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## MONUMENTAL TALKS



Tree Monument Replacement carver **David Roy** (left) talks with previous Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce President **Geoffrey Caine** (center) and previous Director **Joe McNabb** after Monday's Chamber meeting.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

## Chamber diffuses Monument impasse

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
 STAFF REPORTER

A newly invigorated board of directors at the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce attempted to solve the impasse surrounding the long-delayed David Roy Tree Monument. President Mimi Lamp conducted the Monday, Aug. 16 meeting efficiently and gracefully.

"As a Chamber, we are responsible to the people who donated the money [to fund David Roy's commission]," she began. "How can we give the town a monument? That is our responsibility. How can we go forward and make this happen?"

Although Lamp effectively navigated the highly charged waters of contract misunderstandings and missed deadlines, the result at the end of the meeting was positive but muddled. Lamp had invited principal players in this drama to attend in an effort

to clarify the issues and reach resolution.

Roy, who attended the meeting, continued to maintain that he could not complete the monument on schedule because a previous Chamber board reneged on a promise to provide him a tree to carve and because the contract was null and void. Lamp reminded Roy this board was not in office at the time he received his commission and that they must arrive at a solution using the facts in the written record — the contract.

Roy's contract, based on the contest proposal he submitted, called for him to supply all materials, including the wood to carve. Lamp said that is what this and previous boards understood the contract to mean.

Previous Chamber President Geoffrey Caine, who was on the Monument Replacement Committee, offered his clarification. "Our

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## PINE COVE PO'D



Last Saturday, Pine Cove residents held an open air meeting to discuss the inconvenience of the Pine Cove Post Office closure. **Annamarie Padula**, Pine Cove Property Owner Association president, waved her letter during the session.

PHOTO BY CAREY POWERS

## Pine Cove Post Office now in Idyllwild

BY CAREY POWERS  
 NEWS INTERN

The inconvenience but inevitability of the Pine Cove Post Office closure was the subject of a special meeting of the Pine Cove Property Owner's Association (PCPOA) Saturday, Aug. 14. Languid unity dominated the crowd since few solutions or strategies seemed to overcome the common roadblock of sparse government money and a suspended business contract.

As member Leigh Salgren said, perhaps best summarizing one intent of the Saturday meeting, "Can we as a community put together something that could possibly change the Postmaster General's mind?"

The Pine Cove Market, which had a contract for the Pine Cove Post Office, is now under receivership, which means the property was placed in the custodial responsibility of another owner.

Due to the Postal Service's tight budget and the lack of renovation at the facility, the Postal Service decided against renewing the contract with new owner Ahmed Aly.

However laden with inventive and viable alternatives, the meeting commenced and ended with the bitter truth that nobody had received word back after writing statements and a letter to Representative Mary Bono Mack, County Supervisor Jeff Stone, local Postmaster Kelly Gates, and Postmaster General John Potter. It was concluded that nothing could be done with so little communication from officials.

In a letter PCPOA president Annamarie Padula passionately wrote and futilely sent, she spoke of two issues:

First, the elderly population of Pine Cove needs adequate access and transportation to their moved post office box. Because of

See PCPOA, page 16



# NEWS OF RECORD

## Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Aug. 9 to Aug. 15:

### Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

**Aug. 9** — False alarm, Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

**Aug. 10** — Structure fire, Foster Lake Road, Pine Cove.

**Aug. 10** — Medical aid, Double View Drive, Idyllwild.

**Aug. 10** — Two walk-in medical aids.

**Aug. 11** — Medical aid, South Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

**Aug. 12** — Medical aid, Double View Drive, Idyllwild.

**Aug. 12** — Medical aid, Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

**Aug. 12** — Medical aid, Highway 243 at Ridgeview Drive, Idyllwild.

**Aug. 12** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Aug. 13** — Malicious false alarm, Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

**Aug. 13** — Medical aid, South Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

**Aug. 15** — Medical aid, North Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

**Aug. 15** — Walk-in medi-

cal aid.

**Aug. 15** — Medical aid, Highway 243, Pine Cove.

**Aug. 15** — Medical aid, Tahquitz Drive, Idyllwild.

### Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

**Aug. 10** — Residential fire.

**Aug. 10** — Medical aid, person down.

**Aug. 10** — Residential fire.

**Aug. 12** — False alarm.

**Aug. 12** — False alarm.

**Aug. 14** — Fire menace standby.

**Aug. 14** — Traffic collision.

**Aug. 14** — Debris fire.

**Aug. 15** — Medical aid, fall.

### Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

**Aug. 9** — Structure fire, 25000 block of Foster Lake Road, Pine Cove.

**Aug. 10** — Structure fire, 58000 block of Yew Road, Anza.

**Aug. 14** — Traffic collision, Highway 74, Garner Valley.

**Aug. 14** — 3 Medical aids, 56000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

**Aug. 14** — Medical aid, 59000 block of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

**Aug. 14** — Traffic collision.



The County Department of Roads recently posted "No Parking" signs along the creekside of North Circle Drive from Idyllwild Heating to before the Dental Building. PHOTO BY SHANE FENDER

sion, 69000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

### Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

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### Riverside County Fire, Anza

**Aug. 8** — Medical aid, Hernley and Brownie roads, Aguanga.

**Aug. 10** — Medical aid, Chapman and Desilva roads, Anza.

**Aug. 10** — Residential structure fire, Yaw and Rolling Hills roads, Anza.

**Aug. 11** — Medical aid, Reservation Road and Apple Lane, Anza.

**Aug. 12** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Aug. 12** — Medical aid, Terwilliger Road and Rodgers Lane, Anza.

**Aug. 12** — Medical aid, Terwilliger road and La Cima Drive, Anza.

**Aug. 12** — Vegetation fire, Bautista and Blackburn Canyon roads, Hemet.

**Aug. 13** — Medical aid, Regal Blue and Mitchell road, Anza.

**Aug. 14** — Medical aid, Quartz Way and Saddleback Drive, Anza.

**Aug. 15** — Medical aid, Polliwog and Scrub Oak roads, Anza.

**Aug. 15** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Aug. 15** — Medical aid, Cave Rock and Bautista roads, Anza.

**Aug. 15** — Medical aid, Terwilliger and Ramsey roads, Anza.

## CHP log

Log unavailable.

## Sheriff's log

Log unavailable.

# Carlson withdraws and settles TC suit

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Litigation between local attorney Ken Carlson and the Idyllwild Town Crier has been dismissed. The Federal District Court of Central California accepted Carlson's request to dismiss the suit.

In addition, a direct settlement of the case also occurred. As a result of the settlement, Carlson has agreed not to bring any further action regarding the disputed articles. This includes no re-filing in California state court.

Finally, Carlson paid the Town Crier \$5,000 toward the paper's legal fees created by his suit.

Carlson said he was not pleased with the outcome, but settled the suit for several reasons.

"First, I think my support in Idyllwild increased be-

cause of the article," he said. "Second, the Town Crier was willing to spend a fortune instead of simply retracting the story. Litigation is not positive for anyone."

The suit arose from two May 6 stories about the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce's recent election process.

While Carlson said he simply wanted a retraction, Town Crier Publisher Grace Reed replied that the paper did not publish anything that was not true, as indicated in the Town Crier's filings with the federal court.

After the election referenced in the articles in question, the Chamber board held a June 21 meeting, removed Carlson from the board and expelled him from the Chamber.

J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).

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From AccuWeather				
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90/59 Sunny.	90/57 Sunny.	90/56 Sunny.	85/55 Sunny.	89/60 Sunny.

Date	Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year				
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S	
8-9	79	45			84	50			
8-10	80	46			84	49			
8-11	na	na			86	50			
8-12	83	41			87	54			
8-13	84	41			85	55			
8-14	85	46			84	52			
8-15	na	na			79	49			
<b>Moisture in inches</b>					<b>Snow in inches</b>				
To date this season (Idy): .10					To date this season (Idy): 0				
To date last season (Idy): .04					To date last season (Idy): 0				
Total last season (Idy): 23.61					Total last season (Idy): 35.91				
To date this season (PC): .03					To date this season (PC): 0				
Total last season (PC): 30.92					Total last season (PC): 72.5				

**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.

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# OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

## Garner Valley photo safari ...

It has been some time since I hiked in the Garner Valley area. The last time I hiked in Garner Valley, I was with Tom and Liz Wirt. We left a car at Humber Park and drove out to the end of Fobes Ranch Road. The majority of this 14.2 mile hike is on the Pacific Crest Trail. After hiking on some very steep and rugged sections, I had new respect for the PCTers.



I decided to take a ride out to the Fobes Saddle Trailhead, but I had no plans to repeat this hike since I have only one car, no hiking partners, bad knees and lower mileage goals. Thus, I figured I would maybe hike up to either Spittler or Apache Peaks. Alas, it was not to be, as I never even made it to the trailhead.

First, I have only been to Fobes Saddle once and I had trouble finding the turn for Fobes Ranch Road. After driving all the way to Paradise Corners, I realized that I had missed the road. I turned around and headed back toward Lake Hemet. After arriving at Lake Hemet store, I pulled out my map and found that I had missed it again, but I was getting closer.

After finally making the turn onto Fobes Ranch Road, I began to hesitate about my somewhat "limping" truck grinding up the 4.5 miles of dirt road. I also realized I was low on gas because I wasted so much time driving around in circles.

At this point, the clutch in my brain did not seem to want to put my legs into drive and I decided to save this hike for a day when I had a partner along for the ride.

Then, the open vistas in Garner Valley really invited me to take photos. I just stopped in the middle of the dirt road and shot a bunch of pictures. Even though it was close to noon and the sky was cloudless, I was very happy with the results.

I also shot some 360 degree panoramas with my Flip Ultra video camera. It was really interesting to hear the audio of the wind howling as the trees were so far off in the distance. I could not see any sign of wind on the video footage.

Since I was so close to Lake Hemet, I decided to take some shots of the lake. Over the years, I have taken many photos of the lake and the surrounding area, but have hardly ever shot in the summertime. The water was looking very blue and the hillsides were still green, so I decided to shoot both stills and video.

On the way back to Highway 74, I noticed the purple flowers that I have seen so often in Garner Valley were still in bloom.

I tried to get a good macro shot but the gusty winds kept shaking the flower stalks and blurring my shots. I finally just focused the camera and waited for the wind to die down and got a good shot of this Verbena family plant which I still have not identified.



Bruce's purple verbena flower near Lake Hemet.

PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS



The Rose Sage or giant flowered purple sage (*Salvia pachyphylla*) is a 2 to 3 foot tall shrub with attractive blue flowers in showy purple bracts. It is similar to purple sage (*S. dorrii*), which occurs in juniper woodlands. Rose sage needs no summer water but requires excellent drainage. It likes full sun and sandy soil with no weeds. The foliage is silver-colored and is evergreen. Butterflies and hummingbirds like it, but not deer.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HAROLD VOORHEIS



Last Saturday at the Nature Center, baby **Lacey** grabs for a monarch butterfly poised on her mother's hand.

