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Idyllwild middle school students who turned in 90 percent of their homework and classroom work with excellent class behavior were rewarded with ice cream last Friday afternoon. **Jayden Emerson** (left) tells **Kim Walker**, instructional aid, (right) what he would like on his ice cream sundae after patiently waiting in line.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Emcee highlights Jazz festival

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

For the seventeenth consecutive August, the San Jacinto Mountains will ring with the sound of jazz. Mark the calendars for August 28 and 29.

For the first time, introducing performers and bridging the moments while the stage is rearranged, Bubba Jackson, noted jazz aficionado and eponymous host of "Bubba Jackson" on KJAZZ (FM 88.1) will

emcee the Jazz in the Pines program.

Jackson has been to the Jazz Fest in the past and recognizes its special place in the hearts of Hill residents and especially the Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation.

"I'm part of something absolutely spectacular and a very special part of the community," he said. And, Jackson is also a very special man. Not only is he a radio disk jockey, but he also works with and personally

knows the performers with whom he plays daily.

"I bring passion," Jackson said. "I love and know jazz, Latin jazz, blues, New Orleans and more. Music gets everyone involved and gets my heart pumping."

While discussing the probable headliners for this year's festival, Jackson vibrated from jazz vocalist Kenny Washington to world renowned David Benoit to a New York salsa band with a brief pulse about Sheila E.,
See Bubba, page 14

Historic District at county

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On Wednesday, May 5, several county officials presented a workshop to the Riverside County Planning Commission. Deputy Planning Director Jerry Jolliffe led commissioner, on a tour of a possible Idyllwild's Historic Preservation District.

Jolliffe believes a stumbling block in creating a historic district is the current "cumbersome" existing historic district ordinance 578. "The ordinance needs to be streamlined," said Jolliffe. "We need a more streamlined process, considering county financial issues now and in the future."

As part of creating the district, Jolliffe noted the need to create an "overlay" district that specifically deals

with parking and landscaping issues. "Parking spaces with somewhat different dimensions [than are required in other parts of the county] are needed to preserve Idyllwild's unique ambiance," said Jolliffe, "as well creating a community parking lot with restrooms that are ADA [Americans with Disabilities Act] compliant."

Jolliffe noted that creation of a historic district for Idyllwild, what he called the "jewel of Riverside County," would bring a new cachet to Idyllwild as a heritage tourist destination. "The primary goal of a historic district would be to allow the Idyllwild business community to be vibrant, create economic savings to local businesses, and still meet state health and safety codes."
See HPD, page 9

Fire season: It's now

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

A winter of near-average rainfall has not been enough to eliminate drought concerns, but it is more than adequate to raise fire concerns.

"It will be a long and dangerous fire season in Riverside County," said County Fire Chief John Hawkins. "The grass crop is already drying." Leaving the Hill and going west on Highway 74, one can see the dark green hillsides west of the North

Fork of the San Jacinto River are already brown.

For Southern California, the early fire season forecast is "... expected weather conditions along with the antecedent fuel conditions suggest a normal fire season"

In local mountains, the preliminary assessment suggests, "[t]he overall fuel moistures across the ... area may result in a later start to the fire season, at least in the higher elevations. Several wet snows caused some branch
See Fire season, page 11

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, May 3 to 9:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

May 4 — Medical aid, 52000 block of Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

May 5 — Rescue.

May 5 — Rescue, Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild.

May 7 — Medical aid, 59000 block of Old Carey Road, Anza.

May 8 — Smell of smoke, Highway 243 and County Playground Road, Idyllwild.

May 9 — Medical aid, 52000 block of Idyllmont, Idyllwild.

May 9 — Walk-in medical aid.

May 9 — Medical aid, 53000 block of Tollgate Road, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

May 8 — Residential fire.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

May 3 — Traffic collision, 56000 block of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

May 8 — Medical aid, 59000 block of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

May 8 — Structure fire, 54000 block of County Park

Road, Garner Valley

May 9 — Public Service, 59000 block of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

May 3 — Medical aid.

May 7 — Fire.

May 7 — Medical aid.

Riverside County Fire, Anza

May 3 — Medical aid, Bahrman and Mitchell roads, Anza.

May 3 — Vegetation fire, Greenwald and Highway 79, Canyon Lake.

May 3 — Vegetation fire, Beaver Trail and Centennial Street, Aguanga

May 3 — Medical aid, Terwilliger Road and Harma Place, Anza.

May 4 — Two walk-in medical aids.

May 4 — Medical aid, Highway 371 and Ivan Lane, Anza.

May 4 — Medical aid, Big Rock Court and Bonita Vista Road, Anza.

May 5 — Medical aid, Chapman Road, Anza.

May 6 — Medical aid, Mitchell Road, Anza.

May 6 — Medical aid, Regal Blue Trail, Anza.

May 6 — Medical aid, Big Rock Court, Anza.

May 7 — Medical aid, Old Cary Road, Anza.

May 8 — Walk-in medical aid.

May 8 — Vegetation fire, highways 371 and 79, Aguanga.

May 9 — Medical aid, Regal Blue Trail and Mitchell Road, Anza.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following call from Monday, May 3 to Sunday, May 9. This may not be a complete list of responses:

May 6 — Single-vehicle, noninjury traffic collision, Highway 243 south of Marian View Drive, Idyllwild.

May 7 — Two-vehicle, noninjury traffic collision involving an American Medical Response ambulance and

a motorcycle, Highway 74 east of Apple Canyon Road, Mountain Center.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department responded to the following call from Tuesday to Tuesday, May 4 through May 11. This may not be a complete list of responses:

May 4 — Man identified as Sonny Lee Day, 26, of San Jacinto was arrested on suspicion of felony possession of a firearm with a prior conviction in the 28500 block of Highway 243 in Idyllwild.

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



Marilyn Eckert, 57, of Garner Valley, driving her '97 F350 Ford truck and Nicholas Gomez, 25 (driver) and Eric Lamb, 22 (passenger), in an American Medical Response (AMR) vehicle collided on Highway 74 about 3/4 of a mile east of Lake Hemet at 2:10 p.m. Friday. According to California Highway Patrol Officer Ron Esparza, allegedly Eckert was following AMR east on Highway 74 and attempted to pass after AMR pulled off the highway, lights and sirens blaring, to make a U-turn responding to a call of a seizure patient. No one was injured in the incident.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Two PCT hikers made themselves comfortable in front of the Post Office last Friday morning. From left, Patrick Poendl of Germany and Tom Holz of Rhode Island prepare to mail "bounce boxes" — packages that contain possessions that might be needed later but not immediately — further up the trail to Redwood.

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Idyllwild Weather

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Thursday 5/13	Friday 5/14	Saturday 5/15	Sunday 5/16	Monday 5/17
73/45 Mostly sunny becoming partly cloudy, windy.	68/48 Sunny.	82/49 Sunny.	82/50 Sunny.	81/49 Sunny.

Date	Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
5-3	70	35			72	42		
5-4	72	38			74	44		
5-5	72	39			74	50		
5-6	71	41			81	45		
5-7	73	41			84	47		
5-8	71	37			84	47		
5-9	73	38			82	48		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 23.54 To date last 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

Snow in inches

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

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

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

Mother's Day 2010

Mad Hatter came into the shop throwing out one-liners that were dripping with sarcasm. He was reading my column aloud from last week's Town Crier. With his English accent, he made my words sound just like a Monty Python routine.

The Mad Hatter, an Englishman who lives and works in Dubai, is presently hiking the PCT.

The second thing he said was that it wasn't true that we were notoriously overpriced at the shop. He then asked about some boots in his best Monty Pythonese, which is basically a dialect of a very intelligent man acting silly. I asked him if he could repeat that again in English. After a mild protest about the origins of the English language he smiled and I knew we were on the same wave link.

Mother's Day 2010 turned out to be the perfect storm of a business day. A combination of it being the height of the PCT season, the weather turning cold, Mother's Day and the improving economy all added up to what may have been the busiest day in the history of the shop.

The shop was filled with hikers all morning. After an afternoon lull, it filled again when the sky clouded up and the temperature dropped (as it seems to, more times than not, on Mother's Day), I was hit again in the late afternoon with hikers seeking insulation from the cold.

A tall hiker with a very long beard came in looking for trekking poles. But he proceeded to negate everything I had to say



on the subject. Finally, he turned to me and said "I am a contrarian." I took him at his word and dropped the subject. He found the poles he wanted without my help.

