim.

Ask Holly Maag, chair of CSA 36, which has the role of managing Idyllwild's recreation. She's not giving that up. Or ask her fellow committee members — Steve Kunkle or Mike Freitas, who said the only damage done to the Idyllwild recreation program originated during ICRC's management.

ICRC is a contractor for implementing the recreation program. While Riverside County has said it can deliver a bigger and better program, it would still be under the auspices of CSA 36.

The Idyllwild Rotary, the American Legion, the PTA or any other local group could compete for that contract. If they won, recreation would still be local.

### Idyllwild School

Ms. Arnsen takes umbrage with last week's column. If the PTA has held public meetings or written letters to public officials about the school's staff reductions, I apologize for not reporting those actions. But I'm not aware of such steps.

But I disagree with her general premise that we are helpless victims under the union's and the state's tyranny. Mr. Norris' letter suggests one avenue to seek a different result.

See Thoughts, page 11

### 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. On holiday weekends, the potluck will be scheduled for the second Saturday.) Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. Just bring a raw food dish to share. For more information, e-mail Lori Alexander at music@greencafe.com.

## READERS WRITE

### It's the union's fault

#### EDITOR:

Mr. Crumrine wrote a very bizarre letter in last week's paper, accusing the citizens of Idyllwild of "demanding that the softball umpire be retained," while not caring that Idyllwild Elementary will be losing some great teachers. Mr. Crumrine seems to have a crystal ball that showed him only four people on the Hill have discussed the state of education. Huh?

If you took a vote from parents, teachers and children who attend Idyllwild Elementary regarding the teachers mentioned, you would see them listed among the best. It is unfortunate for our children, and our school, that they will be losing their jobs. Mr. Crumrine laments that we are not doing enough. We should be "focusing the district administration's attention on Idyllwild's concerns ..."

Don't you think if the district office could keep all teachers, particularly the good ones, they would? California is in a state of crisis. Those that are paying teachers' salaries are losing their jobs left and right, and if they are lucky enough to keep their jobs, many are experiencing huge cuts in pay. Blood from a turnip?

HTAs [Hemet Teachers Association] own representative said he expected the district to lose 400 students next year — which equates to about 15 teachers. How are those 15 decided? A little union rule called tenure. Ms. Adler being laid off has nothing to do with "Michelle living off the Hill." I can't even believe that was written. It has to do with the fact that these teachers are on the bottom of the union totem pole. You want to make a difference, "organize and agitate" to CTA [California Teachers Association], not the district, to allow schools to keep their best teachers, not simply the ones that have worked the longest.

Mr. Crumrine intimates that we are ridiculous to support recreation, but not education. The fact that so many town people showed up to ask that control over town recreation not be turned over to the county

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### Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



government is symbolic of why so few people stand up to the district and/or union in regards to the state of education. We want a voice over what happens up here. If recreation is turned over to the county government, that voice is gone, just as it is with education. Idyllwild recreation would become another government bureaucracy with tenured employees that are accountable to no one.

KARI ARNSON  
IDYLLWILD

### Idyllwild School losing good teachers

#### EDITOR:

The April 28, 2010 edition left me in a state of shock.

That you found this news so unimportant that you buried it where most readers don't venture, is astounding!

In a small town newspaper that uses large headings on stories about mundane things like the Brown Act violations of a community center, you don't find it necessary to run this story on the front page. This information will be a devastating blow to the children of our community.

My oldest son and two grandchildren attended Ms. Maxwell's K-1 class together six years ago. It's astonishing to note the increase of workload my youngest son has in Ms. Adler's K-1 class today.

My oldest son is now in  
[See Letters, page 8](#)

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# HIKER TALK

BY JENNY KIRCHNER, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

*What are you planning to do with the snow conditions on the trail?*



**Joe Howell**  
Outdoor Guide  
Manhattan

*"Plan on hiking through, we came down Devils Slide this morning."*



**Tim Carroll**  
Trail Crew Leader  
Minnesota

*"I plan to walk through."*



**Justin Smith**  
Outdoor Educator  
Jackson, Calif.

*"It sounds like it's 50/50 with the hikers. It is so unpredictable and unbelievable how the weather has been. I'm planning on going through, we feel pretty prepared."*



**Josh Kronberg**  
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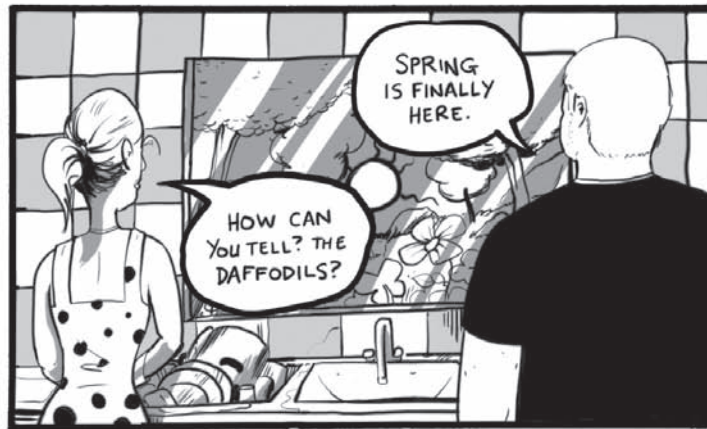
*"We don't know yet; we've been talking to a lot of people, and making our decisions last minute. If we start in and it's too dangerous, we will backtrack."*



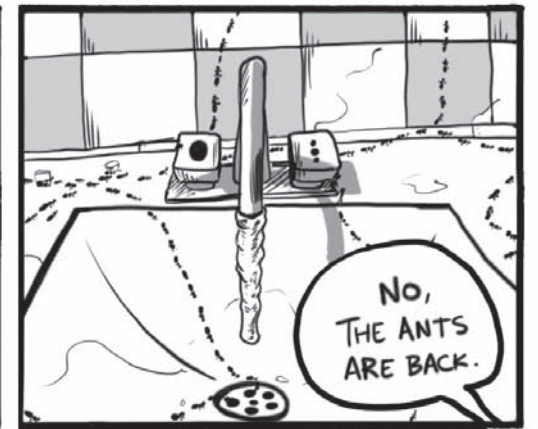
Members of Pine Cove Property Owners Association enjoy a slide show of photos predominantly of Pine Cove. Author **Bob Smith** relied on the archives of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society for his presentation Saturday.

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## ON THE FRINGE



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## BEFORE OUR TIME

BY ROBERT B. SMITH

### Why pay attention to history?

For as long as I can remember, I've found history intrinsically interesting. But its power to teach us, in columnist Robert Samuelson's words, "who we are and how we got this way," didn't come home to me until I tried late in life to discover a bit of it on my own.

Since 1939, I'd been vacationing at my family's retreat deep in the forest several miles from Idyllwild. Growing up, I heard that our 1878 cabin originally housed the foreman of a nearby sawmill. The endless supply of square nails washed up by spring runoff and summer cloudbursts was attributed to a blacksmith's forge once located beneath the pine and oak canopy that shaded the outdoor cooking, eating, playing and relaxing of our daily life.

My mother, her sisters, and their parents, Frank and Mabel Moote, seemed inseparably attached to this place they called "Pinewood." But nobody revealed how we'd acquired such an idyllic hideaway, only that Frank had subdivided its 86 acres into lots he could sell to finance retirement.

As my own retirement approached, I began to dabble in nature writing, inescapably based on my Pinewood experiences. This revealed the depth of my own attachment to the place, brought to a head by a brief exile imposed by the 1996 Bee Canyon Fire. I simply had to learn more about Pinewood's past.

The lucky discovery of a carton of Frank's letters and legal documents, unopened since he died in 1958, jump-started a decade of inquiry. Those papers began with his lengthy negotiation, rife with mutual recrimination, to buy Pinewood from an ex-forest ranger named Decker, whom I'd known only as a family friend and neighbor. What then emerged was a tale of intrigue that cast new light on the grandfather who had seemed only a devout, amiable gent with an appealing taste for pulp fiction,



weak humor and strong cheese.

Here I found Frank Moote fronting for a Los Angeles syndicate secretly bent on building a commercial resort, but losing his ill-considered fight with celebrated attorney Oscar Lawler to divert water from the North Fork in Dark Canyon. As economic recession ruined his syndicate and fractured his law partnership, family pressure kept Frank struggling to retain the property. Still, he long regretted his lost opportunity, seemingly oblivious to the legacy he would pass to at least five generations.

Permanently hooked by this tale, I began haunting libraries and hounding Pinewood neighbors for details. Sweltering summer days I spent squinting at hazy microfilm images of early newspapers couldn't stop me. Finally, I pieced together a reasonably complete, coherent story of a forest paradise invaded with ill intent, then improbably preserved as an enchanting sanctuary.

The process of reconstructing history can be an exhausting ordeal, but when accelerated by occasional strokes of good luck, also an exhilarating adventure. Saddled with a scientist's hunger for evidence, having learned the limitations of human memory (especially my own), I found myself drawn to archives, inevitably leading me to the rich resources of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society.

