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BACK TO SCHOOL



Monday was the first day of school. Parents and students crowd Idyllwild School's entrance as they search for names and room assignments. PHOTO BY J. P. CRUMRINE

Jazz: Pass the past to the future

By J.P. CRUMRINE
 EDITOR

Attendees of the 17th Annual Jazz in the Pines (which begins Friday night with a patron's dinner) have an opportunity to meet a bona fide hero. Marshall Hawkins, ostensibly the music director for each of the 17 jazz festivals, is that and much more.

Hawkins' contributions, unlike his string bass, are silent and often go unnoticed by his numerous beneficiaries.

He has performed for presidents, with national and international stars, and in venues from coast to

coast. Jazz musicians know and admire him. Many jazz performers, such as Henry Franklin, Harry Pickens and Andy Fraga, Jr. play at the Jazz Fest because of their personal and professional connection with Hawkins.

In 2005, Idyllwild Arts honored Hawkins, and Pickens wrote, "Marshall Hawkins is simply one of the most inspirational human beings I have ever had the pleasure of knowing." He then listed seven reasons, among which were that Hawkins was an ambassador for jazz, an inspiring and inspired teacher and a tireless innovator and promoter of music.

With music, Hawkins

is much more than a performer. He teaches, instructs, conducts, contributes and creates. Groups often fail to recognize his gifts and ongoing efforts to help children.

In 1994, five years after "Field of Dreams," Hawkins adopted Ray Kinsella's (Kevin Costner's) advice. He built it and they came. The attendance at Jazz in the Pines continues to grow. The headliners are even more renowned. But many of the performers who simply play for love, without headlines and radio station fanfare, come to make music again with Hawkins.

"Jazz is the true American
 See Jazz, page 22

Idyllwild School improves its Star scores

By MARSHALL SMITH
 STAFF REPORTER

The 2010 Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) program scores were released on Aug. 16. Idyllwild School's (IS) overall results continue to improve.

IS Principal Matt Kraemer expressed satisfaction with the test results that also contained some welcome surprises. Middle School students in seventh and eighth grades scored well above Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) averages in language arts. Eighty-one percent of IS seventh-graders were advanced or proficient in language arts while 75 percent of eighth-

graders reached those levels. District-wide only 51 percent of seventh- and eighth-students were proficient or above in language arts.

Based on the STAR results, Kraemer estimates Idyllwild's Academic Performance Index will increase by three points to 843.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, in releasing the STAR scores said, "For the eighth consecutive year, California's public school student performance has improved. Even as schools struggle with the ongoing state fiscal crisis, it is impressive that we are seeing sustained growth in proficiency."

See Star, page 8

New Hemet police chief Scot Collins

By MARSHALL SMITH
 STAFF REPORTER

Editor's note: On Wednesday, Aug. 18, new Hemet Station Commander Scot Collins came to Idyllwild to be interviewed by Town Crier staff.

Captain Scot Collins, 46, new commander at Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station, faces county-wide budget cutbacks and their potential effect on service. "It's a balancing act," said Collins, acknowledging the challenges posed by leaner

budgets and impacts on staffing.

Three weeks into his position, he believes that rather than impose only his solutions, it is important to access valuable at-hand resources — his employees. "I'm not a huge advocate of change purely for the purpose of change," he said.

Collins, a careful listener, speaks thoughtfully when attempting to answer questions. He said that seeking his staff's ideas and suggestions for innovative solutions to pressing problems is the smarter way. "We have
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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Aug. 16 to Aug. 22:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Aug. 17 — Medical aid, Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild.

Aug. 19 — Malicious false alarm, Saunders Meadow Road and Crestview Drive, Idyllwild.

Aug. 19 — Medical aid, Tahquitz View Drive and Pine Avenue, Idyllwild.

Aug. 19 — Public service, Highway 243 and Ridgeview Drive, Idyllwild.

Aug. 21 — Medical aid, Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

Aug. 21 — Walk-in medical aid.

Aug. 22 — Walk-in medical aid.

Aug. 22 — Medical aid, Highway 243, Pine Cove.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Aug. 19 — Wildland fire.

Aug. 19 — Debris fire.

Aug. 21 — Fire menace standby.

Aug. 22 — Medical aid, fainted or passed out.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Aug. 18 — Public service assist, 41000 block of Gasner Road, Anza.

Aug. 19 — False alarm, 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

Aug. 21 — Medical aid, 54000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Aug. 21 — Medical aid, 43000 block of Cobbs Cow Path, Garner Valley.

Aug. 22 — Medical aid, 59000 block of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

Aug. 22 — Medical aid, 59000 block of Morris

Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Aug. 18 — Public service assist, Highway 74 at mile-post marker 87, Pinyon.

Aug. 19 — Medical aid, Deep Canyon Drive, Pinyon. Transport to unknown location.

Riverside County Fire, Anza

Log unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following call from Monday to Sunday, Aug. 16 to Aug. 22. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Aug. 16 — Single-vehicle traffic collision with serious injury to 17-year-old pas-

senger, Bautista Road on Cahuilla Reservation. Kevin Blair, 24, of Anza arrested on suspicion of DUI.

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

Sheriff's log

The Lake Hemet Subdivision of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department responded to the following call from Wednesday, Aug. 11 to Tuesday, Aug. 24. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Aug. 11 — An unknown suspect committed felony burglary in the 43800 block of Terwilliger Road, Anza. The case remains open but suspended.



A member of the Mountain Community Patrol removes graffiti from a local rock.

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Strange but true

One of Ernest Hemingway's early English teachers claimed that the future Nobel Prize winner would "never learn to write."

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Fire restrictions on the Forest

The U.S. Forest Service has issued new and tighter fire restrictions for the San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF). They include the following:

Wood or charcoal fires are permitted only in developed campgrounds, picnic areas and Yellow Post sites on the San Bernardino National Forest;

Campfire permits, which are available at your local Ranger Station, are required for propane and gas stoves and lanterns used outside of developed recreation sites;

Recreational shooting is limited to designated sites and public shooting ranges operated under special use permit only — except those engaged in legal hunting;

An approved spark arrester is required for any internal combustion engine;

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 ammunition are also prohibited, as is discharging a firearm at any exploding target.

Annual Yard Sale on Labor Day weekend

The Mountain Community Patrol (MCP), famous on the Hill for its annual yard sale held, in the past, over Memorial Day weekend, has moved the event to Labor Day weekend.

The MCP 1st annual Labor Day Weekend Yard Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 3 and 4. The location of the sale is 54185 South Circle Drive.

All proceeds from the sale benefit the Mountain Community Patrol.

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Sunday, 10 am-1pm

Dr. Bill Hayes, Loma Linda University professor, will present a program on the **Characteristics of Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes**, their venom and anti venom studies. Bill will have live snakes as part of his program.

Monday, 10 am-1pm

Dr. Kirk Olsen will be presenting his program on "What makes a bug a bug?" Get a magnified look at the critters around us.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 8/26	Friday 8/27	Saturday 8/28	Sunday 8/29	Monday 8/30
95/64 Partly cloudy and warm.	93/62 Mostly sunny.	90/57 Mostly sunny.	87/54 Mostly sunny.	86/54 Mostly sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
8-16	92	61			81	47		
8-17	89	61			85	48		
8-18	87	59			88	47		
8-19	87	59			na	na		
8-20	na	na			87	55		
8-21	89	54			88	59		
8-22	86	58			79	59		
Moisture in inches					Snow in inches			
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.

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

OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

Six essentials for hikers over 60

As the bulk of the baby boomer generation passes into our seventh decade on planet earth, we discover that the rules are changing.



Face it, we are no longer spring chickens.

Thus, the wear and tear on our bodies is something that we all have to deal with on a daily basis. So instead of my usual annual ten essentials column, I decided to prepare a special list of six essentials for my older readers.

1. Probably the most useful medication to have along for an older hiker is Ibuprofen, or as hikers call it "vitamin I." Vitamin I is best taken about an hour before you depart on your hike and another dose when you reach your destination so you will have it in your system for the descent. I always take mine with food as it tends to upset my stomach.

2. It is probably a good idea to have at least two of your four limbs in working order. It's best, at least, if one of the two functional limbs is a leg. With all the bad knees, ankles, feet, elbows, shoulders and wrists that go along with being over 60, it is great if you can use at least two of your limbs without feeling too much pain.

3. Trekking poles are not on the usual 10 essentials list. For older hikers, these poles definitely should be in the top three of most essential gear. I always say that hiking with trekking poles is like having four wheel drive but for the older crowd it might actually be more like a three wheeler.

4. Sport Beans by Jelly Belly or their equivalent. Basically, you will need something that feels like a reward or, in this case, something that tastes good but has sugar, carbs and electrolytes. It could be Gu, Clif Shots or Clif bars — whatever you prefer — but be sure to bring something along that falls into the category of semi-healthy candy.



Lanceleaf Liveforever (*Dudleya lanceolata*) is a 1-foot tall and wide succulent plant known by the common name "Liveforever." This plant is native to the mountains of Southern California and Baja California, where it is found in rocky areas and slopes. This dudleya has fleshy, pointed leaves of variable shape and size, from a basal rosette of flat, spade-shaped leaves to bunches of longer, thicker leaves. Its stem bears a branching inflorescence with up to 20 flowers on each of its few branches. The flowers are generally bright yellow, pink or red with pale green bases.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HAROLD VOORHEIS



After a long search, **Dave Stith** and **Tom Chester** discovered a parsley fern (*cryptogramma acrostichoides*), it was last recorded in 1932.

PHOTO COURTESY DAVE STITH

Food program changed to Friday in Sept.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, food distribution for the Low Income Commodity Distribution and the Senior Food Share Program has been moved to Friday, Sept. 10, from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

This program provides food on a monthly basis for people with a low income and to all seniors. Organizers ask that participants bring an empty box for their food.

5. Older hikers should never leave home without braces, splints and Ace bandages, and lots of them. As an older hiker, you never know when you are going to need to shore up some bones, tendons or cartilage.

6. All older hikers need patience and pacing. Or to put it another way, you need to learn to pace yourself and use the wiles of the tortoise, not the hare. Slow and steady makes for an enjoyable and successful hike for we "seniors." It is even better if you have a hiking partner so you can take turns setting the pace. That way you have someone to yell at when you need to slow down.

One of the best things about being an older hiker is you know more about the flora and fauna and you can always take the time to stop and appreciate your surroundings. For me that makes living in Idyllwild even more enjoyable. Whether I am hiking or not, I get to see nature's beauty and enjoy the changes of season.

So remember to take along your 10 essentials and the six essentials listed above for you baby boomers. All it takes is a little patience for your aging body and a little extra time to be sure you have what you need.

Until next week, have fun, be safe.

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CSA 36 appointments announced

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Carol McClintic and Bob Schraff will be nominated to fill the two vacant County Service Area (CSA) 36 Advisory Committee board seats, according to Opal Hellweg, Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone's legislative assistant. Both candidates confirmed that Stone's staff contacted them and they had accepted.

The Board of Supervisors is expected to make the appointments on Tuesday, Aug.

31, during its regular board meeting.

McClintic and Schraff will take their seats for the first time at the Sept. 9 CSA 36 meeting. With their seating, the board will reach its full complement of five members. The five-person board has operated with only three since January.

We will profile both McClintic and Schraff in our Sept. 2 edition.