Four hikers came in together and I recognized an older gentleman from last year's group of PCT hikers. He was acting as a trail angel for his two daughters who have dubbed themselves the walking sisters. While their father went to great pains to help another hiker find a pair of shoes, the two daughters were busy looking at down vests.

I inquired if the sisters had trail names and they replied yes, their parents had given them trail names at birth. So I asked them their names and they replied Aya and Zayo. Their parents obviously did a good job of raising them as they were respectful, polite and very cheerful human beings. You can read their PCT trail journal on their website www.walkingsisters.com.

At this point in the PCT season many things seem to be a blur for yours truly. I have met so many PCTers in such a short period of time that last week seems like a distant memory. Still, I am encouraged by two things: First, the PCT hiking community seems stronger than ever. Second, the economy in the good old USA seems to be coming out of its year-long slump.

Finally, I would like to give a special thanks to all the trail angels and the citizens of Idyllwild for all their good deeds and their help to our visiting hikers. Also a special nod to Idyllwild's own Special K, a true trail angel and all-around good person.



The Mountain Pink Currant (*Ribes nevadense*) is a deciduous shrub, growing up to 3- to 5-feet tall and native to elevations between 4,000 and 8,000 feet.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HAROLD VOORHEIS



Above, despite unusually cold weather Idyllwild Garden Club still held the annual Lilac Tour and Tea at the home of **Gary Parton** (center) last Saturday. Below, a group of about 50 traveled from Banning to visit the lilac gardens. Parton has offered free tours later this month for those who would like to see it in full bloom. For more information contact Parton at 659-9711.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the *Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar*, see "On the Town," on page 12.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

- 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.
- 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.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 13

- Idyllwild Business Roundtable, 8 a.m. Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.
- MEMSCOMM, 9 a.m. Anza Electric Cooperative, 58470 Hwy. 371, Anza.
- Qigong with Keiko, 10-11 a.m. The Chakra Shack, 54750 North Circle Dr., Unit A.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), noon. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP to Françoise Frigola, 659-4146.
- Bible Study, noon-2 p.m. Chapel in the Pines, Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Hwy. 243. Call April Wilson at 659-4006 for information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Lemon Lily Festival planning meeting, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.
- Idyllwild Community Recreation Council, 5:30 p.m. IWD Board Room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- ESL class, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Highway 243.
- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- RACES, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha

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

FRIDAY, MAY 14

- 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 15

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Riverside County Road Yard, 25780 Johnson Road.
- 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.
- Idyllwild Gay Potluck, 6 p.m. Location varies. E-mail scottngregg@greencafe.com.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

- 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 CalFire Station 63.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Chamber of Commerce,

MONDAY, MAY 17

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Al-Anon, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

- 6 p.m. Idyllwild Water District board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Garner Valley Property Owners Association, 7 p.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devils Ladder Rd.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

- Zen Meditation Group, 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. Call 659-2253.
- Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge Rd.
- "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.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Cancer Self-help Group, 5:30 p.m. Call 659-6262.
- Idyllwild School Open

- House, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Highway 243.
- 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.
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.
- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 659-5228 for location.
- Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 7 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- "Room for Life," workshop with Jules Johnson, 7:30-8:30 p.m. The Chakra Shack, 54750 North Circle Dr., Unit A.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

- 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.

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Obituary Marilyn Moneysmith

A celebration of a long life, well lived! A light has been extinguished in Idyllwild. Marilyn Jean (Johnson) Moneysmith has passed from this world, leaving a legacy of kindness, generosity and intelligent creativity behind for those who loved her to remember.

Born June 9, 1925, in Chicago, she married A.D. "Slim" Moneysmith on January 15, 1944 in Oklahoma City. Marilyn and Slim met when he visited the USO where she served fresh donuts to military men during WWII. Slim was a handsome Marine and the two quickly fell in love.

Following the war, Marilyn and Slim made their home in San Diego for more than 40 years. In 1988, they moved to Idyllwild where Marilyn was a founding member of the Idyllwild Quilt Guild. Over the 22 years Marilyn lived here, she won many awards for her wonderful quilts and mentored new quilters in the craft. Her sewing room was always open to those needing a lesson or two.

Marilyn was also a member of the American Legion Post 800 Auxiliary and could often be found at the Post on Friday nights enjoying dinner with friends. She also joined Soroptimists until her health forced her to cut back on her volunteer activities.

Marilyn died of cancer on May 1, 2010. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister; and her husband, Slim. She is survived by her daughter, Carol Mendoza; two grandsons, Robert D. Mendoza and wife Jena Burke, and Michael A. Mendoza and wife Aimee' Mendoza; two great-grandchildren, Maya and Max Mendoza; brother



Alan Johnson and wife Scotty; son-in-law Robert A. Mendoza; and brother-in-law Jack Brabben.

Marilyn is also survived by a circle of friends who will miss her tremendously. Her smile, her tender care for others, and her wry sense of humor — not to mention her wonderful luncheons and dinner parties — will be the stuff of Idyllwild memories and legends for years to come. Those who are left behind are left richer for having known Marilyn Moneysmith.

Marilyn's family asks that in lieu of flowers, friends may make a donation in her name to the Idyllwild HELP Center or to the Friends of the Idyllwild Library.

A Celebration of Marilyn's Life is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 22, at the American Legion Idyllwild Post 800, with luncheon to follow provided by the Legion Auxiliary and the Idyllwild Quilt Guild.

Obituary Paul L. Galliher

Paul L. Galliher, age 90, passed away on Sunday, May 2, 2010 from natural causes at the Veteran's Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tenn. He was born Nov. 26, 1919 in Fairfield, Iowa, the son of Harry and Grace Galliher.

Paul is survived by his wife of 64 years, Charlotte Galliher; daughters Jan (Martin) Meister of Spring Hill, Tenn., Nancy (Bob) Davis of Idyllwild, Calif. and Cheryl (Brice) Bennett of Brentwood, Tenn.; grandchildren Stephanie Wilkerson, Catherine Duarte and Brian Bennett; and three great-grandsons, Elijah, Caden and Malachi Wilkerson. He was preceded in death by his grandson, Daniel Davis.

Paul graduated from Malvern High School in 1937. During World War II he enlisted in the Iowa National Guard and served as a member of the famous 34th Infantry Red Bull Division. Paul served in Co M 168th Infantry in the European African Middle Eastern Campaign and was a POW in Germany for two years. He served as a corporal in the Army and received a promotion to sergeant upon his release.

Paul and Charlotte made their home and raised their children in California, where he retired after 35 years with General Telephone Co. Paul was a member of Pomona Masonic Lodge 246 for 34 years and after moving with his wife to Idyllwild, he joined Yucaipa Masonic Lodge 668 where he served as Master Mason in 1985. Paul received his 50-Year Anniversary Award in 2007. Mr. and Mrs. Galliher moved to Spring Hill, Tenn., in 2001.

He was buried in the Middle Tenn. State Veteran's Cemetery with military honors.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

Yes Virginia, there are volunteers ...



This Town Crier issue epitomizes the ability of the Hill's residents to create and support a thriving and viable community for ourselves.

We may not have an independent tax base, thoroughfares and traffic lights, but we have much more — volunteers.

Just page through this issue and read about the accomplishments and dreams of our neighbors and friends.

Start on page 1 with the Bubba Jackson story. He will emcee the 17th Idyllwild Jazz in the Pines Festival. Nearly 2,000 or more people attend each day of the festival, and they come because of their love of music, interest in the performers, notably the headliners, and friends.

Would they return each year, and many do, if the festival was dirty, if parking was chaos or if there were no shuttles from town to campus? I doubt it and we can thank volunteers for their donation of time to make the festival a longstanding success.

Don't skip the photos of the Lilac Tour this year. Gary Parton donated his property for the new lilac gardens and the Garden Club brought a busload of Banningites to Idyllwild.

On page 7, Chad Marler introduces us to the local members of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit. Many people literally owe their lives to these volunteers.

A few pages later, you can read about the efforts of the Idyllwild Business Roundtable to explore the benefits and problems of a business improvement district for Idyllwild. On the same page is a story about the imminent sale of CSA 38's fire engine. CSA 38 supports the Pine Cove volunteer firefighters.

A brief summary of the local bike riders success at last weekend's Spring Challenge follows. Dozens of people contributed time to make this event a huge success. Race participants have increased annually.

