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Autumnal Equinox Ritual



More than 75 people attended the Autumn Equinox Ritual held at Idyllwild's Spirit Mountain Retreat this weekend. "Spirit-lifting" songs were provided by the well-known group called Local Color. Retreat Director Esther Kennedy and her staff provided food and refreshments in the natural setting located on Oakwood Street.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

Life on the pro golf tour

By JACK CLARK
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele will play at the Country Club at Soboba Springs in San Jacinto on the Nationwide Tour this week. He'll have a practice round at about 10 a.m. on Tuesday, a junior clinic on Tuesday afternoon, the Pro-Am tournament on Wednesday, and the tournament itself will be played Thursday through Sunday. Brendan was kind enough to do this interview. You may support him by joining his gallery this week in person.

Q. First of all, congratulations on having a fine year. In your rookie season you finished 82nd on the money list and last year you moved to 70th. This year, you are 37th, and that puts you in line for going directly to the final stage of Q School, right?

Yes, the top 40 get to the final stage—26 to 40. But there are a lot of things to play for on the Nationwide Tour. Everybody's playing for something different. Everybody focuses in on the top 25 [who go directly to the PGA Tour next year], but [finishing in the top] 25, 40, 60, 70, and 100 all

mean something different, so everybody's working for something, no matter where you are.

Q. How do you like the road life?

I like it. It gets hard to be away from friends and family. But it's okay; it's just part of the job, so you just have to deal with it. It gets harder the longer you go, so I can go for about three weeks and feel good, but then I'm ready to come home. After that, it gets pretty tough.

Q. I think those of us who
See Steele, page 18

Bakkom vs. Petri for HUSD seat

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Twenty year incumbent Phyllis Petri seeks re-election to Hemet Unified School District's (HUSD) Board of Trustees against challenger Paul Bakkom, a retired HUSD teacher. Trustee Area 2, the Anza-Aguanga region that incumbent Petri currently represents, has three schools — Cottonwood Elementary, Hamilton K-8 and Hamilton High School.

Bakkom is running with the concern that the HUSD Board, and Petri specifically, are not paying enough attention to Hamilton K-8, with its high rate of teacher turnover and low Academic Performance Index (API) scores (Hamilton K-8 scored 710, 5 points above its base of 705). Bakkom contrasts

Hamilton K-8 with Cottonwood Elementary in Aguanga that posted the top elementary school API score in the district (877). Bakkom points out that Petri, who lives in Aguanga, is a frequent visitor to Cottonwood, but not to either of the Hamilton schools in Anza.

Bakkom promises, if he is elected, to spend time on each of the three campuses to understand the local educational culture. "I want to find out what's working with the culture and what is not working," said Bakkom, "and to make those visits without a principal in attendance. Board members need to see the learning activities and working conditions in person and not just read about them in a report at a board meeting."

Bakkom said he would
See HUSD, page 32

Lytle assumes jazz mantle

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Marsha Lytle, former principal and lifelong jazz aficionado, is the next Jazz Fest chair. Planning the 18th-annual Jazz in the Pines has already begun, she said, although the 17th-annual Jazz in the Pines, a fundraising event for student scholarships at Idyllwild Arts, was only a month ago.

But Lytle is already forming her committees, lining

up volunteers, developing lists of potential performers and listening to thoughts and suggestions on how to improve an existing, fantastic weekend.

"We have a long way to go," she said. "But I listen to input, realize some things will change and [recognize] it's not just my vision."

Some of the changes and improvements, which Lytle will encourage her team to evaluate, include a breakfast booth near the festival
See Jazz, page 11

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Sept. 20 to Sept. 26:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Sept. 20 — Outdoor trash or waste fire, Highway 243, Idyllwild.

Sept. 23 — Walk-in medical aid.

Sept. 24 — Walk-in medical aid.

Sept. 26 — Two walk-in medical aids.

Sept. 26 — Dispatched and no incident found, Country Club Drive and Highway 243, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Sept. 20 — Wildland fire.

Sept. 20 — Medical aid, person down.

Sept. 20 — Fire assist.

Sept. 22 — False alarm.

Sept. 24 — Public assist, person down.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Sept. 20 — Structure fire, 44000 block of Williamson Road, Aguanga.

Sept. 20 — Vehicle fire, 59000 block of Devils Ladder Road, Garner Valley.

Sept. 20 — Medical

aid, 59000 block of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

Sept. 20 — Vegetation fire, 25000 block of Highway 243, Idyllwild.

Sept. 21 — Medical aid, 58000 block of Apple Canyon Road, Garner Valley.

Sept. 21 — Medical aid, 59000 block of Anzanita Lane, Anza.

Sept. 23 — Ringing alarm, 39000 block of Contreras Road, Anza.

Sept. 26 — Medical aid, 59000 block of Tunnel Spring Road, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Log unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Anza

Sept. 20 — Residential structure fire, Williamson Road and Valley Drive, Aguanga.

Sept. 20 — Vehicle fire, Devils Ladder and Pyramid Peak Roads, Garner Valley.

Sept. 20 — Medical aid, Morris Ranch Road and Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Sept. 21 — Unknown type of fire, Bahrman and Mitchell roads, Anza.

Sept. 21 — Medical aid, Anzanita Lane and El Toro Road, Anza.

Sept. 21 — Medical aid,

Valley Vista Lane and Patten Place, Anza.

Sept. 21 — Medical aid, Spanish Dagger and Tamatea roads, Anza.

Sept. 23 — Ringing alarm, Contreras Road and Highway 371, Anza.

Sept. 23 — Two walk-in medical aids.

Sept. 24 — Medical Aid, Mitchell and Bahrman roads, Anza.

Sept. 25 — Medical aid, Terwilliger and Sandy Hills roads, Anza.

Sept. 25 — Three walk-in medical aids.

Sept. 26 — Medical aid, Pioneer Way and Valley View Lane, Anza.

Sept. 26 — Two walk-in medical aids.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following call from Monday to Sunday, Sept. 20 to 26. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Sept. 22 — Single-vehicle traffic collision with no injuries, Tahquitz Drive south of South Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

Sheriff's log

Log unavailable.

Haunted House hit

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Vandals broke into and tagged parts of the Idyllwild Haunted Ghost Town on the Idyllwild Community Center property sometime on the night of Thursday, Sept. 23 or early in the morning Friday, Sept. 24. Idyllwild Events and Promotions' (IEP) Kathy Sacher Wilson estimated damage in excess of \$400 to an animatronics figure.

Vandals also sprayed graffiti on two wall sections and a hanging drape. Deputies from Riverside County Sheriff's Hemet Station are investigating the incident.

IEP produces the event to benefit the Idyllwild School Parent Teacher's Association. The Ghost Town opens for business on Saturday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. Sacher Wilson expects three to four thousand visitors.

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

Report graffiti

Standard procedure is to take pictures, record the date of the incident, promptly remove the graffiti, and contact Hemet station at (951) 776-1099.



Vandals broke into the Idyllwild Haunted Ghost Town on Thursday, Sept. 23 and sprayed graffiti on several wall panels and a hanging drape. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 9/30	Friday 10/1	Saturday 10/2	Sunday 10/3	Monday 10/4
82/57 Partly cloudy; 20-percent chance of thunderstorms.	81/55 Partly cloudy; 20-percent chance of thunderstorms.	78/53 Partly cloudy; slight chance of showers.	75/49 Mostly sunny.	74/48 Mostly sunny.

Date	Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
9-20	85	50			82	53		
9-21	79	47			88	52		
9-22	84	39			87	54		
9-23	90	39			86	56		
9-24	90	39			86	54		
9-25	90	39			86	51		
9-26	88	58			86	41		

Moisture in inches		Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	.10	To date this season (Idy):	0
To date last season (Idy):	.29	To date last season (Idy):	0
Total last season (Idy):	23.61	Total last season (Idy):	35.91
To date this season (PC):	.22	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.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

BY BRUCE WATTS

Weights and measures

Working in the shop, I have learned that the manufacturer's listed weight for any given product is not always the same as the actual weight. This is particularly true with tents, as most tents have the base weight (weight of the tent body with poles and rainfly) that does not include the storage bags and tent stakes. The package weight is listed somewhere below the base weight so you should always review the specifications list for the actual weight you will be carrying.



Thanks to the late, great outdoorsman Jim Fairchild, I have scales at the shop that can weigh anything from 1 gram to 75 pounds. Jim was kind enough to give me both a gram/ounce scale and a luggage scale that I use for weighing hikers' packs. I also have a bathroom scale to weigh hikers.

The main reason I needed the ounce scale was for the Pacific Crest Trail hikers. They were always asking how much this (fill in the blank) weighs.

If they are inquiring about a sleeping bag or tent, I can easily look it up if I have not already memorized the weights. If, however, they want to know the weight of a men's Patagonia Cap 3 Zip-T in a size medium, that number can be very hard to find. I actually had to call Patagonia; the weight is about 3.5 ounces. Now I can just turn on the scale and have my answer.