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



Last Saturday, B's Mountain of Books had a ribbon cutting for their grand opening. From left to right are Steve Moulton, Chamber of Commerce director, the Idyll-beast, Mona Twombly, Amber Erlandson, Lauren Devore, owner, and holding Brandon for whom the store — "B's" — is named, Ken Devore (in back), part-owner, Mary Stevenson, Linda Devore, part-owner, Greg Twombly and Nick Todd, Chamber of Commerce director.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

CLUBS

Democrats

A Democratic Party rally will be held 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1, at Democratic Headquarters, 530-1/2 E. Florida Ave., Hemet.

The event is a kick-off for the fall campaigns of Carl Wood, Candidate for 65th Assembly District; Pat Meagher, 41st Congressional District and Steve Pognnet, 45th Congressional District. The event is sponsored by Democrats of Hemet-San Jacinto and the Riverside County Democratic Central Committee.

For information, contact Hal Spangenberg at (951) 487-0325 or hspangenberg@msn.com

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

ONLY IN IDYLLWILD

"Only in Idyllwild could I tap into a local resident's delight in lilacs, and his generous plan to donate many of these lovely trees to the town's shops and restaurants. When I read Gary Parton's invitation to participate in the planting this October, I had to attend the meeting at his home and garden to find out how to help. The variety and beauty — not to mention the fragrance — of these flowering trees will complement the charms of Idyllwild's main street, encourage visitors and inspire residents (even part-timers like me) to landscape with lilacs."

Lois Sheppard
Seal Beach/Idyllwild

"Only in Idyllwild" may be sent one of four ways: e-mail to beth@towncrier.com, call 659-2145, Ext. 17, fax to 659-2071 or drop off at the office, 54295 Village Center Drive.

Sirens discretionary

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

A question arose regarding whether fire engines racing to a fire, in what is called a Code 3 emergency, are required to come in with sirens activated. They are not, according to CAL FIRE's Chief John Hawkins. The question came from a resident whose home was near the site of a recent early morning fire on Foster Lake Road. This resident did not hear the engines coming in with sirens, and had no warning that an incident was taking place.

The governing code is vehicular and the intent of the code is to decrease risks of accidents on public highways by and involving emergency vehicles. Hawkins said state law allows a fire engine driver to take exceptions to vehicle code in order to get to an emergency in the fastest response time. It authorizes a driver to use discretion to run a stop sign, cross a double line and other provisions in order to fulfill the primary mission of getting quickly to an emergency and saving lives, protecting communities

See Sirens, page 30

Deputy suggests tagging response

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Deputy Nicholas Gruwell, Riverside County Hemet station problem oriented policing team member, came to Idyllwild to collect the Town Crier's pictures of recent tagging incidents. He also visited the public places where graffiti hits have occurred.

Gruwell will run the tagging signatures through a graffiti-tracking database to help identify and arrest the culprits. Under county ordinance 733, parents of mi-

nors are financially liable for cleanup of graffiti or tagging done by minor children.

First-time infractions result in a fine of not more than \$100 and no jail time. A violation, when charged as a misdemeanor, levels a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in county jail, or community service to abate graffiti. Where the tagger is a minor, a parent or guardian must accompany the minor while they perform required community service.

Gruwell, responding to tagging reports in Idyllwild

filed with the Sheriff's Department, theorized that the perpetrators are juveniles in their teens. He based his assessment on the relatively unsophisticated nature of the taggers' signatures. Authorities already know the identity of one offender.

Gruwell believes it is likely an all-local group that is defacing public property in Idyllwild. He recommends installation of motion detectors that activate lights in areas where tagging has already occurred. He also counseled that a neighborhood watch

be instituted and that residents and business owners keep records of when graffiti attacks occur. Standard procedure is to take pictures, record the date of the incident, promptly remove the graffiti, and contact Hemet station at (951) 776-1099.

Special Investigations Supervisor Sgt. Steve Mike stresses rapid removal of the graffiti, once pictures are taken, since taggers seek publicity.

Deputy Gruwell can be reached at ngruwell@riversidesheriff.org.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25

- 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.
- 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.
- Idyllwild Business Improvement District (BID) Project, County presentation on BIDs, 6:30 p.m. Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spritual Living Center, 54423 Village Center Dr.

THURSDAY, AUG. 26

- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- ICRC Book Club, 7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 54423 Village Center Dr.

FRIDAY, AUG. 27

- 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. 28

- 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.

SUNDAY, AUG. 29

- Zen Meditation Group, 8 a.m. Call 659-2253. 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 Dis-

trict, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flats, across from CalFire Station 6.

MONDAY, AUG. 30

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, 5:30-8 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio. Call Val at 659-5750.

TUESDAY, AUG. 31

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

- California Department of Forestry (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday & Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Skate Park, Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243, 2:30 p.m.-dusk Wednesday & Thursday; 1:30 p.m.-dusk Friday; noon-dusk weekends.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.



FISHING REPORT



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

Lake Hemet was last stocked with catchable-sized rainbow trout on Thursday, Aug. 5.

Lake Hemet

Darlene Redner at Lake Hemet had no report on fishing at the lake last week.

Water level at the dam is 125.5 feet. Last year's level was 120 feet.

Diamond Valley

Jesse Dinkins at Diamond Valley Lake (DVL) Reservoir had this report on fishing at the lake:

When it comes to bass fishing, it doesn't get any better than DVL! The morning bite is wide open on a variety of topwater and shad baits. The drop shot rig is a mainstay for midday with oxblood and purple varieties being the most reported colors.

DVL anglers saw few trout this week. Most recent reports have them between 30 and 60 feet on the west side of the lake.

This is undoubtedly the best summer of striper fishing

DVL has seen in its 6-year life. Anglers are reporting hundreds of pounds of striper with an average weight of 12 pounds per fish. The hot baits are Krocodiles, Kastmasters, needlefish, flukes with scroungers, and a whole host of topwater baits. **Kevin Deemer** of Hemet caught a 15.25-pound striper with a Kastmaster while fishing near the inlet. **Honree** and **Evan Davis** also caught a 12-pound striper with a Kastmaster. **Oscar Rodriguez** of Ontario caught a 15.16 pound striper fishing near the tower with a spoon. **Mark Franco** of Yucaipa caught a 15-pound striper fishing with a spoon.

Cody Palheggi of Upland caught his two biggest stripers with a Rapala while fishing near the tower.

Fishing at DVL for a channel or blue catfish bait will do. Anchovies, mackerel or shrimp won't leave your line limp. The attenuator is the best place to anchor to catch a cat just like that.

Bluegill is bold but crappie is spotty. Shore anglers should fish in the twigs with worms or jigs. From a boat, fish the dams with a worm and a float.

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

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

Is controversy taboo? ...



Bell has become a very noteworthy California community. Its generous \$800,000 annual salary for the city manager and more than \$100,000 for part-time council members has been a national exclamation point.

Many people, and pundits, attribute the local government's ability to establish these outlandish awards to the lack of a local paper. Bell once had a local newspaper and it disappeared along with many.

I don't fully subscribe to this theory that a local paper would have prevented these decisions. I believe it might have been more difficult. Perhaps if people knew in advance some would have objected and stopped these egregious actions. And I make no claim that the Town Crier is preventing any similar scandals here.

Idyllwild is not Bell and I don't hold the paper up as the community's lone standard bearer. Our goal is to ensure that you are informed as to how your public monies are used and if any local agency might attempt to do anything remotely similar.

Sometimes, reporting the actions of entrenched officials is controversial. In small communities, they are known as friends and neighbors. Thus their reputations prevent residents from accepting an inconsistent fact or action.

Many people objected to stories about the Idyllwild Fire Protection District's finances. Ultimately, the majority of the community said replace those bungling bumbler with people who care about and will be stewards of our fire department.

We wrote about the previous ineffectual Chamber and have informed you about the Tree Monument debate. I'm not addressing the outcome of these controversies, some are still being decided, but stressing our willingness to bring these situations to the community's attention.

This history is noted because of two recent letters to the editor which we received but didn't publish.

The first was well written. While strongly worded, it was neither unsavory nor discourteous. But it was unsigned, except for a first name.

The author noted on the envelope that the TC had printed many of his letters in the past. A phone number was even written on the envelope. Unfortunately, the number was for a family in Hemet that did not appreciate numerous calls from me asking if they had written the letter.

Signing only a first name is tantamount to being anonymous. You must be willing to reveal yourself to the community. We cannot abide stealth attacks.

The second letter included a cartoon about a newspaper whose motto was "only the news fit to print and not offend." The sender penned, "Isn't controversy what gets people thinking and talking?"

It depends upon the definition of controversy. I certainly agree that consensus or unanimity are more likely to be the seeds of problems than the solutions. If controversy means different opinions or views, I agree.

This author also taped our policy for letters to the editor to this note. I inferred that she felt our criteria were reasons to avoid controversy.

We have never rejected a letter because of the subject. We have found some letters long, way too long. We will often try to negotiate with the author to shorten the letter or offer the author an opportunity to transform his thoughts to a full article.

Yes, we won't print a letter that lacks clarity. If readers can't get the point, what is the value of the letter? Frequency, as a criterion, has been applied more strongly. This was needed to prevent the readers' opinion section from being taken hostage.

In the past year, the number of letters and unique authors has grown, allowing us to loosen this criterion.

But we still firmly require letters to respect prior writers, the public and the recipients of frequent didactic comments. Letters should be thoughtful and provocative without being nasty and mean.

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

The monument from the point of view of an observer

EDITOR:

On Aug. 16, I attended a meeting of the Chamber which was called to discuss the future of the monument. The dialogue that followed deeply affected me and I would like to share my thoughts, feelings and hopes that arose during this meeting.

David Roy received \$11,000 for the monument. It seemed that the issue about providing the log for the monument was not discussed clearly between David and the Chamber. David strongly believed that the Chamber was going to provide him with wood for the monument. It did not happen this way. David had to buy wood and supplies on his own for which he had to spend a big portion from the money that he already received.

Most of the arguments that we read in the newspaper seemed to come from false assumptions and misunderstandings regarding supplying of the wood. My intent is not to argue about who is right or wrong nor to judge or defend. Solving this issue is beyond my comprehension. However, I want to bring more light on the subject from the point of view of an observer and to encourage the community to try to understand or at least to consider how David had felt about the situation. Probably he felt disappointed and betrayed. Probably he could not meet the expected deadline and finish the monument because he did not have enough income to support himself. Now the monument is almost finished and there is another \$4,000 left which will be given to David upon completing his work. It seems that a portion of this money has to go toward moving expenses and engineering which could be very expensive.

A new committee is formed to discuss these issues. I want to express my hope that the new decisions will be wise and fair and will help preserve

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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



this amazing piece of art. I suggest that the people who already donated for the monument participate in the decisions of the committee. It would be interesting to research and find out how similar monuments are priced worldwide in order to have some clarity and understanding of what David's work is worth. I feel that we need to find a way to support the artist in the culmination of his work. David will gladly continue to accept donations for his finishing work. He is deeply thankful to everybody who has helped him so far. This is our monument. Let's be involved in creating it, letting go of judgments and false assumptions. The word "monument" comes from the Latin "monore" meaning

"to remind." Let's surround our monument with the powerful energy of love and hope. It will stand one day in the middle of town reminding us about our integrity. It will bring to life a piece of our history. And we will be proud of ourselves.

TIMA IVANOVA
IDYLLWILD

Pine Cove Post Office closure

EDITOR:

The people who work at Idyllwild Post Office are wonderful. We all know them by name. They help bring the town together. They help make Idyllwild the community it is. We are blessed.