Understanding myself better made settling in the San Jacinto Mountains irresistible. So here I am, now pursuing the grander project of understanding Idyllwild and "how it got this way."



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LAURA ANDERSON – AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

## Letters

*Continued from page 6*

sixth grade with Miss Ingbretson and she is a superb teacher, an excellent motivator.

I can speak from some experience about Idyllwild School, my sister-in-law having been principal for many years and I, myself, attended sixth grade in the same room in which my son attends K-1. Without your help in informing our community about this outrage, the HUSD will once again give our school short shrift.

ROBERT DUNN  
IDYLLWILD

### Teacher performance, not just seniority

EDITOR:

I wanted to respond to J.P.'s "Education and, not or, recreation ..." article. I am a teacher in San Jacinto USD and have a daughter at Idyllwild School. I speak to teachers and parents often about this extremely complicated situation. Town Hall is in the process of being taken out of the hands of our community and if it is, may be doomed to the same fate as our local teacher layoff situation: our community having no voice.

The problem isn't a lack of discussion but a lack of action against the real problem. Our state is in a budget crisis, bringing teacher cuts.

Which teachers will be let go? The all too powerful teachers' union (CTA) has decided for Idyllwild. Our community and children are losing two amazing teachers. No offense teachers, but I KNOW there are educators less capable than Kirsten Ingbretsen and Michelle Adler in the district. The mighty union's seniority policy makes it so that superb teachers may be let go before less effective teachers (unlike the real world).

Teachers at risk of losing their jobs, and our community have no voice — CTA has seen to that. The community has not been called to arms by the teachers because many of them simply feel that it's just the way it is and frankly, just want to keep their own jobs. Many teachers and educated parents feel there is NOTHING they can do about this. They/we feel powerless.

There could be help on the way. California Senate Bill 955 is heading to the Legislature. Under current law, the layoffs, transfers, etc. must occur strictly on the basis of seniority. This has resulted in the loss of many highly effective teachers just like Kirsten and Michelle during the ongoing budget crisis. Among other things, SB 955 will allow districts to deviate from seniority laws and instead base staffing on teacher performance.

Please read the bill and contact your representatives. We need the finest teachers whether they were hired one, three, or 20 years ago.

I have benefited from CTA and my association leadership but their decisions do not always truly benefit our children. We do have the power to be heard on the Town Hall situation. Let's keep Idyllwild Town Hall local, where our community can still have a voice.

MATTHEW NORRIS  
TEACHER, SJTA MEMBER,  
AND IDYLLWILD RESIDENT

### Chris & his owl 3

EDITOR:

I have a wish for Christopher. I hope Christopher will be blessed with the opportunity to see another burrowing owl and introduce himself to the owl as a curious person who means the owl no harm. I hope he will move a respectful distance away and ask the owl just one question, "What are you doing?"

If Christopher watches and listens, he will see amazing things. He will see his new friend court a strong, healthy female by spectacular flying to show her how strong he is. When they decide to raise a family together, he will watch them pick a perfect home — not in the trees as other owls do, but in a burrow in the ground.

Christopher will watch as his friend guards his home and feeds and protects his mate while she nurtures their eggs. He will watch his friend work tirelessly and resourcefully, bringing food to his mate and his young. Then Christopher will watch his friend's mate join him in hunting to feed their hungry, growing youngsters.

Christopher will watch his friend fight to protect his young from predators. He will lose some of those battles, and Christopher will feel his friend's grief as his young ones are taken.

Christopher will watch the owl parents teach their youngsters to fly and hunt for themselves in a world full of danger. And he will see the youngsters grow more confident and independent with each summer day.

Then I hope Christopher asks another question, "What have I learned from my friend owl?" And if he listens, he will know that the owl has taught him a lesson that he will remember his whole life. His friend has shown him what it means to be a good father.

Perhaps when Christopher becomes a fine man and a father himself, he will remember his friend owl. And he will feel a connection to all fathers everywhere as they struggle to be nurturing and resourceful, always ready to protect their young from harm, preparing them to be confident and independent adults.

And later in his life, I hope Christopher takes his grandchildren on long walks

and shows them the beauty of nature. And I hope they see a burrowing owl. And Christopher may honor his old friend by telling them the story written in his heart long ago — a story called "Christopher and the Owl."

AVIANNA JONES  
IDYLLWILD

*Editor's note: Ms. Jones has researched the legal status of the burrowing owl and provided two photographs of it. This additional information can be found on the Town Crier Web site. It is posted in the Daily News blog. Thank you very much, Ms. Jones.*

### Chris & his owl 4

EDITOR:

I sent a letter last week, which was printed in the [April 29] issue of Town Crier, and I was perplexed by your reply.

Of course the First Amendment protects free speech (including personal columns and responses), but I am offended that the content of the column I objected to — animal abuse — was acknowledged but then overshadowed, all but dismissed in favor of individual rights.

You admit that such abuse is illegal, yet you seem more concerned that free speech is the main issue here: Not so!

My fear is that Christopher, Ms. Schraff, and untold others will perceive our exchange to mean that such atrocities can be committed with impunity — no censure, no consequences whatsoever.

In fact, bragging about bad behavior (legal or otherwise) seems to be a way of life in a certain sector of society, and I won't back down from my disgust with it.

Readers of Ms. Schraff's column are not told where the attack on the owl (and subsequent seizure) occurred, and it may be far

from Idyllwild. But I ask you to follow up on the story that you saw fit to publish, as a public service.

At the very least, it would relieve my mind to know that the owl survived his capture, and that the people involved were counseled by wildlife experts to prevent their repeating their offenses against nature.

Let's learn something from this episode, and educate your readers in the process.

LOIS SHEPPARD  
SEAL BEACH AND  
IDYLLWILD

*Editor's note: I agree with Ms. Sheppard's perception that I am more concerned with free speech than animal abuse. I believe the former is a right (with limitations) and the latter is a law.*

*I disagree that Ms. Schraff's column will lead to future "atrocities" being committed with impunity.*

### Spring Challenge! It takes a village.

EDITOR:

Another Idyllwild Spring Challenge has come and gone. And what an amazing race it was! I am writing this letter for two reasons.

The first, which is by far the most important, is the appreciation and thanks for all the incredible volunteers who make this race possible. All the dedication and hard work are pure gold. This event would not exist without all the help. I may have been the instigator (and crazy woman!) but I never forget that when someone slips on the volunteer shirt they are doing this because they want to, not because they have to.

And secondly, I want to set the record straight. I consider this Idyllwild's

race, not mine. Maybe if I did everything by myself it would be. But that is not the case.

This race belongs to every person who paints a course sign, designs an award, helps with registration, organizes the Expo area, marks the course, supplies the necessary materials, mans a Course Station, provides sponsorship and etc. The list goes on and on.

Again, I never forget what everyone does to make this a possibility. There are not enough thanks to go around.

KATIE HEDRICH  
IDYLLWILD

### Spring Challenge had many volunteers

EDITOR:

I have just returned from volunteering at the Idyllwild Spring Challenge, and I would like to take issue with the tone of the article that you printed in last week's edition about this event.

Listing all the volunteers who assisted with the race and truly made it happen would take an entire page in this paper. From those who were out repairing the trails (multiple times, after each recent storm) with shovels and McLeods, to those who spent hours patiently squeezing out silicon glue to create the awards that will be treasured by each winner, to those who, even now, are breaking down and packing up the Expo site, the race is completely dependent on the efforts of scores of volunteers.

This is not to detract from the incredible contribution of Katie Hedrich, who is the primary organizer and sole decision-maker for the race. It is indeed her

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For Year 2010**

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- 1) Please **DO NOT** write your name, business name or any identifying marks on this form. However, return envelopes **MUST BE SIGNED** to be considered valid and counted.
- 2) Place an X by the nominated name. Because there is only one name nominated, two more have stepped forward for consideration of election. There are 7 more lines for write-ins for a board seat. All write-ins will be considered.
- 3) **DO NOT** select more than ten (10) nominees. Any Ballot with more than ten (10) choices will not be counted.
- 4) Please ensure that your legible signature appears on the **OUTSIDE** of the return envelope in the space provided. **Ballots must be postmarked by May 11, 2010.**

**NOMINEE BUSINESS**

Diana Helmbrecht The Kid Stop/The Pel Stop

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Monica Spirit Store

**WRITE-IN NOMINATIONS**

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**IDYLLWILD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR 2010 ELECTIONS  
TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*By-Laws 4.01(B)(ii)(b)*

**Instructions**

Only members whose dues are current may vote. You have received this ballot because our records indicate that you are current.

There are 2 new candidates for the Board. Two members, Richmond Blake and Mimi Lamp are beginning their second year in a 4-year term. [By Laws 4.01(A)(i)] President (and Acting Secretary) Ken Carlson is automatically returned to the Board for the succeeding year. [By Laws 4.01(A)(ii)] However, he is running for re-election for a regular term.