Later, more photographs remind us of the generosity of our community. Hundreds of residents turned out for the Idyllwild Firefighters Association's 49th-Annual Spaghetti Dinner. This year was special, all the proceeds (nearly \$7,000 before costs) will go to the benefit of Firefighter Scott Carlson.

This Association is composed of the Idyllwild volunteers, which is the genesis of the local fire department. Not only do they protect us, but they served more than 600 dishes of spaghetti.

And volunteers helped them, the Hemet Jeep club, three CalFire duty crews and many others.

On the same page, you can see the busy Saturday members of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild had. Not only did they conduct their annual Treasure Hunt, but the Members' Show was the same evening.

A page later, the Idyllwild Film Festival story appears. The first festival was this January. Organizer and creator Steve Savage and his corps of volunteers held a week-long film gala. This story brings you up-to-date with the success of some of the films shown this winter.

Before finishing this tour and review, I suggest you consider helping some of our domestic animal friends. ARF sponsors the Creature corner. Recent research has demonstrated the value of pet companion for people.

And the final page is full of sports photographs. These are our children, who enjoy and reap the benefits of a community that is so open-hearted. Coaches and officials volunteer their time and effort to ensure the kids on the Hill have an opportunity to learn the value of team efforts through a variety of sports.

People and events may change or go away, for example the Timber Fest; we may disagree with some specific issues, but in the end, we find a way to successfully help our neighbors through our individual passions.

We can trust this community to make good decisions. We're not averse to tragedy here, but we are capable of bouncing back and making the future even better.

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

No strong voice in local education

EDITOR:

To answer a few of Mr. Crumrine's counter-points from last week ... who said anything about the PTA [Parent Teachers Association] fighting to save Idyllwild teacher's jobs? Mr. Crumrine didn't mention any disappointment in their actions in his first editorial letter, and I certainly didn't mention them.

My point was that I thought it was presumptuous of Mr. Crumrine to say only four people on the Hill had been discussing teacher layoffs.

I also failed to notice that the "general premise" of my letter was that of being a "helpless victim." My point was that we can talk until we are blue in the face to the district office about keeping Idyllwild teachers. The district is not able to make decisions to keep Idyllwild teachers if they are lower in tenure than other teachers within the district.

If Mr. Crumrine wanted us to "agitate" to save Idyllwild jobs, I simply pointed out that one would have to agitate to the union to change their tenure rule that would then allow schools to keep effective or ineffective teachers, and good teachers as opposed to the teacher that's been around longer.

My letter was inflammatorily labeled "It's the union's fault" simply because I point out that tenure is a union truism. I tried to make the point that as town recreation currently stands, we have a strong voice. How many parents out there feel as if they currently have a strong voice when it comes to what is going on in our schools?

KARI ARNSON
TEACHER, RCOE
FORMER MEMBER HTA

I'll pay more

EDITOR:

Not only will I not be buying BP/Arco gas based on their culpability for the ongoing (as I write) Deepwater Horizon oil disaster, cutting safety and security corners, I will also

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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



not be buying any gas from Valero.

California's "Global Warming Solutions Act" (AB 32) is bipartisan-supported legislation that passed in 2006 to create clean-energy jobs and cut down on air pollution created in the state. It makes California a real leader in the world in demanding real reductions of greenhouse gasses and has already attracted millions

of investment [dollars] in clean energy programs and thousands of new jobs to the state.

Valero, a Texas corporation and a top polluter in the United States, has committed more than \$500,000 to foster an "Astroturf" (fake grass-roots) initiative to effectively overturn AB 32. This company had to pay \$711 million in a settlement with the EPA [U.S.

[See Letters, page 10](#)

Matter of fact

In the May 6 edition of the Town Crier, Renee Lodge's name, under the photograph of Idyllwild Mountain Community Patrol members, was misspelled. Town Crier regrets the error.

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Proposition 14 changes party primaries

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Proposition 14, "The Top Two Open Primary Act," proposes to amend the California Constitution to create a non-partisan run-off primary for state and congressional races in which the two candidates receiving the highest vote totals, regardless of party affiliation, compete in the general election. Rather than the tradition of a Republican facing a Democrat, the run-off primary could result in a general election squaring off two candidates from the same party.

California currently has a closed primary in which people may vote in a party's primary only if they are registered members of that party. Independents or more properly, non-affiliated, cannot participate in closed primaries.

An analysis by the non-partisan Center for Governmental Studies found that more than one third of general election races could end up being fought between two members of the same party. Most of these contests would be between two Democrats, largely in Los Angeles County and the Bay Area. Just two races analyzed would have resulted in contests between two Republicans. The report also found that campaigns would be "significantly more expensive." The necessity for candidates to campaign in a primary with a broader base of voters, not just those in their own party, will increase campaign costs which could enhance the chances of big

money candidates.

As opposed to traditional "open" primaries that allow a voter of one party to pick a party primary in which to vote either prior to or on election day, a "run-off," "top two" or "Louisiana" primary (also in effect in Washington) allows voters to choose to vote for anyone on the ballot with no required prior selection of a particular party primary.

Advocates say it would lead to a more democratic (small "d") result, give California's nearly three and a half million independents a voice in primary elections, and allow voters registered in any party to cast their votes for any candidate regardless of party affiliation. Opponents fear one-party and/or incumbent domination.

When Washington state first used "top two" in 2008, out of 123 state legislative races, eight Congressional races and eight statewide races, only a single incumbent was defeated in the primary. Proponents argue that "Top Two" will increase chances for third parties and independents, but Ballot Access News reported that in 2008, for the first time since it achieved statehood in 1889, Washington had no minor party or independent candidates in November for any statewide or congressional race. California voters defeated a previous version of this proposition (62 in 2004) by 54 to 46 percent.

Under the measure, voters may disclose their party preference when registering; but refusal to state a preference would not deny them the right to vote

ON THE FRINGE



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OFF THE MAIN ROADS

BY CHAD MARLER MEMBER,
RIVERSIDE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

RMRU — who and why ...

Have you ever been lost or injured on this mountain? Do you know someone who has been lost? If this unfortunate event took place, our local search and rescue team, Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU), most likely responded.



I would like to introduce our local Idyllwild RMRU members who are residents and whom many of you might already know.

Lee Arnsen: Has served on the team for 17 years and owns Arnsen Land Surveying.

Mike Herman: Has served on the team for two years and is a ranger on a local reservation.

Ralph Hoetger: Has served on the team for seven years and works for Guided Discoveries/Astro Camp.

in the primary. Similarly, candidates for office may choose to disclose party affiliation or run as "No Party Preference." Disclosure of party preference does not carry any implied or actual endorsement by a party. Alternatively, a political party has no right to have its preferred or endorsed candidate on the ballot if that candidate is not among the top two vote getters. Presidential primaries would be unaffected by passage of this proposition, leaving each political party the right to close its primary.

Supporting Proposition 14 are Tom Campbell,

Republican candidate for governor, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the California Chamber of Commerce, the Latin Business Association and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. Opposing are chairs of the California Republican and Democratic parties, Californians for Electoral Reform, ACLU of Northern California, Republican candidate for governor Meg Whitman, the California Green Party, Libertarian, Peace and Freedom and the California Democratic Party.

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

Doug Kelbert: Recently joined the team and is a local painting contractor.

Chad Marler: Has served on the team three years and designs custom pools for Bogner Pools in Riverside.

Chuck Springer: Has served on the team over a year and is a money manager.

Les Walker: Has served on the team over a year and owns Newport Photo Agency.

Why mention all of this? Well I thought the community should know that we are a group of working men who joined RMRU to give back to this wonderful little town on this huge, rugged mountain.

Although we are an arm of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, we are never compensated for our rescues with money. A handshake, and often a hug, from our subjects is all the compensation we need. To get out of bed at 2 a.m. and search and find someone missing in a blistering snowstorm is our motivation.

Our team is actually comprised of about 40 members who respond from as far as Laguna Beach to our mountain and throughout California, wherever we might be called. I can say that all of us — men and women — on RMRU love this "job" because we know we make a difference in people's lives when loved ones are brought home safely.

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MOUNTAIN FOLK

Spirit Mountain Retreat has announced a new addition to the staff, **Aneesah McNamee**, OP, as Director of Communication and Outreach.

McNamee comes to Idyllwild from Georgia, where she received a Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from Savannah College of Art and Design. She is a Dominican Sister of Adrian, Mich. Before her graduate studies, she worked as Special Projects Graphic Designer at the Dominican Sisters' Motherhouse and continues to serve as a consultant and freelance designer.