PHOTO BY CAREY POWERS



Three generations of the **Padulas** pose in front of their villa in Cancun, Mexico. "This is a trip we make with the whole family every other year for two weeks," explained **Annamarie**. In the front row of the photo (from the left), **Jackson Crumpacker, Ryan Padula, Elissa Padula and David Crumpacker**. In the back row (from left), are **Angela (Padula) Crumpacker, Laura Padula, Steve Padula, David Padula, Annamarie and Lou Padula**.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNAMARIE PADULA



**Ben Smythe** has ventured off the Hill, but keeps a copy of the *Town Crier* nearby. "Blowing a kiss to the Hill as I wander off into the world," Smythe wrote. "Thank you for seven years of squirrels and smiles. Peace to your perfect heart."

PHOTO COURTESY OF BEN SMYTHE

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# Forest Service closes Paradise allotment

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The U.S. Forest Service has announced plans to close the Paradise grazing allotment in Garner Valley. This allotment does not meet the agency's minimum grazing standards, according to an Aug. 4 letter San Jacinto District Ranger Laurie Rosenthal wrote.

On Sept. 23, 2009, the San Bernardino National Forest Supervisor signed a decision for the Rouse and Paradise Grazing Allotments. The Western Watershed Project, Center for Biological Diversity and Sierra Club appealed this decision and it was withdrawn.

The Forest Service has decided to prepare separate environmental assessments for the Garner, Paradise, Rouse and Wellman Grazing Allotments rather than a single environmental assessment.

A draft Environmental Assessment detailing the

Paradise allotment proposal is available for review online (<http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/projecLlist.php?forest=110512>). Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from Tom Hall, Forest Service NEPA Planner. His phone number is (909) 382-2905 and email address is [thall@fs.fed.us](mailto:thall@fs.fed.us).

The Paradise allotment covers approximately 489 acres and is located in Garner Valley on the San Jacinto Ranger District (see map).

It is comprised of two units — the Paradise subunit (281 acres) and the Jim Burn subunit (208 acres). The Paradise subunit was grazed as an extension of private land to the east. The Paradise subunit has had no viable water developments since 1999 and has not been grazed since 2004.

Vegetation in the Jim Burn subunit consists of montane coniferous forest and woodlands, Canyon

Live Oak forest and chaparral. No riparian areas exist within this pasture. From 1997 to 2003, the permittee for the Rouse allotment temporarily used the Jim Burn subunit because the Paradise allotment permittee expressed no interest. This pasture was used to hold up to 10 calves and at-risk cows.

The Jim Burn Unit is suitable for grazing, but is too small to manage as a single allotment. As part of this action the water structures (two water tanks, water trough, and associated pipe) and corral will be removed from the Jim Burn Unit.

Several threatened and endangered species may occur in the district, but only the Quino checkerspot butterfly (QCB) (*Euphydryas editha quino*) is known to occur within the Paradise allotment area.

Surveys for QCB have been conducted in the district over the past couple of years. At least five new

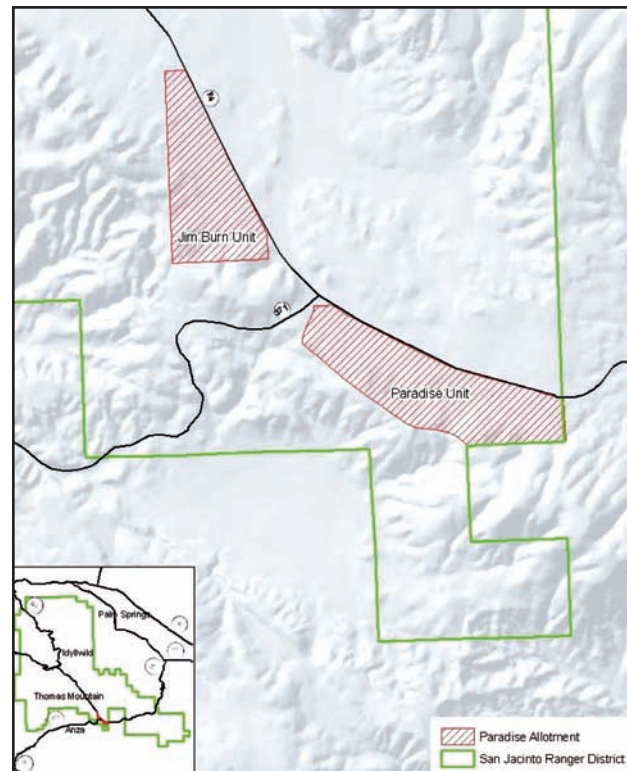
sightings of the butterfly occurred in the district in 2009, with an additional 24 new sightings in 2010. Grazing has probably occurred on all QCB suitable habitats that are within primary range areas in the district.

The Jim Burn pasture contains approximately 128 acres of suitable habitat and has two sightings of QCB within this pasture. In 2009, the FWS designated approximately 1,325 acres as QCB critical habitat in the San Jacinto District. Both designated critical habitats for QCB exist within the Paradise allotment.

The Forest Services expressed a preference for receiving comments by email. Please send comments before Sept. 10 to:

comments-pacificsouthwest-san-bernardino-san-jacinto@fs.fed.us with the words "Paradise Grazing Allotment Project" in the subject line.

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cally, you may send them to the following address: 602 S. Tippecanoe Ave, San Bernardino, CA 92408. J.P. Crumrine can be reached at [jp@towncrier.com](mailto:jp@towncrier.com).

## MOUNTAIN FOLK

Last week, Middle Ridge Winery, owned by locals **Chris and Melody Johnston**, received four awards at the Orange County Fair wine competition. They took home a silver ribbon for the 2008 Pinot Grigio and 2008 Sauvignon Blanc, and a bronze ribbon for their 2006 Syrah and 2006 Meritage.

Earlier this year, they won two bronze awards at the Riverside International Wine Competition. The winning wines were Middle Ridge's 2006 Syrah and 2006 Meritage.

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.

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Summary info for the week of August 10-16, 2010

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 10.

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18

- 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.
- 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.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 54423 Village Center Dr.

## THURSDAY, AUG. 19

- Lilac Festival info meeting, 10-11 a.m. Alpenglow Lilacs, 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Lake Hemet Municipal Water District board meeting, 3 p.m. 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
- High Valleys Water Dis-

trict, 6 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.

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

## FRIDAY, AUG. 20

- Fern Valley Water District board meeting, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
- Baby Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Debbi Geisinger, 659-8710 or (951) 966-1094.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- 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.

## SATURDAY, AUG. 21

- 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.
- IdyllwildGayPotluck, 6p.m. E-mail scottngregg@greencafe.com for location.

## SUNDAY, AUG. 22

- Zen Meditation Group, 8

a.m. Call 659-2253.

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.

- 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 Flats, across from Cal-Fire Station 6.

## MONDAY, AUG. 23

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

## TUESDAY, AUG. 24

- Zen Meditation Group, 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. Call 659-2253.

- Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.

- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry

Creek Square.

- 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.

- Cancer Self-help Group, 5:30 p.m. Call 659-6262.

- Tai Chi practice group (free), 6-6:40 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn, 26345 Delano Dr. Park on Four Chimneys St.

- 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, AUG. 25

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- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Idyllwild Religious Science,

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

- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 54423 Village Center Dr.

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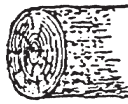
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## INITIAL THOUGHTS



**Thesis + antithesis = synthesis ...**

Kudos to the Idyllwild Chamber of

Commerce, President Mimi Lamp, David Roy, Mike Pearson and Idyllwild Community Recreation Council President John Simpson.

Many people attended Monday's Chamber meeting to help reach resolution of a controversial issue. Not only did fisticuffs not break out, but the potential for anger and sarcasm was tempered by Chamber President Mimi Lamp's polite and even-handed facilitation of the meeting.

To me, this outbreak of mutual respect is all the more impressive given the subject — Roy's replacement Tree Monument and the possibility of a new Jonathan LaBenne carving. The letters-to-the-editor have taken a decidedly partisan tone, but the meeting stayed focused on solutions.

While actual hand holding and renditions of "Kumbaya" did not manifest, frank and open discussions did prevail. Unanimity was not the goal, and speakers and listeners generally respected the opinions that didn't reflect their views.

This positive meeting bodes well for the future. Agreement was reached to try to move Roy's work to the site of the former monument. (See story on page 1.) If logistical difficulties make that move impractical or impossible, there may be other possible locations for Roy's piece and LaBenne remains on the radar.

In my opinion, this proposal is more than simply "cutting the baby in half." It's much more complex and more impressive in its development and eventual agreement.

Afterward, outside the room, a smaller group agreed to explore some other options. Perhaps a more efficacious solution will be found, but the true success of the evening was the ability to find a path to a potential solution despite the forest of opposing and differing views.

## Artistés and contracts

**EDITOR:**

When I moved here, I enjoyed the totem pole. When it became decrepit and a hazard, I was sad.

I watched through the years as it was repaired over and over again but I realized that things made of wood exposed to the elements do disintegrate.

I was pleased when the town decided to replace it. I was happy when a talented artist was chosen, though I realized that in the future this piece would also disintegrate. I have been told that it can't be moved to the center of town.

I have a few questions: Does Mr. Roy expect to keep this sculpture at his place of business? If so, he should pay the Chamber for it and continue to use it as an advertisement for his business. This sculpture does not bring people to Idyllwild. It brings people already visiting to his place of business where he sells his wares.

Since he does not own the image, why is he continuing to use it on the T-shirts he sells without compensating the Chamber for their image? Doesn't he know this is theft? A good intellectual properties lawyer could have a field day with this one.

Mr. Roy may be a good wood carver but he is a poor businessman unable to fulfill his obligations and using images owned by others. He is three years late in fulfilling his contract.

If he is unwilling to honor his commitments, the sculpture should be moved to the central site, sold, or auctioned off in pieces, like the old one, to pay for the monument we expected. Since it seems that this sculpture will never be the monument the townsfolk paid for by donations, we should get our money back.

After a few more successes of this nature, perhaps our volunteer "legislators" should offer some courses or training to our state and national legislators. Stalemates on the budget, tax and environmental issues still impose costs on the supporters of both sides.

## READERS WRITE

Now don't tell me that this man is a great artisté who needs time to create. This is a town full of talented artists. They are everywhere. Everyone knows that to be a successful artist one must not scam the customers. [He should] deliver what was bought and paid for.

I am still looking forward to a new totem pole or monument in the center of town. I hope that this problem can be resolved with honor.

NANCY BORCHERS  
 PINE COVE

## Wants another LaBenne monument

**EDITOR:**

I want to publicly announce how thankful I am of the tireless Mike Pearson, who has been working relentlessly on both the Idyllwild Tree Monument projects, dating back to 1989. Mike, whom I have known for years, has been a dedicated gift to Idyllwild for many years.

I strongly support Jonathan LaBenne to come back and create a new tree monument.

My family was at the 1989 Town Hall Donation meeting, where Jonathan chainsawed a wooden bear to the beat of a nearby drummer. Loud and awesome evening! We were also present at the Inaugural of the Tree Monument in the center of town.

My opinion? Encourage Jonathan to return to Idyllwild and make it all happen.

PAUL SHNABLE  
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## Bay Spring Tree water

**EDITOR:**

Regarding the letter from Almadeus Star Gioeli in last week's issue of the Town Crier: Does Mr. Gioeli know that Bay Tree Spring was

While the community doesn't yet have a final handshake and result, we should take pride and satisfaction in how the process remained civil, cordial and focused on solutions. I hope this behavior is catching.