Mark the space in front of the candidate's name with an X or check to indicate your vote. There are no write-ins authorized under the By-laws. Since there are 11 seats, all of these candidates will be elected. The six remaining Board seats can be filled by vote of the Board.

**Ballots must be postmarked by May 10, 2010.** Ballots postmarked after that date cannot be considered. Please return your ballot in the enclosed envelope ONLY. There is no signature required on the envelope under the By-laws. For questions, contact the Chamber's acting Secretary, Ken Carlson, at 659-6043.

**Ballot**

Please make your choices below.

\_\_\_\_\_ Diana Helmbrecht dba The Kid's Stop

\_\_\_\_\_ Monica Larabee dba New Spirit

\_\_\_\_\_ Ken Carlson Carlson Law Office

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Chamber nominating committee members **Mimi Lamp** and **Richmond Blake** prepared this ballot.

Chamber President **Ken Carlson** prepared this ballot.

**Chamber**

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term, he took the ballots from Lamp and said he would complete the mailing. Carlson maintained he had authority to do so as acting secretary. Chamber bylaws state: "... the secretary shall mail such ballot ..." but do not give the secretary any authority to draft or revise the ballot.

Only on Monday after receiving a ballot, did Lamp

and Blake discover Carlson had altered the ballots without any board or membership approval. See above to compare the original ballot with Carlson's version mailed to the membership.

According to Carlson's minutes of the March 15 meeting, the nominating committee recommended Diana Helmbrecht for director, and no additional nominations were made. Since no official Chamber meetings occurred between

March 15 and Lamp's effort to mail the ballots, she and Blake maintain ballots cannot be altered without board approval.

Carlson maintained, "I properly nominated myself at the April Chamber meeting. There were no other nominations from the floor at that time. The minutes will corroborate that, but they are not yet prepared." Since Carlson was the lone director in the room, that does not qualify as a meet-

ing according to the Chamber's bylaws, which require a majority of seated directors, not simply the president's presence.

Even if there were a sanctioned April meeting, the bylaws still state nominations are to be made at the March meeting and they were not. Carlson did not address this point.

According to Chamber bylaws, Carlson, as a sitting president, can automatically

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**Town Crier trial**

Lamp and Blake both opposed ouster of the Town Crier for libel and non-payment of dues and did not attend Carlson's April "trial". Without a quorum the meeting was not official. Nevertheless, at the meeting Carlson alleged that since the Town Crier had not paid dues, it was therefore not a member and expulsion was unnecessary.

Yet Carlson had previously accepted a \$116 check from Publisher Grace Reed and deposited it in Chamber accounts. In March 15, 2010 Chamber minutes, Carlson wrote, "Finally the Town Crier has not paid its dues, but only tendered a prorated portion covering until September, 2010." In February, the Crier gave Lamp a check for \$24 — the balance of annual dues, which Carlson refused to accept and wrote "void" across the face. He continues to maintain the Town Crier is not a Chamber member because of non-payment.

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# Hospital revenues now growing

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Valley Health System (VHS), the local hospital district's finances are making dramatic improvement now that the path for physicians to purchase the hospital is clear.

At the April 28 meeting, interim Chief Financial Officer Kathleen Cain reported on improving revenues, record-setting collections and a near break-even monthly income.

"The cash is up. We collected a record \$15 million in March," she reported to the VHS board. The days of cash on-hand increased from 15 days in February to 17 in March.

While the total patient days still fell below the 2009 level, Menifee Valley Medical Center's (MVMC) 1,560 patient days in March were the highest since April 2009. The number of patient surgeries also increased at both facilities last month.

"The numbers tell the story. They memorialize the hard work of staff. You can't argue with the numbers," said Director Vinay Rao. "The timing couldn't be better as we look at a new chapter." When asked why he thought the communication among the various groups was improving now, Rao refused to answer.

But Dr. Girdhari Purohit, chief of medical staff at Hemet Valley Medical Center (HVMC), stated, "The success of the hospital now is all — the board, the medical staff and administration — are working together now."

But even HVMC Board

President Dr. William Chery, a physician, acknowledged the change in attitude and its contribution to the improving finances.

The district's improvement is not limited to the financial sector. Waiting time at the HVMC has been improving for several months. Director Madaleine Dreier praised HVMC staff for recognizing the importance of making patient care the priority.

"The emergency room continues to show operational improvement in admission of patients. The average wait time decreased from 8 hours to 4 to 3.5 hours for March," HVMC Administrator Mark Palmer wrote in his report to the board. "[the number of patients who left] without being seen continues to decrease from 650 per month to 226 for March ... the lowest number ever for the E[mergency]R[oom]."

MVMC is also demonstrating improvements, which may generate significant bottom line success, according to Dr. B Tiwari, MVMC chief of staff, and Richard Dicapò, MVMC administrator.

Not only were two new doctors admitted to the Center's staff, but Tiwari announced that the hospital had received 14 or 15 new applications.

The controversy and confusion occurring at the Southwest Hospital Center in Temecula is driving patients and doctors to MVMC. Tiwari told the board to be prepared for changes in demand at MVMC.

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# County and State talk fire contract

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Riverside County officials and Del Walters, director of CalFire, met last Tuesday to discuss the contract between the agencies, specifically the administrative costs charged to the county this year.

Last month, Board Chairman Marion Ashley wrote Walters requesting some help in holding down these costs in order to keep fire stations open. The April 27

meeting was arranged after Walters heard from Ashley. Supervisor John Benoit and Ashley attended, representing the county, and Walters brought his staff. County Fire Chief John Hawkins was straddling both sides as Riverside County Fire Chief and as a CalFire employee.

Everyone attending the meeting came away with positive thoughts and was hopeful that some solution would be found. No decision was made last week.

Before the next meeting, county and CalFire staff will meet to explore budget numbers.

"It went well and was really constructive," said Janet Upton, CalFire's deputy director of communications. "It was an open and forthright dialogue."

Riverside County Supervisors are tackling a possible budget deficit of nearly \$100 million. They are looking for savings and help in every corner. In the past two

months, they have met with every county agency and department head in order to better understand the consequences and effects of possible reductions.

"It was amicable, but difficult," Benoit said. "We're asking them to collectively share the problem. Given the economics of scale, they can do something for us as their biggest contractor."

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# Senate Committee supports arson bill

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

On Thursday, April 29, the Senate Judiciary Committee passed S. 1684, the Senate's version of "The Managing Arson Through Criminal History (MATCH) Act." A Senate vote has not yet been scheduled.

In March 2009, Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack (CA-45) and Congressman Adam Schiff (CA-29) introduced the legislation in the House and successfully navigated its passage on Sept. 30, 2009.

In December 2009, Sen. Dianne Feinstein introduced S. 1684 in the Senate and the Judiciary committee has now moved forward for full Senate action.

The MATCH Act is intended to prevent arson across the country. Its provisions will create a compre-

hensive, nationwide database for law enforcement to track convicted arsonists.

Criminal arsonists and bombers would be required to register — and maintain a current registration — in a national registry detailing where they live, work or attend school. The registration must include their name, Social Security number, most recent residence, physical description, arson or bombing offense, photocopy of a valid driver's license and any other material required by the Attorney General.

Online information regarding criminal arsonists and bombers will not be available to the public. The registry is intended for fire and law enforcement agencies only.

"This legislation will provide our law enforcement and fire officials with valuable information that

will help them prevent and prosecute criminal arsonists," Bono Mack said in a press release. "... I am proud that this bill that started as a local idea has gained such overwhelming support in Congress, and I am hopeful that the Senate will continue to move forward with this bill that will help our firefighters who put their lives on the line to keep our communities safe."

In 2006, five firefighters lost their lives battling the Esperanza Fire in Southern California, which was caused by arson. This fire affected countless lives and property and destroyed hundreds of square miles of

National Forest. In August last year, the Station Fire, which investigators believe was caused by arson, burned more than 160,000 acres in Los Angeles County and the Angeles National Forest, and took the lives of two brave firefighters.

The MATCH Act is endorsed by the Congressional Fire Service Institute, the International Association of Arson Investigators, the National Fire Protection Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the National Association of State Fire Marshals.

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## Trivia test

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*Answer: Lurch*

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“Schroomer,” also known as **Scott Williams** of Martinez, Calif., a Pacific Crest Trail hiker.

## PCT

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roughly 60 percent complete the entire trail to receive certification as “2600-Milers.”

Surprised by a 6-inch Idyllwild snowfall on Wednesday and Thursday, April 21 and 22, many hikers hunkered down in Idyllwild to wait out conditions, rethink next steps and regroup. On his way to Idyllwild, one hiker, “Trailhacker,” fell down a snow and ice chute and had to be airlifted off Apache Peak, at a much lower elevation than local sections of the trail farther north. News of the cautionary episode spread through town and southward to hikers just approaching the local mountains.