People who loved Pine
[See Letters, page 11](#)

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The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps). Letters must be signed (unless e-mailed) and must be identified with the writer's name, address and weekday phone number.

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10 DIRECTIONS

BY SHIRLEY SCHRAFF

Volunteerism

As I began to think and write about volunteerism, the phrase "Life is a journey" entered my mind. Then I began to wonder if that is a cliché, making it inappropriate for what I want to convey? Is it a trite expression? At what point does what is written — words or phrases — become trite — losing their freshness and effectiveness?



However, there are words and phrases that have meaning after years of use. "Life is a journey" might be an example of such a phrase. The Epic of Gilgamesh, the world's first book, was written with cuneiform on clay and dates back to 2,700 BC. It is about a man's mental and physical journey. Almost 4,000 years later, it still brings freshness to the subject.

"Life is a journey" comprises a mosaic of journeys and represents many different experiences. Some can be challenging and occasionally overwhelming. Many experiences, such as a serious illness, can dramatically change the dynamics of one's life.

We all have our life's journey. A common journey which I encourage you to try is extending a caring hand of compassion. You will ultimately be the beneficiary.

Most people with a serious illness are fully engaged in survival's battle. They are on a mission or journey, employing whatever resources are available to them to beat back whatever it is they need to accomplish.

There are many challenges that we face on our journey through life. One journey may trigger another. A crisis of any kind often brings up spiritual issues and consequently a spiritual journey is begun seeking spiritual truths and some measure of peace and solace.

This is the point I wish to make. In people's lives, most of us reach out for help many times. Each request may take a different form. Very often, the compassionate person who hears that plea is a volunteer.

Volunteerism is not limited to helping a person in crisis. Developing and building community assets such as sports fitness programs for all ages may be one exercise of volunteerism. Another possibility might be the use of community resources to teach methods of sustainability. One class might be the growing and preparation of food, including nutrition.

I trained in the mid-eighties with the Shanti Project, an AIDS support group. In 1992, I became a hospice volunteer in the Temecula-Murrieta-Hemet area.

I was very close to several patients in Shanti and the hospice. I believe I received more than I gave. It was an incredible experience. If it were not for my own personal issues, I would still be volunteering.

One young man quite ill and hospitalized was convinced that herbs from his home country, cooked in a crockpot in his hospital rooms, would heal him. He was knowledgeable about herbal nutrition. With his volunteer caregiver's willingness to shop for the herbs and assist him in arranging the cooking, he happily produced his elixir.

This took place prior to the boom in AIDS research and medication advances. At the very least, this young man's resourcefulness encouraged him and emboldened his spirit with hope.

ON THE FRINGE

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TOWN TALK

BY CAREY POWERS, NEWS INTERN

What are you doing to protect yourself or your pet from rattlesnakes?



John King
Musician
Idyllwild

"I have a fenced yard and keep my dog on a leash. If I see something long and skinny, I tend to walk around it."



Chris Tota
Teacher
Idyllwild

"I've seen only one in five years. I called a friend and we sprayed it with cold water, then put it into a bucket."



Phyllis Manier
Retired
Idyllwild

"I keep out of wild places and keep my cat in the house."



Tom Inocencio
Retired
Idyllwild

"Nothing. I coexist with them and have worked around them for years."

Lecture about local earthquakes

Frank Vernon will give a free lecture on earthquakes along the San Jacinto Fault at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 10 at Hamilton High School.

He will be talking about earthquake activity in the Anza area and the new technology being used around the valley to monitor the temblors.

Hamilton High School is located at 57430 Mitchell Road in Anza.

Children's books sought for school library

Karen Visel, Idyllwild School librarian, said she welcomes donations of children's books to be used in the school library and for children to check out to read at home.

Donations of books in good condition can be made at the Idyllwild School office.

Volunteers offer help in many ways. Hospitals rely on volunteers to guide people through the confusing maze of rooms and locations of services, deliver reading material, and more. Athletic programs exist because generous people give of themselves in many ways, offering their skills, time and money, to name a few.

There are many volunteer opportunities, such as community festivals, thrift shops, libraries, literacy education, various food programs, hospice care, community service organizations, and more.

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New school chief: We can do better

By J.P. CRUMRINE, EDITOR AND MARSHALL SMITH, REPORTER

Editor's note: Dr. Steven Lowder is the new superintendent of Hemet Unified School District (HUSD). He was selected this past June to replace Dr. Philip Pendley, who retired after eight years at the helm. He and HUSD Trustee Bill Sanborn met with the Town Crier staff on Friday, Aug. 20. This will be first of several articles introducing Lowder to the Hill.

The Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) board of trustees invites the entire Idyllwild community to come out and meet Dr. Lowder for themselves. At 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 7, the board will host a "Meet and Greet" with Lowder at Idyllwild School.

The Idyllwild School "Back to School Night" is scheduled

for 6 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 9 and offers another opportunity to meet Lowder, who is no stranger to Idyllwild. He has several long-time family friends living here and he and his wife attended this year's Fourth of July parade.

July 14 was Lowder's first day behind the desk as HUSD's superintendent. Nearly five weeks later, he still has not been able to visit every school site, although that is one of his personal goals. When asked what his goals will be for HUSD, Lowder said calmly and without hesitation, "Making a change in the lives of children. That's my message in the first month."

To achieve this goal, Lowder recognizes that he must align philosophy with actions. Clever phrases and good words are not sufficient to convince the community of 1,000 teachers, 22,000 students and thousands of par-



Dr. Steven Lowder, HUSD superintendent

PHOTO BY J P CRUMRINE

ents to trust him and follow his leadership.

In his own words, Lowder echoed Harry Truman's famous statement about where the buck stops. "These are the kids we have," he stated. "If they're not learning, it's not them, it's us."

One measure of the success of his primary goal will be "improving our state achievement scores in order

to get out of program improvement. That's our goal. We can and will," he said softly and seriously.

Getting out of program improvement is not easy and HUSD has no easy solution with a large payoff at the end. It will require tireless and constant effort from the staff. It also requires that the district administrative and elective leaders take on the issues that envelop the entire district.

"To do [goal] number 1, we need to deal with finances," Lowder acknowledged. "That takes a proactive community."

With this introduction, Lowder was asked: "What's your opinion of the District's financial condition?"

Again without hesitancy, Lowder announced his fear for 21st century school districts, not just HUSD.

"The ship is sinking," he

asserted and then identified the problem without an inquiry.

"The longer the state mis-manages its finances, the closer all school districts will come to bankruptcy," he averred.

School districts rely on state funding for the largest portion of their annual revenue. When the state cannot decide how much money will be appropriated to schools, the uncertainty creates problems. But the nature of other state laws exacerbates the uncertainty.

In theory, the state legislature is supposed to enact an annual budget before July 1. But 85 percent of most school district budgets fund staff salaries and benefits. State law also requires that school districts inform teachers by March 15 whether they will be rehired the following September.

"By September, I can't revisit personnel issues; they have contracts," Lowder pointed out. "Adjustments [now] will decidedly affect kids in the classroom."

Yet districts only have a general idea about their total revenue before July 1. While both Lowder and Sanborn will plead for the state to grant local districts more autonomy to make fiscal decisions, it is not sufficient as long as the revenue is controlled by sources hundreds of miles removed — in distance and responsibility — from the children whose lives are affected by teachers, supplies and programs.

"It's just a matter of time before bankruptcy occurs for every district," Lowder repeated.

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Star

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IS Middle School students scored even more impressively when compared to statewide results of the same grade levels. Fifty-five percent of state seventh graders scored as proficient or advanced in English language arts. Fifty-four percent of eighth graders reached the same level.

For more complete comparisons of IS students in all grade levels to HUSD as a whole, see table.

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

Idyllwild School STAR results

Grade	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
English-Language Arts							
Advanced	26	34	34	3	27	42	50
Proficient	30	31	34	30	38	39	25
Basic	22	19	19	50	27	14	25
Below Basic	17	9	9	13	5	3	0
Far Below	4	6	3	3	2	3	0
Mathematics							
Advanced	30	39	25	7	29	26	*25
Proficient	43	24	41	33	29	34	*30
Basic	9	27	28	37	25	34	*35
Below Basic	17	9	6	23	13	6	*10
Far Below	0	0	0	0	4	0	*0

* indicates General Mathematics beginning at eighth grade



On Monday, Parents watched over their children as Mrs. Mrsny's preschool class was preparing to start the new school year. PHOTO BY J. P. CRUMRINE

Idyllwild	1-3	Mon - Thurs	8:20 am	2:36 pm
	1-3	Fridays	8:20 am	1:38 pm
	1-3	Minimum Days	8:20 am	12:55 pm
	4-5	Mon - Thurs	8:20 am	2:36 pm
	4-5	Fridays	8:20 am	1:38 pm
	4-5	Minimum Days	8:20 am	12:55 pm
	6-8	Mon - Fri	8:20 am	2:44 pm
	6-8	Minimum Days	8:20 am	1:10 pm
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Student			Certificated								
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Elementary Schools							Labor Day-----September 6, 2010	Teacher Orientation _____ ●		Holiday _____ ■	
Gr. 1-5	10	32	133	175		176	Veterans Day-----November 11, 2010	Parent/Teacher Conference _____ } □		Elementary Minimum Day _____ □	
Gr. 1-8	10	32	133	175		176	Thanksgiving Day-----November 25, 2010	Recess _____ ▨		First/Last Day of School _____ ●	
Middle Schools							Local Holiday-----November 26, 2010	Shortened Day, Elementary _____ s		Minimum Days, Middle School _____ M	
Gr. 6-8	5	n/a	170	175		176	Local (Floating) Holiday-----December 23, 2010	Minimum Days, High School _____ H		Min. days, Middle & High School _____ MH	
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Gr. 9-12	5	n/a	170	175		176	Local Holiday-----December 30, 2010				
							New Year's Day (obs.)-----December 31, 2010				
							MLK's Birthday-----January 17, 2011				
							Washington's Birthday-----February 21, 2011				
							Lincoln's Birthday (obs.)-----February 25, 2011				
							Memorial Day-----May 30, 2011				

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S E C	Period Ends:	10-1-10	11-10-10	1-21-11	3-11-11	4-29-11	6-3-11
	# of Weeks/Days	6/29	6/28	7/34	6/30	6/30	5/24
E L E M	Semester Ends:	1-21-11	6-3-11				
	# Weeks/Days	19/91	17/84				
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	# of Weeks/Days	6/29	6/28	7/34	6/30	6/30	5/24
E L E M	Trimester Ends:	11-10-10	3-11-11	6-3-11			
	# of Weeks/Days	12/57	13/64	11/54			

School Recesses	
Thanksgiving Recess	November 22 - 26, 2010
Winter Recess	December 20 - December 31, 2010
Presidents' Days Recess	February 21 - 25, 2011
Spring Recess	April 4-8, 2011 [Easter: April 24, 2011]



Idyllwild School Principal **Matt Kraemer** greets parents and students as they arrive Monday for the first day of the 2010-2011 school year. PHOTO BY J. P. CRUMRINE

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Marijuana legalization on the ballot

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Legalization of marijuana is back before the state's electorate in November. This time, economic issues seem to be more important to supporters and opponents than health questions.

Background

California is one of 11 states in which possession of small amounts (an ounce or less) of marijuana is already decriminalized, meaning no prison sentence and only a misdemeanor fine of \$100. California started down the decriminalization path nearly 35 years ago.