Of course, how much each individual item weighs may not be that important to the casual hiker, but once you add up the weights of everything in your pack it can make quite a difference. Even when you are only out for a day hike, there is no reason to carry more weight than you need for your hike.

This is also true for climbers, as just about everything is being made lighter and lighter. This is particularly true with carabiners. Their weights have dropped from the mid-30s to under 25 grams. Some of the lighter biners are so small they look like only a child's hand could handle them comfortably. Larger spring-loaded camming devices (cams) have the inner parts of the cams cut out to keep the weight down. Virtually all climbing hardware now lists the weight of the items somewhere on the package.

Armed with my new scales, I proceeded to weigh everything I could think of, including pairs of socks, Superfeet, whistles, Nalgene bottles, bottles of bug repellent, hats, sunglasses and more. I weighed almost everything in the shop that didn't have a listed weight on the packaging. I even weighed lots of items with

listed weights to see if the printed weight was the same as my scales' results.

At this point in my life I have begun to wonder if and when my brain will become too full of all this semi-useless knowledge. I don't seem to forget about things that I weigh and I am wondering if I will still have this in my head when I retire.

In the meantime, I'm your man if you have any questions about weights and measures. I am always looking for a reason to get the scales out.

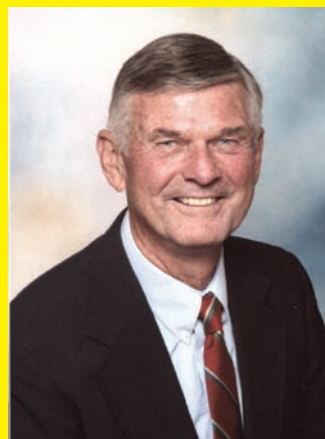


Male deer facing off before butting heads. The altercation occurred in Mountain Center. PHOTO BY BETHANY PULLIAM

ROSS VALENZUELA

Hemet Teachers' School Board Picks

The Hemet Teachers' Association is pleased to endorse Paul Bakkom, Ross Valenzuela and Joe Wojcik for the Hemet School Board. Hemet's teachers trust that these three candidates' familiarity with the Hemet District, open-mindedness, and commitment to improving student achievement will serve our community well.



Paul Bakkom
Retired teacher



Joe Wojcik
Parent/Attorney



Ross Valenzuela
Retired librarian/
teacher

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Idyllwild Vote 2010

The Town Crier has launched a new website dedicated to covering the 2010 California election. This site offers comprehensive coverage and information on issues affecting Idyllwild and the entire state of California.

We will post published stories as well as stories which didn't make it into the Town Crier.

You'll be able to check out all the local and statewide races.

Go to www.towncrier.com and click on **Election 2010 - The Hill** in the upper right-hand corner.

Idyllwild Vote 2010

Forest Service arrests suspected arsonist

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On Monday, Sept. 20 around 7 p.m., the Forest Service arrested Shawn Lee Westwood, 41, with no known residence address, for suspected arson.

Idyllwild Fire Department, the Forest Service and CAL FIRE all responded to a brushfire incident near Jameson's intersection with Highway 243.

In the course of extinguishing the small vegetation fire, responders no-

ticed what appeared to be a temporary camp that Westwood had built. He was arrested, and was released on his own recognizance after his Sept. 23 court date. He was initially charged with arson of a non-dwelling. John Hall, the District

Attorney's Office Public Information Officer, said his office would review the record and decide whether to file and what charges to file.

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

Sheriff seeks skull ID

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Riverside County Sheriff's Department Homicide unit is seeking information about the identity of a man whose skull was found just off Highway 243 about two miles east of Lake Fulmor on May 18, 2010.

Homicide detectives re-

leased a composite sketch of the man based on the bone structure of the skull. He is believed to be a Caucasian between 20 and 40 years of age. Detectives, who are treating the case as a homicide, estimate the skull had been at the scene for some time. No additional skeletal remains were found. Because of the skull's condition, it can't be

tested for DNA.

At the time of discovery, detectives searched outstanding missing persons reports but found no match or leads.

Homicide is hoping that by publishing the composite sketch and calling attention to the case and location where the skull was found, people might come forward with in-

formation that could lead to identifying the individual.

Authorities are asking anyone with information to call Investigator Rick Simms at (760) 393-3524 or the sheriff's homicide tipline website at www.riversidesheriff.org/tipline.

Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com



Composite frontal and profile sketches of the individual whose skull was found near Lake Fulmor. Authorities are seeking clues for identification.

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Do not stand at my grave and weep;
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.



When you awaken in the morning hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.

— Ashley Morris

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

- Jazzercise class, 6-7 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- 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, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

- Idyllwild Business Round Table, 8 a.m. Mile High Cafe, 26600 Highway 243.
- "Forgotten God," Women's Ministry Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church Office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- ESL classes, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Hwy. 243.
- 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, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)

FRIDAY, OCT. 1

- 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 Alcorn, 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.
- Presentation on Pinyon Pines by Daniel McCarthy, San Bernardino National Forest Tribal Relations Program manager & archeologist, 7 p.m. Pinyon Flat Campground, Highway 74, Pinyon Pines.

SATURDAY, OCT. 2

- ARF Vet Clinic with Dr. Susan Eyer-Anderson. Call 659-1122 for appointment.
- Pine Cove Property Owners Association meeting, 8:30 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr., Pine Cove.
- Thousand Trails Craft Show, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thousand Trails Campground, 24400 Canyon Trail Drive, Pine Cove.
- Stand in Silent Vigil for Peace, Justice and Nonviolence, noon. Town center. 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.
- Raw foods potluck, 5:30 p.m. Nature's Wisdom, 54235 Ridgeview Drive. Call 659-4300.

SUNDAY, OCT. 3

- Zen Meditation Group, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 659-2253.
- Pinyon Pines County Water District, 9 a.m. Pinyon Fire Station, 70080 Hwy. 74, Pinyon.
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Moun-

tain View, Pine Cove.

- Teen Group, 10-11:30 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 12x12 Book Study closed meeting, noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flats, across from Cal-Fire Station 6.
- Idyllwild Writer's Guild, 3 p.m. 25685 Big Pine St., Cedar Glen. Call 659-0130.

MONDAY, OCT. 4

- Friends of the Idyllwild Library Board, 9 a.m. Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- School Site Council, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild School, Room 14, 26700 Highway 243.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, Session I: 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Session II: 6:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio. Call Val at 659-5750 for information.

TUESDAY, OCT. 5

- Zen Meditation Group, 7 a.m. & 7 p.m. Call 659-2253.
- Jazzercise with Cindy, 9:40 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income) & Senior Food Sharing (anyone over age 60 qualifies), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mormon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.
- Idyllwild Garden Club, noon. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)
- International Healing

Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.

- Hilltop Horsemen, 6 p.m. Call 659-0214.
- Anza Valley Citizens Patrol, 6 p.m. Call Brian at (951) 763-5324.
- ESL classes, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Hwy. 243.
- Healthy Lifestyle Class, 6 p.m. optional weigh-in; health talk by Brenda Scherlis, 6:30 p.m. Silver Pines, 25955 Cedar St.
- HUSD Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Hamilton School, 57550 Mitchell Rd., Anza.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.
- Adult Open Gym Volleyball, 7-9 p.m. Idyllwild School gymnasium, 26700 Hwy. 243.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Garner Valley Women's Club, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
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CLUBS

Garden Club

Doris Lombard will speak on "Garden Water Usage and Conservation" at the next meeting of the **Idyllwild Garden Club** Tuesday, Oct. 5 at the Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall.

Lombard will outline how a series of interconnected, terraced berms can better use rainfall and winter melt-off in your garden. The club will also hold its Annual Installation of Officers and Governing Board during the business portion of the meeting.

A potluck luncheon and social time begins at noon, with the presentation to follow. Visitors are welcome.

For more information call **Harold Voorheis** at (951) 659-3598.

High Country Garden Club

Paul Elmore of Elmore's Saw and Welding in Anza will speak at the next meeting of the **High Country Garden Club** at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 at Lizzie Ann's Garden Center.

The presentation entitled "Winterize your Whacker" is not limited to weed-whackers. Elmore will explain the "do's and don't's" of long term storage of small engine and power tools (such as chainsaws, chippers and mowers). Elmore will also speak on what to look out for when buying used equipment.

For more information, contact **Annika Knoppel**, garden club leader, at (888) 834-9005, ext. 5, or hcgardenclub@gmail.com.

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

The Town Crier is a-changin' ...



The "Times They are a-Changin'" was written as a ballad for the social movement afoot in the 1960s. Bob Dylan, the author, was trying to capture the spirit of the changes engulfing American culture nearly 50 years ago.

(Ugh, it's hard to write and to read these words about 50-year-old history, knowing I span that period.)

Despite the personal aversion to associating with such recent history, as I pondered today's column and the panoply of subjects, this song from my youth kept creepin' into my head.

Given the subjects I want to address, these lyrics still represent the times that are a-changin'.

"Come senators, congressmen

Please heed the call

Don't stand in the doorway

Don't block up the hall"

The ineffable Town Crier has momentum — we've added a political section to our website. I don't just mean a page and an old story. I mean six pages and reams of information about the approaching Nov. 2 election.