“Shroomer,” Scott Williams from Martinez, Calif., was one who opted for van rental and returning to the San Jacintos after reaching Canada. He, as well as others, had heard about Trailhacker’s fall and rescue. “We’re all talking to each other,” he said. “A bunch of people are still planning to go up [the week of the 26th],” he worried.

The local PCT office notified hikers of the potential dangers but can’t prevent hikers from going on through dangerous sections. PCT representative Sam Commarto acknowledged the risks but said, “It’s their hike and their adventure. We’re advising them that if they do this section they must have snow equipment, compass and maps. People need to be cautious.”

Trailhacker’s girlfriend came to get him April 27 — his through-hike deferred for this year.

Although bad for hikers, Idyllwild’s late snows are good for the mountains. Still, locals, who know how surprisingly treacherous the trails can be with late spring snow, expressed worry about the PCT hikers who opt



**Teresa Skye**, “Skyeward,” PCT hiker from Winthrop, Wash.

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to continue on the mostly north-facing, high elevation sections of the trail while snow is still present.

Through-hiker John Donovan from Virginia disappeared on May 2, 2005, much like this year, in a late spring snow. Donovan, whose remains were found in a box canyon, almost a year to the day after he disappeared, apparently lost the trail in snow and hiked into a canyon from which he could not hike out.

Many hikers, not just those on the PCT, seriously underestimate the local mountains. That mistake has too often proven to be fatal.

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## Thoughts

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Last week, parents, teachers and students from three different Coachella Valley school districts were distributed along Highway 111 expressing their opposition to these funding reductions. They had no hesitation telling their neighbors about the consequences of these cuts.

In Idyllwild, we can do more and we have. Nearly 10 years ago, money for art education was cut so low as to be virtually eliminated. In Idyllwild, the response was a program — smARTs — which became a model for the whole school district. Not the best solution, but this was how Idyllwild parents and teachers addressed a sad, unfortunate and unfair situation without making students bear the burden.

So do we need smMATH or language smARTs next fall? No. It’s not easy; yes it’s a poor person’s substitute, but we can’t sit and let the legislature take away our children’s future the way Chamber members have run away.

J.P., EDITOR



The Idyllwild Mountain Community Patrol: front row, (from left) **Annamarie Padula, Judi Milin, Gisela Stearns and Leann Gudmundson**, middle row: **Bob Garron, Renne Codge, Elaine Rahman and Diann Coate**, Back row: **GINNEY GARRON, BRIAN LODGE, JOHN EDMIN- STON, DENISE EDMISTON, BOB RAHMAN and JANICE HERDEY**. PHOTO COURTESY OF SHERRY EDWARDS

### PUBLIC NOTICE STATE ROUTE 74 TREE & STUMP REMOVAL PROJECT

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The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 8, has conducted an environmental review process pursuant to State environmental laws. The result is a document that serves as a Draft Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration. The Draft Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration provides descriptions of the environmental conditions, in and around the project study area, the potential environmental impacts of the improvements associated with the project, and minimization measures to address potential impacts and other information required by State environmental laws.

**PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT** - The Draft Initial Study/Proposed Negative Declaration will be released for public review on May 6, 2010 and will be available for review and comment until June 4, 2010. Written comments will be accepted on the document until 5:00 PM, June 4, 2010. Submit written comments via regular mail to:

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In 1991, Idyllwild women's singing group, *Local Color*, was accompanied by local children as the group sang for the first time at Earth Fair.

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**Leta Gioeli**, daughter of Earth Fair organizer and exhibitor **Denise Gioeli**, poses in front of the giant Earth globe displayed at the 1993 Earth Fair.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DENISE GIOELI



**Molly Greenwood**, daughter of longtime Earth Fair Committee members, **Richard and Karin Greenwood**, at age 7, selling lemonade at the 1991 Earth Fair.

FILE PHOTO

## Earth Fair

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when the Earth Fair was first represented as a contingent in the town's July 4th Parade in the early 90s. At that time, she said, there were no "alternative" groups in the parade. She said Earth Fair has become a "marker event" in Idyllwild.

Reid-Marr and Verney's daughter, May Reid-Marr, ran the Earth Fair's lemonade stand for a number of years with Molly Greenwood, the daughter of two other early and longtime festival organizers, Richard and Karin Greenwood. When May and Molly got older, the operation of the stand passed to May's brother Adam and Luke Lillieholm, then later to Mark's sister, Annie and her friend Richelle Gribble. The children's work with Earth Fair made a lasting impact on their lives.

Richelle, now attending Rhode Island School of Design, created the logo for last year's 20th-anniversary Earth Fair tee-shirt and Molly is now on staff of the National Resources Defense Council, a New York City-based nonprofit international environmental advocacy group with 1.3 million members and activists online. In a recent blog she wrote, "I feel very fortunate to have been exposed to the concept of sustainability at a young age."

Richard and Karin Greenwood have been leading advocates for environmental issues in Idyllwild for years. In 1992, the Earth Fair Committee awarded Richard the first Greenwood Award for starting a community-wide recycling effort with proceeds given to community charities. Last year, the committee awarded Karen her own Greenwood. Each year, the Earth Fair committee selects an individual or group to be recognized for outstand-

ing environmental achievement over the years. Richard laughed as he remembered the days he spent sorting through trash so that it could be recycled, "I think I processed a million pounds of stuff."

Denise Gioeli, another early Earth Fair organizer and exhibitor most years, also said that the event was a family affair with the active involvement of children. She fondly recalls the second Earth Fair when she and her daughters, Elisabeth, Anna and Leta, sang with Idyllwild's a cappella women's singing group, *Local Color*. "We [festival organizers and exhibitors] were a group of friends, who with our children, created a beautiful tapestry of talented people contributing music, art and love of nature," she said. Gioeli said that she takes a lot of pleasure in teaching children how to make hair garlands and pine needle baskets. "Children love to use nature to make something beautiful," she said. This year she won't have her booth because daughter Leta, who

for years ran a face-painting booth at Earth Fair, is getting married just before the event.

Local artist Carol Mills was a first-year festival organizer and sang folk songs at that event. Her son, Evan Mills, grew up to become a member of the international body of scientists known as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change which collectively shared the Nobel Peace Prize for 2007 with former Vice President Al Gore for their efforts to disseminate knowledge on climate change.

Holly Owens, head of the current day's Earth Fair 12-member committee, attributes her passion for producing the event, and for environmental issues in general, to childhood experiences. "I had a lot of experiences growing up [both] in the city and in Idyllwild [that] impacted me deeply — looking for wildflowers and native plants with my grandmother, hikes with my dad and brothers [in Idyllwild] and living with the effects of nearby oil refiner-

ies and smog [in the city]. The experiences instilled a sense of appreciation for the natural world and an understanding that it's our responsibility to care for it."

She went on to say that as an adult, she "looked for opportunities to work with people and have a positive impact on our world." Owens first volunteered on the Earth Fair Committee in 1999 and took on more responsibilities in the following years. In 2008, she was the recipient of the Greenwood Award.

She shares the credit for Earth Fair's continuing success and impact on the local community with the community itself. "Earth Fair wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of our community. People are truly the heart and soul of Earth Fair. It was started in 1990 by a group of passionate and dedicated individuals and, 21

years later, this grassroots event is still produced entirely by volunteers.

The 21st-annual Idyllwild Earth Fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 15 at Town Hall. Admission is free. Preceding the event at 7 p.m. Friday is an Earth Fair Dessert Fund-raiser at Town Hall. Attendees will be treated to musical entertainment by Don Reed, Joey Latimer and Robin Rabens, and the 2011

Greenwood Award will be presented to Sage Mountain Farms, an organic farm in Aguanga. Advance tickets for the Dessert Fund-raiser are \$12 each or two for \$20 and are available at Community Lumber and the Earth Fair information table outside Mountain Harvest on Saturday, May 8. They are also available at the door for \$15 each or two for \$25.

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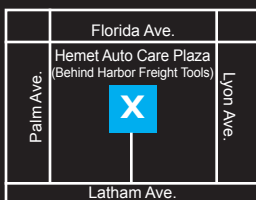
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# On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment



## Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

### Wednesday, May 5

Paint All Day Special, noon-5 p.m. Earth 'N Fire.

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

Paint All Day Special, noon-5 p.m. Earth 'N Fire.

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.

Desert Rose, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Iron Man 2," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

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., Alpenglow Lilac Gardens, 25025 Fern Valley Rd. Call 659-9711.

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

"Iron Man 2," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

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

Mother's Day Breakfast, (free to moms), 9 a.m.-noon. American Legion Post 800.

Art Alliance of Idyllwild 12th-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.

"Iron Man 2," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra New Music Con-

cert, 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.

"Iron Man 2," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Senior Recital: Shih-Po Cheng, piano; Kathryn Schmidt, jazz, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

### Tuesday, May 11

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

"Iron Man 2," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Voice Recital, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall.

### Wednesday, May 12

Paint All Day Special, noon-5 p.m. Earth 'N Fire.