McNamee grew up in



Newport Beach and Corona del Mar and later lived in Santa Cruz for more than 20 years. She said she is thrilled to be "home" in California and is looking forward to connecting with the Idyllwild artist

community.

"I have met many of the merchants around town as I come and ask you to post our advertisements, as well as the many wonderful people here in Idyllwild. I love the close-knit community and look forward to being here," she said.

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

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

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- ESL class, 8:30-11:30 a.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science, women only, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Call 659-2523.

- CAHSEE class, 6-9 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Business Community Forum re: Idyllwild Business Improvement District, 6:30 p.m. Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- California Department of Forestry (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday

& Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.

- Idyllwild Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday & Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Skate Park, Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243, 2:30 p.m.-dusk Wednesday & Thursday; 1:30 p.m.-dusk Friday; noon-dusk weekends.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday

Astrocamp to have guided tour

On Sunday, May 23, Astrocamp will be open to the community for a public tour. The tour, which begins promptly at 1:30 p.m., will begin with a short presentation about Astrocamp. A visit to various activity areas and classrooms will follow. There will be fun science demonstrations and visits to the ropes courses, the climbing wall, the pool, and the rocket launch field.

"I'm sure there's people in Idyllwild wondering what we're all about and this is a chance for everyone to see us up close," said Larry Kawano, who will be heading up the tour."

Enter Astrocamp through the main gate off Saunders Meadow Road. For more information, call Astrocamp at (951) 659-6062 or (951) 973-3071 on weekends.

Trivia test

Television: What was the name of Radar O'Reilly's hometown in the TV show "M*A*S*H"?

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Desert markets Hill

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On Thursday, April 29, a large contingent of Idyllwild Business Roundtable (IBRT) members attended a session at the Palm Springs Desert Resort Communities Convention and Visitors Authority (CVA) in Rancho Mirage. IBRT, in a special arrangement with CVA, recently joined as an "umbrella" organization — an aggregate of a number of individual IBRT businesses.

CVA staged the forum to acquaint new members with the advantages of membership and how to best work those advantages for maximum local effect. Topics covered included the 24 annual tradeshows, training on how members can sell their destinations and the international scope of CVA marketing. CVA maintains offices in the United Kingdom and Germany to market Palm Springs and now Idyllwild internationally.

Mark Growes, executive director of marketing communication talked to members about how to find new story "hooks" that market a destination in new and effective ways and how to create effective press releases that will be picked up and run.

CVA is the top travel advocacy group in the United States and has won awards for its effective marketing campaigns. Members, such as the IBRT business owners, are featured on the CVA website.

In other business, IBRT spokesperson Doug Yagaloff noted that representatives from Temecula Valley Convention and Visitor Bureau Business Improvement District (BID) will speak to local business owners about formation of a BID on Wednesday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Caine Learning Center. On Thursday May 27, at 6:30 p.m. Main Street Palm Springs BID representatives will speak, again at Caine Learning Center.

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Jolliffe outlined the first steps to be taken if the district is approved by property owners within district boundaries and the Board of Supervisors: a local board will need to be appointed and design guidelines and standards developed. County Preservation Officer Keith Herron said that design guidelines are always tailored to the buildings in the district with the objective of maintaining the character of the business core or neighborhood. He noted that historic districts generally stabilize and increase property values.

The Planning Commissioners reacted positively to the proposal. Third District Commissioner John Petty urged Jolliffe and group to consider expanding district boundaries at this time if that made sense. Both Herron and Jolliffe said that expansion, other than for a few buildings already surveyed such as Town Hall and Silver Pines Lodge, could only occur after another survey is completed

to determine the extent of historic resources in any other area.

The county staff has a preliminary draft of a new district ordinance and is awaiting county counsel approval before presenting it to the Idyllwild community for discussion. Jolliffe says presentation of the draft will occur probably in late June or early July. "Most people want to see the benefits of the district that would be made clearer by a second draft ordinance," said Herron.

Jolliffe told the Commission the idea for the historic district came from Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone's concern over Idyllwild's difficulty in meeting mandated county code requirements given the age of most of Idyllwild's buildings. Stone noted that there were legal issues that the county faced if Idyllwild was not brought to code and that a historic district carved out certain flexibilities for property owners to meet those requirements.

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

Offer for PC engine

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The sale of Pine Cove volunteer department's engine 323 is imminent, according to Chief Dan Johnson, CalFire's Riverside Mountain Battalion Unit. He shared the news last week in a message to members of the County Service Area 38 Advisory Committee.

A broker has made a formal offer of \$30,000 for the vehicle and the transaction could close this month. Several small repairs on the engine will be made at the Riverside County Fire Department's Perris shop prior to delivery to the new buyer, Johnson said

in his e-mail.

Johnson has initiated title transfer with the state Department of Motor Vehicles and also will work with other county staff to secure the Board of Supervisors' approval at their next meeting on May 18.

The CSA 38 May 12 meeting has been postponed until the Board's action on engine 323 is completed, according to CSA 38 chair Jerry Holdber.

The engine has been on the market more than year. Wayne Clark, head of the volunteers at station 23 was pleased to hear that the engine sell was nearing.



Idyllwild Rotary Vice President Dawn Miller (right) presents Felis Mercado and Emi See, Idyllwild School seventh-grade students, with a Rotary Good Citizen Award and a check for \$100.

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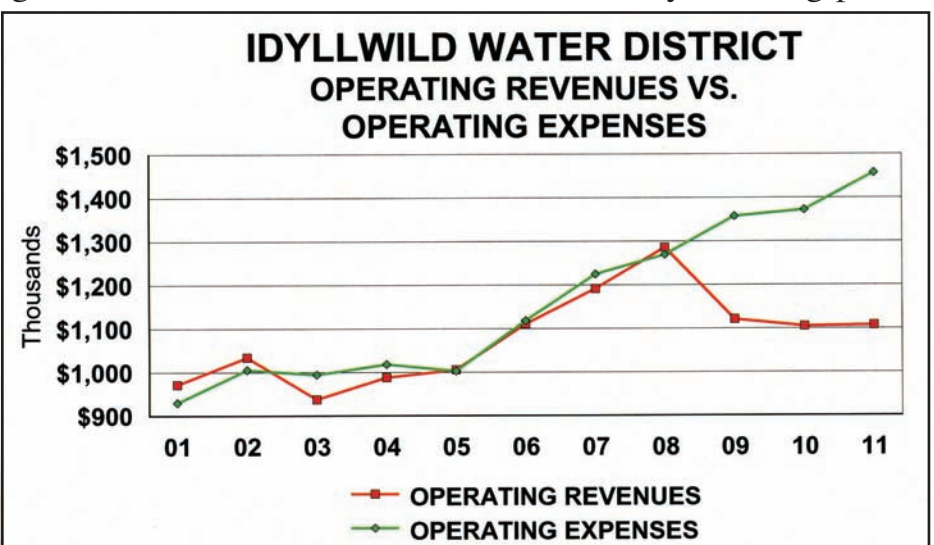
IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

Since the mid 1980's, customer service charges, water meter costs, and associated water and sewer capacity fees for new services have not changed significantly and the District has worked within its existing budgets. The District's last water and sewer rate increase of 10% occurred in 2005. Since that time, the District has implemented new programs to improve the overall efficiency of our operation, allowing the District to moderate staff time and mitigate expenditures. Some of them are as follows:

- The Foster Lake Solar system, which operates our wells and water treatment plants, was a major improvement. This solar-generated system allows us to generate our own power and also allows us to operate with SCE or independently.
- Another District efficiency program was to overhaul three existing wells each year, improving the efficiency and controlling our production costs. Fifteen of our 23 wells and three of our booster pumps have been upgraded.
- IWD began installing new "capacitor devices" to improve pump efficiency. At present a well, a water treatment plant and our wastewater treatment plant have been retrofitted. Installing these devices has saved us 10% to 15% by reducing power consumption and lowering our SCE bills.
- IWD's toilet and washing machine rebate program has reduced our sales revenue and decreased our cash inflow.

At right is an 11-year graph showing the District's operating revenues verses operating expenses. Since FY 2008/2009, our operating expenses have exceeded our operating revenues. We are proposing a 6% water and sewer rate increase which will be discussed at a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on June 15th. More detailed information can be seen on our Web site @ idyllwildwater.com.

If you have additional questions, please call our office at 659-2143.



Letters

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Environmental Pollution Agency] for environmental crimes in 2005 alone. Just another cost of doing business!