You can go to our home page and look for the link in the upper right corner or simply go directly to towncrier.com/elections/.

As we promised, both published stories and new material will be posted on the site. If you have suggestions, let me know.

You'll find information about how to register to vote — Oct. 18 is the deadline. If you're registered, but tired of standing in line, especially behind all those people annoying you because they haven't read all nine propositions, you can find directions on how to request a vote-by-mail ballot. The deadline is Oct. 26.

You can find a list of all candidates and propositions that will be on the ballot for Hill residents. Actually, we're still working on the local pension rights propositions. That information is a-comin'. The Election pages are not the only changes, just some of the more momentous.

As Bob Dylan warbled five decades ago,

"Come writers and critics

Who prophesize with your pen

And keep your eyes wide

The chance won't come again"

We've found those writers who've been patient and who are spinning the wheel. We're adding new columnists, too. In this week's paper, you'll find two inaugural columns from authors Norm Walker, Idyllwild Fire Protection District fire chief, and Dave Stith, one of the instigators for the Lemon Lily Festival.

In October, Renate Caine will begin her column, which will address education and novel ideas for learning. Yoda would listen to Renate, trust your feelin's, not your memorizin'.

Don't forget: we introduced Mike Esnard, president of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe council as another new columnist last week.

"The slow one now

Will later be fast

... And the first one now

Will later be last

For the times they are a-changin'."

Yes, they're changin', we just don't know when the spinnin' wheel will stop. We heeded your comments, we did the search and you can reap what we sowed. We're near the end of the beginnin' but far from the beginnin' of the end.

Although "The line it is drawn," the curse is not cast. We will continue to change in order to improve our service and content to our readers.

Enjoy the "times, they are a-changin'." We know we're not fast, but believe we're far from last.

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Re: Graffiti expands to hate crime

EDITOR:

A couple of weeks ago an essay I wrote was published on CNN.com Living. The theme of the article was tolerance. I was surprised and shocked at the vitriolic comments people made in response to my article. Many were mean-spirited — toward me, my article, and toward each other.

It was an ironic reminder that we live in a world where many people, hiding behind a mask of anonymity, feel they can say or do anything they want. Perhaps they simply believe it's their right under the umbrella of free speech. I think that most often it's a result of someone's fear and anger toward those whose views, religious beliefs, political affiliations, or ethnicities differ from their own.

We see it when the "ground zero mosque" is mentioned, we see it when our president's heritage is questioned, and we see it when issues such as social justice are condemned and churches vilified for using those two words in their prayers. Labels are affixed to those who are different from us, purposely conjuring up even greater fear. Words fly across the media airwaves like volleys of weaponry. It's toxic and it's catching.

The recent anti-Semitic attacks of vandalism are a heartbreaking reminder that our community isn't immune.

Respect for others begins at home. If parents don't respect those who differ from them, their children won't either. Children learn more by watching the actions of parents than they do by being told how to behave.

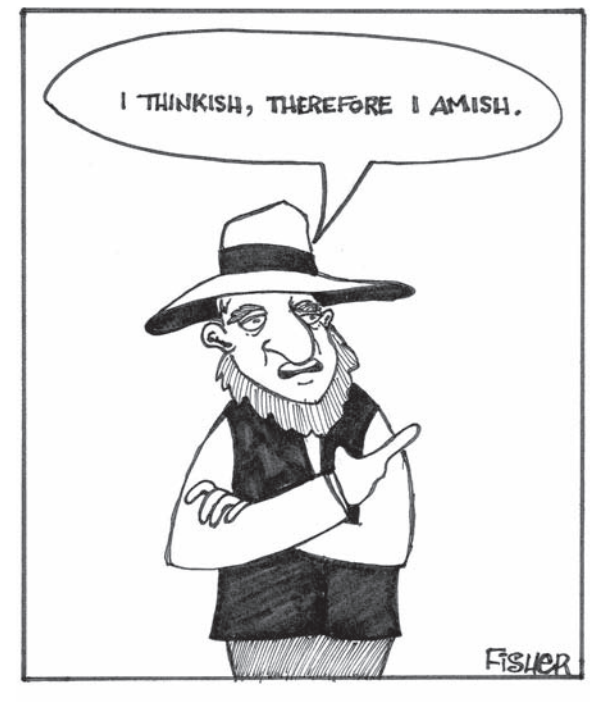
Schools have a responsibility too. Even the youngest child must be reminded, and often, of the necessity of respecting and caring for others. How about asking the kids in your classroom (or those at home) to carry out one secret "random act of kindness" each day? Talk about its result, how it made them feel?

I believe churches of all denominations in Idyllwild

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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



need to speak to this issue — not just about the recent hate crime and what we can do about stopping the vandals, but about the need to respect those who don't see eye to eye with us on passionate issues. The reminder to love others as ourselves.

How about the formation of an ecumenical group made up of pastors and other leaders, meeting regularly to brainstorm ways we can work together as a community to keep Idyllwild safe from these cowardly acts of hatred and ignorance?

Free speech is necessary; I completely believe in it. But when the line is crossed and people act out in ignorance, hatred, and fear, they cause more than structural damage. They cause psychological

damage as well. Sometimes irreparable.

My heart goes out to those who were attacked. As a community, we need to act, and act quickly, on their behalf. On behalf of us all.

DIANE NOBLE
IDYLLWILD
AND PALM DESERT

Consider the BID

EDITOR:

Last weekend a few of us got together to chat about the proposed Idyllwild Business Improvement District (BID). We are concerned that our part-time paradise, along with that of the fortunate full-time residents, is about to be brought into a flawed deal.

[See Letters, page 22](#)

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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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CHIEF'S CORNER

BY IFPD FIRE CHIEF NORM WALKER

The introduction ...

Let me begin by thanking the Town Crier for asking me to write this column to better communicate with the public regarding the inner workings of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD). I feel a general overview would be a good way to start.



It is an honor to be selected as the IFPD fire chief. My thanks to the Board of Commissioners and the many citizens of the Hill who supported me in this endeavor. I was sworn in as Interim Fire Chief on May 17 and competed with other candidates for the permanent position. I was sworn in as chief on Aug. 1. I bring 36 years of firefighting experience as a member of the U.S. Forest Service before I retired as division chief of the San Jacinto Mountain Ranger District in 2008.

My contract with the board contains the usual language about pay and benefits, including two annexes. Annex A is a list of 25 items the board wants me to pursue to improve the department. The list can be distilled into five categories: personnel management, planning for the future (equipment replacement, station maintenance and budget), public education and training, internal and external communications and elevation of IFPD's ISO (International Standardization Organization insurance) rating from 4 to 3. Many of these subjects will have an entire article written about them in the future.

Annex B contains direction for my participation as a unified incident commander, both on local incidents involving the fire district and as a member of SoCal Team 1, [See Chief, page 21](#)

IDYLLWILD BOTANY

BY DAVE STITH

Idyllwild County Park — a botanical report, September 2010

The forecast for Sunday, Sept. 5, was a warm 82 degrees. Since I received no takers for my advertised botanical hike of Idyllwild County Park, I nearly got lazy and skipped it.



The Nature Center invited a professor from Loma Linda University to bring all manner of venomous creatures. Following my attendance at the rattlesnake presentation, I decided that I might as well proceed with my planned botanical survey.

The end of the botanical season is announced by the sticky lessingia's (*Lessingia glandulifera*) yellow flowers. I had seen them creeping up from Mountain Center into the very heart of Idyllwild. I expected to find them on the grounds near the Nature Center, but they weren't there. So I headed to the campground.

To entertain myself, I stopped the occasional family hiking up the trail to point out to the kids some little gem such as the difference between oak and pine mistletoe or how to tell the oak trees apart. I'm sure once I passed they wondered, "Who was that guy?"

It was interesting to see how the plant community had changed since the beginning of the season. Bristly bird's beak (*Cordylanthus rigidus*) with its funny-looking little

ON THE FRINGE

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TOWN TALK

BY CID CASTILLO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Of the nine Propositions on the November ballot, which one interests you the most?



Vi Hallacy
Retired registered nurse
Idyllwild

"Number 19. People should be able to grow marijuana for their own personal use, but they should not be able to sell it. Also the proposition that stops the salary of legislature unless they pass the budget."



Gia Grutta
Idyllwild

"No, I don't believe that you should put drugs such as marijuana into your body. I am against passing Proposition 19. I am also against the proposition that reduces greenhouse gas emissions. We should concentrate on keeping our state green."



Fred Lyons
Idyllwild/Palm Springs

"I really like the proposition that doesn't allow the politicians to go home on vacation until they pass the budget. I think that's great. Makes them go to work."



Billy Sheppard
Local DJ, works at the Red Kettle and at Showtime Video Idyllwild

"Number 19. People should be able to grow it for themselves, especially people with cancer as a medicinal aid."

flowers that resemble a bird's beak was just beginning to grow when Tom Chester and I did our first survey earlier in the year. In September, it was the dominant plant along this stretch of trail.