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

Sandii Castleberry, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Iron Man 2," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Thursday, May 13

Paint All Day Special, noon-5 p.m. Earth 'N Fire.

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

Tom McNeary & Alex Watson, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Iron Man 2," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Student Choreography, 7:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio; Senior Recital: Seann Trull, French horn; Young Jang, guitar, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

### Friday, May 14

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

"Iron Man 2," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Swift Pony, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

Idyllwild Earth Fair Dessert Fund-raiser with live music by DoRojo, 7 p.m. Town Hall.

### Saturday, May 15

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; Unwound, 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.

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

21st-annual Idyllwild Earth Fair, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Town Hall.

"Iron Man 2," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Artist's Reception: Caleigh Thompson-Birrell, "A Meaning(less) Moment Through a Meaningful Process," 4-7 p.m. Artisans Gallery. (Show runs through May 31.)

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

[See A&E, page 23](#)

## Acclaimed jazz man plays at IA

By Marshall Smith  
Staff Reporter

On Saturday, May 8, critically acclaimed jazz pianist and composer Vijay Iyer performs the West Coast debut of his "Interventions for Improvised Piano, Electronics and Orchestra," with the Idyllwild Arts Academy (IAA) Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. at the IAF Theatre.

Faculty member at New York University, The New School, and the School for Improvisational Music, Iyer, whose 2009 album "Historicity" topped the Village Voice Jazz Critics Poll and was voted jazz/pop album of the year by the New York Times, National Public Radio, the Los Angeles Times, and the Chicago Tribune, is a rising star. An NPR re-

view of "Historicity" states, "Truly astonishing ... they [the Vijay Iyer Trio] make challenging music sound immediately enjoyable."

Commissioned by the American Composers Orchestra, "Interventions" has sections of improvisatory playing for the orchestra as well as for Iyer, noted Askim.

The spring "New Music" concert also features a world premiere of Askim's "Still Points: Concerto for Trombone and Orchestra" featuring Michael Becker, principal trombonist of the Tucson Orchestra; and the world premiere of Lawrence Dillon's "Figments and Fragments" commissioned by the IAA Orchestra.

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# Parton continues a Hill lilac tradition

By Marshall Smith  
Staff Reporter

If the late Reva Ballreich was the Hill's "Lilac Lady," Gary Parton has become "Lilac Man," carrying on Ballreich's tradition of opening a fragrant multi-varietal lilac garden to the public on a May weekend.

Where once strings of parked cars on Marion View Drive marked the arrival of Ballreich's spring garden opening, now those cars and flower aficionados will migrate to 25025 Fern Valley Road to celebrate and take in Parton's Alpenglöw Lilac Gardens' acre of delicate plumes and scents. Parton's Idyllwild Lilac Walk and Tea, sponsored by the Idyllwild Garden Club, takes place from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., Saturday, May 8. Tickets, available both at the gate and online at [idyllwildgardenclub.net](http://idyllwildgardenclub.net), are \$15 for a guided walk and tea, and \$5 for guided walk only.

What began in 2003 as a gift of 15 plants from Ballreich has now grown to a collection of over 200 plants in six different gardens that chronicle the history and development

of lilac varieties.

The Victor Lemoine Garden honors the French lilac hybridizer who, from 1871 to 1950, working in his garden in Nancy, France created over 200 breakthrough lilacs. Today, based on Lemoine's pioneering work, there are over 1,500 varieties of lilacs.

The Reva Ballreich Garden pays tribute to a local legend who developed Alpenglöw, Idyllwild and Spokane varieties. Parton noted that visitors will bask in both the scents and delicate beauties of varied lilacs as well as the piano music of Ballreich. Vladimir Horowitz said of Ballreich, "Miss Ballreich was my most talented student. The beauty of her playing is not to be found in books or scores. It is the purest God-given talent I have ever known. Many, many times I have been reduced to tears when I have listened to her play."

Lilacs from Europe, Asia and the United States will be on display, and many are available for sale. The gardens provide both an experience for the senses as well as a walk through time and



The Idyllwild Garden Club is sponsoring the Lilac Gardens Tea and Guided Walk on May 8 starting at 11 a.m. at 25025 Fern Valley Road. Tickets are \$5 for the guided walk or \$15 for the tea and guided walk. For more information, call Gary Parton at 659-9711.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

the history of lilac hybridization and development.

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The Idyllwild Garden Club (IGC) planted a Pacific Dogwood, native to the western U.S., at the Idyllwild Area Historical Society Friday morning. IGC President **Harold Voorheis** (left) traveled to Oregon to find this tree and relocated it to Idyllwild. As mature adult trees, the Mountain Dogwood grows to about 25 feet in height. Arborist **Deborah Geisinger** (right) and new IGC member **Lori Palmer** (far right) also participated in the event.

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## BO GOES FOR THE BIRDS



Penny and I live at 'Sunset Lodge' on this cliff in Pine Cove. From our deck on a clear day you can see the ocean, but we are normally satisfied with the snow on Mount Wilson and the night lights of San Jacinto. These huge pine trees shade us, and today I was watching at least a dozen types of

mountain birds apparently stopping for lunch as they migrate north to Montana where I remember my Scout Master identifying the various larks and finches and hawks. We have these bird feeders where the big birds rule, so I put out some small piles of seed on the deck railing. Here an amazing biological or anatomic curiosity occurs. There is one bland-colored wren female perhaps two inches long, the tiniest of all the birds, but when a big Acorn Woodpecker or a fat Oriole pops onto her pile expecting her to flee, she lets out this "Braaak! Braaak!" and jumps directly at him, and it works every time. The big bird scoots. I even saw a fat squirrel (after sunflower seeds) jump on her pile. Same thing — "Braak! Braak!" The squirrel fled. — Super Girl! Mini Wren!

She reminds me of the tiny grizzly cub we found as kids in Glacier Park. It was a riot watching it chase the big dogs. Read about those Frontier Days in my book, **Westwind Whispers**, at B'S MOUNTAIN of BOOKS at the Village Square in Idyllwild or click [colonelbowarstories.com](http://colonelbowarstories.com)



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# Broadway choreographer helps IA musical

By Marshall Smith  
Staff Reporter

Broadway performer, director and choreographer DJ Gray set dances, joked, laughed with and lovingly inspired Idyllwild Arts theatre students rehearsing for Bill Finn's Tony award winning musical, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

Gray served as associate choreographer for the 2005 production of "Spelling Bee" at Circle in the Square in New York City.

A vibrant triple threat — acting, dancing and singing — Gray infused Howard Shangraw's cast with core lessons she learned from years in New York's professional musical theatre scene.

"A sense of humor is keenly useful; work on your weaknesses; take classes from those who will tell you the truth; conquer your fears so that you can access places of authenticity that might be scary; and allow yourself to take time in a scene to get to an authentic place — make it authentically yours."

Gray acknowledged that artists can often sabotage

themselves with too many judgmental voices in their heads. She suggested doing whatever it takes to grow one's authentic and unique talent. "I'm given certain talents," she said. "I better live up to them."

Shangraw had hired Zaylin Cano to teach musical styles for the department. She mentioned that her mentor, Gray, had worked on the off Broadway and original Broadway productions of "Spelling Bee" and was in the area working on other shows and might be available for a Master Class.

"I thought this would be a fantastic opportunity to have the original choreographer set our production, and it is happening," Shangraw crowed. "DJ is exciting and tireless! In one 6-hour day she set three numbers. This is not only a testimony to her brilliance, but to our musical theatre students as well. She was blown away by the students' focus and commitment."

Gray is in Southern California as Director and Choreographer for the Orange County Pavilion's production of "The 25th Annual



DJ Gray works with the Idyllwild Arts cast of "Spelling Bee."

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Putnam County Spelling Bee" and just completed work, as staging assistant, for James Lapine's production of "Sondheim on Sondheim," at Studio 54 in Manhattan.

IA's "Spelling Bee" pro-

duction goes up 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 23. Performances are free to the public.

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



Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week (from left) are Liam Patton and Melchor Velasco. Instructional and Supervision Aide Pam Loeffke, chose Melchor for doing his personal best, showing great work habits and being helpful and kind. Liam was chosen for great improvement in study skills and independent work habits, academic improvement and self-motivation.

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## Trivia test

Theater: Which play's title character was nicknamed "The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"?

Answer: "Sweeney Todd"

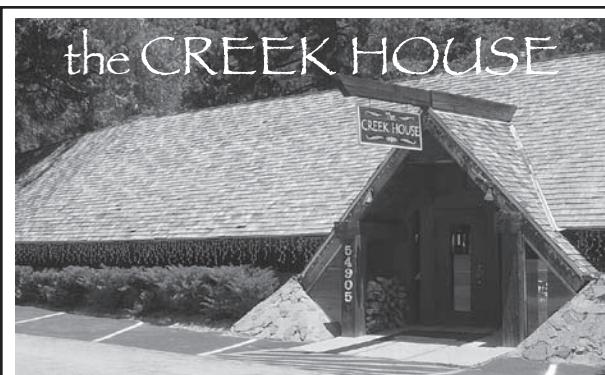


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# Teams anyone for 5 and 10K?