J.P., EDITOR

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## Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



closed for public health reasons?

It had been shown to be contaminated; the closure was a function of our governmental entities that protect the health of us citizens.

Years ago, it may have been safe to use such a source and others, like mountain creeks, but not now. Hikers and campers use safe water, identified as such in campgrounds, or utilize water purifiers.

I do understand that there is a rather magical attraction to mountain springs, as shown by the piping and rock structure from sometime in the past. But that hides the contamination from upslope and most likely from direct human use at the pipes.

Consider it somewhat of a historic site and be safe.

MARY ANN E. MILLER  
 IDYLLWILD

## Idyllwild Business Practice

**EDITOR:**

So what does predatory business practice in Idyllwild look like? We see it every day. We laugh at it, call it buyer beware and such. We embrace it as a way of life.

Is it OK for a real estate agent to charge six percent of a home's value to buy part of our dream, then offer to sell that same home for another six percent months later when the dream isn't realized?

Should we call it aggressive business practice? Per-

man use at the pipes. [See Letters, page 23](#)

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# OFF THE LEASH

By CONOR O'FARRELL

## An ant is to human as human is to ...

Conventional wisdom has it that you shouldn't talk about politics or religion publicly. The problem with that is it leaves me little to talk about at dinner parties.



Since the distribution of this column is wider than my frequent dinner parties, I guess I'll take the plunge and dive into the deep end without the protection of a life guard.

Over the past 40 years, religion has played a big part in my life. I think about it, wrestle with it and try to keep my eyes open to the nuances of how we as people express our belief in God.

Over the years, I've attended church services all over America and have had many conversations with many people of faith.

My own religious evolution has gone from certainty to doubt to accepting the magnificent mystery of it all. I've gone from having it all figured out to knowing nothing. I'm now in a place of knowing very little but believing much.

A few weeks ago, I had some young missionaries over for dinner. Despite knowing the above admonition, the table talk turned to faith — religion.

We shared some beliefs and differed on others, as these things go. They were very earnest and steadfast in the absolute truth of their particular take on the Christian faith. They stood firm that their faith was the "true" faith and the rest had only a partial view of God's plan for us. This was not the first time I've had encounters like this. Sometimes it's Catholics, or Mormons, or Evangelicals, or Pentacostals or people of my own faith, Episcopalians.

We all seem to have this inclination to own God. Each of us firmly believes that our group has a special relationship with the Lord and that we have the full understanding of the divine.

What's so great about knowing? There is so little in life that we know, at least, when it comes to the important stuff. I have a hard time knowing and understanding myself let alone the creator of the universe.

We've had 2,000 years of organized study of the human body and we still are just beginning to understand how the human brain works, but yet we proclaim with absolute certainty that we know God's nature and intention. We're still working on one organism, our own organism, and there are still many doors to unlock. We're still trying to figure out the creation let alone the Creator. Whatever happened to humility?

Compared to God, I feel as if I'm an ant in the presence of humanity. An ant thinks like an ant and certainly can't grasp the full complexity of what it is to be human. They may have their little notions but they are, when all is said and done, an ant.

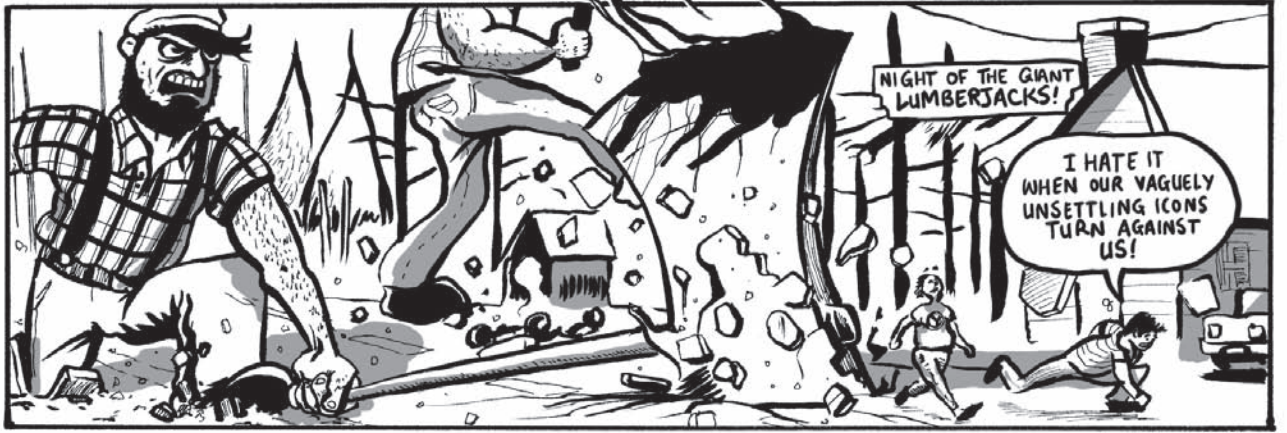
There's a great story I love about St. Thomas Aquinas, the man who set out to know everything there is to know about God. He was at the ocean one day and watched a young girl digging a hole in the sand. After the hole was dug she took a pail of water, filled it and dumped it in the hole. She repeated this filling and dumping for the next hour.

Finally St. Thomas approached her and asked what she was doing. The girl responded, "I going to take that

## ON THE FRINGE

Oldie, but goodie

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## TOWN TALK

By CAREY POWERS, NEWS INTERN

### What do you think about the Pine Cove Post Office closure?



**Sherry Edwards**  
Semi-retired  
Idyllwild

*"It's going to happen once the boxes are put in. It's a done deal."*



**Lou Padula**  
Retired teacher  
Idyllwild

*"No one likes it, but what are we going to do? I liked to come to the post office on Saturday."*



**Nancy Borchers**  
Retired and artist  
Idyllwild

*"It's going to be a great hardship for many members of the community, even for the people of Idyllwild."*



**Sallie Warwick**  
Retired nurse  
Idyllwild

*"I think eventually it will cost the [Idyllwild] Post Office money. It's all about money."*

ocean and put it in that hole."

"That's ridiculous; that ocean is so vast and that hole is only so small," Thomas replied.

The story goes that the girl turned into an angel and responded to Thomas, "Exactly, and that God is so vast and that head is only so small." I am humbled by what I don't know about God and comforted by what I believe.

I hope we can come to realize that faith is a beautiful and profound part of being human. We might someday understand, as Thomas Merton said, "The fact that I believe that I am following God's will does not mean that I am actually doing so, but that my desire to please God does, indeed, please God." Let's stop trying to be right and, with humility, strive to be the best ants that we can be.



At the Aug. 11 Rotary meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President **Danny Richardson** presents a gift to **Robin Wood**, executive director of the Alandale Camp for Abused and Foster Care Kids, for his talk at the meeting. PHOTO BY DAN SLATTERY

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## CSA 38 meets with IFPD chief

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

A surprisingly large audience turned out for the County Service Area (CSA) 38 meeting on Aug. 11. Some of the appeal is attributable to the public's interest in the effect of Idyllwild Fire Department's (IFPD) proposed ambulance fee increases on Pine Cove's customer base, as well as continuing concern over disposition of the agency's fire engine.

Idyllwild's new Fire Chief Norm Walker attended the meeting and discussed IFPD's plans and needs with the CSA 38 Advisory Committee.

"We need to understand how many calls and transports occur in Pine Cove and what is the real activity here and how it meets the standards," began CSA advisory member Marge Muir. "It used to be a five-year contract and now it is three years. It moves fast and things change. Nobody has a lot of money now."

Colleague Thomas McCullough concurred and indicated infrequent communications between the two organizations contributed to rumor and reaction. All CSA members expressed gratitude to Walker for attending the meeting.

Walker mentioned the cost of medics, as well as maintenance and operational expenses for the district's medical vehicles.

CSA 38 Chairman Jerry Holldber indicated he understood how costs have continued to rise and hoped to work with IFPD to develop a study that would support the increases. "If so, we can write [Riverside County 3rd District] Supervisor [Jeff] Stone and support the proposal," he added.

Muir reminded Walker

that the contract had language controlling the fee increase process, but acknowledged that fees hadn't been raised in five years.

"It's easier for more frequent small increases than to go broke and nail the public with huge increases," Walker stated. He intends to work with the county Emergency Medical Service Agency to get the fee proposal adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

Muir did suggest that a high mileage fee might be harder for residents to accept than if the base charge were slightly larger. "Twenty-two miles to the nearest hospital adds up quickly," she noted.

In other business, Walker told the committee that he was still negotiating with Riverside County Fire Department about extending its contract for dispatch service rather than shifting it to the Hemet Police Department dispatch.

"We realize that Perris [the county dispatch center] is more sophisticated, but there is nothing in the IFPD budget for technology," Walker said. The equipment cost was an obstacle for IFPD, according to Walker. But if Stone can help with the computer purchases, IFPD will be able to continue to work with the county.

Cal Fire Mountain Battalion Chief Dan Johnson reported that engine 23A or 223 has been sold. The CSA 38 received \$30,000 for the nearly two-decade old engine. Funds for a new volunteer engine are part of the CSA 2010-11 budget request.

As of June 30, the end of the 2009-10 fiscal year, CSA 38 had a cash balance of slightly more than \$500,000.

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

### Soroptimists seek new members

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## IFPD raises ambulance fees

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Financial issues dominated the Aug. 10 Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) meeting again. Both future issues — raising the ambulance fees — and a past issue — relating to the 2008-09 audit — were the subjects of the three-hour sessions.

The commission adopted Fire Chief Norm Walker's July proposal to increase the ambulance fees. However, they acknowledged that the current contract with Riverside County for ambulance services to Pine Cove and Zone 3 (north of Pine Cove) set limitations on ambulance rate increases.

Generally, the ambulance increases are limited to the annual increase in the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County area consumer price index, which was .9 percent in the past year. However, rates can be increased more if the county emergency medical services agency and the Board of Supervisors approve the higher rates.

Tuesday, the commission learned that IFPD's rates might be among the lowest in the state. Consequently, there was desire to raise the base rate above the \$895 level.

During the meeting, the commission introduced David Marion, partner in Smith Marion, the agency's

auditor. However, Marion could not answer many questions about the draft audit.

For example, the report says that the loan for the two newest engines is \$190,000, though, internal IFPD documents indicate the engines cost more than \$500,000. Furthermore, IFPD has made at least two \$70,000 payments, and yet the auditors have not changed the loan amount from 2007-08 to 2008-09.

Once again, the audit's beginning net asset balance is not equal to the net asset balance at the end of the prior fiscal year. The ending balance for fiscal year 2007-08 (as of June 30,

2008) was \$612,416. Yet the beginning balance for 2008-09 (which is July 1, 2008) was \$529,766, an \$82,000 decrease in seconds.

With respect to unpaid deferred compensation, IFPD Treasurer Ben Killingsworth said the funds are not missing. Although the money for the deferred compensation was not sent to the investment firm, the funds were not diverted from IFPD accounts. However, the cash available is now reduced to account for the payments that still need to be made.

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## Pine Cove lowers conservation rebates

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

At its Wednesday, Aug. 11 meeting, the Pine Cove Water District (PCWD) board of directors agreed with a committee recommendation to reduce its residential rebates, while still leaving them at levels sufficient to motivate customers to install more efficient water conservation appliances.