When I got down to the meadow, I saw a sea of the sticky lessingia. A small raft of golden rod (*Solidago californica*) made a display of yellow upon yellow.

Above the road, I looked for the rare Munz's mariposa lily (*Calochortus palmeri* var. *munzii*) which is found only in the San Jacintos. Only the fruit remained, revealing no hint of how beautiful and special this flower is.

I returned to the campground entrance on Perimeter Trail. I observed rosettes of large leaves that somewhat resembled those of the invasive non-native mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*) that Tom and I had seen in Lilly Creek before they were in bloom.

[See Botany, page 21](#)

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Heart and Hands Healing

Lowder speaks to statewide testing

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

Dr. Steven Lowder is the 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 is the last of three articles introducing Lowder to the Hill.

How do you feel about the recently released STAR scores?

Lowder evinced little emotion as he discussed

the recent STAR results [see the Aug. 19 issue for details on Idyllwild School results]. But he was very expansive about what he planned to introduce to help teachers work with their students.

"They could be better. Scores were about where we expected. Some schools [that] we expected to do better didn't and some did better," he said. "Our rate of increase is dropping now. Across state, [STAR] scores were down."

Moving beyond the results of the past, Lowder shared his plan to introduce "Measures of Academic Performance" (MAP). This is a product that came from a collaborative effort between school districts in the Pacific

Northwest.

"We'll be going away from homegrown assessments," he stressed.

MAP uses a computer to assess each student's level of learning. And the results come to the teachers within days. One of its principles is the assumption that every student learns differently.

According to the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), the originators and MAP owners, it tests present students with engaging, age-appropriate content. As a student responds to questions, the test responds to the student, adjusting up or down in difficulty based on student responses. The result is a wealth of detailed information for teachers,

parents and administrators about each student.

Lowder had employed MAP at Lincoln Unified School District in Stockton, where he worked before coming to HUSD. "It gives us more information as we go along," he asserted. "It's data-driven decision making."

He envisions using the MAP tool two to three times each year in order to improve teachers' understandings of how individuals in the class are doing and what areas may need more attention for each student.

HUSD has been on the "program improvement" list for several years; do you see a way off it or does

it not matter?

"Our goal is to get out of program improvement," he replied without hesitation.

What kind of management style should we expect to observe?

"It's not just top down. Goals are set at the top, but they are worked up," he said. "We want to make a differ-

ence in the lives of children," he continued. "Whether it's top down or bottom up, our role is to teach." Embracing the role of staff and faculty, he added, "it's not me, it's us."

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week are first-graders **Fiona McMullen** and **Evan Douglass**. First-grade teacher **Christine Tirheimer** chose Fiona and Evan because they are recognized as super students, outstanding citizens and great role models.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



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Community playground in the works

By BETH NOTTLEY
STAFF REPORTER

The Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC) has set July 4, 2011 for the grand opening of the Idyllwild Community Playground at the Idyllwild Community Center site. The public can view the architectural drawings of the planned playground at a Community Family Fun Carnival that will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 22 at Town Hall.

ICRC is seeking the entire community's participation to make the plan a reality. In fact, local children, the playground's users, will take the first step. On Oct. 22, the architect for the playground, Carrie VanVelkenburg of Leathers & Associates, will meet with Idyllwild School (IS) students in their classrooms to solicit their thoughts about what a playground in Idyllwild should contain. Then, she will sit in the school's lunchroom and make a drawing of the

playground based on their visions. "She'll be designing their dreams and the children will get to see her do it," remarked Dawn Sonnier, member of the ICRC Community-Built Playground Steering Committee.

Sonnier said the committee has already begun a fundraising effort for the playground. The total amount needed to build the playground is estimated to range from \$80,000 to \$100,000. And that amount is dependent on volunteers coming together next June to actually construct the playground.

Sonnier said that more than \$18,000 has already been raised. The Rotary Club and Idyllwild Inn have each pledged \$5,000 for the effort and the Rizor family has pledged \$1,000. Some people have found creative ways to donate. For example, Doug McKellar donated 25 cords of mixed firewood for ICRC to sell to raise money for the playground. As of last

week, 12 cords had been sold at \$200 each. ICRC President John Simpson and Lon Mercer, owners of the Rainbow Inn, have pledged to provide food for the volunteers during the playground's construction.

ICRC has also set up levels of sponsorship. At the \$100 level, an individual, family or business can have their name engraved on a composite picket on the fence that will surround the playground. Over 50 fence picket sponsorships, out of 300 to 400 total, have already been pledged. According to Sonnier, the fence will have a 50-year warranty, so sponsors will have the satisfaction of seeing their gifts acknowledged and enjoyed for years.

The Family Fun Carnival will offer a rather unique opportunity to give to the playground fund. For a small fee, carnival goers get to throw an egg at a willing victim, including IS Principal Matt Kraemer, IS teacher Brennen Priefer, Idyllwild Chevron station

owner Steve Friemoth and Kretsinger Plumbing's Brian Kretzinger, among others. The carnival will also offer pizza and other refreshments, face painting, pony rides and a bounce house.

Sonnier said that all the people she has spoken with about the proposed playground are enthusiastic. "So many parents have said, 'thank you, we need a playground,'" she said, adding that even the business owners have expressed they would like to have a play place for tourists with children.

Currently, there is no playground open to the public in Idyllwild. The playgrounds at Town Hall and Idyllwild School are only for the use of children enrolled at those facilities, and are locked after hours and on weekends.

"Our whole community will benefit from this playground," said Sonnier.

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

Voting for dollars for new community center

By BETH NOTTLEY
STAFF REPORTER

Fundraising for the proposed Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) and a playground on the site may be going high-tech soon. People will be able to cast their votes, in support of Idyllwild's projects, online as part of the ongoing Pepsi Refresh Project.

Chris Singer, a volunteer for the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC), the organization that owns the site and plans to build the community center, will submit a grant proposal to benefit the ICC to the Pepsi Refresh Project on Oct. 1. If the grant proposal is accepted, it will be posted in the November online competition.

At the beginning of each month, the Pepsi Refresh Project accepts 1,000 grant proposals from people, businesses and nonprofit organizations presenting ideas that will have a positive impact

on their communities. The proposals can address community projects in various areas such education, health, the environment, arts and more. If accepted, the proposal idea is posted on the Pepsi Refresh website (www.refresheverything.com) and the public gets to vote for their favorite in four categories. Based on voter results, the Pepsi Refresh program makes up to 10 awards each month for \$5,000, \$25,000, \$50,000, and up to two awards of \$250,000.

Singer plans to ensure that a proposal to raise money for a community center building, restroom and playground will be in the running for online voters in November. "I'll be submitting the proposal at 12:01 a.m. Oct. 1," she said. She'll be notified within two weeks of applying if the proposal is accepted to be a contestant in November's Pepsi Refresh Program contest. If so, she said she'll be working hard to get out the vote.

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

TERTIARY TREATED RECYCLED WATER FOR LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

EXISTING WASTEWATER PLANT – The District's wastewater plant is designed to treat 250,000 gallons per day (gpd). Currently, the plant is treating a daily average of 110,000 gpd under secondary treatment guidelines with 140,000 gpd available remaining plant capacity. The "secondary" water gravity flows to our seven percolation ponds located in the southwest area of Idyllwild. The operation of our wastewater plant and ponds has met the California Regional Water Quality Control Board standards. For thirty years our percolation ponds, receiving secondary water, have been used as evaporation/percolation ponds and disposal by "spray landscape irrigation" without any direct re-use benefit. On Sept 21st, the Board approved the CEQA for recycled water (RW) to be used for a landscape/irrigation phase. However the landscape/irrigation phase would be contingent on receiving grant funds for approval. Although the RW for the groundwater recharging phase would have benefitted our customers, CA Dept of Public Health (CDPH) requested removal of the RW recharging phase until more groundwater studies are available. To date there aren't any groundwater studies available for CDPH'S review to consider the proposed RW recharging fractured rock phase.

PROPOSED TERTIARY PLANT – We would install a proposed CDPH-approved packaged tertiary treatment unit alongside our existing treatment that will treat 85,000 gpd of our secondarily treated water to a higher quality of tertiary RW. This RW would be pumped through a new distribution main to Idyllwild Pine's existing unused water tank. The stored RW will be available for landscape/irrigation uses. IWD'S customers who are adjacent to the new distribution RW main have the option to request RW by truck delivery or through a new RW meter. A joint agreement will be needed between the users and IWD before receiving delivery. The agreement will require the user to allow the District to inspect the customer's water system before using recycled water. It's important that the District verify there are no cross-connections between the RW system and the customer's domestic water service lines. Customers without access to the distribution main will need water trucks to deliver the RW.

BENEFITS FOR RECYCLED WATER LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION

- Reduces water demand on our drinking water distribution system.
- Improves Foster Lake groundwater supplies by conserving drinking water that was used for irrigation.
- Recycled water projects qualify for state and federal grant funds.
- Using an existing source of treated water to receive a re-use benefit.
- Conserve the use of diverted Strawberry Creek water by reduction of pumping costs to Foster Lake.