In 1975, the Moscone Act took this action to cut back on high costs of enforcement for marijuana offenses, saving the state about \$100 million a year. In 1996, California passed Proposition 215, the Compassionate Use Act, legalizing the medical use of marijuana. There are now 14 states that support medical marijuana use.

While the federal govern-

ment had previously raided California medical marijuana dispensaries, in 2009, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder announced the end of federal raids in California and the 13 other states with medical marijuana laws. For practical purposes, the line between decriminalization and legalization continues to blur. Currently, no other state permits commercial marijuana-related activities for nonmedical purposes.

Proposition 19

Supporters make the argument that legalization will help the state economically in two ways. First, police time will not be needed to enforce low-level marijuana possession laws, potentially saving tens of millions of dollars annually. It will also reduce demand for space in overcrowded state prisons. According to the Legislative Analyst's Office, passage of Proposition 19 would open jail beds currently devoted to marijuana offenders that "could be used for other criminals who are now be-

ing released early because of a lack of jail space." Second, legalization will allow counties and municipalities to tax and regulate marijuana sales. The same office estimates that taxing marijuana, a \$14 billion California market, could bring \$1.4 billion annually into local and state coffers.

Opposition

Opponents, including current California Attorney General Jerry Brown and Senator Dianne Feinstein, also cite economic considerations as grounds for their opposition. In their opinion, passage would put California law at odds with federal prohibitions and could endanger federal contracts and grants to the tune of \$80 billion.

If passed, the measure would curtail state and local agencies from seizing or destroying marijuana from persons in compliance with the law. The measure, although it permits both possession and cultivation of small amounts of marijuana for personal use, pro-

hibits cultivation for sale. Passage would not prohibit law enforcement from seizing large crops or pursuing illegal street sales and the drug cartels that supply those street sales. Consumption in public or in a public place, while operating a car, boat or airplane, or where minors are present would be prohibited.

As with many propositions, poor and confusing drafting raises many questions. The measure does not license the state to tax and regulate marijuana sales. It leaves that up to counties and municipalities to set up their own regulatory plans, with the result that marijuana laws could vary greatly throughout the state, with some counties and municipalities being "dry." Should a local government decide not to tax or regulate the sale of cannabis, the measure states that buying and selling within that jurisdiction would remain illegal, but that citizens "shall still have the right to possess and consume small amounts."

The measure permits local governments to authorize, or not, consumption within licensed premises, larger amounts for personal use or cultivation, regulation of public displays, and controls to minimize harm to the environment, other landowners or passersby, by legal and permitted use.

Other confusion arises over drug testing in the workplace. Commentators argue that with personal consumption legal, an employee's positive test would likely place the burden of proof on an employer to show the positive test "actually impairs job performance". Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) oppose the bill because they believe legalization would produce dangerous "stoned" bus drivers, although 11 studies of over 50,000 fatal accidents show marijuana is no more likely than legal levels of alcohol to cause accidents. The California Police Chiefs' Association opposes the bill because drafters did not include a standard for

what constitutes "driving under the influence" with marijuana in the system.

In support are: Republican Liberty Caucus, California Young Democrats, California Green Party, National Libertarian Party, Monterey and Alameda County Democratic Parties, American Federation of Teachers, California NAACP, California ACLU, Communication Workers of America, and the Berkeley and Oakland City Councils.

In opposition are: Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, Attorney General Jerry Brown, Republican gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman, California Police Chiefs Association, both the Democratic and Republican candidates for Attorney General, Kamala Harris and Steve Cooley, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. The California Democratic Party has taken a neutral position on the issue.

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Collins

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a generation of people from which we've hired talent," he said. "We need to make use of that talent." With 145 people under his command, including the San Jacinto Police Department for which Hemet Station provides contract service, Collins has a wide swath of talent to utilize.

Collins noted that his command's jurisdiction covers dissimilar areas with many specific problems. "We have programs that are working effectively and those will continue," he said. Some areas within his command, because of unique characteristics, require awareness of their differences, and can benefit from individualized station approaches. He said he intends to maintain and improve relations with the Soboba nation by better understanding their identity, culture and issues.

Idyllwild's unique characteristics and issues, complicated by its distance from Hemet, can affect response times, according to Collins.



Scott Collins

"With Idyllwild, I need to make sure I have the staffing I need 24/7," he said. "We keep two deputies on the Hill at all times, one in Idyllwild and one in the Anza area. Part of our commitment is being here [on the Hill]."

Keeping those deputies available during other exigent emergencies could present staffing problems. "The county is tight on overtime and we're very cautious about how we spend public money," Collins added.

But Collins noted time management, at the deputy level, could affect satisfaction with service. "I remind deputies that they can spend

adequate time on calls," he said. "I advise them to give an ear and listen to the legitimate concerns of local residents and devote the time necessary when they respond to a call, and not hurry off to the next call, unless it's particularly urgent. For instance, an older person who lives alone may need more time to explain a concern or occurrence to the deputy."

With a background in computer programming, a bachelor's degree in business administration from San Diego State University,

a master's in management from Redlands University, and many managerial positions in his 20 years with the Sheriff's Department, Collins brings an interest in and appreciation for uncovering and fixing systemic problems.

"I have an understanding that everything is unique and Idyllwild is a prime example," Collins stressed, knowing Idyllwild has needs and a demographic different from other Hill communities, such as Anza. "And it's important for deputies to understand those differ-

ences."

Succeeding with any balancing act requires having the requisite information. Collins said he intends to listen carefully to informa-

tion within his command and from his constituents to bring about better balance.

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Feds reject IWD recycling grant

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District (IWD) board heard two disappointing reports at their Aug. 17 meeting. The possibility of a federal grant to fund the proposed recycling plant was denied and the bid to purchase property with a new well was rejected.

General Manager Terry Lyons reported that the district's grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for \$500,000 to construct a water recycling facility would not be funded.

"We did get notification last week from the [U.S.] Bureau of Reclamation that due to funding limitations, only the four highest projects were funded," Lyons said. "IWD was not considered."

The next step, according to Lyons, will be an application for a state loan, which he said could be forgiven

and essentially converted to a grant.

In addition, Lyons wants to analyze the Bureau of Reclamation's evaluation of IWD's application. Another federal grant opportunity will occur later this fall. If he can improve the application, Lyons may submit a new proposal.

One of the concerns with the IWD application, according to Lyons, was the funding request for construction of a plant before a pilot project had proved the feasibility and potential success of the recycling proposal.

The Bureau of Reclamation selected three pilot studies and one demonstration project for its Advanced Water Treatment Pilot and Demonstration grant awards. Two million dollars were awarded to the four projects and it will leverage more than \$14.9 million in total project costs.

persuade your love not to elope with the cad she had been seen hanging with at Sacramento's hottest night spot.

I once used the USPS to correspond with friends and family. To pay bills. To send love letters, dear-john letters, my resume, cute photos of the kids and pets.

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There will always be things that cannot be delivered over the internet. For most of those things, there are alternatives to the USPS — alternatives that deliver right to my doorstep.

Is the closing of PCPO an indication that the USPS is adapting to a changing environment? Or is it an indication that the USPS is slowly going extinct? Let's hope for the first. It will be a sad day when Idyllwild's post office goes the way of Pine Cove's.

DAN PIETSCH
IDYLLWILD

FVWD expenses down, revenues up

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Fern Valley Water District got some good news. Tax income stood at 123 percent of 2009/10 budget estimates — \$493,824 collected rather than the \$400,000 estimated. Because of uncertainty of what the state was taking for budget balancing purposes, the district revised its tax estimate lower.

Both operating budget and capital budget expenses came in lower than projections — operating expenses were 90 percent of projections and capital costs were 78 percent. The

largest component of operating expenses was salaries and the largest in capital expenditure was pipeline replacement.

The district year-end balance was a negative \$2,956, which was significantly less than the projected loss of \$208,571. Although tax income raised revenues, water sales were down from projected levels.

In his General Manager's Report, Steve Erler addressed the already board-approved Tank 11 Solar Circulating System. Erler stated that with part-time residents spending less time on the Hill, the

district does not have the volume of water turnover needed to keep the water at optimum health levels. The circulating system, once installed, will thoroughly mix 3 million gallons of water in 1.6 days, thereby ensuring higher quality standards. "The more turnover, the healthier the water," said Erler.

Also previously approved by the board, a pipeline replacement project awarded to EL-CO Contractors to install approximately 2,500 feet of water main and appurtenances began July 27 and is projected to be completed by the end of

September.

Erler reported that August's static well levels are beginning to decline, but they remain one to six feet higher than the same time last year.

In other business, the board voted to take mandatory state public board ethics training online, requiring each board member to commit two hours to the process. The training must be completed before the end of the year and must be done by each board member individually.

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"This was only our first federal grant application. We learned a lot about the process and are reviewing what we need to do to improve our position to successfully obtain a grant," commented IWD President Allan Morphett. "We are pursuing funding from the State of California that appears on its face to be more attractive and would not involve the pilot project step.

"We are taking some action for the benefit of the community which is the responsibility of the board. We know that developing the recycling program will ultimately benefit the community," Morphett continued.

"I think monies are still out there," Lyons told the board. "And the Bureau is still a place to look."

The public hearing for the proposed negative declaration on the recycling project is scheduled for IWD's Sep. 21 meeting.

Shifting to finding new water sources, Lyons reported that he has been working on IWD's goal to enhance its water supply to 800 gallons per minute. Earlier this summer, Lyons purchased a new, but existing, well. At a closed meeting on July 23, the board approved a bid for a second parcel, which seems to have a potential well on site.

Unfortunately, this potential new water source has dried up, Lyons also told the board. The former owners accepted the first bid submitted. The new owner plans to build a house on the property, but if the plans

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The Idyllwild Water District director acknowledged the achievements of its staff at the Aug. 17 meeting. Jack Easley (left) and Ed Copelin (center) passed their Grade 3 Water Treatment Operation exam and Nick Iliev (second from right) passed his Grade 1 Water Treatment Operator exam. IWD President Allan Morphett (second from left) and General Manager Terry Lyons (right) congratulated the team on its accomplishments.

PHOTO BY WARREN MONROE

Letters

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Cove Post Office (PCPO) are less fortunate. A vital part of their community is gone.

Perhaps the demise of PCPO comes as a result of our weak economy. I suspect, however, that PCPO would have closed even if our economy were robust.

In 1861, people lamented the demise of the 18-month-old Pony Express. What an amazing 18 months it had been! For \$5, the Pony Express would deliver a half-ounce letter from St. Joseph to Sacramento. Five bucks was a lot of money back then, but, hey, it only took 10 days to get your love letter through to Sacramento.

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Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Wednesday, Aug. 25

Brian Rowe, 5-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.
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

Joe Baldino, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; **Brian Rowe**, 5-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.
Jazz Pizza Party with live music, 5-8 p.m. Artspresso Gallery.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Karma Dogs, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Hojo & the Halfnotes, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
 "Eat Pray Love," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
DJ or Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

Karaoke, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone Daddy'z

Saturday, Aug. 28

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; **Desert Rose**, 1-3 p.m.; **Mutts of the Planet** featuring **Robin Adler as Joni Mitchell**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Junior Naturalist Program: Microtrek Scavenger Hunt, 10-11 p.m. Nature Center.
Jazz in the Pines, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Idyllwild Pines; **Afterhours Jazz & Jambalaya** featuring **Mike Costley**, 5:30 p.m. Nelson Dining Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
Joe Baldino, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.
 "Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Live Music 1-5 p.m.; **Radio 60**, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
Author's Reception: Ken Luber, "Match to the Heart," 2 p.m. The Chakra Shack.
 "Eat Pray Love," 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Sandii Castleberry, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Sam Smith, 6-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

DoRoJo, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Jazz Fest Late Night featuring **Greg Jones Band, Rocky Zharp & Hot Horns**, 9 p.m.-close. Bone Daddy'z.