The board will vote on a resolution to that effect at its Sept. 8 meeting. The board committee of directors Joel Palmer and Lou Padula made the following recommendations: the District will

rebate one half of the purchase cost to a maximum of \$100 per toilet, maximum of two toilets per household, for 1.6 GPM (gallons per minute) or less low-flow toilets; \$50 rebate for the purchase and installation of a high-efficiency front loading washing machine; \$100 rebate for an approved hot water recycling system, one per household; \$150 maximum rebate, decided on a case by case basis on Smart Water outside watering and drip systems; \$150 maximum rebate, decided on a case by case basis, for rain water collection systems. All rebates are to be

approved by the District's general manager and must include proof of purchase and installation. No repeat rebates will be paid for a minimum five-year period. Within any fiscal year, the total rebates per property cannot exceed \$250.

In a win for the District, Verizon agreed to settle a long running dispute over its installation, without permission, of copper wire and

fiber communication lines in two PCWD conduits. Verizon settled after PCWD attorney Brad Neufeld requested \$9,800 to settle the dispute. The requested amount would pay costs of installing two new conduits for PCWD's exclusive use. Neufeld threatened legal action if Verizon did not pay by Aug. 6. In an e-mail dated Aug. 12 from Verizon

*See PCWD, page 16*

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## Obituary Catherine Susan Vail

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010, at The Chapel in the Pines in Idyllwild to honor the life of Cathy Vail, who was a longtime resident of Idyllwild. A Fellowship gathering will be held at the Idyllwild Community Center Park immediately following the services.



Cathy was born in San Francisco on June 7, 1956 and died on Aug. 10, 2010 in Hemet, Calif.

Cathy is survived by her beloved husband, Gary Vail of Idyllwild; by her sons, Joshua Surber and Anthony Surber; by daughter-in-law Jill Laureano-Surber and baby grandson, Julian Surber; by her mother, Elaine Weiler; by her brother and sister-in-law Michael and Peggy Weiler; by her sister, Karen Weiler and Karen's sons, Matt and Nick Grabau.

Cathy was dearly loved by all her family and many friends, and will always be remembered and loved.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made online to "Susan G. Komen for the Cure" or by mail to P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309.

## Obituary David Allen Agner

David (Dave) Allen Agner passed away peacefully on July 26, 2010. He was 51 years old.

Dave was loved by all who knew him, especially by animals and children, which is a testimony to his gentle spirit.

He is survived by his mother, sister and two brothers, as well as by five nieces, and many grandnieces and nephews. A celebration and remembrance of Dave's life will be held at the home of his brother, Gary, in Idyllwild on Sept. 26, 2010.



### Fire restrictions on the Forest

On July 19, 2010, the U.S. Forest Service issued new and tighter fire restrictions for the San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF). They include the following:

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An approved spark arrester is required for any internal combustion engine. This applies to chainsaws, generators, motorcycles, and off-highway vehicles operated on the National Forest;

Smoking is limited to enclosed vehicles, buildings and developed recreation sites;

A permit is required for welding or operating any torch device with an open flame or for use of any explosive device; and

Fireworks are always prohibited on the SBNF. Tracer, armor piercing, steel core, and Teflon ammunitions are also prohibited, as is discharging a firearm at any exploding target.

SBNF officials also advise travelers to never park on dry brush or grass.

### Mountain Community Patrol seeks members

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

The Patrol provides many services to the community including crowd and parking control at civic events such as the 4th of July and Halloween parades, the Summer Concert Series, the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony; they patrol town on foot and by car to lower local crime; perform business property checks, observe and report suspicious situations to the Sheriff's Department and remove graffiti from the town and surrounding areas.

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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, Aug. 18

**Peter Curtis**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.  
**"Dinner for Schmucks,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Student Recital: Instrumental and Vocal Music**, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

### Thursday, Aug. 19

**Bridge**, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.  
**Barry Lawrence**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.  
**"Dinner for Schmucks,"** 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
**Idyllwild Summer Concert Series: United States Marine Corps Band**, 7 p.m. Idyllwild Community Center Park.  
**Chamberfest Music Faculty Recital**, 8 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

### Friday, Aug. 20

**Children's Center Open House: Multi-Arts**, 2:45 p.m.; **Theatre Production: Sketch Comedy**, 8 p.m. Junior Players Theatre;

**High School Festival Choir & Opera Workshop**, 8 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

**Willy B.**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.  
**Sandii Castleberry, Bill Saitta & Paul Carman**, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.  
**Tribal Rendezvous Belly dancing**, 7 p.m. Café Aroma.  
**"The Other Guys,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.  
**Karaoke**, 8:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone Daddy's,  
**Karaoke or DJ**, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

### Saturday, Aug. 21

**Tribal Rendezvous Festival**, all day; **Evening Gala Show**, 7:30 p.m. Rainbow Inn.  
**David Jerome**, 9 a.m.-noon; **Unwound**, 1-3 p.m.; **Robin Adler & Dave Blackburn**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.  
**Junior Artist Culminations: Comics; Young Writers Workshop; Mixed Media Arts**, 9:30 a.m.; **Shakespeare's World**, 10 a.m.; **Youth/Junior Artists Art Exhibit**, 10 a.m. Parks Exhibition Center; **Youth Acting/Directing for the Camera**, 10 a.m. Ryan Sound Stage; **Fiction Readings**, 10

a.m. Todd Quad; **Youth Dance Culmination**, 10 a.m. Fisher Studio; **Chamberfest Chamber Music**, 10 a.m. Stephens Recital Hall; **Sketch Comedy Performance**, 10:30 a.m. Junior Players Theatre; **Junior Artist Culminations: Musical Theatre**, 11:30 a.m. Children's Center; **High School Festival Choir**, 1 p.m. IAF Theatre; **Chamberfest: Chamber Orchestra**, 8 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

**Junior Naturalist Program: Mapping & Orienteering**, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Nature Center. **"Climbing Tahquitz Rock,"** Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

**Mike Rider**, 1-5 p.m.; **Grand Reopening Celebration with music by The Satellites**, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

**"The Other Guys,"** 2, 4:30, & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.  
**Drum Circle**, 4 p.m. Chakra Shack.

**American Legion Auxiliary Luau**, 5 p.m. dinner; 8 p.m. music & games  
**Sandii Castleberry & Paul Carman**, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba

Mexican Restaurant.

### Sunday, Aug. 22

**Tribal Rendezvous Festival**, all day; **Documentary Film Screening**, 5:30 p.m. Rainbow Inn.  
**Ernesto Alé**, 9 a.m.-noon; **Greg Jones Band with special guest Big T ReRouen**, 1-3 p.m. Skelton Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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

**High School Chamberfest Final Concert**, 1 p.m. IAF Theatre.

**Mike Rider**, 1-5 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

**"The Other Guys,"** 2, 4:30, 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

**Sandii Castleberry**, 5-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

### Monday, Aug. 23

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

**Peter Curtis**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**"The Other Guys,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Tuesday, Aug. 24

**Jazz Night**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.



**Marge Muir, Ellen Anderson, Karen Doshier and Jeri Sue Haney in front of Deanna Collin's Christmas quilt, which she donated to raise funds for this year's Tree Lighting Ceremony. Tickets are available at Muirs Mountain Realty, BBVA bank and in front of the post office. PHOTO BY GRACE REED**

**"The Other Guys,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Wednesday, Aug. 25

**Tom Hynes**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**"The Other Guys,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Thursday, Aug. 26

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

**Bill Saitta**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**"The Other Guys,"** 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

### Friday, Aug. 27

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

**Karma Dogs**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**Karaoke**, 8:30 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone Daddy's.

### Saturday, Aug. 28

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

**Junior Naturalist Program: Microtrek Scavenger Hunt**, 10-

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

**Jerome Robinson**, 1-5 p.m.; **The Satellites**, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

**DJ Tek**, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone Daddy's.

### Sunday, Aug. 29

**Ernesto Ale**, 9 a.m.-noon; **Dan Papaila**, 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.

**Jerome Robinson**, 1-5 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

### Monday, Aug. 30

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

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

### Tuesday, Aug. 31

**Jazz Night**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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# Tribal belly dance comes to Idyllwild

By Carey Powers  
News Intern

Coming to Idyllwild this Friday, Aug. 20 will be a troupe of American Tribal Style (ATS) belly dancers leading a three-day extravaganza of workshops, vending and shows open to the public. Professional dancers Mardi Love, Myra Krien, and Sabrina Fox will be some of the outstanding talents invited to share their wisdom and experienced teaching with all eager participants.

As event coordinator Rachael Gollub explains, "We're bringing dancers to see the beauty of Idyllwild as well as showing Idyllwild the beauty of belly dance and the excitement of well-trained performers."

With 10 years of dance experience, beginning un-

der the elegant guidance of fellow performer Myra Krien, Gollub wants to exhibit for this community the best of the best in ATS belly dance performance, while introducing the concepts and teachings of the SEEDS program, which mentors young women in being strong and responsible individuals who are more comfortable with their bodies and sense of self.

The SEEDS program is spearheaded by Myra Krien, who responded to the intense needs and life issues that were facing young women without the resources or knowledge of good mentorship. Belly dance gets them hooked, but eventually they experience the self-realization that comes with being nurtured and assisted by

driven women in their communities.

"It's a very comprehensive program and touches on all levels of our lives," says Krien. "The girls are completely changed afterwards." Having healthy interaction with young women who may be undergoing the same self-esteem issues and transitional identities gives them a sense of fellowship. One aspect that Gollub loves about belly dance involves the camaraderie, and how it teaches an individual to have both responsibility to and freedom within complex communities.

This translates beautifully into the structure of the dances. ATS identifies itself with group improvisation, which involves cues but is rarely completely choreographed. Nothing about

the dance is homogeneous, but it is also very different from the isolation of solo work. "The whole activity is about paying attention and communicating nonverbally," says Gollub, explaining the connections made between people on-stage, and the unique way it forces young women out of their shells and into a supportive formation.

Dissimilar to ballet, which strictly demands certain body types, belly dance is becoming on everyone, and young women can dance freely without being concerned with self-image. There are a lot of misconceptions about belly dance, but this program unpacks or simply ignores those misconceptions with a healthy outlook and exploration of the body.

When asked what at-

tracted her to belly dance, Gollub mentioned, along with the draw of this type of exoticism, the endeavor to assume another persona, much like an actor's transformative process. As well as functioning expressively within a group setting, belly dance is also about taking on the appearance and grace of another aspect of oneself.

"It's organic, hypnotic, and expressive," Krien said. "Young people just get it and love it."

The Saturday evening performance will feature instruction and entertainment at the Rainbow Inn with dancers Mardi Love, Myra Krien, and Sabrina Fox.

Before touring with the Bellydance Superstars, Love danced with the Urban Tribal Festival for many

years, and is assistant director, choreographer and costumier for the dance company, The Indigo.

Known for her "elegant and graceful presence as well as her stylistic versatility," Krien is an inspirational workshop instructor and daring choreographer.

And finally, Fox, whose parents were both dancers with a Parisian cabaret, is founder and director of the San Diego based tribal fusion dance troupe, Atash Maya Dance Company.