By Marshall Smith  
Staff Reporter

The 30th-annual Idyllwild 5 and 10K run and fitness walk takes to Idyllwild's streets on Saturday, June 5. When Craig Campbell, Kent Steele, Wes Rizer and others started the race 30 years ago, it was strictly for fun.

Fun it still is, but for many years it has had

an additional and critically valuable component — fundraising. Without the money the race raises through sponsorships and entry fees, physical education at Idyllwild School (IS) would be very limited.

“Originally, after five years, race profits started going to IS physical education,” said IS Physical Education teacher Holly Gunterman. “It started with

about \$800 or so each year and now, phys ed receives \$3,000 to \$4,000 from the race. Years ago HUSD did supply some phys ed funding, but for 20 years we’ve received nothing. This year, we’ll use race profits to rework and refit our fitness lab — treadmills, ellipticals, spin bikes and free weights.”

In the first year, Gunterman said, there were 25 participants. Last year produced the largest turnout — 411. “We’re hoping for more this year,” said Gunterman. “I don’t know what we would have done without race profits. That

money allows our kids to develop skills and experience a broad selection of activities. It has also helped IS improve our physical education facilities. We’ve added scoreboards, a climbing wall, athletic uniforms, a VCR and video camera for instructional feedback and money to help grass top field — all from race money.”

For information, call (951) 659-5687 or e mail info@idyllwildrace.com. Entrants from under 9-years-old to 80 and up are welcome.

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After years of stealthy negotiations around a square-oval table, the Town Crier and the Rotary have decided to meet in public, in a race to the finish. The Town Crier and the Rotary have formed five-person teams for the 5 & 10K run and walk.

Besides the Rotary and Town Crier, Mountain Disaster Preparedness has agreed to field an “earth shaking” team. IS may field an educated team of teachers if Holly Gunterman can redirect teachers from race supervision to race participants.

Race participation benefits the IS physical education programs. The Crier, Rotary, MDP and IS urge other organizations, families, extended families, churches and long-term or temporary associations to also form teams. This may be a way to increase the total number of participants and help keep IS kids physically fit and aerobically happy. And what could be better than a spirited June walk or run that benefits a good cause?

To whet your competitive spirits and encourage more teams, the Crier is prepared to ante up for competition: for teams 6 through 15, the Town Crier will donate an extra \$1 per team to the IS phys ed program; if 16 to 25 teams enter, an extra \$2 per team; for each team from 26 through 50, an extra \$3 per team; and for each team beyond 50, an extra \$4 per team.

Now try to beat that challenge! If you can field a team, let the Town Crier know so that proper accounting will ensure the program receives its money.

# IdyllwildARTS EVENTS

**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”.

**MONDAY, MAY 10**  
**Senior Recital: Shih-Po Cheng, piano, Kathryn Schmidt, jazz.** 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 13**  
**Student Choreography.** 7:30 PM, Fisher Dance Studio.  
**Senior Recital: Seann Trull, French horn, Young Jang, guitar.** 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

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# Steele still struggles

By JACK CLARK  
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele was in the money last week at the Stadium Athens Classic in Athens, Ga. His up-and-down rounds of 68-73-67-75 were a one-under-par 283 total, earning him a tie for 34th place.

During his first 54 holes, Steele used big, fairway-splitting drives and 44 greens in regulation — 17 in his third

round — to begin the final round in a tie for 8th place. But during that final round, the back nine at the University of Georgia Golf Club jumped up and bit him with a disastrous 41, neutralizing much of his good work.

Next up on the Nationwide Tour is the May 13 through May 16 \$600,000 BMW Charity Pro-Am, contested on courses at three different golf clubs in the Carolinas. The winner's share is \$108,000.



Children watch and cheer for the racing cars at the Idyllwild Bible Church annual Grand Prix race on Saturday, May 1. The children completely built the cars and raced them against every other contestants' car. **Hunter Nuñez, 2, center, cheers for his sister's car as his brother, Ranger, 5, (right) intently watches the action.**

PHOTO BY BETH NOTTLEY



The Soroptimists had a wonderful turnout for the annual Basket Festival at Idyllwild Pines Camp. **Annamarie Padula won the Mountain Folk basket.**

PHOTO BY GRACE REED



The California Volkssporting Association met at the Silver Pines Lodge this year for their annual state convention. This walking club set up 5-kilometer and 10-kilometer walks that were noncompetitive. Participants could walk at their own pace and take in the scenery. The group met for the weekend meeting at Silver Pines to discuss events.

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**Dr. Richard Goldberg (left) welcomes Peter Lent, Director of the Riverside County Office of Emergency Services, as the speaker for the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council Speaker's Series last Wednesday.**

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**Jacque Swerdfeger (right), who won the Travel & Leisure basket, announced the basket winners with the help of Melody Blaschko (left).**

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# SPORTS

## Town Hall sports

Danny Richardson gave the following report on Town Hall baseball:

### T-Ball (no score kept)

On Thursday, April 29, The Rustic Theater Dodgers squared off against the Silver Pines Lodge Padres. Dodgers' **Dylan Stewart** and **Joslynn McLean** both displayed excellent fielding. Padres' **Joel White** lined the ball past the infield with **Katelyn Sonnier** running the bases extremely well.

On Friday, April 30, the Sacco Dining Rangers took on the Idyllwild Shell Yankees. Rangers' **Layton Teeguarden** and **Grace McKimson** made good stops on defense. Yankees' **Emma Righetti** and **Preston Pino** had some great hits in their first game of the season.

### Minors

On Tuesday, April 27, the Idyllwild Rotary Angels played the Rainbow Inn Braves. Angels' **Jake Mabery**, **Brian Mabery** and **Miren Pino** scored two runs each. **Kevin Posey** of the Braves made a huge stop to get out of the fourth inning. **Johnny Edwards** scored the only run for the Braves. Final Score: Angels 18, Braves 1.

Also on Tuesday, The Forest Lumber Cubs clashed with the American Legion Dodgers. In this hard-fought game, the Dodgers beat the Cubs 4 to 2. With the score tied at two each in the fourth, the Dodgers' **Janelys Santiago** and **Samantha Travis** both scored to edge out the Cubs. **Aaron Potter** and **Joey Neu** scored for the Cubs.

On Thursday, April 29, the Forest Lumber Cubs matched up with the Rainbow Inn Braves. Cubs' **Lauren Badger** crossed the plate twice to score, but it wasn't enough with multiple Braves scores by **Jeremiah Whitney**, **Kevin Posey** and **Maggie McKimson**. Final score 10 to 4; Braves on top.

On Saturday, April 30, the American Legion Dodgers played the Idyllwild Rotary Angels. Both **Cody Fogle** and **Lainie Wilke** had an awesome game on defense fielding the ball for the Dodgers. **Stephan Carman** and **Malachy Brennan** had the hot bats for the Angels, edging out the Dodgers 6 to 4.

### Majors

On Wednesday, April 28, the Café Aroma Diamondbacks clashed with the Idyllwild Pizza Company Giants. **Seth Loutzenhiser** of the Diamondbacks scored in the fifth inning, but it wasn't enough with **Cassius Rutherford**, **Evan Biley** and **Ty Bride** all scoring multiple runs for the Giants. The final



**Aaron Potter** of the Forest Lumber Cubs scores the first run of the game; but the American Legion Dodgers ultimately came back and won the game, 4-2. PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE



**Sage See** of the Idyllwild Pizza Company Giants throws the first pitch of the Town Hall Majors season. The Giants outscored the Café Aroma Diamondbacks, 10-6.



Commissioner and umpire for the Town Hall Youth Baseball leagues is **Danny Richardson**, here garbed in his normal parent-protective shield.



Opening day pitcher for the Café Aroma Diamondbacks was **Elias Wilke**.

score was 10 to 6 for the Giants.