Sunday, Aug. 29

Ernesto Ale, 9 a.m.-noon; **Dan Papaila**, 1-3 p.m.; **Skeleton Crew**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Jazz in the Pines, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Idyllwild Arts.
 "Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Live Music, 1-5 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
 "Eat, Pray, Love," 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Aug. 30

Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Sandii Castleberry, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
 "Eat Pray Love," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Aug. 31

Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
 "Eat Pray Love," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Sept. 1

Brian Rowe, 5-8 p.m. Little chef

in the Forest.
Dan Papaila, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Eat Pray Love," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Sept. 2

Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.
Peter Curtis, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
 "Eat Pray Love," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Sept. 3

Mountain Community Patrol 1st-annual Labor Day Weekend Yard Sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 54185 South Circle Dr.
Joe Baldino, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; **Brian Rowe**, 5-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Paul Carman, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Isis Theatre Company presents: "The Clean House," 7 p.m. reception; 7:30 p.m. curtain. The Caine Learning Center.
Karaoke or DJ, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
Karaoke, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone Daddy'z.

Saturday, Sept. 4

Mountain Community Pa-

trol 1st-annual Labor Day Weekend Yard Sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. 54185 South Circle Dr.

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; **Guilty Conscience**, 1-3 p.m.; **Greg Jones Band**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Dog Day Afternoon," program, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.

Friends of the Library Labor Day Weekend Book Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

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

Live Music, 1-5 p.m.; **Radio 60**, 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

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

Sam Smith, 6-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

Isis Theatre Company presents: "The Clean House," 7 p.m. reception; 7:30 p.m. curtain. The Caine Learning Center.

Sunday, Sept. 5

The Nutty Ladies' Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the PEO, 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Town Hall.

Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; **Swift Pony**, 1-3 p.m. **Skeleton**

Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Friends of the Library Labor Day Weekend Book Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

"Characteristics of Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes" seminar, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.

End of Summer Art Fair, 10:04 a.m.-4:11 p.m. Dore's Mountain Art Garden, Mountain Center.

Joe Baldino, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

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

Live Music 1-5 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

Isis Theatre Company presents: "The Clean House," 7 p.m. reception; 7:30 p.m. curtain. The Caine Learning Center.

Monday, Sept. 6

"What makes a bug a bug?" program, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.

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

Bill Saitta, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

Tuesday, Sept. 7

Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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'The Clean House': Laughing at life's jokes

By Beth Nottley,
Staff Reporter
and Carey Powers,
News Intern

Over Labor Day weekend, Isis Theatre Company will present "The Clean House," Sarah Ruhl's award-winning play that, through a cast of complex and unconventional characters, examines the jokes that life plays on people. The play, which is produced by Isis Theatre Company Artistic Director Suzanne Avalon, and directed by Idyllwild Arts (IA) Theatre Department chair Howard Shangraw, stars a cast with impressive stage credits.

The play centers on Matilde (played by Abbie Bosworth), a self-proclaimed comedian and cleaning woman who is, alas, allergic to cleaning. She has been recently hired as a maid for Lane (played by Susan Hegarty), an ambitious physician married to a philandering surgeon, Charles (played by director Shangraw). His patient, Ana (played by Ann DeWolfe) is his mistress.

Matilde is relatively new to America and a year prior to the opening act, lost both of her comedic genius parents when her mother

died while laughing at her father's joke, and when her father then shot himself. Since that time, she has made it her mission to find the "perfect joke," even though she's sure it will kill her. The audience immediately understands that this play oscillates between comedy and tragedy, often-times using comedy to make the tragic bearable and even outrageous. Shangraw articulates this combination of genres by describing playwright Ruhl's voice as "one moment totally sardonic as hell and the next totally compassionate."

Such is the case when Ana, the sick mistress, asks Matilde to "kill her with a joke," embedding a sparkling irony into the emotional messiness and absurd humor of "The Clean House." Although it deals with heavy issues such as marital infidelity and serious illness, this play is a quirky and compassionate comedy. Ruhl makes a convincing case that the best, and perhaps the only worthwhile, response to the jokes life plays on humans is to have a good laugh. Avalon says the play speaks "to the poignancy of love, death and the power of a good joke."



Actress **Susan Hegarty**, rehearsing a scene with actor and director **Howard Shangraw** for the upcoming Isis Theatre Company production of "The Clean House," a comedy in which Hegarty and Shangraw play a married couple.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ISIS THEATRE COMPANY

The cast members, experienced actors with rich and varied credits, are all new to the Isis stage, except for Shangraw who starred in last season's "I Am My Own Wife." Of Isis' new actors, Shangraw said, "There was no formal plan (to recruit fresh actors). However, I was able to contact some of my actor friends and Isis was thrilled to be able to expand their talent pool. With the addition of these extraordinarily talented women,

the benefit is great for the company and the theater-going community."

Avalon and Shangraw are also excited that this production is funded in part by a grant from IA's new Arts Enterprise Laboratory, which seeks to provide opportunities for IA students and graduates to work in professional theater productions. An anonymous donor recently provided funding for the new program. The stage manager for "The

Clean House" is 17-year-old IA senior Emelia Put and the technical director and lighting designer is IA graduate Matt Schumacher.

The Isis performance of "The Clean House" will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Sept. 3 to 5, at the Caine Learning Center. A 7 p.m. reception precedes the performance with wine and other refreshments served.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at www.isistheatrecompany.com or at the door. Also through Isis is a \$39 dinner package that includes dinner at the Gastrognome Restaurant, preferred seating for the play and complimentary wine at the venue.

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

Labor Day Weekend Book Sale at library

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library will hold a Labor Day weekend sale on Saturday, Sept. 4, and Sunday, Sept. 5, on the library deck at 54185 Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild. This will be the last sale of the year.

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Donations of books, tapes and other media items are needed now to prepare for the sale. They may be donated during library hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Clean, nondamaged items are wanted. (If the mice or rain have been at them, they can't be sold.) The Friends of the Library are seeking volunteers to help with the sale setup, the sale itself, and the "tear down." They also encourage people to become members. Forms will be at the sale, and are available at the library desk.

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Are rattlers more dangerous?

By Carey Powers
News Intern

When it comes to the more dangerous wildlife of the San Jacinto Mountains, many people know the precautionary fundamentals of outdoor safety. For rattlesnakes, hikers use walking sticks; owners keep pets on leashes; rock climbers avoid quick reaches. But what if recent research showed that snakebites, due to the adaptive quality of venom across species, were growing increasingly more toxic?

Such is the topic of a seminar by Dr. Bill Hayes, professor of biology at Loma Linda University. Hayes, dubbed "The Rattlesnake Guy," will be visiting the Idyllwild Nature Center at 10 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 5 to present on the "Characteristics of Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes."

Hayes has led an ongoing investigation, originating with a Valle Vista canine

fatality from a snakebite, that seeks to conclude whether or not neurotoxins in the deadly Mojave Green Rattlesnake venom are appearing in Southern Pacific Rattlesnake venom.

"There have been several other dogs struck near Garner Valley," said Nature Center Park Interpreter Shelley Kibby. "A lot of people have been talking about how the Mojave Green Rattlesnake and the Southern Pacific Rattlesnake have neurotoxic similarities. We invited [Bill Hayes] to the Nature Center for clarification."

Hayes' researchers captured five snakes near Hurkey Creek and Hemet Lake to study this possible biological adaptation. The venom of all five tested positive for the potent neurotoxin, though it is still not known the amount of neurotoxin present.

"We are in the process of researching," Hayes said,



believing that, despite the appearance of toxicity, the outlook is not yet bleak. He argued that myotoxins found in Southern Pacific Rattlesnakes are equally as dangerous. In fact, one of his colleagues argues that the venom already existent in the San Jacinto snakes is more toxic than the Mojave strain.

Conclusions are still underway. Looking at venom across a geographic range, Hayes said that as well as

varying from species to species, the toxicity of snake venom varies throughout an individual's lifetime.

"We don't know if there is more danger," said Hayes. "Venom is dangerous everywhere for the Southern Pacific Rattlesnake."

Though this may be true, envenomation by a Mojave rattlesnake causes different symptoms than other rattlesnake bites, says an online medical article by Sean P. Bush, profes-

sor of emergency medicine at Loma Linda University. The most prominent symptom is paralysis and other neurotoxic reactions rather than conspicuous swelling. But the still rare deaths caused by Mojave rattlesnake bites are not solely because of paralysis, according to Hayes.

"One of the key criteria to know how much vaccine to give is the amount of swelling," said Hayes. "Because there is no swelling, the bite is undertreated." The administering of antivenin, not the toxicity of the bite itself, could actually be the crucial element between life and death.

In his seminar, Hayes hopes to enlighten visitors as to new and existing developments in the study of regional rattlesnakes. His

research interests include such topics as venom expenditure by snakes during predatory and defensive bites, snakebite severity and treatment of snakebites, and the biological roles and adaptive value of snake venom. On Sept. 5, he will speak about the behavior and ecology of rattlesnakes, as well as about his ongoing research into the distribution of the Mojave toxin among other rattlesnake species.

Reason for added concern remains speculative, but it never hurts to become more knowledgeable about an area of growing research. As of now, we can only continue being cautious, behaving thoughtfully, and employing common sense when in the vicinity of a rattlesnake.

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shake. Here comes the first platoon of 'Reveille-Runners.' In two ranks — all in perfect step — running-and-chanting-in-perfect-time the same old verses: "I had a good home, but I left. I had a good home, but I left -- Left, Right, Left." I spent my thirty-five years in the Army and Air Force, but if you want it right, join the Marines. The Air Force flies, and the Army trucks or tanks, but the 'Jarheads' still jog it on foot. My Montana frontier, jogging-on-foot, battle stories are at B's Mountain of Books. Go see — they're moving across from the Rustic.