The Saturday show entitled The Tribal Rendezvous Gala and Soirée begins at 7:30 p.m. Visit [www.tribal-rendezvous.org](http://www.tribal-rendezvous.org) to sign up for workshops or purchase \$30 tickets for the show.

Carey Powers can be reached at [carey@towncrier.com](mailto:carey@towncrier.com).

## Haunted Ghost Town seeks volunteers

The Idyllwild Ghost Town committee is looking for people to join its design team for the Ghost Town and Enchanted Forest. Design teams members must willing and able to work on their ideas and projects to completion.

A construction team is also needed, as well as donations of old lumber, window frames, and doors. Any Western props would also be appreciated.

The committee also urgently needs a place to keep an 8' x 40' storage container.

If you can help with any of these things, call Kat Wilson at (951) 659-3228.

## Children's Choir needs funding

The Idyllwild Community Fund has given the Idyllwild Master Chorale (IMC) a partial grant of \$500 to purchase sheet music for a new Children's Choir. "This kind of program, which has flourished in other communities, is innovative for Idyllwild, where children have very few artistic after-school music activities from which to choose," wrote IMC Director Dwight "Buzz" Holmes.

To fully fund the choir this year, IMC needs to raise \$8,000. Anyone wishing to help may call Holmes at 659-2650 or make a contribution at [www.idyllwildmasterchorale.com](http://www.idyllwildmasterchorale.com). All contributions are tax-deductible.



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## SUMMER CONCERTS

As usual, **Lisa Haley** (center) and her Zydekats, including **Gigi Rabe** on accordion, and **Andy Anders** entertained the crowd last week at the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series performance.

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While you are shopping at the Market Place, take some time to enjoy a hamburger or hot dog with all the fixings for a reasonable price at the Coyote Grill Patio area.

Looking forward to seeing you here at our wonderful preserve!



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*Youth/Junior Artists Art Exhibit.*  
10 AM, Parks Exhibition Center.

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### Saturday, August 21 continued

*Youth Acting/Directing for the Camera.*  
10 AM, Ryan Sound Stage.

*Fiction Readings.* 10 AM, Todd Quad.

*Youth Dance Culmination.* 10 AM, Fisher Studio.

*Chamberfest Chamber Music.*  
10 AM, Stephens Recital Hall.

*Sketch Comedy Performance.*  
10:30 AM, Junior Players Theatre.

*High School Festival Choir.* 1 PM, IAF Theatre.

*Chamberfest: Chamber Orchestra.*  
8 PM, IAF Theatre.

### Sunday, August 22

*High School Chamberfest Final Concert.*  
1 PM, IAF Theatre.

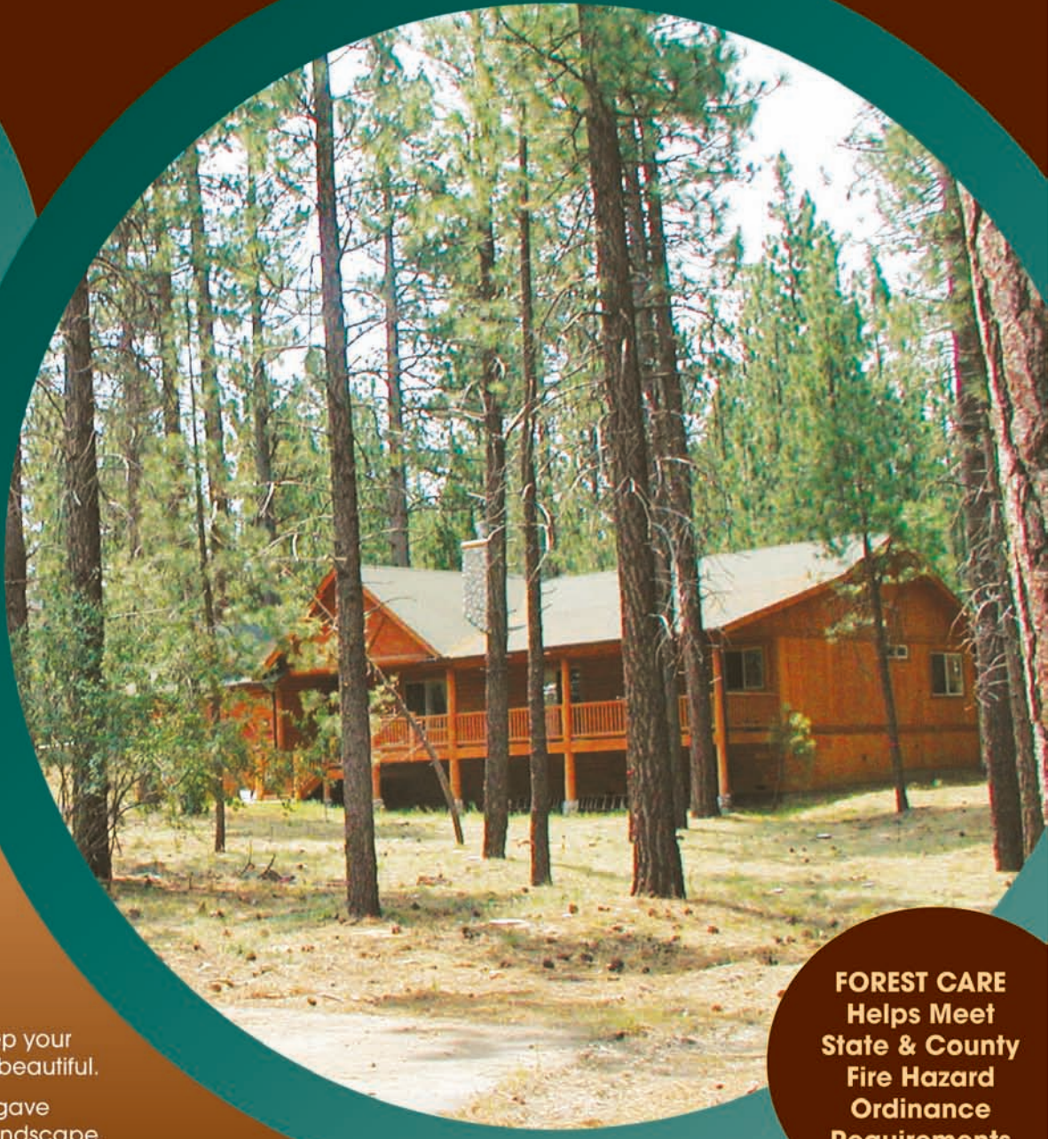
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# MAST is more than tree removal

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Several new projects involving not simply fighting fires or tree removal, highlighted the Wednesday, Aug. 11, Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST) meeting. Dead and dying tree removal as well as construction and maintenance of fuel breaks remain a high priority of the public safety agencies.

But attendees heard about groundbreaking research on wood chip flammability, a long-awaited pallet mill in Beaumont, renewal of the grinding site contract and the potential implications of state legislation on abate-

ment of property adjacent to public lands.

Almost every fuels reduction project results in the production of wood chips of various sizes. These are often spread out on the forest floor or saved and distributed to local residents to mitigate soil erosion and aid ground moisture.

"But there is little information on the ignition and flammability of wood chips," said Kevin Turner, retired CalFire Pre-fire management division chief.

The study's purpose is to examine the effect of wood chips on possible fire ignitions and fire strength. According to Turner, the variables being studied in-

clude chip depth, the chips' parent material (e.g., conifer, manzanita or brush), particle size, flame length if ignited and length of time until the chip decomposes. The research is being conducted at the Forest Service's Riverside Fire laboratory.

Closer to the Hill, Riverside County Waste Management Department (RCWMD) is in the process of rebidding the existing contract for management of the grinding site on Highway 243, south of Saunders Meadow Road. Interested parties were invited to visit the site on Thursday to ask questions before submitting their proposal.

The request for a pro-

posal was sent to 21 vendors and bids close on Aug. 23, according to Melanie Gerber, RCWMD.

On behalf of the other MAST agencies, Turner expressed his gratitude to Gerber for RCWMD's willingness to keep the site open and to work with the Forest Service and CalFire to find additional uses for the grinding products.

During the bark beetle infestation, the county had funds to make a grant to establish a pallet mill near the base of the Hill. Its purpose would be to generate a market for many of the removed trees, thus reducing the project cost for the property owner or agency.

Turner announced that, after several years, the mill is just about completed and is beginning to solicit trees or logs, at least eight feet long, or of even length multiples.

CalFire Chief Bill Weiser

shared California government code section 51182, which authorizes private property owners abutting public land to extend their 100-foot compliance onto the public land.

*See Mast, page 26*

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# ICRC presents recreation plan

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

On Thursday evening, Aug. 12, County Service Area 36 Advisory Committee and the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC) were scheduled to hold their second joint meeting. Unfortunately, the absence of member Holly Maag meant Chairman Steve Kunkle's and fellow member Mike Freitas' presence were not a quorum and the committee could take no action.

The two CSA members remained to listen to Recreation Director Bob Lewis present ICRC's "Comprehensive Community Recreation Plan". The high points were the elucidation of ICRC's mission, "to enhance the vitality of our community by promoting healthy lifestyles and enriching the area's unique character with exceptional recreation services."

Lewis also outlined seven values, which will guide ICRC in its production of

the recreation services.

The majority of Lewis' presentation was a description of the current recreation program and how ICRC envisions its expansion in the future. The presentation divided the community into four groups: youth, teens, adults and seniors. Of course, many activities overlapped one or more groups.

Many of the future programs include new sports or activities such as master volleyball, bingo, horseshoe tournaments, hiking club, women's softball league and adult dances.

But capital investments are a significant part of future program expansion. For example, the addition of lights around the athletic field at Idyllwild School would extend its availability, especially in the spring and fall.

Lewis also described the possibility of installing a lighting and sound system at Town Hall to improve

theater productions. This proposal signals a new community center on ICRC's Idyllwild Community Center land is much in the future. ICRC chair John Simpson later said the start of any building construction is at least two years away.

Reinforcing this point was the discussion that the next project for the park will be a playground. Board members Dawn Sonnier and Emily White and recreation Assistant Director Claudia Posey, have been discussing the prospects of a new playground and soliciting contributions.

Nearly \$10,000 has been raised already, according to Sonnier. The goal is \$150,000, of which they hope to raise a large share from selling pickets carved with family names for a fence around the playground.

They hope to sell 400 pickets for \$100 each, raising \$40,000 for the project. In addition, they are contacting

community businesses for donations, starting at \$500, for the Squirrel level and increasing to an unspecified Mountain Lion level.

In other business, Chris Singer, former ICRC chair and owner of Silver Pines and Creekstone Inns, said she was unsuccessful soliciting 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone's office for money to underwrite the ICRC Speaker Series.

The county budget crisis has resulted in a 50-percent reduction in discretionary funds supervisors have for projects throughout their districts. Stone had reserved money for several other Idyllwild projects before Singer made her request.

These included money for the Mountain Community Fire Safe Council's wood chipper and mobile computer equipment for Idyllwild Fire Department's emergency responses.