No, I'll not be spending my money with those guys.

R. BRUCE DENNEY
IDYLLWILD

Teachers are powerful

EDITOR:

I would like to comment on last week's letters from Kari Arnson and Matthew Norris.

Teacher tenure is not a union rule. Tenure has its roots in the concept of academic freedom — freedom to teach things that may be controversial and in ways that are innovative and possibly unconventional.

Academic freedom is necessary not only for an effective educational system but also for a democracy in which education is valued over indoctrination and where diversity in teaching methods is embraced just as diversity is embraced in other areas. Teachers are given a few years to prove they know their craft, and then they are told to practice it as they see fit, not as some bureaucrat or administrator (with his/her own personal ambitions and agendas) sees fit.

That's the theory, but administrators often pervert it — in part by tending to hire teachers who are sheep. Docile employees make an administrator's job less complex and his/her career goals easier to attain.

Is performance-based pay a cure for our educational ills? A fast-food restaurant doesn't pay minimum wage because doing so attracts top talent. It pays minimum wage because doing so attracts adequate talent. Can we

be sure schools would pay extra for top talent? In the next budgetary crisis, the top talent (highest paid) might well be the ones fired while the "just adequate" are kept on. Impossible, you say? McDonalds (with X billion served) will tell you it's quite possible, and it works just fine — if you like burgers.

It is not CTA's [California Teachers Association] job to promote the interests of students. CTA's job is to promote the interests of teachers. And considering that 37 percent of teachers are over 50, it's not surprising that CTA (made up entirely of teachers) looks out carefully for the interests of older teachers. That's not so much selfishness as it is simply the nature of a democracy.

If there are areas where CTA needs improvement, teachers should change it from within rather than imagining that yet another bit of government legislation (SB 955) will be a panacea. If you are a teacher, you ARE the CTA. Don't like something? Get active. Make your voice heard. Ruffle some feathers. When the next CTA election comes around, do more than just vote.

Don't bemoan the immense power of CTA. Embrace that power and use it from within to bring about positive change in education.

DAN PIETSCH
(NO, I'M NOT A TEACHER.)
IDYLLWILD

"Bigger & better" recreation?

EDITOR:

When the editor in his column last week patently forwarded the county's assertion that they can deliver recreation "bigger and better" to Idyllwild with no supporting financial documentation, I think the community deserves to know precisely how this will

be accomplished given the restrictions of a finite base of available funds.

At the April 15 CSA [County Service Area 36] regular meeting Bill Brown, County Service Area administrator, stated that if the county steps in to manage the recreation contract all Town Hall employees would then be Riverside County employees. He went on to say that they would receive the full menu of benefits that government employees enjoy including, among others, eligibility for health insurance and retirement benefits. Although he also listed a slate of undeniably terrific recreation programs, no hard figures for their implementation were provided.

At the April 19 CSA 36 special meeting, CSA board member Mike Freitas offered the perspective that benefits can often be the equivalent of up to 60 percent of a county employee's wages. I understood the formula as in the following example: If an employee earns \$50,000 annually, his or her cost to the employer for taxes and benefits would equal approximately \$30,000. The total wage and benefit burden to the employer would then equal \$80,000 annually for that employee.

As it stands now, the 10 or so Town Hall employees by and large unfortunately receive few or none of the benefits promised to county employees. Mr. Brown has said that there will be no increase in available funds to manage Town Hall Rec-

Idyllwild riders in Spring Challenge

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild riders made a strong statement, notching one first-place, three seconds, two fifths and one sixth-place finish in their respective categories in the May 1 and 2 Idyllwild Spring Challenge (ISC) mountain bike race. Three hundred and forty-seven riders competed in four races in a variety of categories.

Kenny Gioeli, Idyllwild Cycling, finished first in the Open Men category, age 35

to 44 in the Cross Country race.

Three local riders finished second in their Cross Country groups. Dawn Sonnier finished second in the Category 2 Women 30 to 39, Doug Churchill placed second in the Open Men category, 45 plus, and Elias Wilke finished second in the Jr. Men 11 to 12 category.

Erika Pino finished fifth in the Open Women Novice Cross Country category.

In the Time Trial, Category 2 Men 30 to 39, Freddie Espinoza finished sixth.

Espinoza finished fifth in the Open Men 35 to 44 category of the Stage Race, which required participation in the Cross Country, Time Trial and Super D. In

those races Espinoza finished fourteenth, twentieth and sixth respectively.

Pro Race champions who received the King and Queen of the Hill awards were Manuel Prado of Foothill Ranch, Calif., and Allison Mann of Murrieta.

Race Director Katie Hedrich stressed that this sixth edition of "Idyllwild's Race" could not have happened without her 90 volunteers. "I just think it was an incredibly successful year," she said. Queen of the Hill Mann said the course is one of the overall best and paid tribute to Hedrich for all the personal touches she and her volunteers added.

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Famous filmmaker's belongings saved

BY BETH NOTTLEY
STAFF REPORTER

On Tuesday, May 4, Idyllwild local Diane Christopher and friend Cathy Genitempo stopped at a garage sale on Country Club Drive. They were shocked at what they discovered in the garage. In a knee-high heap of apparent trash, were film canisters containing original film footage shot by award-winning cinematographer and documentary filmmaker Baird Bryant, an Idyllwild resident who died Nov. 13, 2008. Other items, such as original scripts and book notes written in Bryant's hand, were also trashed. Christopher and Genitempo recognized the potential value and historical importance of the items.

Bryant won prestigious awards, including a shared Oscar for "Broken Rainbow,"

a 1985 documentary about the Hopi and Navajo and an Emmy for "A First Class Miracle." Yet, Bryant was best known for his work on two controversial films — the 1969 cult film "Easy Rider" and the 1970 Rolling Stones' documentary "Gimme Shelter."

Christopher was alarmed to hear the two men hosting the sale say they had to clear the property and would take everything remaining to the dump that evening. Christopher said she and Genitempo sorted through the debris and collected many items of historical interest, but that there was more of potential value she feared would be lost. Among the items she saved was a letter written by the Dalai Lama to Bryant and 16 mm film footage of "Easy Rider" shot by Bryant.

When questioned by this

There were no sirens. There were no helicopters. No crowds gathered on the corners to stare in awe. But the cyber-community of Idyllwild was in a major panic over the weekend as a mysterious intruder hoisted bright red flags all over the Town Crier's Web site.

Reports began to come in on Sunday that the Town Crier's site was inexplicably redirecting users to a seriously infected area of cyberland in which they were invited to download a bogus application.

Warning bells and sirens went off in PCs all over the Hill, and maybe beyond. E-mails outlining the problem, complete with photos of all the warning messages, began coming in to Town Crier Editor J.P. Crumrine and Chief Operations Officer Jim Crandall.

Crandall immediately called tech support at GoDaddy, the Web site host for the Town Crier, and explained the

problem to the techies. They assured us that our site was clean. But the e-mails kept coming in.

On Monday morning, the Town Crier took the site off-line. Crandall called local techies Joey Latimer and Francoise Frigola, both of whom offered immediate and very helpful advice.

Frigola continued to research the potential problem and reported on Monday afternoon that there was an attack on many newspapers across the country. She sent info on how to "clean" our site of the threat (see page 22), and Crandall performed the operation.

Frigola's fix appeared to work, and the site went back online at 5 p.m. Monday.

However, a warning has been posted on the home page urging people to use extreme caution if they see

See Virus, page 22

reporter about the need to clear the property, Stephan Whitcomb and Pat Ladd, who were running the sale, said they were "contractors for the bank and have to clear everything out or we don't get paid." When asked what they were going to do with the remaining items since the dump was closed, Ladd answered, "Well then, I'll torch it all."

A call was placed to Wachovia Bank representative Jim Tyler in San Diego to

inquire if the deadline could be extended so that members of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society could clear the remaining items out of the garage. Loni Vogler of Keller Williams Realty in Hemet returned the call and said Whitcomb was not employed by Wachovia but was on a deadline to clear the property in exchange for a "cash for keys" settlement, an arrangement in which the occupant of a foreclosed property is given

a cash incentive to vacate. Vogler said Whitcomb and others were living there with permission of the Bryant family and that the bank could not give an extension on the deadline.

On Saturday, May 8, Christopher contacted Pablo Bryant, Baird's son who lives in Los Angeles. Pablo immediately came to Idyllwild. He said he never gave permission for anyone to live on the property. He recounted that a month ago he came

to Idyllwild to clear belongings out of the house and found Whitcomb parked in the driveway, repairing his van. "I told him it was OK to be there, but I thought he was going to fix his van and leave."