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Gunner Sgt. **Richard Nunley** conducts the U.S. Marine Corps band, stationed at 29 Palms, in the final concert of the 2010 Summer Concert Series. PHOTO COURTESY OF CID CASTILLO



Before the final 2010 concert, ICRC President **John Simpson** (right) presented a certificate of appreciation to U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sergeant **Jeffrey Higgs** (left) and Gunner Sergeant **Richard Nunley** (second from left) as Master of Ceremonies **Doug Austin** observes. The certificate read: With Deepest Appreciation from the citizens of Idyllwild, California, to the United States Marine Corps 29 Palms Combat Center Band for your uplifting performances at the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series and your example of dedicated inspiration to our entire nation. Idyllwild Community Recreation Council. PHOTO BY LON MERCER



After two weeks of work, Idyllwild Arts students (above) perform ballet at a culminating dance recital. PHOTOS BY CAREY POWERS



At right, playing Beethoven's String Trio in C Minor, **Evan Kahn** looks to his left for the gaze of fellow musician, viola player **Sydney Howard** during the Idyllwild Arts Chamberfest recital last Saturday. PHOTOS BY CAREY POWERS



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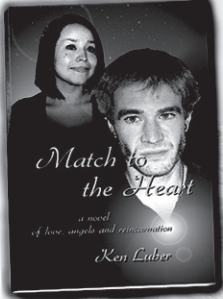
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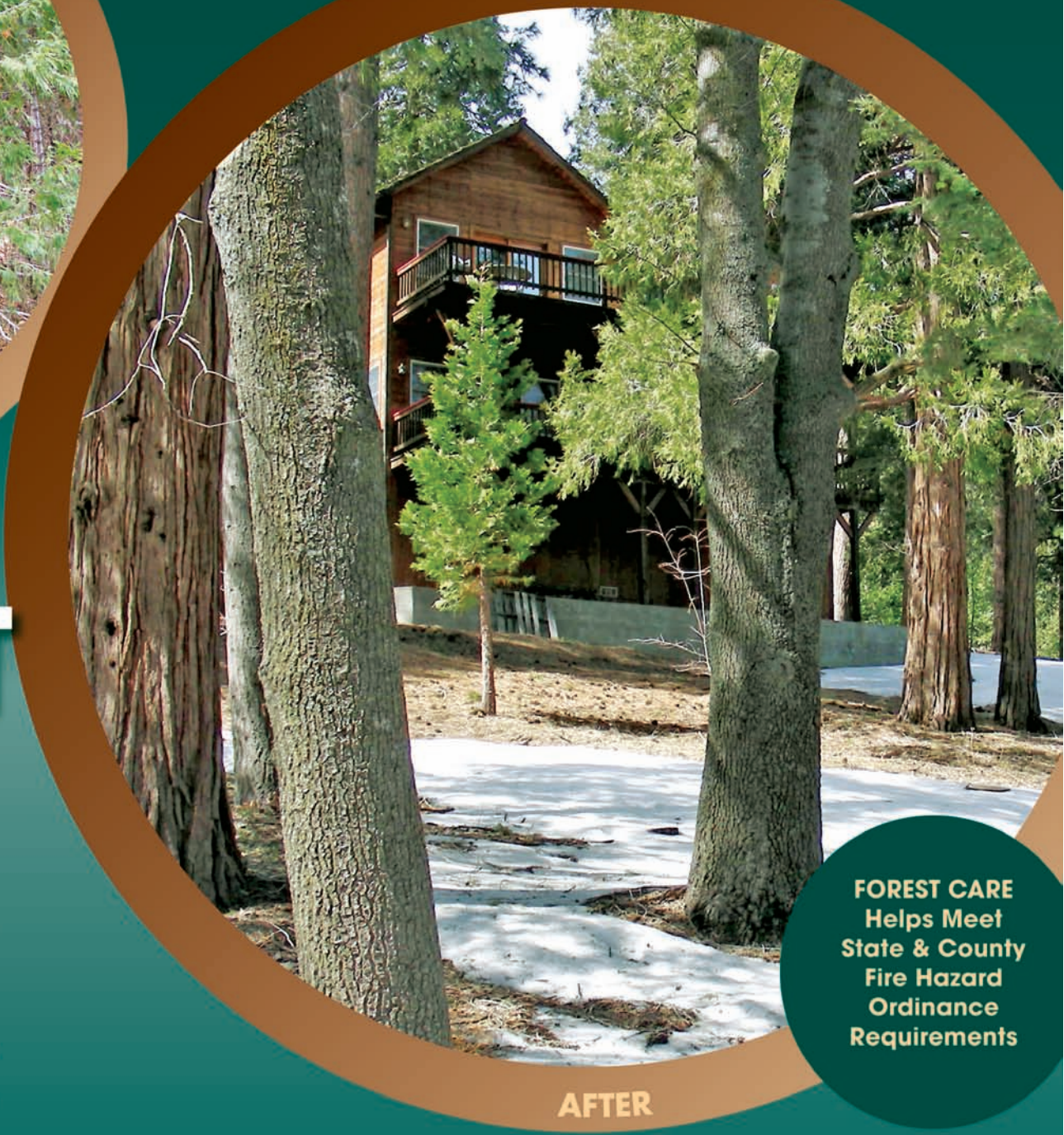
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SPORTS

Town Hall sports

Town Hall Recreation Director Bob Lewis gave this report on Adult Co-ed Softball. The league playoffs began and ended last week. The three-game 2010 Championship Series between Ajax and Pacific Slope began Tuesday, Aug. 24.

On Monday, Aug. 16, the Adult Co-ed Softball playoffs started. In the first round, Creekstone Inn had to meet their annual nemesis — Ajax. After starting the game with a base hit, **Franky Elenilson** scored the game's first run. Franky also got another base hit and scored another run for Ajax. Creekstone battled back, thanks to **Jessica Priefer** getting on base twice and scoring a run. But, Ajax beat Creekstone 9-6 to take game one of a best three series.

The next night Tuesday, Aug. 17, was the inaugural game between the Meatballs and Pacific Slope. The Meatballs started fast, led by **Jeff Adams'** three base hits and two runs. Despite a commanding 6-0 lead entering the sixth inning, playoff pressure hit the Meatballs. Pacific Slope's bats began beating the ball and **Casey Johnston** got a key base hit and scored two runs. Pacific Slope came back to stun the Meatballs 7-6.

On Wednesday, Aug. 18, Creekstone met Ajax in the series' second game and jumped to an early 3-0 lead. **Stacy Kretsinger** ripped a base hit and drove in a run. But Ajax fought back, scoring four runs in the second inning. Then, **Maria Loutzenhiser** drove in a couple runs to seal the deal. Ajax is going to the championship game after eliminating Creekstone 8-5.

In the Thursday, Aug. 19 second game between the Meatballs and Pacific Slope, the score was tied in the sixth inning. But in the bottom of the sixth, **Jody Posey** got a base hit to score the go-ahead run for Pacific Slope, which then added a couple insurance runs as they eliminated the Meatballs by the score of 7-3.

The second game of the Championship Series between Ajax and Pacific Slope will be played Thursday, Aug. 26. If it is needed, the third and final game is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 27.

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

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Pacific Slope shortstop **Jody Posey** starts a double play during the playoff game against the Meatballs. Pacific Slope won the game and the series.



Creekstone Inn's **Jeremy Teeguarden** slid home safely in the second game against Ajax. But his run was not sufficient, Ajax won the game, 8-5, and the playoff series two games to none.



This four-legged creature had a lot of bounce and enthusiasm. He stopped the Ajax and Creekstone Inn game while demonstrating his speed and agility, but new players were not added to team rosters during the playoffs.



Janey Espinoza, Ajax second-baseman, applies the tag too late to Creekstone Inn pitcher **Jeff Sherman**.



Pacific Slope third baseman **Becky Pierce** catches a pop fly during a game against the Meatballs.



Creekstone Inn's **Emily White** grounded out to first, while teammate **Rachel Teeguarden** raced home in the background. Ajax won the game and the series.

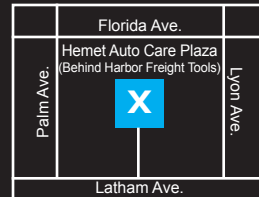


Kim Marcus, of Ajax, throws out a Creekstone Inn runner during last week's playoff game. Ajax won the game 8-5, and the series two games to none. **Art Torrez**, Ajax third-baseman, is in the foreground.

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Rouse Grazing proposal available

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The U. S. Forest Service is soliciting comments on its revised Rouse Allotment Management Plan (AMP) located in Garner Valley. The new AMP authorizes a grazing intensity of up to 300 head months. The administrative boundary for the Rouse AMP will exclude Lion and Bautista Canyons, which better reflects actual grazing pressure. The new boundary changes the Rouse Allotment to approximately 13,953 acres.

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 project Environmental Assessment.

A draft Environmental Assessment detailing the Rouse allotment proposal is available for review at http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/project_

list.php?forest= 110512.

The approximately 21,353-acre Rouse Allotment is located about 8 miles southwest of Idyllwild, completely within the San Jacinto Ranger District.

The Rouse Allotment has been grazed since 1975, when portions of Rouse Ridge were created as a fuelbreak for fire management. Cattle grazing on the allotment occurs pursuant to a 10-year term grazing permit. In the mid-1980s, the Thomas Mountain area was added into the allotment greatly increasing the amount of forage available.

Temporary permits were issued until 1979, when a term grazing permit for 30 head of cattle was issued for the Rouse Allotment. In 1988, the permit was issued for up to 50 head of cattle followed by a permit for 45 head in 2001. Currently, 15 head of cattle graze the allotment year-round. Reduction in head has been primarily a result of the permittee reducing his herd.

The majority of the Rouse Allotment is within the Rouse Hill and Horse Creek Ridge Inventoried Roadless Areas. Portions of the Rouse allotment also fall within the designated South

Fork San Jacinto Wilderness. Cattle grazing is considered an acceptable use within these land use designations.

The proposed action allocates 300 head months throughout the year and among three areas within the allotment. Head months would be determined annually by forage utilization standards listed in the term permit. The new Allotment Management Plan will focus on seasonal use and existing fencing to meet forage utilization standards.

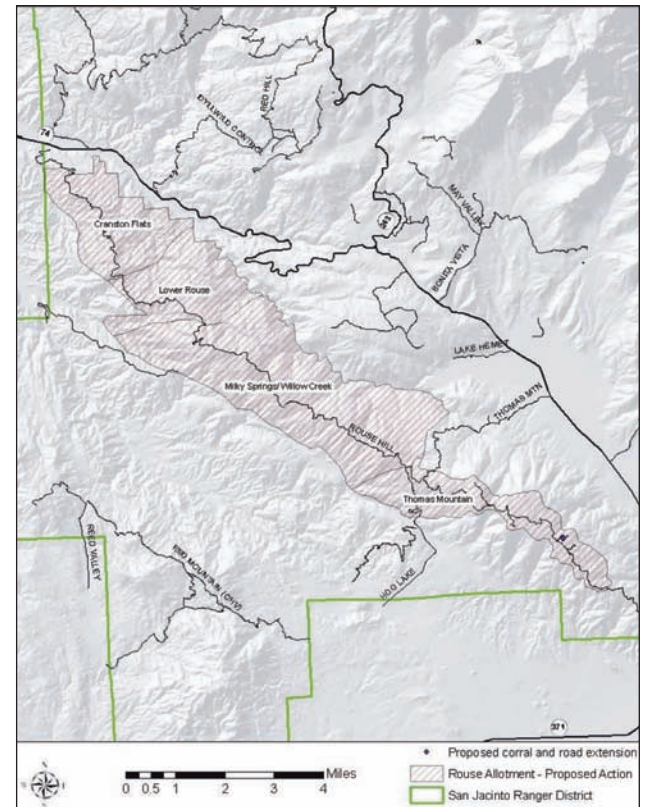
The Cranston Flat subunit has 2,446 total acres and under the proposal would be authorize an average of 50 head months per

year. Use of the Cranston Flat subunit would be restricted to the period of Feb. 1 to Oct. 1. The unit may receive more or less use in given years depending on annual production of forage.

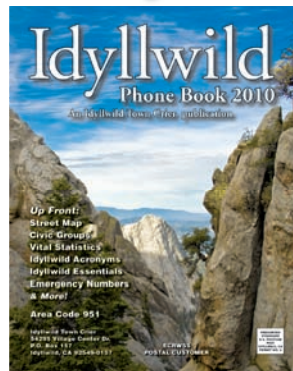
The Willow Creek, Milky Springs and Lower Rouse Ridge subunits have 473 acres of primary range out of a total area of nearly 9,000 acres. The AMP would authorize a grazing intensity of up to 125 head months during the period of Sept. 1 to May 1.