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## President's message

Greetings! We hope your summer is going well and that you are enjoying the many activities provided in Idyllwild. The mountain is full of music — the summer concerts, jazz festival, and musicians playing at local venues day and night. If you enjoy music, we have another concert coming up this Saturday, Aug. 21st — Mark Connors. Mark has a special place in his heart for the HELP Center, and is again doing a fundraiser for the Children's Fund. He is a high-energy guy and fully entertaining. You won't want to miss this! So come

on over to Buckhorn Camp this Saturday night, 7 p.m. Adults admission is \$10; kids under 12, \$5. We always appreciate individuals and groups that give of their time, energy, and funds to make a successful event. So, please come out and support this, as ALL proceeds go to the HELP Center's Children's Fund. It's a challenge to keep a little non-profit going, especially as the number of clients increases. Let's all pull together to help those in need. Thank you.

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## PCPOA

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the far journey into town, most significantly during winter, when many residents are snowbound or are reticent to drive, the elderly and the retired may not receive important mail such as retirement checks or bills. Gates acknowledged the problem and said two keys would be issued to each resident. The second could be used by a friend or neighbor with transportation.

The second concern was the impact 200 more cars would have on the available parking outside the Idyllwild Post Office and at surrounding businesses. As Padula wrote in her letter, the post office shares the parking lot with "a pharmacy, hairdresser, pizza parlor, deli shop, video and health food store, dance studio and fitness facilities."

Aly, the market's new owner, recognized that the market may also be in dire straits due to the closure of the Pine Cove Post Office. At the meeting, when

confronted with the possibility, he sadly nodded his head in realization. Though he is willing to take over the post office, the Postal Service, again due to steep budget cuts, will not renew the contract.

Gates, in a separate interview, said that the Idyllwild Post Office is also a strong place for community-building.

"I hope that the community [at Pine Cove] continues here," she said.

Along with ensuring no new changes of address, Gates will, on Aug. 25, be issuing keys at a special table inside the Idyllwild Post Office.

"It's all about the money," PCPOA member Sallie Warwick repeatedly said, "and the fact remains that we don't have a contract."

Padula, visibly unsatisfied with the abundance of rumors and lack of government communication, resoundingly concluded, "We've done as much as we can do."

Carey Powers can be reached at [carey@towncrier.com](mailto:carey@towncrier.com).

## Celebrate Recovery in Mountain Center

A Christ-centered, 12-step addiction recovery program called Celebrate Recovery meets twice a week at the grounds of the former Morning Sky School in Mountain Center.

On Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. there is a 12-Step Study meeting. Fridays the group meets from 6 to 7 p.m. for a barbecue, followed by a 7 to 9 p.m. Open Share meeting.

Celebrate Recovery began as a Saddleback Church program, and has now expanded nationwide. The Mountain Center meetings are sponsored by Chapel in the Pines. For more information, call Pastor Wally Boer at 659-0097.

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## PCWD

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Affiliate Engineer William King, he agreed Verizon would pay the requested amount and payment should arrive in "several" weeks.

In other business, PCWD will investigate proposals from a number of solar companies to create a solar power project for the District office complex. According to PCWD's Vicki Jakubac, district office assistant and conservation specialist, the project could supply 50 to 70 percent of the district office's electric use. Jakubac also mentioned that rebates and grants might be available from the California Solar Initiative and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Board President Tom Mc-

Cullough stressed that the board's approval would depend upon a clear analysis that the District's power costs would decrease. Director Mike Esnard said, "I look forward to seeing the numbers." Jakubac will continue to collect information for presentation to the board.

General Manager Jerry Holldber reported July 2010 well production was nearly 625,000 gallons less than July 2009. In an anomaly, the level of static well number 10 continued to rise, up three feet from last month. "The trend is usually that well levels would begin dropping at this point in the year," he said. "It must have been drier and hotter last year."

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On Friday, Aug. 6, Idyllwild's Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting with new business Little Chef in the Forest and their employees. From the Left, Mimi Lamp, chamber president, Amanda Figueroa, Gina Flores, Little Chef owner, Daniel Sheppard, Raurie D'arrigo, Hannah Woods, Dave Craddock, Franco Antonio Cacho, Lisa Subish, Richard Clark, Rey Flores and Richmond Blake, chamber vice president.

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# SPORTS

## Town Hall sports

**Bob Lewis** had this report on Town Hall adult coed softball:

Monday, Aug. 9, Pacific Slope met Whitman Physical Therapy More Cowbell. **Matt McDonald** pitched great with a couple of strikeouts and had a couple hits for More Cowbell. **Ryan Righetti** also pitched a great game and ripped a double and a single for Pacific Slope. They beat More Cowbell 10-4.

On Tuesday, Aug. 10, the Meatballs hosted Ajax. **Art Torrez**, a good defensive third baseman, contributed a couple base hits for Ajax. **Julie Fogle** patrolled right field and got on base twice for the Meatballs, but Ajax overpowered the Meatball by the score of 11-5.

The next day, Aug. 11, Creekstone Inn entertained Pacific Slope, who jumped to an early 2-0 lead thanks to **Ben Nysse's** hitting and aggressive base running. Creekstone came back behind **Brian Kretzinger's** key hits and beat Pacific Slope 7-5.

The regular season ended Thursday, Aug. 12. The Meatballs played Forest Lumber. What began as a close contest ended when the Meatballs rolled past Forest Lumber 14-3. Lumber's **Shane Fender** had the early hits, but Forest Lumber's pitcher **Meghan Carey** took a gamble and walked a batter. This loaded the bases for the Meatball's **Kylie Kenyon** and she delivered a triple.

	Wins	Losses
Creekstone Inn	9	1
Pacific Slope	6	4
Café Aroma Meatballs	6	4
Ajax	6	4
Forest Lumber	3	7
Whitman Physical Therapy Cowbells	0	10

With only 4 teams eligible for the playoffs, which start on Monday, the tiebreaker for a three way tie is the least amount of runs given up for the whole season. This team gets the lower seeding. Meatballs gave up 58 runs; Pacific Slope gave up 75 runs and Ajax gave up 79 runs.

Playoffs:  
Ajax vs Creekstone Inn  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday (if necessary)

Pacific Slope vs Meatballs  
Tuesday, Thursday, Monday Aug. 23 (if necessary)

All games start at 5:30 at the Idyllwild Elementary School.

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.



Monday evening, **Fred Espinosa's** pitching helped Ajax take the first game of their three-game playoff with Creekstone Inn.

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Creekstone Inn's left fielder, **Brian Kretzinger**, went to the fence for the catch during Monday's playoff game. Ajax won the game 9-6.

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## Steele continues to gain

BY JACK CLARK  
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele continues to climb the ladder on the Nationwide Tour money list. Last week, competing in the Price Cutter Charity Championship on the Highland Springs Country Club course in Springfield, Mo., Steele notched his eighth top-20 finish. This was his fifth consecutive high finish and also the eighth consecutive tournament in which he made the cut and advanced to weekend play.

The Idyllwild native carded four sub-par rounds (69-68-66-70) for a tournament total of 273. He took advantage of drives averaging more than 303 yards, and needed fewer than 1.7 putts per green in regulation.

His improvement resulted in a 16th place tie, earning him more than \$9,000. Steele currently stands in 38th place on the Nationwide Tour money list and is barely more than \$20,000 behind the player in 25th position.

The players known as "The 25"—that is, the top 25 players in the final standing on the Nationwide Tour money list this year—will receive cards permitting them to play on the PGA Tour next season. There are a total of nine tournaments remaining this year for players in quest of inclusion in The 25.

The next stop on the tour will be Aug. 26 to 29 in Farragut, Tenn. Then, the \$500,000 Knoxville News Sentinel Open will be played on the Fox Den Country Club course and the winner's purse will be worth \$94,500.

## Dog tag increase

BY J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Riverside County Supervisors approved increases in dog license fees at their Aug. 10 board meeting. The new fees are effective Oct. 1.

The license fee for an altered dog will be \$16, double the previous \$8 cost. For an unaltered dog, the license fee also doubled from \$50 to \$100.

The county granted dog breeders a special rate of \$65 for unaltered dogs. Breeders must demonstrate both exceptional care and breeding of the dog.

"These are believed to be the first changes in the county's dog license charges in more than a decade," said Robert Miller, director of the county's Animal Services Department.

The special fee for breeders means these owners are less likely to create a need for Animal Services. They routinely vaccinate their animals, employ a microchip for tracking and use ID tags, according to Miller.

Fees for spaying or neutering cats or dogs will also increase. For cats, the charge will be \$40, a \$5 increase. For dogs, the new fee will be \$85, a \$10 increase.

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## Chamber

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understanding was that whoever was to win was to provide materials and transport as part of the \$15,000 award," he said. "Bill [Triplett, then serving Chamber President] came to our committee and said 'I think there is a tree available,' but we did not believe we had a duty under contract to provide it. I know from subsequent conversations that David believed there was a promised tree. That's why I didn't care if the October date [for completion] was met or not."

Roy stated he moved ahead after not getting a

tree from the Chamber because, as an artist, he wanted to pursue his vision and thought he could overcome the difficulties.

Roy prefers to have his carving moved to the Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) site where it could be partially shaded and last longer. "I don't see how it [his Monument] could survive there [on the Idyllwild Inn site] in direct sunlight," Roy protested. But John Simpson, Idyllwild Community Recreation Council president, said, "It is not an option to have it at the ICC site. The board decided against that option."

The Chamber board quickly moved, with Roy's acquiescence, and with the

help of a logistical committee composed of Mike Pearson and Brent Miller, to determine within the next week how Roy's Monument can be moved to the site of the original Monument, how it can be seated on the site, what the cost to move it will be and all other tactical issues involved. If the logistical problems can be solved, the plan is to move it within the next month.

Left unanswered at the meeting's end is whether Roy will finish the monument after it is moved, whether the Chamber has any obligation to pay him the contract balance of \$4,000 if he doesn't finish the monument (the contract calls for the balance to be paid when the

monument is finished and installed at the Village Center Drive site), and whether the Chamber will help defray the costs of the move. Roy indicated he would maintain the monument for a year after installation as required by contract. Roy also stated he has at least one other option — an offer from a private party to buy the Monument, effectively reimbursing the Chamber for its \$11,000 outlay. Brent Miller, in a subsequent meeting with Roy, Pearson, and Caine after the Chamber's adjournment, offered to explore still another option Roy found attractive.

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# Water released from the ballot

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Proposition 18, the \$11 billion water bond, has been removed from the November 2010 ballot. In a rare agreement, the California Legislature met the two-third members vote and agreed with Governor Schwarzenegger's request to drop the bond. In this economic climate, he did not believe the \$11 billion bond measure would pass.

Measure opponents, notably Senate Democrat Lois Wolk (SD 5), who represents the Sacramento Delta region, an area greatly affected by the measure, hoped the bill would remain on the ballot and be ultimately defeated.

Instead, the governor's position prevailed. Commentators doubt the measure will

stand any better chance in 2012, since both Republicans and Democrats find different aspects of the bill to oppose. Republicans are uncomfortable with further deficit spending and Democrats with environmental aspects of the measure. The bond measure raises questions over the efficacy of dam construction and a possible peripheral canal to draw water from the delta and transport it to urban areas.

If a catastrophic drought occurs prior to 2012, the bill could get some heft from an emergency declaration. Also, the delay affords the Legislature time to trim the so-called "pork," leaving real necessities.

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### 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.