NEXT IWD BOARD MEETING IS SCHEDULED ON OCTOBER 19, 2010

IWD scales back reclamation project

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Idyllwild Water District (IWD) took another step toward the construction of a water reclamation facility. At its Tuesday, Sept. 21 meeting, the board approved the environmental documentation for the overall project.

However, President Allan Morphett made it clear that the board's approval did not include delivery of reclaimed water to Foster Lake.

"The approval of this CEQA [California Environmental Quality Act study] tonight is for phase one only, landscaping and irrigation," he stressed. "We are seeking funding and not approving the project for construction."

Not a change in direction, but a more limited project was the result of a Sept. 15 meeting between IWD officials and state officials from multiple agencies including the California Department of Public Health and the State Water

Resources Control Board. IWD received the following message suggesting that if the agency wishes to proceed with transporting reclaimed water to Foster Lake, additional studies about the movement of water in the fractured granite below the surface and about how the treated water will affect surface and other environmental resources will be needed.

"One thing [that came] out of the meeting was the hydrologist's reservations," reported IWD General Man-

ager Terry Lyons. "He said there were too many unknowns and could not agree to a recharging project. I think we walked away fairly surprised at the outcome."

Lyons said the state people support reclamation projects and endorse the irrigation use, but say that recharging Foster Lake will have to wait for future developments.

The project involves the construction of a tertiary treatment plant at the IWD wastewater plant. The new facility would treat or re-



Consultant **Anuj Saha** (center) discussed the Idyllwild Water District's reclamation project options with the board during the Sept. 21 meeting. In the back, listening are IWD President **Allan Morphett** (left) and Director **John Cook** (right).

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

claim about 75,000 gallons of the 110,000 gallons that flow daily to the wastewater facility. The treated water would be pumped to a steel storage tank near Idyllwild Pines and the water would be used for landscaping and irrigation purposes.

Prior to the vote, Morphett stressed that the board was not approving any financial investment. The district will continue to seek state or federal grants or loans to finance the construction of the pilot or demonstration reclamation facility.

In other water news, Lyons reported that the resin from removing radioactive material from well 1A in Fern Valley has more than doubled its expected life. In the two years since the

treatment plant's installation, more than 55 million gallons of water have been pumped through it. The well's use has also resulted in lower raw water readings than there were two years ago. After treatment, the gross alpha readings are nil, according to Lyons.

August's water usage production dropped from 2009, resulting in lower revenue than expected, Treasurer and Controller Jim Ludy reported. August's 9.5 million gallons was 1.4 million gallons less than July's production and 1.7 million gallons less than August 2009. Almost two-thirds of the decrease occurred in the commercial sector, according to Ludy.

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San Jacinto fault could shake

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Dr. Frank Vernon, research geophysicist at Scripps Institute of Oceanography in La Jolla, spoke recently in Anza about the San Jacinto Fault (SJF), its history of significant quakes, the current expanded monitoring efforts and what future shaking might be expected from this cousin of the more famous San Andreas Fault.

Dubbed by seismologists as one of the most active faults in California because of its history of frequent smaller quakes, the local fault is often overlooked as a candidate for the "Big One." Vernon cautions that this might be underestimating its potential.

When asked if the Hill's largely granite base would help minimize damage from a quake on this fault, Vernon opined it would help but a major SJF quake could still cause considerable local damage because of its proximity. Hill communities sit adjacent to the SJF section that has gone the longest between large quakes — from 1918 when

a 6.8M quake occurred near the city of San Jacinto on the fault's northern section, to a 1968 6.7M quake on its southern section in the Borrego Mountains.

Vernon does not predict a big SJF quake is imminent. "We are in a region right now where if a 6 to 7M quake occurred tomorrow [on the fault section nearest Idyllwild], I would not be surprised," he said. "On the other hand, I would not be surprised if it took years before a quake of that magnitude hit that section."

For those interested in probabilities, the website <http://geohazards.usgs.gov/eqprob/2009/index.php> computes earthquake probabilities for entered zip codes. By entering Idyllwild's zip code, 92549, the time period over which you'd like the search to cover (for instance 2 years) and the earthquake magnitude (6 magnitude or greater), its probability is computed to be 10 percent. If the time period is expanded to 5 years, the probability nearly doubles to 18 percent. For a 5 magnitude or greater within 2 years, the probability is 25 percent; within 5 years, 50 percent.

In stressing that earthquake science learns from each large quake, Vernon said that accurate prediction of an earthquake is far in the future. "It [the science of accurately predicting quakes] will develop but probably not within our lifetimes," said Vernon. "Earthquake science is an evolving understanding."

As part of deepening that understanding, Vernon described a National Science Foundation-funded project to install earthquake monitoring equipment on the section of the San Jacinto Fault nearest Idyllwild and Anza. "There are a significant number of sites [for placing the monitoring devices] in Hill areas," said Vernon. "We're looking for all the help we can get from private land owners to allow monitoring equipment on their properties." Monitoring stress buildup, quake patterns, and other indicators can assist seismologists in narrowing windows of earthquake likelihood. Landowners in Anza who would be interested in allowing installation of monitoring equipment can contact Vernon at flvernon@ucsd.edu.

For now, Vernon advises preparation. "You have to be serious," he said. "You have to be prepared." Preparation can include: securing anything heavy enough to fall on you, especially anything near your bed; securing anything expensive or fragile enough to be a significant loss if it falls; securing water heaters by straps firmly anchored to studs or masonry; securing kitchen cabinet doors to minimize breakage and glass on floors; making sure gas appliances have flexible attachments to reduce fire risk; installing automatic shutoff valves to gas mains; and keeping a fire extinguisher securely attached to a wall. Ceiling lights, chandeliers, and fans should be attached with a separate cable to a ceiling joist or structural beam. Also make sure to stock water and canned food items sufficient to last for a week to 10 days.

Vernon referenced a useful site for those interested in real-time local earthquake data: <http://eqinfo.ucsd.edu/>.

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HELP Center cuts back holiday meal program

BY BETH NOTTLEY
STAFF REPORTER

The holiday season will be lean for many of Idyllwild's poorest residents because the Idyllwild HELP Center, due to reduced funding, is paring down its holiday food program.

Last year, 250 individuals and families received a turkey for Thanksgiving dinner and a ham for Christmas dinner. They were also given food vouchers to purchase side dishes at local food stores. This year, only 44 turkeys will be distributed at Thanksgiving and 44 hams

at Christmas. Recipients will be restricted to one or the other, and there will be no food vouchers available.

"Due to the rising number of clients and reduced funding, we're having to cut back the holiday meal program," said Karen Patterson, HELP Center executive director.

Patterson explained that the HELP Center has experienced a big reduction in funding because its largest funding source, the California Wellness Foundation, has cut its grant in half. She, and HELP Center Board President Lou Bacher,

explained that the granting agency usually only supports a community program for two 3-year funding cycles. The HELP Center recently "termed out," but got a reprieve and will be funded for one more cycle, though at half the previous amount. Patterson said that California Wellness made an exception to the two-cycle limit because Idyllwild is an isolated community and because the HELP Center provides assistance to so many people here.

Sign-ups for the holiday turkey or ham distribution are scheduled at the HELP

Center office on Friday, Oct. 1. Patterson expects the process will go quickly. "They [vouchers for a turkey or ham] will be gone within minutes," she said.

HELP Center Office Administrator Colleen Manchee said, "It's really sad that I'll have to turn people away. These are our friends and neighbors."

Providing fewer holiday meals is just the beginning of the HELP Center's need to reduce services to clients, who now number over 600 people. Previously the agency had a budget of \$150 allotted per client for

the various service. Now Patterson projects it has \$118 per client. HELP Center client services include medical and dental vouchers, a food bank, utility assistance, firewood, and special children's programs.

Patterson said private donations have also fallen, an effect of the poor economy. In a recent drive to provide local children with school supplies, the HELP Center was short 20 backpacks for the children who needed them. She's hoping this year's Christmas Angel Tree effort, where trees are decorated with tags bearing

children's gift wishes, will be as successful as in past years. Angel Trees will be set up at three locations on Nov. 15 this year — at BBVA Compass, Fairway Market and the American Legion Post 800.

Manchee said that the food bank is "desperate for peanut butter," and said that small-sized jars are needed for the many seniors who use the service. She said that other needed products include macaroni and cheese and other boxed meals and hygiene products.

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Jazz

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entrance so that the patrons who arrive very early, e.g., before 7:30 a.m., can have coffee and some pastries.

Most importantly, she stressed that the Jazz Festival is intended to raise money for the school's scholarship fund. She identified two ways to grow the gift — reduce expenses or raise more revenue.

"We have to make more money," she said. "For the amount of man-hours we invest, we're not making



Marsha Lytle

anything like we should."

Working with the volunteers and long time friend, Bubba Jackson of KJAZZ 88.1 FM, she wants to formulate a 3-year plan to

enhance the scholarship funds.