The Thomas Mountain subunit has 832 acres of primary range and 2,501 total acres. This acreage will

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Roger Allen Mosser's work selected for 2010 "Jazz in the Pines" Poster

Since the first Jazz in the Pines in 1994, an original piece of art has represented the festival on posters. Artist Leo Meiersdorff's original art piece was the first-annual festival poster. This year, for the 17th Annual Jazz in the Pines, local artist Roger Allen Mosser created an art piece called "Retrospective jazz" by incorporating

Meiersdorff's original work and an art medium called encaustic.

Encaustic painting is an art form that combines beeswax, pigment and resin to create unique textures with color blends that illustrate three-dimensional character. The encaustic technique was first seen in the 4th and 5th centuries B.C. Then

it was used to caulk the joints and waterproof the hulls of ships. By the 1st century A.D., the encaustic technique started being used to create art pieces for the ships.

Mosser is a relatively new resident on the Hill, having moved to Idyllwild from Portland, Ore. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and has received other certificates such

as realtor, pilot, artist and personal coach. His artistic background spans many mediums of art including watercolor, handmade paper, acrylic and encaustic painting.

This year's poster (from the original encaustic work) will be displayed for special order purchase at the Idyllwild Arts Foundation Associates booth during the festival.



"Retrospective jazz" is the title of the poster for the 17th Annual Jazz in the Pines. Local artist, Roger Allen Mosser created an original art piece, which incorporated Leo Meiersdorff's work from the first festival with an art medium called Encaustic.

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Palm Springs BID goes voluntary

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In advocating for an Idyllwild Business Improvement District (BID), local business owner proponents point to the need for self-help, given diminishing financial assistance from government. The key difference between BIDs and other special benefit assessment districts is that funds raised through assessments are returned to the private nonprofit local corporation governing the district. The county keeps only a small administrative fee.

Local governments concur and approve BID formation. But, as recently happened in Palm Springs' Main Street BID, they can also step in, replace the authorizing ordinance and weaken the BID's effectiveness.

Last month, the Palm Springs City Council revised the 2007 BID ordinance.

What is unclear in the new resolutions is whether a threshold 51 percent of district businesses raised objections sufficient to require the City Council to intervene, or if the Council acted outside ordinance parameters.

Authorized by the California Streets and Highways Code, Property and Business Improvement Law of 1994, BID formation begins when local business owners submit a detailed proposal to a supervising governmental agency — the Riverside County Board of Supervisors in Idyllwild's case. The proposal must contain a plan sufficient for the governmental agency to recommend formation and move on to public hearings. Ultimately, it is the governmental agency that authorizes BID formation. Key components of the plan include a defined assessment area, assessment methodology and proposed first-year budget, how the

advisory board that will run the BID will be selected, and provisions for public hearings.

Idyllwild BID advocates point to the BID's local governance function — assessment funds cannot be diverted by government (the county) for other government programs (i.e. "Our General Fund is dry and we need your assessments for emergency use"); tourism BIDs are designed and governed by those whose businesses provide the assessment basis (Idyllwild merchants, service providers, restaurateurs and innkeepers); and they provide a stable funding source for tourism promotion (when county assistance dries up).

BID proponents nationally note a strong tradition in this country that businesses should not depend on government bailouts or handouts but should act to define and advance their own

interests. BIDs are based on self-governance, with BID participants determining those interests. BID assessment forms can vary. The one perceived as least painful to business owners is a pass-through assessment that consumers pay — possibly on a percentage of each register sale or a percentage upcharge on a lodger's overnight stay. Nothing comes out of the business owner's pocket, the county collects and holds the money for use by the local BID board, and all district businesses participate in deciding how the assessments are spent — an anti-government template in an anti-government climate.

Joy Meredith, Palm Springs business owner and Main Street BID Advisory Board member, expressed shock at the City Council's action. "The City Council voted to make the district voluntary," she said. "It can't

work that way. It makes me very uncomfortable when elected officials don't see the benefit [to business owners promoting their own interests]."

Meredith noted that the necessary protest threshold (51 percent of district businesses) was not met prior to the City Council action. "The City Council acted without authority," she said. "Of 400 to 500 businesses within the district, approximately 80 complained."

According to Meredith, who attended the hearings, Palm Springs Mayor Steve Pougnet, in voting to revise the ordinance, said that the current economic climate made it too hard for businesses to pay the assessment. Meredith found that logic unconvincing, since assessments (based on a percentage of a business license and likely benefit from tourism) ranged from \$150 to \$500 annually and were designed

to provide funds to promote Main Street businesses in the absence of demonstrable assistance from the City. Meredith and other Main Street BID advocates believe, contrary to Pougnet's rationale, that the current economic climate is the reason why a mandatory assessment is necessary. "Small businesses can't afford to market themselves individually," she said. "My \$150 assessment could not even buy an ad."

The present ordinance, with voluntary compliance, will keep the BID structure in place until July 2011, when it will be revisited by the City Council. In the first two years of Main Street Palm Springs' BID, the average annual collected assessment was \$125,000. The projected budget for fiscal 2010/11 is \$59,000 including a \$50,000 rollover from the previous year.

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Idyllwild Trailer Park moves toward resolution

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild Trailer Park (ITP) owner James Murdock said that the county has approved preliminary plans for Santa Barbara based La Cumbre Management to repair or replace common electrical wiring, grids and components within the park. This work should begin within the month. Plans to redo or replace electrical line pedestals, switch boxes, power grids, power panels and the electrical lines running throughout the park are being drawn up by Southern California Edison, with La Cumbre paying the costs.

Inasmuch as the county's primary stated concern with the park was the condition of electrical wiring and the safety issues that it posed, Murdock believes the repairs will do much to satisfy the county. Murdock also said he had submitted to the county over a year ago plans to ameliorate the electrical hookups. Recently, an agreement on how to correct park electrical problems had been reached with the county.

Murdock wants to amend the park's permit to operate,

allowing all existing units to remain. He believes state law permits mixed use, not just mobile homes. The county wanted Murdock to obtain a new conditional use permit that Murdock said would cost his company \$20,000. "I'd rather put that money into park upgrades," said Murdock, "rather than go the conditional use permit route."

Code Enforcement Inspector Carol Forrey said she had completed inspections of all units within ITP and had forwarded that information to her superiors. Forrey said that Code Enforcement's Hector Viray and Greg Flannery would meet with Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone later this week to formulate a plan on how to bring the park into compliance.

Almost every unit sports an addition to the original structure. Few, if any, of those modifications were made with permit. State law forbids construction on any recreational vehicle or park unit and permits additions only on mobile homes. The park contains a number of units on which no construction is permitted by state law. If residents were forced to

remove construction to those units, in many cases it would render them uninhabitable.

That is the conundrum the county faces. Stone's stated concern is with park safety, both for residents and surrounding businesses. Stone said he wants to find a solution that allows residents to remain in their homes but that the county cannot ignore legitimate safety concerns.

Park residents maintain that, for the most part, they bought their units in their present condition and that the greatest safety risk is the park electrical system over which they have no control.

Once the Code Enforcement officials meet with Stone, a plan for addressing primary safety issues and unpermitted construction will

be formulated. Only after that has occurred will residents be given a written list of what modifications they must make. Although inspections are complete, no resident has yet received any direction as to what they must do.

In a 2009 Code Enforcement inspection, only seven of 58 units showed no violations. Until a plan is formulated, and units in violation are brought to code, residents cannot sell those units.

Murdock noted that the present situation arose when a resident wanted to upgrade an electrical panel, construct a room addition and then list the unit for sale. "We requested he show a permit which he did not have," said Murdock. "Under state law, you cannot structurally alter

a recreational vehicle [the unit in this case]. You can add onto a mobile home with the necessary permits. Our concern, as park owners, is for liability

and for the safety of the park and its residents."

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Jazz

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music genre," Hawkins maintains. He embraces all aspects of this musical form known for improvisation, rather than adherence to fixed and regimented harmonies and structure. "Traditional jazz music makes you think. It brings about consciousness — the truth about what I'm feeling at that moment," Hawkins says quietly and with a broad smile across his face.

Sure, he plays the bass, but he also plays the piano, composes and, perhaps most importantly, founded the Seahawk Modern Jazz Orchestra. Duos, trios, quartets and ensembles are all collections of jazz musicians, but an orchestra is original and special.

The Seahawk Orchestra is far more than it seems, thus reflecting his unique image. Hawkins conceived and birthed Seahawk from year one of Jazz in the Pines.

Sometimes, the orchestra's instruments transcend the traditional woodwind, string or percussion components. Hawkins has featured players who literally put themselves into the music. Leland "Spoonful" Collins and Danny "Slapjazz" Barber play kitchen spoons and the human body in ways most instrumental musicians never imagine.

But the orchestra embodies another one of Hawkins' passions — teaching. The Seahawk Orchestra is also a vehicle to highlight the success of Idyllwild Arts' music, especially its jazz program, which Hawkins leads.

He invites recent and older alumni back to campus to



Jazz festival alumni, from left, Marshall Hawkins, Evan Christopher, Daniel Sazer-Krebbers and Graham Dechter.

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play with the orchestra. In this way, festival attendees and patrons have an opportunity to see and hear the products of their nameless and distant financial contributions.

"People always need to know and to see their fruits," Hawkins said. "Alumni are the essence of the festival."

Jason Jackson, Evan Christopher, Graham Dechter and local Daniel Sazer-Krebbers, among many others, have performed with the orchestra. No different from hundreds of young and budding musicians, they left their high school campus unknown but full of ambition and talent.

Jackson, a saxophonist, returns as recipient of two Grammy awards. Clarinetist Christopher's new home in New Orleans is a base for his international tours. At the University of New Orleans, he coaches their New Orleans Music Ensemble. Dechter, the jazz guitarist, just released his own album "Right on Time," which reached number 11 on the jazz charts.

"Many of the alum come back pro bono," Hawkins

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lamented. "They just want to be part of it." Jackson has said it costs him money to return each year to the campus, but seeing and playing with Hawkins and his friends is too great a gift to miss.

The Seahawk orchestra is not simply a means to spotlight Hawkins' students and friends. It is also a tool to educate new generations about this special home-grown American musical form. Educational tools require good teachers to be effective. This is the second purpose of the orchestra. It continues to bring the students and teacher together, which produces something better.

"You have been with me as my teacher, friend and mentor since the beginning of my journey on 'Clarinet Road,'" Christopher wrote several years ago, demonstrating Hawkins' connection with his students. "I consented to being a lifelong student of our music, and you fully accepted your role as a lifelong teacher."

The Seahawk orchestra is full of educators, such as Bob Boss, Paul Carman, Harry Picken, Harold Mason and Daniel Jackson, who have been teaching IA students for years.

Now Hawkins wants to spread the jazz gospel further. For several years, his dream has been to take the orchestra and smaller groups within it to elementary schools

throughout the region.

The purpose is to inspire and capture the attention and desire of today's youngest generations, and to give them a goal and vision, much as Hawkins received in Washington, D.C. when members of the National Symphony visited his elementary school.

Decades since those days, Hawkins remembers and wants to light a torch in children who can't attend the Academy.