### HUSD registering new students

Hemet Unified School District is currently registering all students in grades K-12, new to the district, for the 2010-11 school year. Its Centralized Registration Office, located at 2085 W. Acacia Avenue in Hemet, will be open all summer and parents are encouraged to complete the registration process early. School will start on Aug. 23, 2010. Call (951) 765-5100 ext. 3580 for additional information.

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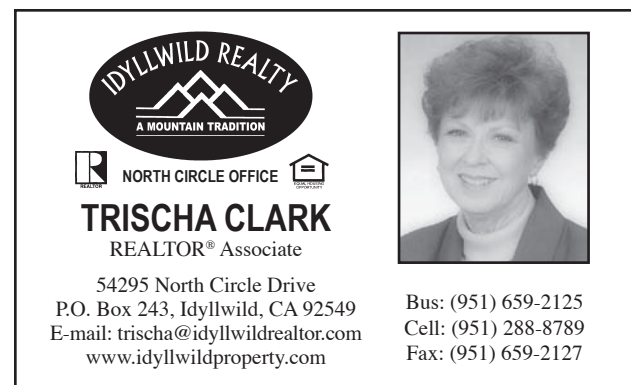


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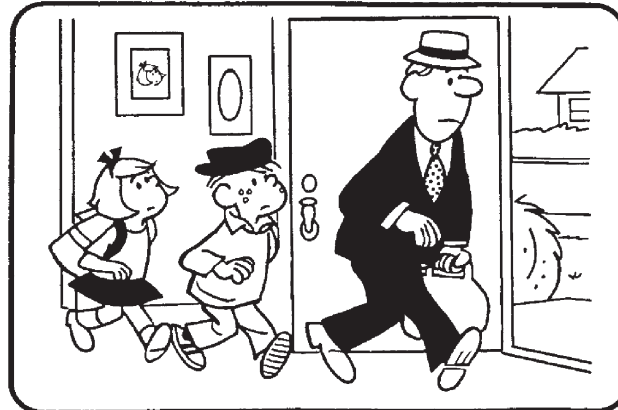
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Answers to Crossword  
(Puzzle on next page)

## IT'S DIFFERENT



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. The is dotted. 2. Window on door is gone. 3. Picture on wall has been changed. 4. Man's briefcase is different. 5. Boy's books are gone. 6. Backpack strap is black.

### Services



**Josh & Noah Whitney**  
(951) 659-2596

### Complete Tree Care

Trimming & Removal  
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## Locksmith

951-415-3530

Scott Corbett

Locksmith

Ca. Lic. # Loc 10957

Weekends  
OK

### Certified Massage Therapist

10 years of experience,  
part-time in Idyllwild.  
Call for details, Alberto  
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## Ask about our YARD SALE KITS!

Each kit contains:

- 3 All-Weather Yard Sale Signs 11x14" (Bright Pink, Glossy, Thick)
- 275 Fluorescent Pre-Priced Labels
- Pre-Sale Checklist
- Sales Record Form

Stop by the Town Crier  
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# Labor Day Weekend Yard Sale Bargain!

**For just \$20.00, you get 2 weeks of  
Advertising, Yard Sale Signs and Map!**

Town Crier • 54295 Village Center Dr. • 659-2145  
Deadline: Noon Monday, Aug. 23, 2010

- Classified ad runs in the Aug. 26 & Sept. 2 issues
- Maximum words: 25
- You get 9 brightly colored signs (including six fat arrows) to direct people to your house.
- Ad will also appear on the Town Crier's Web site for 2 weeks (www.towncrier.com)
- A listing on the Yard Sale Map!

Offer applies to classified line ads only. No refunds if canceled after first run.



# Classifieds

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## Services

### Top Hat Chimney Sweeping



An Idyllwild Tradition. Call today to beat the winter rush. Evening/weekend appts. Free inspections; and no mess. **951-659-4800**

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

### Handyman Service

Abatement, home repair & general maintenance, garage cleanup, painting, window washing, etc. Call Gilbert (760) 828-7254 or **(951) 659-3584** or [chileanhandyman@yahoo.com](mailto:chileanhandyman@yahoo.com)

## For Sale

**Utility trailer, 4x8 feet.** All wood. Needs some work. New tires. \$225 OBO. 951-663-2480.

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

## For Sale

**Espinoza Firewood**  
Orange  
Eucalyptus  
Avocado  
Oak  
(951)  
**487-8508**

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

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

**Toddler bed w/mattress, sheets, comforter, \$75. Extra crib mattress, sheets, comforter, \$30. All terrain stroller, Bob, \$50. 659-5856.**

**2006 Travel Trailer, 27' Mallard, large slide.** See at 26500 Hwy 243, Idyllwild. \$7,900. 929-681-6818.

## For Sale

**FREE wood bunkbeds.** 659-3746.

**2005 Toro Groundsmaster** 3280-D, diesel mower. Asking \$2900, nice, clean, low hours. Contact me at [cert74t@msn.com](mailto:cert74t@msn.com) or 562-546-1213.

### FREE CLASSIFIED

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

## Yard Sale

**Estate Sale, Sat. & Sun., Aug 21-22.** Tools, chipper, cement mixer, sink, misc. wood, lots of good stuff. 27155 Golden Rod Rd. off Saunders Meadow near dump.

**Moving Sale: Fri.-Sat. 8/20-21, 8A-3P.** Fridge, sleeper sofa, end tables, student desk, camping equip., misc. home & yard tools, children's books, bedding, women's clothing. 53335 Marian View (past Lake)

## Yard Sale

**2 weekends, August 14-15 & August 28-29, 8A-3P** Loads of Odds n' Ends. 52660 Sylvan Way, Pine Cove.

## Auctions

**ARCADE AND PINBALL AUCTION** Saturday, August 21 at 9 a.m. Colton Piano Warehouse, 1405 West Valley Blvd., Colton, California. Info 714-535-7000. [www.SuperAuctions.Com](http://www.SuperAuctions.Com) (Cal-SCAN)

**BANK OWNED HOMES** For Sale including properties in this area. Now is the time! The market, interest rates and opportunities could not be better. New Properties Added Daily! Bid Now Online: [www.OnlineBidNow.com](http://www.OnlineBidNow.com) Hudson & Marshall, 1-866-539-4174. (Cal-SCAN)

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## Automotive

**2002 Subaru Forester,** \$6,000. Runs great, one owner. 951-659-2253.

**1999 Chevy S10,** longbed truck with camper shell. One owner, runs good. \$2,900. 951-659-2253.

**WE'RE REBUILDING AMERICA.** Any CAR. Any Credit. Minimum Down Payment Required. CALL NOW. 800-814-8867. (Cal-SCAN)

## Autos Wanted

**A CAR DONATION HELPING SICK KIDS!** Donate Your Car to SONGS OF LOVE and make a sick child smile! Featured on NBC (TODAY SHOW), CNN. Tax-deductible, all vehicle conditions accepted. [www.SongsofLove.org](http://www.SongsofLove.org) 888-909-SONG (7664). (Cal-SCAN)

## Autos Wanted

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

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

## Mobile Homes

**Royal Pines,** 26350 Delano Dr. Completely remodeled. Space #25, 3 BR, 1-1/2 BA, unfurnished. See Todd Space #24 or call (760) 666-2439 or see manager.

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# HOROSCOPE

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) This could be the time to try soothing whatever bad feelings might be lingering 'twixt and among colleagues, friends or family members. But be sure you do so without favoring any side.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) An idea is only an idea until you put that clever Bovine mind to work to develop it from concept to substance. This could lead to something rewarding, both emotionally and monetarily.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The early part of the week could have some disconcerting moments, but approaching them with a calm, unruffled attitude goes a long way toward helping to get things nicely settled down.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Getting used to change continues to mark much of the week. But accepting what you have to do makes adapting that much easier. A welcome visitor could turn up sooner than expected.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Learning how to live with a decision is a challenge, but one you Leos and Leonas could really enjoy. You'll also be pleased to see your social life take that upsurge you've been hoping for.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Use your perceptive Virgo instinct to help you see the positive aspects of what, at first, appears to be a disappointment. You could find that it proves to be quite the contrary.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your ability to maintain a balance between sense and sentiment once again helps you sort through apparently conflicting choices and ultimately arrive at the right decision.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Before you seek the advice of colleagues about a potential career move, you might be better off getting counsel from someone who won't be affected by the choices you make.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) It can be a challenging week for some relationships if the normal give-and-take flow changes with one side doing most of the giving and the other the taking.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A new opportunity could bring with it much anticipation along with some anxiety. Take time to sort out your options as well as your emotional considerations.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Are you sure you have all the facts you need to let that matter move to another level? Don't be rushed into a decision unless and until you feel it's the right thing to do.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Pace yourself as you prepare to take on that more demanding project. Be careful not to let your energy reserves drain away. Take time to relax with people close to you.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have the ability to see both sides of a situation. You would do well as a counselor or a judge.

# CROSSWORD

(Answers on previous page)

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### ACROSS

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- 5 Stinging insect
- 9 Police officer
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- 13 Cake topper
- 14 Sapporo sash
- 15 Group with a job
- 17 Swab the decks
- 18 Picnic invaders
- 19 Hamstrings
- 21 Doesn't have
- 24 Staffer
- 25 Lotion additive
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- 49 Neighborhood
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- 2 Id counterpart
- 3 Shady tree
- 4 Unoriginal movie?
- 5 Skater
- 6 Performances
- 7 Witness
- 8 Earlier bouts
- 9 Began
- 10 Reed instrument
- 11 Gladys Knight's backup
- 16 - and outs
- 20 Commotion
- 21 Secular
- 22 As well
- 23 Shock troops
- 24 U.S.
- 26 Censor of old Rome
- 27 Inseparable
- 28 Green land
- 29 Reason for a tarp
- 31 Rodgers & Hammerstein creation
- 34 Gasoline stat
- 35 Gave a bad review to
- 37 Romanian money
- 38 Go belly up
- 39 Destroy
- 40 Portent
- 41 Opening day?
- 44 Raw rock
- 45 Anger
- 46 Sardine container
- 47 "Absolutely"

# SUDOKU

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# Monument contract dispute possible resolution

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

A contractual disagreement stands at the center of the completion of the Tree Monument designated for Idyllwild's town center. In May 2007, the Chamber of Commerce and local wood carver David Roy, winner of the monument replacement competition, signed a contract worth \$15,000.

Roy was to have completed and installed the monument

by October 31, 2007 at the site of the prior monument on Village Center Drive. Roy stated, in a Sunday, Aug. 15 interview, he is willing to end the standoff.

The new monument is still not completed. The reason, Roy maintains, is the Chamber promised to provide him a tree to carve, and that failure led to the delay. Neither the contract Roy signed with the Chamber on May 15, 2007 nor Roy's April 6, 2007 contest submission proposal

made such a provision. Contest guidelines referenced no such Chamber duty.

Two previous Chamber presidents (Bill Triplett and Geoffrey Caine), a previous director (Joe McNabb) and the Chamber secretary present during contract negotiations (Andrea Cunningham) deny any such promise was made. Roy also stated Josh Whitney of Pacific Slope Tree Company was to have supplied him a tree at no charge by agreement with the

Chamber. Whitney denies any such arrangement was ever in place.