Pablo said he contacted the sheriff on Saturday, but was told that the inhabitants had squatters' rights. "It was very disturbing," Pablo said.

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Fire season

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breakage in the San Bernardino and San Jacinto ranges. In the south, curing of the herbaceous fuels is progressing rapidly, with initial attack fires already occurring."

A 48-acre fire started Thursday above Snow Creek near the San Jacinto Wilderness area. Forest Service San Jacinto Ranger District Fire Chief Dan Felix said crews had to hike into the area, spend Thursday night and battle to contain the fire through Saturday.

"It will be contained this evening [Saturday afternoon]," said incident Commander Chris Fogle, a battal-

ion chief on the San Jacinto Ranger District.

Earlier in the week, Felix had warned about grasses at lower elevations already curing and the denser crop of grass this year. He was somewhat surprised about a fire this soon at that elevation. Its cause is still under investigation.

The Forest Service expects its contract helicopter for the San Jacinto District to be available the first week of June. Six of seven district fire stations will be staffed seven days a week and the seventh will be on a five-day rotation which may be changed to seven, according to Felix.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger declared May 2 to 8 Wildfire Awareness Week. CalFire also used the week

to highlight the importance of homeowners' roles in preparing their property and families ahead of time to survive a wildfire.

This year's Wildfire Awareness Week theme is based on the nationwide fire preparedness campaign "Ready, Set, Go."

To assist homeowner's preparation for wildfires,

CalFire plans to launch a new Web site during Wildfire Awareness Week, which provides residents the steps to make their home more resistant to wildfires and to ensure that their family is ready to evacuate early and safely when wildfire strikes. The Web site is www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

The fire season prelimi-

nary outlook is a product of the National Seasonal Assessment Workshop held April 20 to 22, 2010 in Boulder, Colo. The interagency workshop brought together

subject matter experts from climatology, fire weather meteorology, fuels, fire behavior, and fire danger.

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Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Wednesday, May 12

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

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.
"Swift Pony," 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Sandii Castleberry, Paul Carman & Kevin Hamby, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
"Iron Man 2," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Idyllwild Earth Fair Dessert Fundraiser with silent auction and live music by DoRojo, 7 p.m. Town Hall.
Student Choreography, 7:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio; **Senior Recital:** Everett Ford, voice; Kevin Kim, percussion, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, May 15

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; **Unwound,** 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," 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.
Mike Rider as Johnny Cash, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
Student Choreography, 7:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.

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.

Wednesday, May 19

ICRC Speaker's Series: "The Palms to Pines Birding & Nature Trail," by Kurt Leuschner, 5:30 p.m. reception; 6 p.m. speaker, Rainbow Inn.
AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church.
Tom McNeary & Don Reed, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Iron Man 2," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Four Seasons in Traditional Chinese Dance: Cyndi Huang, 7:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, May 20

Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.
Sandii Castleberry, 6 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Iron Man 2," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, May 21

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

Belly Dancing, 7 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Shrek Forever After," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Visual Art Senior Show IV, 7:30 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, (show runs through May 28); **Theatre Production:** "The 25th-Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, May 22

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; **Jeffrey Bristol,** 1 p.m.; **Peter Curtis,** 6 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Shrek Forever After," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m.

Jamie Olsen & Don Reed, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Theatre Production: The 25th-Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Sunday, May 23

Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; **Dan Papaila,** 1 p.m.; **Skeleton Crew,** 6 p.m. Café Aroma.
Astrocamp Public Tour 1:30 p.m. Astrocamp.

Theatre Production: The 25th-Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
"Shrek Forever After," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m.

Monday, May 24

Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Straight Jackets, 6 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Shrek Forever After," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.



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Avid birder shares 10 local sites

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Kurt Leuschner, Professor of Natural Resources, College of the Desert in Palm Desert, speaks on May 19 on "The Palms to Pines Birding and Nature Trail," as part of the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's (ICRC) popular Speaker's Series.

The birding and nature trail is Leuschner's project to draw attention to all the nature-viewing opportunities available in the Coachella Valley and the San Jacinto Mountains.

Leuschner created a map of 10 local birding sites and explanatory brochure that allows birders and naturalists to drive from site to site to

view significantly different birds and wildlife in each distinctive location in one of the most biologically, geographically, and topographically diverse regions in the world. At each site, knowledgeable naturalists, detailed maps, bird checklists, and other information on local fauna and flora are available.

The sites are found in a region that stretches from below sea level at the Salton Sea to over 10,000 feet at the top of Mt. San Jacinto — habitats that range from sand dunes, palm oases and cactus gardens, to Joshua tree, pinyon-juniper and coniferous forests. The 10 sites are: the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Moun-

tains National Monument; the Living Desert; the Indian Canyons; Mount San Jacinto State Park; Big Morongo Canyon Preserve; Joshua Tree National Park; Salton Sea; Anza-Borrego Desert State Park; Coachella Valley Wild Bird Center; and the Coachella Valley Preserve.

The Palms to Pines Birding Trail may be viewed online at www.desertmountains.org. Leuschner speaks at 6 p.m. at Rainbow Inn. A free wine and cheese reception precedes his talk at 5:30 p.m.

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



Kurt Leuschner, professor of Natural Resources at the College of the Desert, speaks about "The Palms to Pines Birding and Nature Trail" as part of the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's Speaker's Series on Wednesday, May 19.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KURT LEUSCHNER



Music Director and Composer-in-Residence, **Peter Askim**, and the Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra performed with special guest, **Vijay Iyer** on piano, last Saturday night at the IAF Theatre on campus.

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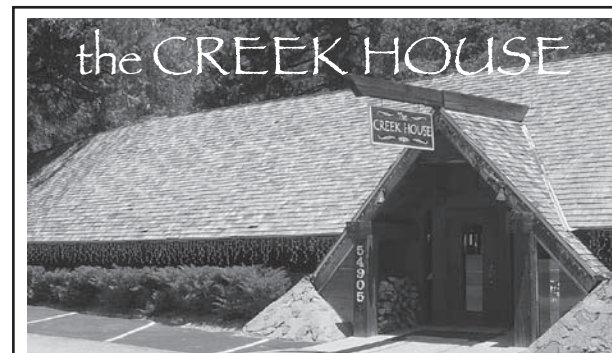
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Bubba

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one of last year's headliners, to the Los Angeles gospel choir group playing Sunday morning.

"I love the audience here," Jackson said. "Once you enter, it feels like a family picnic. That's the signature of Jazz in the Pines. You're aware of a strange electronic excitement pulsing through the crowd."

Music committee chair Marsha Lytle and Jackson shared the tentative headliners during a recent interview. On Saturday, Tom Scott will revisit Cannonball Adderley on stage. That afternoon, jazz vocalist Kenny Washington will make his inaugural Jazz in the Pines appearance.

After he first heard Washington's music, Jackson said he contacted Washington and asked where he had been and how he had gotten so good before Jackson had heard of him.

On Sunday, the plan is for David Benoit to return to the Holmes Amphitheatre. His last appearance at Jazz in the Pines was in 2004.

Interspersed between the better-known national artists will be local favorites such as Peter Sprague and Yve Evans. Festival music



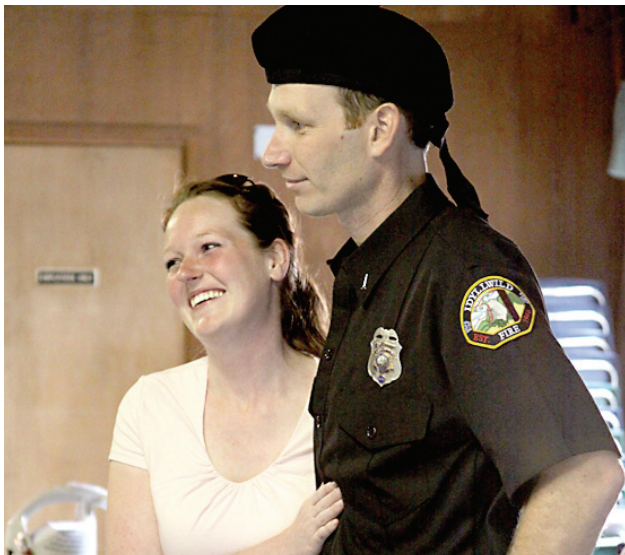
Director Marshall Hawkins confirmed alumni such as clarinetist Evan Christopher and trombonist Jason Jackson will return, as will the Seahawk Orchestra.