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

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Answers to Sudoku  
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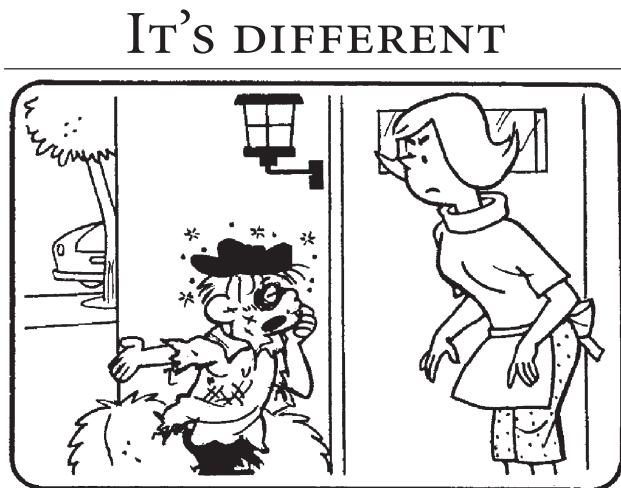
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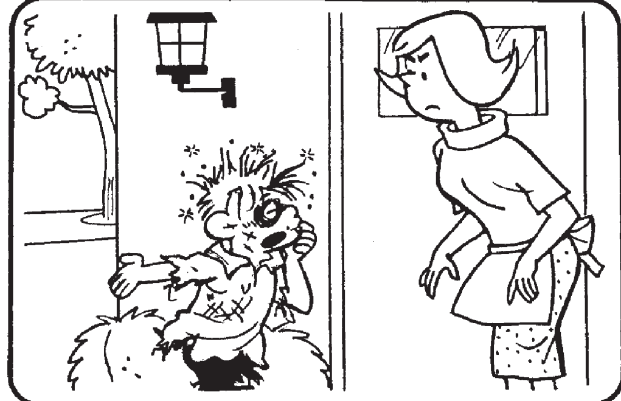
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# HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You might be a bit shaken by a friend's request. But before the Lamb leaps to conclusions, insist on a full explanation. You still might say no, but at least you'll know what you're saying no to.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Seeing red over those nasty remarks by someone with an ax to grind? Of course you are. So get out there and give your supporters the facts they need to get the truth out.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A changing situation should get you to reassess your vacation plans and make any adjustments as soon as possible. And don't fret — the change most likely will turn out for the better.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Don't put off dealing with any negative feelings that might be left over from a recent confrontation. The sooner all is resolved, the sooner you can move forward with fewer complications.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas might feel the urge to redecorate their dens, and that can turn into a good opportunity to strengthen family ties by putting the whole pride to work to make it happen.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Look for the most efficient way to get a job done quickly and well. Taking more time than you need to make it look more challenging is a short-sighted move you might regret later on.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Travel remains strong in your aspect. And this time, it could involve someone traveling

a great distance to come to see you. Meanwhile, an important matter suddenly could need your attention.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A workplace situation becomes a lot more bothersome than you'd expected. Be careful not to be pulled into all that anger. Look for support among others who also want to avoid trouble.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Cheer up, lonely lovers, wherever you are. Just when you thought you'd been deleted from Cupid's database, the chubby cherub proves that's just not so. Congratulations.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A casual relationship could take a more serious turn. Are you ready for it? Your stars say you are. Paired Sea Goats also will find a renewed richness in their relationships.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Meeting a collaborator with new ideas seems to be a dream come true. But for both your sakes, be sure all your legal i's are dotted and t's are crossed before you start working together.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 21) A romantic overture flatters the usually unflappable Fish. But since it's a sincere from-the-heart gesture, go ahead and enjoy it. A minor health problem responds well to treatment.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have the warm heart of a Taurus and the sensitivity of a Gemini. You would make a wonderful leader. So go ahead: Run for office.

# CROSSWORD

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## Letters

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passion that got the race off the ground in the first place, and she continues to oversee every minute detail. Southern California mountain bikers owe her a great debt for visualizing and bringing to life this superb, and indeed, world-class event.

However, your article gave short shrift to the many people who have contributed their energy, time, and, yes, their own passion, to the race. The Idyllwild Spring Challenge does not belong to any one person, but is a magnificent example of what people working together, with community spirit and a joint passion, can do.

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## No more New Yawk Babe!!!!

EDITOR:

To say that this article is disappointing is a major understatement. The Town Crier is a better newspaper than this.

What concerns me most is not that there is someone on the Hill that thinks and writes like this, but that there is someone at the

Town Crier that thinks this is appropriate.

I suspect that if this article were read by the organization that recently gave the Town Crier awards, they would be asking for the awards back.

Please no more of this nonsense.

DICK HADIK  
IDYLLWILD

## Cliché war

EDITOR:

This is in response to Denney Herr's letter "Driving me crazy" in last week's Town Crier.

A legitimate road rage concern Ms. Herr? Since both drivers referred to in the letter "Road rage on Hwy 74" were violating the law, there was no defense of either driver in the letter placed in the April 22 Town Crier entitled "In defense of the driver" [title added by Town Crier personnel].

It seems you were so busy thinking up clichés that you totally missed the point being made.

Since you don't live here full-time, Denney Herr of San Diego/Idyllwild, you obviously aren't subjected to the commute up and down the mountain that many full-timers are subjected to on a daily basis. It's quite obvious the message in that letter "Flew Right Over

Your Head" and "Out the Window?"

My wife couldn't help but chuckle aloud when she read your petty name calling and obvious baiting, aimed at me, since she was the actual letter writer and I was just the typist. She did agree that, just maybe, she did have "HER Panties in a Wad" just a little when she wrote it. She was, after all, trying to get her point across to people that didn't seem to "Have a Clue."

By the way Denney, your concern about my health was flattering but since a simple letter in a small town paper "Makes Your Blood Boil," you may want to focus on your own health issues.

MARK 'MITCH' MITCHELL  
PINE COVE

## Water, fire and recreation need support

EDITOR:

Idyllwild, it's time to grow up! If you want your recreation center, and fire, and water departments, it's time to kick in some extra cash in the way of taxes and fee rate increases, especially in this economy.

There's a time to reduce taxes and fees or not raise them and it's not now. Allowing Idyllwild Fire to remain a weak department

will mean just one thing, take-over by the county simply because of the liability incurred as a result of poor equipment, training and staffing.

If you think the water departments are strong, think again. Migration from surface water to groundwater production is expensive. It's easy to get caught in the trap of complacency.

The logic goes something like this. We still have it, so what's the problem? The problem is that your ability to use or not use surface water is a pen stroke away. When you lose it because it wasn't yours to begin with, are you ready? Or will the districts face insolvency at that point?

As for recreation, they spend what they have now. How do they intend to build a new facility, staff it, maintain it and manage the existing resources at hand? The Idyllwild Community Recreation Council isn't accountable for tax dollars, it's the county.

You risk not just losing the apples but the apple cart too. Efficient spending and accounting only go so far. When you borrow against negligence, the note comes due when you least expect or want it.

JEFF SMITH  
PINE COVE

# RJ Gentry digitizes Hemet Bulldog

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Local Hemet High student Roger "RJ" Gentry has added a 21st-century component to the 100-year-old Hemet High School newspaper, "The Bulldog" – an enlivened online edition.

Last semester, RJ asked yearbook and multimedia class teacher John Hill if he could help by combining his interests in computers, technology and journalism. "Let me come in next semester and fix it [the online edition] up for you," he offered. Hill agreed and the online edition ([www.Hemetbulldog.com](http://www.Hemetbulldog.com)) has begun to interest a broader readership, more accustomed to viewing a computer than holding a paper.

Asked how he got started in programming, RJ recounted that in eighth grade he picked up a book at the Idyllwild HELP Center called "HTML for Dummies." About his new gig as online editor, RJ said, "It's a lot of work, much of it time-sensitive. There are a lot of images where the sizes are off that I'll have to redo, stories I'll write — a lot to do. But we have the computer resources and equipment to do the job correctly."

RJ is happy to work with other students and especially with Hill. "Ever since he [Hill] took over, it's getting better." When asked what it



**Roger (RJ) Gentry**, online editor of the Hemet High Bulldog newspaper.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

is he most likes about his online editor job, RJ said, "Maybe it's having control over what is being done, and helping others."

A 16-year-old junior, RJ is quick-thinking and personable, good qualities for a journalist in a digital age. RJ said he plans to remain with the paper through his senior year and train his successor.

RJ finished his interview at the Town Crier by observing that he wants to build and be judged on his entire skill set, not just on one thing. As online editor, facing deadlines and the need to post, he is constantly expanding those skills.

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

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## Art Alliance events this weekend

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) is combining two of its most popular annual events this weekend — the Juried Member Show and the Treasure Hunt and Gallery Show.

On Saturday, May 8, member galleries are hosting the annual Treasure Hunt. Pick up a Treasure Map at the Village Centre gazebo. Each gallery will give a clue to one piece of the map. Solve the clues, bring your answers back to the gazebo and enter the prize drawing at 5 p.m.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9, Oakwood Village will host the 12th-annual Member show, an event that showcases art from more than 75 members. The Open Exhibition will run from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday (Artists' Reception from 6-8 p.m.) and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday.

The AAI is a 501(c3) 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 the Web site at [www.artinidyllwild.com](http://www.artinidyllwild.com).

## Free health screenings at pharmacy

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## July 4th Parade announcement

The Idyllwild Rotary Club announced that the July 4th Parade will be held on Saturday, July 3 this year.

## A&E

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### Sunday, May 16

Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; The Girlz, 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. "Iron Man 2," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Monday, May 17

Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library. Desert Rose, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma. "Iron Man 2," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Tuesday, May 18

Jazz Night: Paul Carman, Marshall Hawkins & Barnaby Finch, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma. "Iron Man 2," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

## Trivia test

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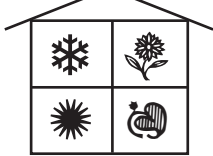
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## Chamber

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remain on the board for another year. Next year, he could have been nominated, under bylaw provisions, for a new 3-year term.