She will invest time for analysis of the disparity between Saturday's attendance and Sunday's.

Historically, the Sunday census falls short of Saturday's volume. Past festival organizers have felt there weren't sufficient overnight accommodations for so many off-the-Hill visitors.

One possibility they will explore is spending less for a Sunday headliner. If that were to occur, Lytle suggested that Sunday's music could concentrate more on gospel and blues.

Another likely area to be investigated will be corporate sponsorships. The festival does have some, but Lytle would like to see renewed effort on securing additional sponsorships.

She also acknowledged the difficulty of substantially increasing revenues directly from festival attendees.

Another suggestion that will be assessed is modifying the schedule so that all three venues don't end simultaneously, which creates a huge line waiting for transportation to their cars.

One possibility is to stagger the closing time at each

venue, which might keep the French Quarter open longer, she said.

Lytle's thinking is definitely more sophisticated than simply raising ticket prices. She mentioned that part of the 3-year plan would be an effort to develop a greater connection with the school's spring gala in Los Angeles and inviting a well-known jazz musician to offer master classes during the school year. Then this individual could be feted at the August jazz Fest.

While the ideas are still several years from fruition, Lytle emphasized her intent

to apply her entrepreneurial views on its operations. When she ran a school in Northern California before retiring to Mexico and then Idyllwild, she was constantly thinking about costs and revenues.

Though she is very enthused about her opportunity to chair the Jazz Fest, she pines for more beach time in the future. But Jazz has been part of her life since her youth. Neither folk music nor the Beatles attracted her the way jazz did.

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Children's Choir needs funding

The Idyllwild Community Fund has given the Idyllwild Master Chorale (IMC) a partial grant of \$500 to purchase sheet music for a new Children's Choir.

"This kind of program, which has flourished in other communities, is innovative for Idyllwild, where children have very few artistic after-school music activities from which to choose," wrote IMC Director Dwight "Buzz" Holmes. "There are no children's choirs or other after-school music programs within a 50-mile radius of Idyllwild."

To fully fund the Children's Choir this year, IMC needs to raise another \$8,000. Anyone wishing to help may call Holmes at 659-2650 or make a contribution at www.idyllwildmasterchorale.com. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Mountain Community Patrol seeks members

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

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

The Patrol provides its members with a complete training course including first aid and CPR.

To apply to become a member, call (951) 659-4904.

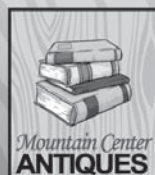
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On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment



Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Wednesday, Sept. 29
Brian Rowe, 5-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.
Kevin Danzig, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
 "Wall Street," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Sept. 30
Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.
Open Division Volleyball Tournament, 5:30-9 p.m. Idyllwild School.
 "Wall Street," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Oct. 1
Joe Baldino, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
150 Plus Volleyball Tournament, 5:30-9 p.m. Idyllwild School.
Faultline Folk Music, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
 "Wall Street," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Jo'An's Restaurant.

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

Saturday, Oct. 2
Adult Co-ed Softball Tournament, all day. Idyllwild School.
Live Music, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Tea Company.
David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon. Café Aroma.
Pastel Drawing Workshop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. ICC "Art Pad" at Hwy. 243 & Ridgeview Drive.
Dottie Goldfarb, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; **Sam Smith**, 6-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

Albert Einstein Portrayal, 2 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church meeting room.
 "Wall Street," 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Faculty Recital: Todor Pelev, violin; **Douglas Ashcraft**, piano; **BongShin Ko**, cello, 4 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
Sandii Castleberry & Paul Carman, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Sunday, Oct. 3
Adult Co-ed Softball Tournament, all day. Idyllwild School.
Live Music, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild

Tea Company.
Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; **Kevin Danzig**, 1-3 p.m.; **Skeleton Crew**, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Joe Baldino, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; **Brian Rowe**, 5-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.
 "Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Pamela Lagoni Photography Reception, 2-4 p.m. Café Aroma.
 "Wall Street," 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Oct. 4
Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Straight Jackets, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
 "Wall Street" 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Oct. 5
Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
 "Wall Street," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Oct. 6
Desert Rose, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
 "Wall Street," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Oct. 7
Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.
Peter Curtis, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
 "Wall Street," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Oct. 8
Blast to the Past, 5-8 p.m. Idyllwild School Gym.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
The GirlZ, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
Paul Carman, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Creative Writing Guest Reading: Orlando White, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Jo'An's Restaurant.
Karaoke, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone Daddy's.

Saturday, Oct. 9
Live Music, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Tea Company.
David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; **Greg Jones**, 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.
 "Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical



A fundraiser was held this weekend at Café Aroma on behalf of legendary actor and singer **Herb Jeffries**. Many local artists donated art works, and business owners donated certificates for their services. The event was timed to Jeffries' birthday this weekend. Music was provided by the **Bill Saitta Quartet**.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

Monthly raw food potluck

A raw food potluck is held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at Nature's Wisdom, 54235 Ridgeview Drive. On holiday weekends, the potluck will be scheduled for the second Saturday. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. Just bring a raw food dish to share. For more information, e-mail Lori Alexander at music@greencafe.com.

Museum.
Women Inspiring Women, Part 2, 2-4:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
Art Alliance of Idyllwild 13th-annual Art Walk & Wine Tasting, 2-5 p.m. Map at Town Centre.
Sandii Castleberry & Paul Carman, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Sunday, Oct. 10
Live Music, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Tea Company.
Ernesto Ale, 9 a.m.-noon; **Skel-**

eton Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
 "Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Monday, Oct. 11
Guest Recital: Duo-pianists David Viscoli and Daniel Rieppel, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
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Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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AAI's 13th-annual Art Walk & Wine Tasting

By Betty Baily
Correspondent

Each October, art and wine lovers flock to the mountain town of Idyllwild for the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's (AAI) Annual Art Walk and Wine Tasting. It's a fun-filled day of exquisite art, special exhibits, festive music, delicious appetizers and outstanding California wines — all in the name of education.

This year's Art Walk and Wine Tasting takes place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 9. The Art Walk and Wine Tasting is AAI's largest event of the year and a fundraiser for art education in local schools.

A commemorative, collector's wineglass is your ticket to sample the wares of more than a dozen wineries represented along the gallery route. Hart Winery, Stuart Winery, Mega Wines, Middle Ridge Winery, PMDL Distributor, South Coast Winery, Wiens Winery, Sunshine Mountain Winery, Den-Beste Vineyards, La Serenissima Winery and Young's Market are among those that will introduce some new releases and bring along their old favorites.

Your \$25 wineglass purchase helps promote art and art education in Idyllwild. Proceeds go to Idyllwild School's smARTS program and to the scholarship fund at the Idyllwild Arts Academy. Wineglasses can be reserved ahead of time through the Town Crier website (www.towncrier.com) or purchased at Idyllwild Realty (North Circle Drive – across from the Rustic Theater) on the day of the event. Group rates are available.

Artists and galleries have prepared special exhibits for the event. At Quiet Creek Inn 'Living Room' Gallery, award-winning landscape paintings, ceramics, and photography will command your attention while you enjoy eclectic tunes, courtesy of house DJ "Mikey."

At The Courtyard Galleries, lively sounds from the popular band "Change Required" will enhance the ambiance while Nel Ivanich's new exhibit, "Paper or Plastic?" will provide a thought-provoking focal point. Work by the gallery's seven permanent artists will also be on display.

AAI is a nonprofit, 501(c) 3 organization



Even families enjoy the Art Walk and Wine Tasting.

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Walkers tasting Middle Ridge Winery's brew.

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whose mission is promotion of art, artists and galleries in Idyllwild, which ranks as one of the top 100 art towns in America.

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There will be performance acts, contests, a costume from the past parade, dance lessons, games, a silent auction and food available for purchase. Donations are welcome and are tax deductible; receipt provided.

Please contact Idyllwild School at 659-0750 if you would like to make a donation.

Also available is a sale of costumes from Idyllwild School's theater department, just in time for Halloween?

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On The Town



More than 40 avid skateboarders and skaters made the most of this month's Skate Night held at Idyllwild's Skate Park this weekend. Supervised by **Peg Gallo** and **Claudia Posey**, assistant administrator at Town Hall, the tireless skaters also had an audience of several adults in the bleachers. Only one more Skate Night is scheduled this summer, tentatively for Friday, Oct. 15.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



The Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the opening of Idyllwild Eye Care, Idyllwild's newest optometry facility. **Dr. Linsey Olivier** cuts the ribbon, along with, left to right: **Lauren Devore**, chamber board; **Georgiann Olivier**; **Glenda Bloom Ackley**; **Bobbie Hornsey**, Linsey's mom; **Tim Olivier**, husband, holding daughter **Hailey Rose Olivier**; and chamber board member **Shawna Gustin**.

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Oktoberfest was celebrated early at the Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe as owner **Rick DelNero** pours wine for Idyllwild residents. In addition to wine tasting, the Shoppe offered Brautwurst, sauerkraut, German potato salad and a variety of German beers.