Regardless of the performing artist, Jackson will guide the audience through two days of remarkable music. He started years ago in Denver when he heard another "DJ" play Elvis Presley and James Brown back-to-back with no break.

But it's the rest of us who motivate Jackson; he loves the music, but he wants the audience to share his feeling and thrills.

"If I can make one person smile or be happy, I can go home and sleep. I've done my job," he said proudly. "The audience will get me going. Their love will roll right down that hill and onto the stage. Then I'm feeling it."

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The Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) held their annual spaghetti dinner last Saturday night at Idyllwild Pines. However, this time the proceeds went to Idyllwild Firefighter **Scott Carlson** (right), who recently had his right lung removed due to cancer, while at the same time fighting pancreatitis. Carlson attended the event, in his kilt. Carlson's girlfriend, **Amanda Anderson** (left) has been by his side through the whole process.

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From left, volunteer Paramedic/Firefighter **Henry Negrete** and Retired Idyllwild Fire Captain **Jim Manietta** serve up some spaghetti during the annual event last Saturday. Over 600 meals were served and about \$7,000 was raised at the event.

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The Art Alliance of Idyllwild's (AAI) annual Treasure Hunt and Gallery walk proved to be an exciting time Saturday afternoon. Here, **Elaine Bacher** and **Debbie Crowell** fill out their treasure maps that were used to find clues in each of the participating galleries in town. The completed maps were then exchanged for a chance to win in prize drawing. Everyone went home a winner.

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Dozens of artists turned out for the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's (AAI) 12th-annual Members Show held over the weekend. At the reception Saturday night, attendees and artists were asked to vote for their favorite works. Here, AAI board member **Lea Deensing** presents artist **Ethan Steward** with the ribbon for the First Place People's Choice Award. Other award winners are: **Elena Kern**, Second Place People's Choice (tie); **Norman Deensing**, Second Place People's Choice (tie); **Darcy Gerdes**, First Place Artists' Choice; and **Kathleen Chaney**, Second Place Artists' Choice.

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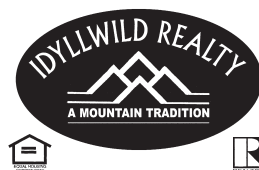
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IIFC films earn further honors

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Films that first showed at the January 2010 Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC) have achieved greater success through distribution deals and subsequent festivals. And that, notes IIFC Director Stephen Savage, is another feather in IIFC's cap, certain to be useful in promoting Idyllwild 2011.

The trip to greater success begins with Savage's film "Legacy," which will have a red carpet showing at Palm Springs' Camelot Theatre, the primary venue for the Palm Springs International Film Festival, at

7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 20. "All our stars will be in attendance," said Savage. "Idyllwild residents who want to get advance tickets for the screening should call me," said Savage, whose phone number is (951) 537-4230.

"Legacy" receives an international showing at the Prince Charles Theatre in London, United Kingdom on Wednesday, June 9 as part of Alicia Silverstone's London Rocks charity benefit for abused children. Savage and star Kyrie Maezumi will attend. "A movie shot in Idyllwild that is screening in London — how cool is that," enthused Savage.

IIFC opening night film

"Rock Slyde" received a distribution deal with Warner Brothers the same week as the IIFC screening and will be available on Netflix and Time Warner Video on Demand. A week after being featured at IIFC, Director Thomas L. Callaway's film "Broke Sky" also landed a Netflix deal and one with Time Warner Video on Demand.

Twenty-three-year-old documentary director Cassie Jaye's film "Daddy I Do" which was so successfully received at IIFC, has been picked up by three other festivals and will screen at Cannes (in France) this month, said Savage. "To go from us to Cannes," noted

Savage, "it's going to help next year's Idyllwild festival so much." "Daddy" has been made an official selection at the Tiburon International Film Festival, the San Diego IndiFest, and the Bare Bones Film Festival in Muskogee, Okla.

Savage said that Idyllwild 2011 is on track and will screen at least 100 films in January 2011. "We'll be calling for submissions on September 1," said Savage. "We expect to receive 300 to 400 submissions. Our attendance in 2011 should double. 2012 will be a monster."

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Summer work for Idyllwild youth

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Applications are online at www.rivcoyouth.com for the federally funded Summer Work Experience Program (SWEP). According to Bill Brown, County Service Area operations manager, the program will provide 20 Idyllwild youth ages 14 to 24 the opportunity to work for Idyllwild employers and earn \$8 an hour with no taxes taken out.

Participants will receive meaningful paid work experience during the summer months. They can work a minimum of 120 hours and a maximum of 240 hours with public, nonprofit and for-profit businesses in the community. In addition, they will receive work readiness skills training.

To date, 17 Idyllwild employers have applied to host a SWEP applicant. Additional employers can download application at the same site as youth applicants.

Youth employment applicants should go to the Web site, access "swep," then click on "applicant." After reading the program information,

clicking on "application" will download both the application and eligibility guidelines.

As a service for youth who do not have access to a computer, program eligibility information and applications will be available at the Town Crier office.

Completed applications may be dropped off at or sent to Hemet Youth Opportunity Center, 930 State Street, Hemet 92543. The center's phone number is (951) 765-0917.

The SWEP program is aimed at youth from lower income homes. Economic eligibility guidelines apply and are available online. Local youth who meet guidelines will be interviewed for placement. According to Brown, interviewers will come to Idyllwild for a day of interviews once the applicant pool is determined. Once a full complement of Idyllwild applicants is finalized, funds will be available to hire a local supervisor at \$16 an hour. The program runs May through October.

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Saleswomen! **Chloe Lovett** (left) and **Payton Priefer** (holding her *Town Crier*), each sold more than 750 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. For this determined effort, they earned a trip to Disneyland and California Adventure last weekend along with 400 other girls from the council. During some of the boring moments, Chloe and Payton shared reading the *Town Crier*.

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Sixth-grade teacher **Diane D'Arcy** (right) presented awards to middle school students for various accomplishments during an awards assembly last Friday afternoon. From left, Principal **Matt Kraemer**, **Max Swanson**, "Rocky," **Kubrick Hannah-Diaz** and **Rebecca Luna** pose for pictures and applause recognizing their hard work.

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Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week (from left) are **Jannelys Santiago** and **Destiny Owen**. Custodian **Roger Wood** chose the students for setting a good example during lunch.

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The Idyllwild HELP Center had a guest booth at Race for Humanity in Riverside on April 24. At the invitation of **Jeff Stone**, Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor, and **Lori Stone**, his sister, the HELP Center collected boxes of food to replenish their pantry.

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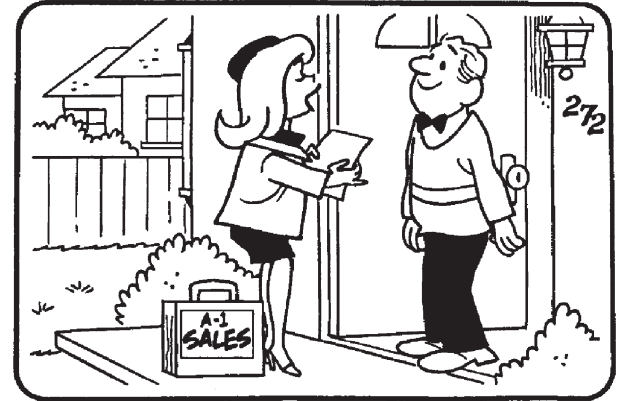
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Answers to Sudoku
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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a time to expect the unexpected. So don't be surprised if a decision that just recently seemed final suddenly opens up and leaves you with another chance to make an important choice.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking a different tack on a work project might rankle some colleagues. But the positive results of your innovative course soon speak for themselves. Celebrate with a fun-filled weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Meeting new associates can be awkward, even if you're in a high positive phase right now. Best advice: Make them feel comfortable, and you'll soon forget your own discomfort.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good time for you social Lions to blow-dry your manes, polish your claws and look like the Fabulous Felines you are as you make new friends and influence the influential.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Expectations run especially high this week, and you should feel confident in your abilities to take advantage of what might be offered. A colleague has some advice you might find helpful.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A recent flurry of activity leaves you in need of a

little breathing space, and you'd be wise to take it. Close family members should have an explanation about an emergency situation that just passed.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An insensitive act makes a difficult situation more so. But try not to waste either your physical or emotional energies in anger. Move on and let others fill the clod in on the facts of life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's a good time to look into that training program or college course you've been considering. You might have a good place to use those sharpened skills sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Education dominates much of your aspect during this week. You might want to start checking out those summer session courses that could help advance your career plans.