Since Carlson was neither nominated by the nominating committee as specified in the current Chamber bylaws nor nominated from the floor at the March 2010 meeting, Lamp and Blake question his name on the ballot as a candidate for a full term.

Carlson incorrectly stated on his ballot that Lamp and Blake were beginning the second year of their 4-year terms. Idyllwild Chamber bylaws authorize 3-year terms for directors, not 4-year terms.

In 2009, Lamp was elected for one year and her

term expires June 30, 2010. With no write-in provision on the "Carlson" ballot, Lamp is effectively off the board. Carlson also removed the tradition of members signing the envelopes of returned ballots. This was initiated in 2006 to guarantee authenticity and valid membership status of those submitting ballots.

A special meeting was called for Tuesday, May 4 by the Chamber's board of directors to remove Carlson as president and give him a 30-day notice of the Board's intention to expel him for "conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the aims or repute of the Chamber." Specifically, Blake and Lamp are alleging ballot tampering as an infraction worthy of removal.

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# CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

ARF is desperately seeking foster homes for our orphaned pets. Please call (951) 659-1122 and help us give these homeless pets a chance. ARF ... uniting hands and paws.



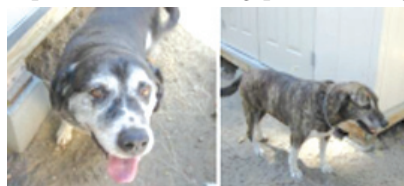
Microchipping matters. Lost pets with microchips are up to 20 times more likely to return home. Please call ARF for information on permanent pet I.D.

**Found in Pine Cove Sunday:** Young, female boxer-mix, orangish-red with black muzzle. Call ARF to identify.

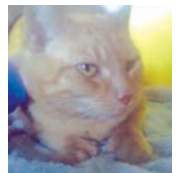
**Yoda**, the small black Lab, patiently waits for the loving hand and heart that will bring you and her to peace. Thankful yet unsure, she still yearns for a human just as patient as she is to connect with.



Sisters **Kate** and **Sheena** are 8-year-old retriever-mixes. They are good with other dogs and love activity and attention. Consider fostering or adopting one or both to experience the healing power of dogs.



My name is **Polly**. If you look closely at my paws, you see why. I am polydactyl, which means I have extra toes on my front



paws. I am 3-years-old and looking for someone to love all of me — including my extra toes.

Young brothers **Paul** and **George** are still battling those gorgeous green eyes in



hopes of catching your attention. Litter box trained, these boys will bring you a lifetime of laughter. Brother **Ringo** has gone to a foster home.

We have several kittens that will be ready for adoption soon, along with many cats and dogs that are available for adoption. Go to [www.idyllwildarf.org](http://www.idyllwildarf.org) and click on Petfinders. All pets are current on shots and are spayed or neutered.



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

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

# PAST TENSE

## 60 years ago - 1950

Trout season opened and eager anglers stood shoulder to shoulder at Lake Fulmor.

## 50 years ago - 1960

Kindergarten and first-grade students from Idyllwild School journeyed to the Hemet ranch of Dr. Clinton C. Emmerson to discover what goes on in a barnyard.

## 45 years ago - 1965

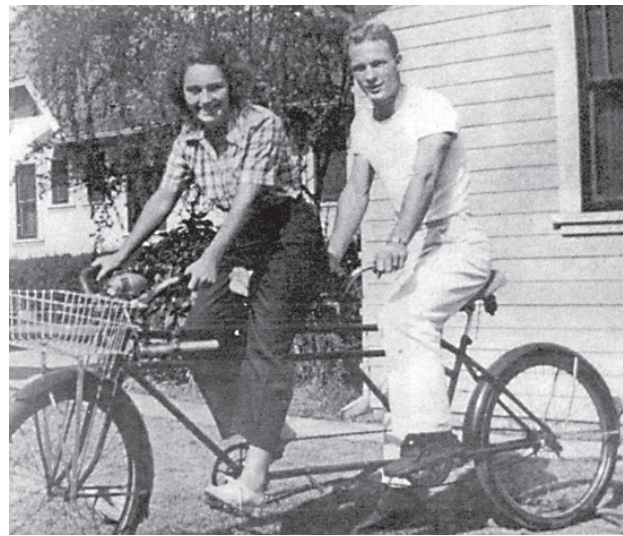
The Town Crier reported that the County's administrative officer was asked to attempt to provide "no shooting" signs that would not get shot at.

## 40 years ago - 1970

The winner of the Chamber of Commerce's slogan contest for Idyllwild was Tom Adamson. He suggested, "Idyllwild — Hi in the sky but just near by."

## 35 years ago - 1975

Sensitive seismic measuring devices were installed below ground at Hamilton School to



*This photo of an Idyllwild couple was taken in the 1950s. Can you guess who they are? The first person to come into the Town Crier office with the correct answer will receive a free license plate frame.*

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record movement along the San Jacinto earthquake fault.

## 30 years ago - 1980

USC-Idyllwild (which evolved into Idyllwild Arts Academy) was participating in the National Elderhostel Program for the first time. More than 100 hostelers — individuals 60 years of

age or older who traveled college campuses and took classes — participated in the sessions.

## 25 years ago - 1985

The fountain in Eleanor Park, constructed in the early 1960s, was torn down because it had been declared a hazard by insurance company officials.

## 15 years ago - 1995


Nearly 100 people attended a meeting in Anza regarding Hill ambulance service. Hemet Valley Ambulance planned to cease service and Riverside County was seeking a new provider for the Mountain Plateau areas.

## 10 years ago - 2000

Professional actor Conor O'Farrell played the character Fagin in the Idyllwild School production of "Oliver." It was the first time an adult was cast in a play put on by the school.

## 1 year ago - 2009

Idyllwild merchants were outraged by an unexpected bill they got from the county — a \$196.50 fee deposit to fund inspection by the Environmental Compliance Division of the Department of Building and Safety to determine if individual businesses created "prohibited discharges" that would find their way into the storm drainage system.




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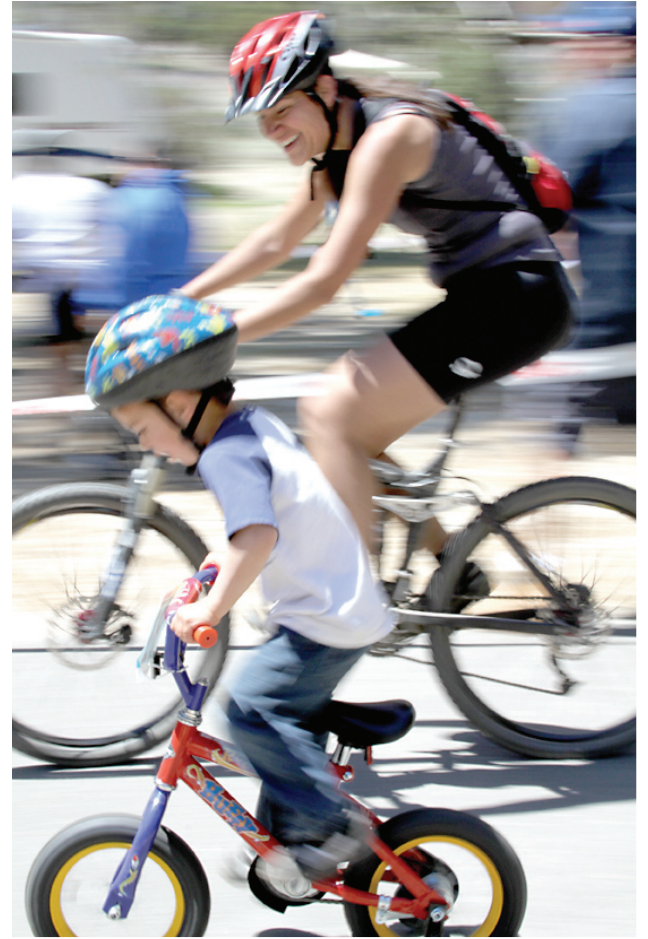
# Idyllwild Spring Challenge 2010



One unlucky rider plows into the ground during the race last Saturday. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



This rider smiles at the starting line as she prepares to start the race. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Idyllwild local Dawn Sonnier supports her son Colby, 4, during the kid's race Saturday afternoon. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Two riders compete head to head as they blaze down the trail. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Idyllwild local, Ken Gioeli, was one of the many riders who entered the annual bike race. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Terry Peterson, 54, of Lomita — also known as the “unige-ezer” — was the oldest unicyclist to ride at this year's Spring Challenge. He placed first in the 25 and older category during the unicycle race on Sunday. There were eight unicyclists competing. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Another rider sustains a blowout which causes a hard fall. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

The Idyllwild Spring Challenge race results will be available in next week's issue of the Town Crier.

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