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Community Fund awards announced

BY JIM CRANDALL,
CHIEF OPERATIONS
OFFICER

The Idyllwild Community Fund (ICF) held its annual dinner, reception and grant awards ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 24 at the Rainbow Inn. In keeping with the spirit of the ICF, no community fund monies were expended for the evening. Its members were solely responsible for the costs.

The recipients were the Idyllwild Area Historical Society, the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council, the Idyllwild Garden Club, the Idyllwild HELP Center, the Idyllwild School PTA smARTS program, Mountain Disaster Preparedness, the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council and Spirit Mountain Retreat.

Pete Capparelli, ICF Board Chair, made a few opening comments before introducing Doug Austin, emcee extraordinaire. Austin flawlessly and with great fanfare introduced the ICF board, and then announced this year's grant recipients.

A few of the recipients spoke about what the grants have meant to their organizations and where the money has been applied. Joann Tomsche on behalf of the Idyllwild School smARTS program made the most memorable presentation.

When art programs were

pulled from schools a few years ago, locals such as Tomsche and members of the PTA sought grants and donations to keep the arts in the schools.

Among the students with her for the presentation were two 8th graders who have been in the smARTS program for all their schooling years. When Tomsche handed the microphone to young Shelby Read, she launched into a speech filled with gratitude for the generosity of the ICF and for the years of training in art education afforded her by the smARTS program.

The evening began with a bountiful buffet of fruits and salads, meat entrees (including three kinds of meatballs), and a to-die-for dessert spread.

The crowd of about 100 people — some ICF members, some grant recipients, some potential members — gathered on the back porch of the Inn to dine on festive picnic tables. The dress code was Idyllwild elegant, meaning everything from suits and gowns to sneakers and golf shorts. Clean, of course.

At about 7 p.m. the crowd made its way into the Great Hall for the official presentations.

After the grants were acknowledged and received, Bill Whitman gave a talk on the ease of modifying an estate to include donations



Shelby Read, who has participated in the smARTS program since its inception, thanked the Idyllwild Community Fund for its support of the program during the annual reception at the Rainbow Inn on Thursday, Sept. 24. PHOTO BY BARBARA PELHAM



Esther Kennedy of Spirit Mountain Retreat thanked the Idyllwild Community Fund for granting an award to the spiritual center. PHOTO BY BARBARA PELHAM

to worthwhile non-profit groups such as the ICF.

Then Austin rounded it out with a few choice words about how proud he was to be a part of an organization that seeks only to help its fellow man.

To find out more about the ICF, visit www.idyllwildcommunityfund.org.

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At the Sept. 22 Rotary meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President **Danny Richardson** presents a gift to **Barney Brause**, Rotarian, for his discussion of World War II history at the meeting.

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Proposition 23 suspends air pollution law

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Proposition 23 seeks to suspend implementation of 2006's Air Pollution Control Law (AB 32), scheduled to take effect in 2012, until such time as the state's unemployment rate reaches 5.5 percent or below for four consecutive quarters. Supporters refer to the proposition as the California Jobs Initiative and opponents, the Dirty Energy Proposition.

AB 32 requires major sources and producers of emission and pollution to report and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming to 1990 levels by the year 2020. Proposition 23 would require the state to abandon implementation of a comprehensive greenhouse gas

reduction program that includes increased renewable energy development and cleaner fuel requirements. It also requires the state to suspend mandatory emission reporting, fee requirements and fines for major polluters such as power plants and oil refineries, until the suspension ends.

The state legislative analyst estimates that suspension of AB 32 could result in a slight, not large, increase in overall state economic activity. Supporters of Proposition 23 believe that AB 32 requirements will effectively reduce or diminish the number of jobs in California. But the legislative analyst notes that suspending AB 32 would also eliminate a potential new source of state revenue — the auctioning of emission allowances. The state

would sell emission allowances to certain businesses that are pollution sources. The legislative analyst estimates revenues would range from \$220 to more than \$550 million annually. The office also notes that green energy jobs are the fastest state growth sector.

Supporters stress that California's strict emission requirements under AB 32 will raise the cost of doing business, particularly for small businesses, therefore hampering job growth. "Without Proposition 23 to protect jobs in California, we'll lose over a million of them because of new regulations about to be enforced to implement California's global warming law," said Anita Mangels, communications director for the "Yes on Proposition 23" campaign. "The reason for this is that

those new regulations will drive energy costs sky-high and those in turn will make it more expensive for employers to both keep the lights on and make payroll," said Mangels.

George Shultz, President Reagan's Secretary of State, is honorary co-chair of "Californians for Clean Energy and Jobs," and is opposed to Proposition 23. "While some companies in California have said they're worried about the cost of the planned greenhouse gas limits, the new regulations will boost the state's economy by creating 'clean-tech jobs,'" said Shultz.

Clean energy jobs in California have grown 10 times faster than state averages in other sectors. California has over 12,000 clean energy businesses with over 500,000 people employed in clean

energy occupations. With over \$9 billion in venture capital funds, California's clean energy firms have received 60 percent of venture capital funds in North America.

Depending on how the 5.5 unemployment figure is calculated (Proposition 23 is unclear on the methodology), that level of unemployment has only been reached for four consecutive quarters three times since 1970, according to the legislative analyst's office.

Opponents include Governor candidates Jerry Brown (who generally supports AB 32) and Meg Whitman (who would instead support a one year moratorium on implementing AB 32). Others are California Professional Firefighters; California Public Utilities Commission; California League of

Women Voters; California Teachers Association; Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger; California Teamsters; and Chambers of Commerce in San Fernando Valley, Los Altos, Palo Alto, San Francisco, and Sacramento.

Supporters include the California Republican Party; the California Manufacturers and Technology Association; Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association; National Petrochemical and Refiners Association; Occidental Petroleum and the California Trucking Association. Proposition 23 is backed and largely funded by three out of state oil and refining companies — Texas based Valero and Tesoro and Kansas-headquartered Flint Hills Resources.

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Proposition 22 aims to protect local funding

MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Proposition 22, the Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010, aims to safeguard funds allocated to local government, public safety and transportation from borrowing by the state Legislature. Chris McKenzie, executive director of the League of California Cities, one of the initiative sponsors, says the current system is "unsustainable, and we want to make sure that local services are not sacrificed because of the inability of state leaders to manage the state budget."

Proposition 22 prohibits the Legislature from borrowing or using revenues

generated by taxes imposed or levied by a local government solely for the local government's purposes. By law, local governments are due a portion of certain state taxes, such as sales and fuel; and they are due in a timely manner. Without those funds, local governments cannot responsibly manage their own budgets.

Assuming the Legislature and the Governor have arguably made all feasible cuts, the elephant that remains in the room is the large funding alternative no legislator can acknowledge — new taxes. Since the Legislature is unlikely to raise taxes, it is annually forced to borrow funds from other sources, including funds earmarked for municipalities to meet

some state exigency. These actions perpetuate a pattern that Proposition 22's proponents characterize as "raiding" local government, public safety and transportation allocations, to balancing the state budget at the expense of local municipalities.

Specifically, Proposition 22 eliminates the state's authority to:

- use state fuel tax revenues to pay debt service on state transportation bonds;
- borrow or change the distribution of state fuel tax revenues;
- redirect redevelopment agency property taxes to

any other local government; temporarily shift property taxes from cities, counties, and special districts to schools;

- use vehicle license fee (VLF) revenues to reimburse local government for state mandated costs.

Under current law the state can use fuel tax revenues for purposes other than transportation under two exigent circumstances:

- Since the state pays out most of its General Fund expenses between July and December of each year, but receives most of its revenues from January through June,

See Prop 22, page 27

Spiritual Living Center has moved

The Spiritual Living Center — Idyllwild Church of Religious Science — has moved to a new location. It is now in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive, next to the Fort. Due to an increase in the congregation and a need for a bigger bookstore, the church decided to expand. Rev. Dr. Betty Jandl believes this growth is due to the comprehensiveness and truth of the religion's philosophy, which is said to embrace all churches, all ministers, and all religions. The new facility is in a stage of renovation, but will be finished soon.



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New business, new locations

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Dr. Linsey Olivier, Board Certified Optometrist, opened her Idyllwild Eye Care Oakwood Village location on Saturday, Sept. 25. One of few niche businesses in Idyllwild, Olivier's office has the latest in eye examination equipment and an expanding line of men's, women's and children's frames, as well as contact lenses.

Dr. Olivier is a Hemet High graduate, completed undergraduate studies at University of California, San Diego, and received her Doctor of Optometry from Pacific University College of Optometry in Portland, Ore. Olivier is a Pine Cove resident and provides part-time service at a clinic in Indio. Currently, her hours of operation in Idyllwild are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, and 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every other Saturday and Wednesday hours within the month. She is licensed with the California State Board of Optometry with a Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agent (TPA) certification, and is trained to treat eye infections, eye inflammations, eye injuries, and detect eye diseases such as glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy.

Idyllwild Eye Care is located at 54425 North Circle Drive, telephone (951) 659-2020.