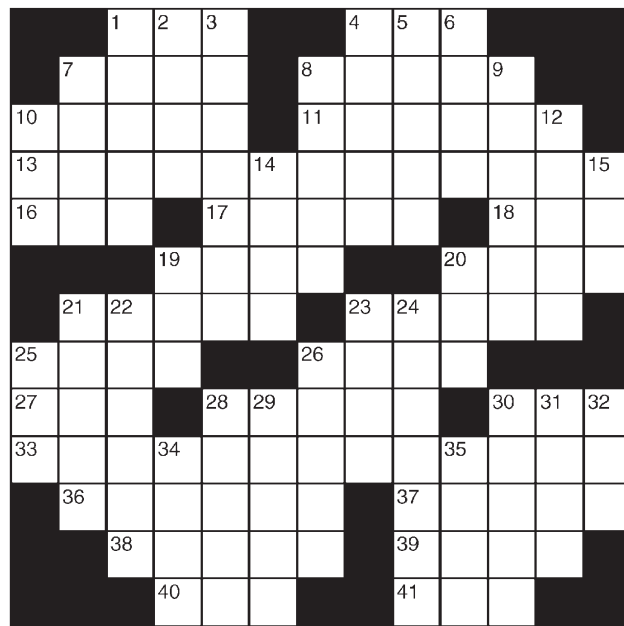
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Progress often comes in fits and starts. But at least you're moving straight ahead with no backsliding. You should soon be able to pick up the pace and reach your goals in due time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be wary of a deal that gives confusing answers to your questions. Remember: It's always risky swimming in unknown waters, so you need all the help you can get to stay on course.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of bringing people together and creating close friendships wherever you go.

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The fix, if infected

By FRANCOISE FRIGOLA

If you have a Windows-based computer and visited the Town Crier Web site May 9 or 10, before it was shut down, and do not have a firewall to protect your computer, below are simple steps to restore your computer. (Note that an anti-virus will not protect your computer from such attacks.)

If you have an Apple computer, so far, it does not seem that your computer has been affected.

Windows ME, XP, Vista, and I believe 2000

- Save your files
- Close all your programs
- Click on Start/icon at the bottom left of your monitor
- Click on "All Programs"
- Click on "Accessories"
- Click on "System Tools"
- Click on "System Restore"
- The "Welcome to System restore" window opens and should have a dot next to "Restore my computer to an earlier time"
- Click "Next"
- On the left, in the calendar, look for a bold number May 8 or earlier (if there are none in May, click on the back arrow on the left of the month of May, to display the month of April)
- Click on that number
- Click Next
- Click Next again and do not touch the computer until it finished rebooting and coming back
- If you have installed or updated any software do so again.

Windows 7

- Click on the Windows icon on the bottom left of your computer
- In the right column, RIGHT-click on "Computer" and go down to "Properties"
- Click on the "System Restore"
- The "System Restore" Window opens
- Click "Next"
- In the "Date and Time" column, look for Saturday May 8 or earlier
- Click to highlight it
- To make sure you will not lose any important drivers or updates, click on "Scan for affected programs"
- Click "Close"
- Click "Next"
- Click "Finish" and do not touch the computer until it finishes rebooting and coming back
- If a message tells you that the computer could not be restored, restart in Safe Mode, and restore back again (It is beyond the scope of this article to explain Safe Mode: look at your user's manual)
- If you have installed or updated any software do so again.

For all versions of Windows, if a message tells you that the computer could not be restored, restart in Safe Mode, and restore back again.

Next step: install a Firewall as soon as possible and keep it up-to-date!

Francoise Frigola can be reached at www.yourcomputerhelperonthehill.com

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By MIMI AND HOOTCH

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Trivia test

Comics: Who was the Green Hornet's sidekick?

Answer: Kato

PAST TENSE

60 years ago - 1950

Mildred Thorn, Theda and Bob Simpson and Emsy Dunn were selected as leaders of the Chamber of Commerce's July 4th celebration. The event was called Wild Idyle Days.

50 years ago - 1960

Seeking seclusion in the mountains, Erle Stanley Gardner, famous writer of mystery stories and creator of the Perry Mason series, bought a home on the Hill.

45 years ago - 1965

The possible inclusion of the Banning-Idyllwild county road in the state's scenic highway system was advanced when the Assembly Transportation and Commerce Committee approved a bill adding the route to the list.

40 years ago - 1970

One climber was killed and another badly injured in a fall on Tahquitz. Members of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit, wearing headlamps to guide them-



Idyllwild local **Mike Pearson** holds up his free license plate frame after arriving at the Town Crier office at 8:30 a.m. last Wednesday morning, being the first one to come in and correctly guess the answer to last week's Past tense photo. The photo was of **Bob and Marge Muir**, atop their bicycle-made-for-two that Bob built in the 1950s while living in Alhambra.

PHOTO BY BETH NOTTLEY

elves, worked 12 hours through the night to bring the injured man and the body of his friend off the mountain.

35 years ago - 1975

It was announced that Eiler Larsen, the famous "Laguna Greeter," who was the Idyllwild Greeter for a year in the 1960s, had died. A nature lover, he had been active in the Izaak Walton League.

30 years ago - 1980

Riverside County fire officials in Perris formed a new firefighting battalion, headquartered in Pine Cove.

25 years ago - 1985

More than 30 varieties of lilacs were in bloom at the Emmanuel home on Idyllmont Drive. The garden had become an attraction and visitors to it were welcomed to tour free of charge.

15 years ago - 1995

A steady, drenching rain caused the 6th-annual Idyllwild Earth Fair to be held indoors.

10 years ago - 2000


Luther Weare, former Town Crier owner, publisher and editor from 1972 to 1978, died at the age of 84.

5 years ago - 2005

The Hill was besieged by the media after Garner Valley resident and investigator in the Riverside County District Attorney's Indio office, David McGowan, was found dead in his home, along with the bodies of his wife, mother and three children — an apparent murder/suicide.

1 year ago - 2009

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District commission officially approved the award of its 2009 fire abatement contract to a trio of local tree removal firms, ending the controversial Fire Prevention Services Inc. of El Cajon contract.




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Izaiah Carman (right) of the Angels runs for home plate but **Jacob Lande** of the Cubs beats him to the plate last Friday afternoon during Town Hall Youth Baseball.

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Idyllwild School student **Mallory Marcus** pitched last Monday during a middle school girl's softball game against a Perris city school.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Hemet High School senior **Paul Kirk** played his last regular season game Friday. Paul and his teammates will be in the state playoff starting this week.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



Chance Vladika not only pitches, but hits well too. His team, the Idyllwild Land Surveying Pirates, were able to squeak by the Café Aroma Diamondbacks last week 15-14.

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Nick Fletcher, playing for the Padres, attempts to knock the ball out of the park during the Town Hall T-Ball game last Friday afternoon.

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During Friday's season ending varsity volleyball game, Hemet High School senior **Paul Kirk** (red jersey) sets his teammates to receive a serve from West Valley. **Ben Campbell** (for left) prepares to return the serve. Hemet won the match in five games and prepares for the playoffs this week.

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Strange but true

In 1981, two minor-league baseball teams, the Rochester Red Wings and the Pawtucket Red Sox, played what might be the longest game in baseball history — a full 32 innings. And after all that, there wasn't even a winner: The game ended in a 2-2 tie.

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Josiah Schipper, 4, playing for the N.Y. Yankees, proudly runs to first base last Friday afternoon.

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Mitchell Biley, Hemet High School sophomore, returns a serve from West Valley, during the season ending junior varsity volleyball game Friday. In the background on the right is Idyllwild teammate **Josh Leih**. The Hemet JV volleyball team was undefeated this year.

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Idyllwilder Emma Klingaman among SoCal Champions

On May 2, the Hemet High School mountain bike team traveled to Los Olivos, Calif., for final race of the season. At the end of the day, Hemet High School claimed the day's top spot, resulting in being crowned SoCal Champions, the top team in 2010. **Emma Klingaman**, Idyllwild, had her best race of the season in the junior varsity girls division. Her win propelled her to second overall for the season



in JV, after starting in the freshman class. The team will now compete in the California State Championships May 16 in Grass Valley, Calif.

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