"Jazz education teaches a universal language that can serve as a tool for personal, social, and economic empowerment. It's a language that expresses the ironies of American democracy, especially for the disenfranchised, with humor, joy, boundless artistry and imagination," Hawkins recently wrote. "I hope you will agree with me that American elementary school education needs to teach this language now more than ever."

To help the Seahawk Modern Jazz Orchestra achieve this mission, donations may be sent to The Idyllwild Master Chorale (the parent 501/C3 non-profit organization). To ensure your donation will fund the jazz education program, earmark it "Seahawk MOJO."

Please visit the Seahawk booth near the French Quarter at the Jazz Festival

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IWD

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fail, Lyons indicated IWD would still be interested in acquiring the property.

The new fiscal year (July 1, 2010) began with positive results, according to Treasurer and Auditor Jim Ludy. Operating revenues were nearly \$7,100 (7.7 percent) more than estimated and expenses were \$3,100 less than budget.

Lyons also announced that Southern California Edison (SCE) will help the district refurbish three existing wells — well no. 2 and Fern Valley wells 1A and 2. Lyons expects SCE

may contribute two-thirds of the cost to repair the wells. After the work is completed, the improved efficiency should save the district \$9,000 annually.

Well levels have started to fall, but remain significantly higher than July 2008 or 2009, Lyons reported. Foster Lake level was full at the end of July. IWD water production totaled nearly 11 million gallons in July, 5 percent more than July 2009. But total production since January is 5.9 million gallons less than the same period in 2009.

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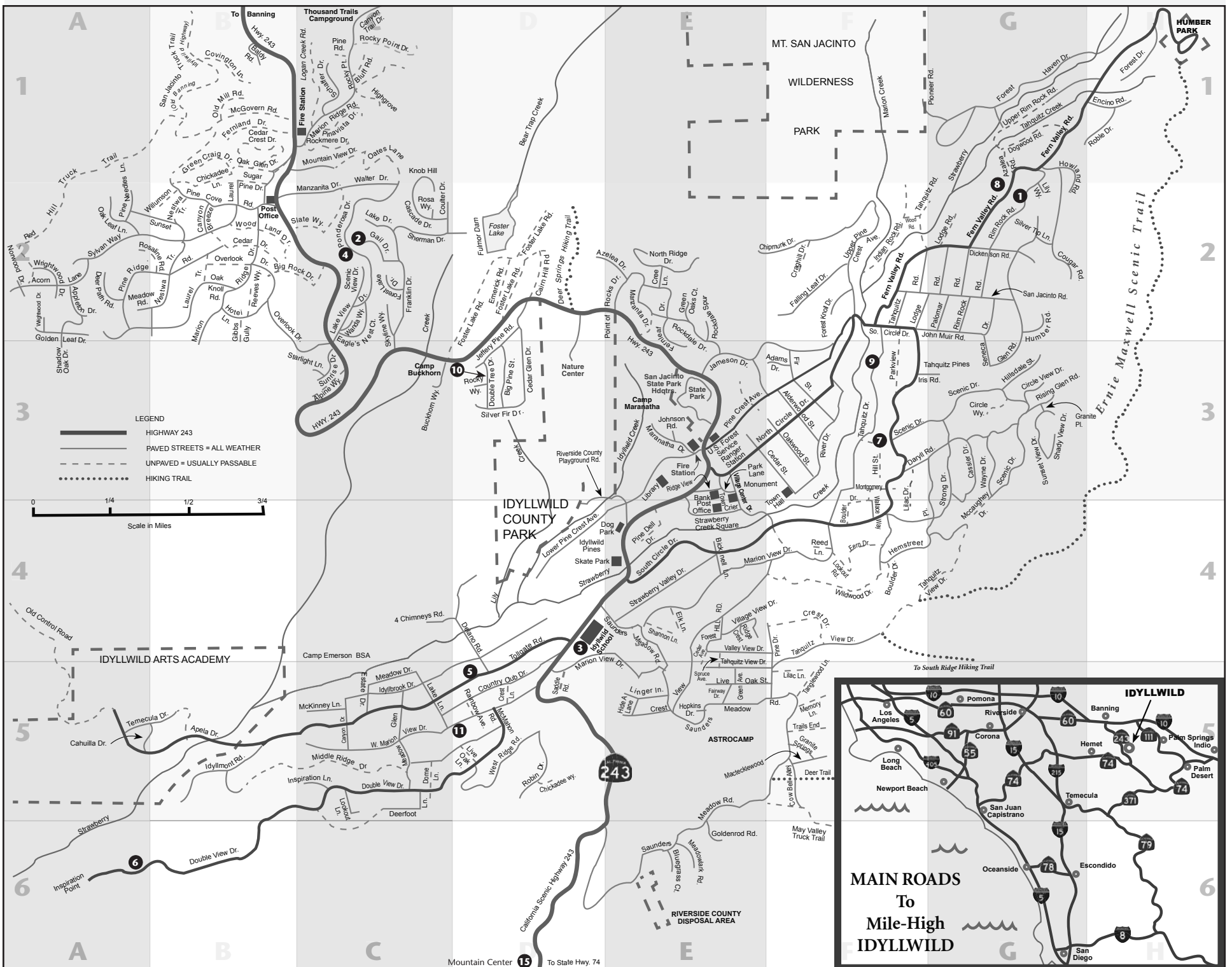
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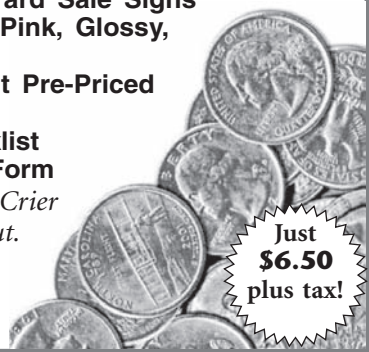
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- 5 Went sightseeing
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- 9 - Today
- 10 Sleuth
- 11 Antlered animal
- 17 Minimal change
- 21 Report card data
- 23 Hardly dexterous one
- 24 Brewery product
- 25 Started
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- 36 Colorless
- 37 Source of gum arabic
- 40 October birthstones
- 42 Square dance group
- 43 Preach, maybe
- 44 "Oops"
- 45 Not us
- 46 Distort
- 48 Overactive one?
- 49 Khan title
- 50 Slight amount
- 51 Bkpr.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cupid is strong in the Aries aspect this week, with the cherub opening romantic possibilities for single Lambs, and strengthening ties 'twixt loving pairs already in a caring relationship.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your dramatic flair might make things more interesting as you recount an event to your colleagues. But be careful not to exaggerate reality to the point that facts and fancy combine to form fiction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You love to talk, and this week you should get lots of chances to share your thoughts with people who will not only pay attention to what you have to say, but will want to hear more.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The pattern of recent changes could begin to shift from mostly workplace-related events to more personal matters. Continue to keep an open mind as you prepare to deal with them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An opportunity for work-related travel could be just what the Terri-fic Tabby needs to get a new perspective on a balky situation. The trip could also prove to be personally rewarding.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might want to suggest resolving an old disagreement before it can affect a matter expected to come up for discussion. It's always best to start with a clean slate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The week favors combining dollops of creativity and

practicality to work out both professional and personal problems. A longtime friend could have something of note to suggest.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprising facts could come to light if you decide to probe deeper into an "opportunity" than you might usually do. What you'll learn could determine what you'll earn.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone close to you might seek your counsel. Hear him/her out, but hold the line at giving actual advice until you get credible answers to all your questions.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) What seems to be an overwhelming workplace project can be dealt with quite well if you handle one category at a time. Things will soon begin to fall into place.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A personal matter might need more of your time than you had expected. Try to prioritize between your many outside commitments and your domestic responsibilities.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A developing situation still needs more time to grow, and more time to study before you can plunge in and make some attention-getting waves. Patience is best for wise Pisceans.

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Signed: CATHERINE M. MADLIN
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Sirens

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and saving property. Most international regulations give emergency traffic these levels of discretion.

The incident that raised the inquiry occurred at around 2:30 in the morning. "If you're not taking an exception [running a red light, moving through a stop sign, etc.], you don't have to sound

a siren," said Hawkins. The incident in question occurred at a time of night when there would be little likely traffic, and no stoplights or signs.

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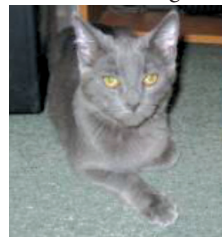
Kumar, a tortoiseshell, has been the best mom and surrogate mother any kitten could ask for. Oh sure, her hair was raised in all directions sometimes, and her eyes were wild with stress. But she successfully raised her five kittens, and two of the four babies that lost their mom. Job well done, Kumar. Now is her time to relax and find her own quiet home. She's looking for some peace, but is still playful.



Cole Trickle and **Valentino** (at right) are two of Kumar's kitties available for adoption. Both are males, a little over 4 months old, and ready for action and lovin'.



Kumar's other three babies, **Nancy Drew**, **Stuart**, and **Mr. Hardy** have been smothered with love and affection after being adopted into their forever homes.



Leonardo, (top left) and **Catastrophe** (bottom left) are two of the four babies that lost their mom but found guidance and love with Kumar. Sleek and healthy, no one would ever guess they were found starving in a shed at 4 weeks old with no mom. Kumar taught them the ropes. All litter box trained, they have loving attitudes and are ready to know the touch of their human life companions.



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55 years ago - 1955

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45 years ago - 1965

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40 years ago - 1970

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35 years ago - 1975

A new law called the Child Health and Disability Prevention Program became effective, requiring that all



In February 1980, a 5-day storm dumped more than 9 inches of rain on the Hill. Lake Hemet reached its highest level since the dam was built in 1889. Here, the Lake Hemet crew is rescuing one of 16 trailers from the flooded campground.

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children entering the first grade present their school district with certification of a prescribed series of health tests.

School of Music and the Arts was approved by the Board of Governors of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation.

20 years ago - 1990

The Idyllwild Rotary Club was sponsoring the first Open Golf Tournament at the Quail Ranch Country Club in San Jacinto to benefit the Idyllwild Mountain Rescue Team.

15 years ago - 1995

A Forest Restoration Program designed by the Coordinated Resource Man-

30 years ago - 1980

A record \$304,927,415 countywide General Fund Budget was adopted by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. The county parks departments were the hardest hit.

25 years ago - 1985

A 5-year master plan for growth of the Idyllwild

agement and Planning group was ready to go public. Some of the goals of this program were to prevent catastrophic fire, to strengthen a local sustainable forest-based economy and to enrich endangered species habitat.

10 years ago - 2000


Idyllwild Arts' founder Bee Krone died at the Village Health Care Center while the campus was dedicating the "Max and Bee Krone Library."

5 years ago - 2005

The Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce greenlighted the Hill's inaugural Charles Dickens Festival — A Victorian Christmas in Idyllwild. "The smell of roasting chestnuts and the sound of carolers" were to be all along North Circle Drive.

1 year ago - 2009

Guaranty Bank was sold to Spanish banking giant Banco Bilbao Vicaya Argentaria SA (BBVA) in one of the largest U.S. government-assisted deals offered to a foreign bank.




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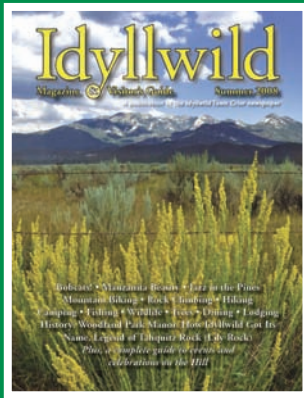
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