However, from information that came out at Monday's Chamber meeting (see story on page 1) it appears Roy could have reasonably believed that the Chamber had agreed or arranged to supply a tree.

Triplett said he clearly explained the contract to Roy prior to his signing and there should have been no misunderstanding. "David

had talked to me many times prior to the "Monument Contest" about his desire to carve a monument replacement and his willingness to do it at no cost," said Triplett. "As a result, I fully expected to have a new monument at the original site as stated in the contest guidelines and the contract signed by David Roy. I certainly never expected the ride the Chamber and the town has been taken on."

"I had no idea that the current standoff would take

place, or that David had any intention other than to replace the old monument [at the agreed site by the date promised]," said Caine. "There was never an agreement on a tree," said McNabb. "As the years went by, I tried to negotiate with him [to finish his commission]. It went from worse to worse."

Roy is now willing to allow his carving to be moved to the Village Center site at the earliest opportunity. He [See Monumnet, page 26](#)

## Letters

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haps, it's the sale of meaningless tokens offering an intangible part of a dream of Idyllwild. Maybe, it's the sale of food not marked up five, 10, 25 or 50 percent but 300 or 400 percent because we call it special, manipulating relationships to compel the sale.

We call them town benefactors, or grand marshals, and ask them to manage our tax dollars. Wake up folks! They manage your water, recreation, fire protection and general

quality of life, too.

I have to wonder whether too much power is found within the central business district, given that the majority of the tax base is found elsewhere.

JEFF SMITH  
PINE COVE

## Our Strawberry Creek Plaza

EDITOR:

In the "Town talk" of Aug. 5, 2010, the question was asked: "What could we do to make Idyllwild a cleaner place?"

All respondents agreed that our town is generally clean, and two of them said they will even pick up after others. Another one said it is a question of educating people by setting the right example.

If I may share a concern that many residents have privately voiced over the years, regarding our shopping plaza: Its islands look unkempt and neglected. The four lamp-posts have their other halves missing, one with its wire dangling. Another lamppost is out and hidden by an overgrown pine tree, which,

incidentally, has a large dead branch through the lamppost. There are weeds and occasional trash. On several occasions, members of the Garden Club, including myself, have picked up trash, abated weeds and planted daffodil bulbs. It is a truism that people will pitch in when a legitimate need arises.

It occurred to me that someone ought to be responsible for the clean appearance of these unsightly islands. (Some of the merchants do a wonderful job of keeping their store fronts clean and attractive). I was told that the

plaza is co-owned by three people.

Here is one suggestion to remedy the problem: A person could be employed for one to two hours a week to pick up trash and get rid of weeds and other debris. For a bigger item, like an overgrown bush or a dead branch, he would alert the owners so that corrective action could be taken immediately.

Our little town is indeed attracting the tourist and the visitor alike with a new welcome sign at the town's entrance, its festivals, summer concerts, the Idyllwild Master

Chorale, Idyllwild Arts Academy, art galleries, stores with beautiful merchandise (whose occupants lovingly tend their storefronts and mini-gardens). And let us not forget the amazing army of selfless and enthusiastic volunteers who contribute so much to our community's projects.

In short, it would be helpful to have our shopping plaza reflect the same beauty and artistry that our community is striving for. To our plaza's co-owners: Would you please join us in our efforts?

DANIEL SUIFFET  
IDYLLWILD

## Public Notices

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### CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk

By: A. Garrett, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 29, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 2010.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as JEAN'S TIME FOR TEACHERS, 24769 Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 723, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JEAN ANN WAGGONER, 24769 Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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

Signed:

JEAN ANN WAGGONER

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

FILE NO.:

R-2010-06795

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JUNE 22, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JUNE 22, 2015. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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

LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk

By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy

Pub. TC: July 1, 8, 15, 22, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as

THE LEMON LILY, 26824 Crestview Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 579, Idyllwild, CA 92549. SHAWNA ROCHELLE GUSTIN and MELISSA JANE CARVER-DAVIS, 26824 Crestview Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on July 17, 2010.

Signed:

MELISSA JANE CARVER-DAVIS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 28, 2010.

FILE NO.:

I-2010-02017

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JULY 28, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JULY 28, 2015. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

### CERTIFICATION

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk

By: A. Tengco, Deputy

Pub. TC: Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SWEETIMATES, 36387 Mimosa Tree Road, Winchester, CA 92596, Riverside County. GERALIN GERON REYES and DWAYNE ALBANO REYES, 36387 Mimosa Tree Road, Winchester, CA 92596.

This business is conducted by Husband & Wife.

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

Signed:

GERALIN G. REYES

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on July 29, 2010.

FILE NO.:

R-2010-08231

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JULY 29, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JULY 29, 2015. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

### CERTIFICATION

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk

By: N. Garrett, Deputy

Pub. TC: Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2010.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Riverside County Waste Management Department invites you to submit a proposal for the following services:

Equipment, Staffing, and operation of a Facility at the Old Idyllwild Dump Site for the Processing of Debris Which May Include Logs, Brush, Trees, Pine Needles and/or Residential Greenwaste

Request For Proposal: WMARC-155

Bid Issue Date: August 5, 2010

Closing Date: August 23, 2010 at 1:30 p.m.

Non-Mandatory Bidders Meeting: August 12, 2010.

Grinding Facility, located on Highway 243, 1 mile south of Saunders Meadows Road. Time: 10:00 AM

You can access the Request for Proposal and any subsequent Addendums on the Riverside County website located at: <http://www.purchasing.co.riverside.ca.us> (under current open bids).

Pub. TC: Aug. 12, 19, 2010.

### RIC10015137

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

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

PETITION OF LEEANN KAMMOURIEH FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: LEEANN KAMMOURIEH filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: LEEANN KAMMOURIEH changed to Proposed name: LEEANNA VAMP KAMMOURIEH

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 9-17-10 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 3  
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: Aug. 6, 2010

Gloria E. Trask

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Aug. 12, 19, 26, Sept. 2, 2010.

### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as FRONTLINE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, 790 Beaumont Avenue, #124, Beaumont, CA 92223, Riverside County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 40, Beaumont, CA 92223. THE VALRON SYNDICATE, 790 Beaumont Avenue, #124, Beaumont, CA 92223, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in 2002.

Signed:

RUDY ALLEN FLORES

CFO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Aug. 3, 2010.

FILE NO.:

R-2010-08356

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON AUG. 3, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO AUG. 3, 2015. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

### CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk

By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy

Pub. TC: Aug. 12, 19, 26, Sept. 2, 2010.

### LIEN SALE

CIVIL CODE 3071 & 3072

On 8-31-10 at 37701 Warren Rd., Winchester, CA 92596 a Lien Sale will be held on a KOMF vehicle, VIN: 1K52KTR26S1014631, NV Lic#: 64656K; and a TIOGA vehicle, VIN: CGR3380139825, CA Lic#: 779ZOA at 10:00 a.m.

Pub. TC: Aug. 19, 2010.

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: Aug. 12, 2010.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Name of the Applicant is:

NSOM AMERICA, INC

The applicants listed above are applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:

61765 HWY 74

ANZA, CA 92539

Type of license Applied for:

41 - ON-SALE BEER & WINE

EATING PLACE

Pub. TC: Aug. 19, 2010.

### LEGAL NOTICE

30 Day Comment Period for Rouse Grazing Allotment Project  
USDA Forest Service  
San Bernardino National Forest  
San Jacinto Ranger District  
Opportunity to Comment on Rouse Grazing Allotment Project.

The Forest Service, San Bernardino National Forest, San Jacinto Ranger District proposes as the Rouse allotment to authorize grazing intensity of up to 300 Head Months.

Management is based on resource conditions, flexible numbers and seasonal livestock use. The AMP will be made part of the terms and conditions of future permits and operating plans issued for grazing on the allotment. The administrative boundary for the Rouse allotment will be changed to exclude Lion and Bautista Canyons, which better reflects actual grazing pressure. The new boundary changes the Rouse Allotment to approximately 13,953 acres. The project occurs within portions of Township 5 South, Range 1 East, Sections 13, 24, 25, 36; Township 5 South, Range 2 East, Sections 18-20, 28-34; Township 6 South, Range 2 East, Sections 2-18,

20-28, 34-36; Township 6 South, Range 3 East, Sections 7, 18-21, 27-30, 33-35; Township 7 South, Range 3 East, Section 3. A draft Environmental Assessment detailing the proposal is available for review at [http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/project\\_list.php?forest=110512](http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/project_list.php?forest=110512). Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Tom Hall, NEPA Planner; 602 S. Tippecanoe Ave, San Bernardino, CA 92408; 909-382-2905; thall@fs.fed.us.

This comment period is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. Those who provide comments or otherwise express interest in the proposal by the close of the comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR part 215 regulations.

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Wieser indicated that state agencies are discussing their responsibility to conduct their own abatement if private property owners have authority to abate public lands. But the agencies are also concerned about how and to what extent they must grant private owner access to their land.

In project news, Hal Carey, San Jacinto Ranger district forester, announced that two large projects were completed, and planning had already started on new projects. In addition, maintenance of the Idyllwild fuel break has begun.

Battalion Chief Chris Fogle described work on the Indian fuel break and other projects in or near

the North Fork drainage. "People don't realize the importance of these fuel breaks to the overall safety [of the Hill]," said CalFire Riverside Unit Chief John Hawkins. "These [projects] are keeping MAST's inertia moving forward."

The Bureau of Land Management is working and planning more projects in the Snow Creek and Poppet Flat areas, according to James Gannon.

Finally, Mike Esnard, Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council president, reported that they would soon begin abatement work in the Anza area. These projects were enabled through an agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Riverside County Fire, according to Turner.

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**Monument**

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maintains his carving, as it stands, is worth the \$11,000 already paid to him by the Chamber, and that the Chamber could have it as is.

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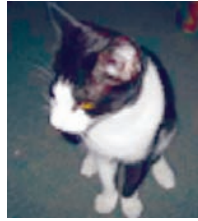
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## 50 years ago - 1960

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## 45 years ago - 1965

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## 40 years ago - 1970

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## 35 years ago - 1975

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sion in the mountains, two members of the Vice and Narcotics Division of the Anaheim Police Department crashed their helicopter on Tahquitz Peak, killing one and injuring the other.

## 30 years ago - 1980

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## 25 years ago - 1985

Members of the Lewitzky Dance Company, renowned artist Harry Sternberg and

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## 20 years ago - 1990

At a Give-life Think Tank at the Living Free Animal Sanctuary in Mountain Center, representatives from national animal rights organizations discussed ending the euthanization of unwanted animals by starting low-cost spay and neuter programs and by educating the public.

## 15 years ago - 1995

Five airlifts for medical

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## 10 years ago - 2000


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## 5 years ago - 2005

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors was moving to separate the County Fire Department from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, preparing a cost analysis of an independent County Fire Department and classifying the position of County Fire Chief.

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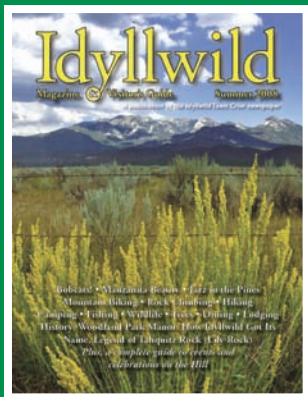
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