Another niche business, GGI Studios of which Kevin Irwin is the proprietor, will open next to A Cut Above in about two weeks. Irwin will shoot clean studio shots of Idyllwild visitor motorcyclists and their bikes, then superimpose them on t-shirts or posters, with Idyllwild specific background, as souvenirs. He plans to do the same with

hikers, allowing an everyday hiker to be superimposed on a rock face, as if scaling the granite.

Nancy Nunez, owner and designer for Nancy's Jewelry and Gifts in Village Lane, designs jewelry that is delicate and affordably priced. She also carries a line of gifts including the popular Bear in a Box for children of all ages. Bear in a Box allows shoppers to custom design and clothe a teddy bear. Nunez's gift line includes greeting cards, teacups, candleholders, picture frames, kids' T-shirts and toys. Nunez's daughter and granddaughter design little girls' jewelry. Nunez gives locals a 20 percent discount.

Don Strunk, Anza resident and new owner of the Idyllwild Barber Shop on Highway 243, is pleased with his shop's location. It's a men's barbershop with the traditional barber pole. Strunk used to work in Hemet and noticed that a lot of Hill men would come down the Hill to get their hair cut. "I had always wanted to open a shop on the Hill. I couldn't be happier with my location." Strunk is open Tuesday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Spiritual Living Center has moved from Strawberry Plaza to the Courtyard.

Showtime Video and Music is under new ownership, with Debbi and Billy Sheppard taking over the reins of this established business and expanding it to include musical equipment, guitars, strings, picks and accessories. Hours remain from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. seven days a week.

Cedar Street Salon, owned by John and Denise Chicarelli, has a new location, not a new business. The facility is now located at



Dr. Linsey Olivier, owner of Idyllwild EYE Care.

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Cedar Street Salon has moved to 26500 Highway 243 and is open by appointment only.

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Don Strunk's Idyllwild Barber Shop, for men only, is on Highway 243.

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26500 Highway 243 and is open by appointment only. Call (951) 659-6300 to make an appointment.

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Celebrate Recovery in Mountain Center

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

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

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

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.

Healthy Lifestyle class offered

Brenda Scherlis, nurse practitioner for the Idyllwild Health Center, will lead a Healthy Lifestyle class, which will meet every Tuesday at the Silver Pines Lodge located at 25955 Cedar Street.

There will be an optional weigh-in at 6 p.m., followed by a healthy lifestyle talk by Scherlis at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend the class, but donations will be accepted.

Living Free 30th anniversary event

Living Free Animal Sanctuary is celebrating its 30th anniversary of rescuing cats and dogs from shelter euthanasia from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16.

The all day, fun-filled event will be hosted by Fritz Coleman, local NBC weathercaster. Living Free is seeking entertainers passionate for the cause of saving the innocent lives of cats and dogs facing euthanasia to perform at this celebration event. Vendor booth spaces and sponsorship opportunities are still available. Call (951) 659-4687 for more information.

Funds to help with damaged trees

County grant funds are available to help Idyllwild-area homeowners have storm-damaged dead and dying trees removed from their properties. Between 75 to 100 percent of the cost may be covered.

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have never done it don't appreciate what the weekly expenses must be for a touring pro. What does a Nationwide player expect to come up with every week just to support himself out there?

It's a little different every week, and every guy does it a little differently. It's pretty standard to pay a caddie about \$700 a week, plus a percentage [of winnings] depending upon where you finish ... Then there's air fare, motel, rental car, food, entry fee. ... For me, by the end of the year, I usually figure it costs me about \$2,000 a week.

Q. And, of course, if you have your caddie travel with you it's much more, isn't it?

Yeah, when I have my buddies go with me, basically I pay for all their stuff, and I end up just giving them a percentage based on what I make. Normally, they don't have anything out of pocket.

Q. So even if a guy makes the cut, but finishes way down the list, he may make just enough to pay his expenses?

Yeah, sure. Like this last week with a smaller purse, if you finished 40th you probably only made about \$2,000. And if you finished further on down you may have made only \$1,200 or \$1,400.

Q. Does fully-exempt status on the Nationwide Tour make a difference to you?

Yeah, it's a huge difference. I get to pick my own schedule, and I pretty much played everything this year. Before this year, every tournament I got into, I really needed. I needed it for the money list; I needed to catch up. I was always com-

ing from behind because I didn't get in at the start. So the other guys might be \$10,000 or \$15,000 in front of me before I even got started.

So, there was a lot of intensity in every tournament. This year, if you're going to play every week, just let the chips fall where they may. You're going to have good weeks, and you're going to have more opportunities to have more good weeks than you had in the past. The more events you play the more chances you have to have for a good week. ... It makes it a lot easier.

Q. If you don't have to qualify on Mondays, do those become your travel days?

Monday's a travel day, usually, and Tuesday's a practice day, and Wednesday's a Pro-Am day. If I'm coming from home, I've been traveling on Tuesday because I'm in the Pro-Ams every Wednesday, and I've seen most of these courses the last couple of years anyway. So, it's giving me a chance to have an extra day at home every couple of weeks, which is really, really nice.

Q. And what's a typical tournament day like for you? You go to bed early? You go out and relax with the guys? What do you like to do?

Yeah, we don't do too much on the road. I have a couple of guys that I go to dinner with, and I've had buddies out caddying for me, so we have a little group that goes to dinner and then that's really it.

My buddy who was with me last week said, "Seems like all we do is play golf and eat." (Laughter.) We get up and have breakfast, and then we go to the course, and we take a break for lunch, and then we play and practice, and then go home, shower and change, have dinner, go to bed, and do it all over again.

Q. Your Mom told me once that you prefer a Thursday morning tee time and a Friday afternoon one, but that's just the luck of the draw, isn't it?

Yeah, it is. Actually, I used to like it the opposite way. I used to like going late on Thursday and early on Friday. But that's not really the case anymore. I've decided it doesn't really matter. In my younger days, it felt like if you were playing well you wanted to finish up and get right back out there. And if you weren't, you wanted to get back out there anyway because you wanted to change your momentum. But now, I feel like I have a little bit more control over what's going on, which I think is a good step over the last year or so. I feel like I'm the only one who's in control of it, and it has nothing to do with the tee times, or the weather. I can make with it what I will. Which I think is a little better attitude to have.

Q. And this year there's something unusual happening. There are actually five tournaments left in which you could play, but I understand you're foregoing one of them for a pretty unusual circumstance.

A very unusual circumstance, yeah. One of my good buddies that I played junior golf, and college golf, and the Canadian Tour with is getting married and he asked me to be the officiant for the wedding. I'm going to miss the Miami [tournament].

Q. Now, that's pretty tough, considering that you're right on the edge of The 25, and a couple of high finishes could make the difference.

It is tough, except that I've kind of scheduled for it all year. Like I've played five events in a row right now and I'm going to play the next two. So I'm going to play seven weeks in a row, which I never would have done if it weren't for the wedding. I would have taken Midland [Texas] off last week. So it's just affecting which weeks I take off; it's not really affecting how many events I would play.

Q. This is kind of a hard thing to think about, but pro golf is such a tough racket: Suppose you do finish strongly this year and you make it to the PGA Tour next year. Then you play against the world's best golfers and have to beat half of them by Friday each week just to make it to the weekend or you make no money at all.

Yes, ... yes. And the other thing is that when you come up from Q School or from the Nationwide Tour to the PGA Tour you're starting at the bottom of the totem pole, so you're not even getting in the big events with the big purses that everyone wants to play. You have to play well in the lesser tournaments and in the Fall Finish in order to get your status to where you can play in the bigger tournaments.

Q. So even if you make The 25, you have to do that?

Yeah. And even if you make The 25, number one is a lot different from number five, which is different from number 25. It's all based on the availability in the tournament. ... They just go down the list, and whenever it gets filled, it gets filled.

Q. But then if you can't

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Texas heat cools Steele's streak

By JACK CLARK

PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Last week, Brendan Steele added to his season's record winnings. At the WNB Golf Classic in Midland-Odessa, Texas, his eight-under-par (72-69-68-71) 280 tied him for 23rd place in the tourney. His performance this week earned him \$4,500 and brought his official earnings for the year to more than \$120,000.

The Idyllwild native maintained his place in the top 40 prize earners on the Nationwide Tour money list. This level of play maintains his eligibility for next month's season-ending Nationwide Tour Championship in South Carolina, as well as a bye into the Q School final stage during the off season. Doing well in either option could possibly launch him into next year's PGA Tour.

Additionally, Steele still is about \$30,000 shy of the current 25th place holder on the money list. The final "Top 25" are guaranteed promotion to the PGA Tour next season.

Including the Tour Championship, he still has four more tournaments in which to improve his money-list standing.

This week, Steele comes home to play in our backyard at the \$1 million Soboba Golf Classic at the Country Club of Soboba Springs in San Jacinto, which was his home course in high school.

The winner at Soboba earns a \$180,000 paycheck. Steele's wife, Anastasia, and a contingent of Idyllwilders, including parents, Kent and Jana Steele, and friends and supporters will be cheering him from the gallery.

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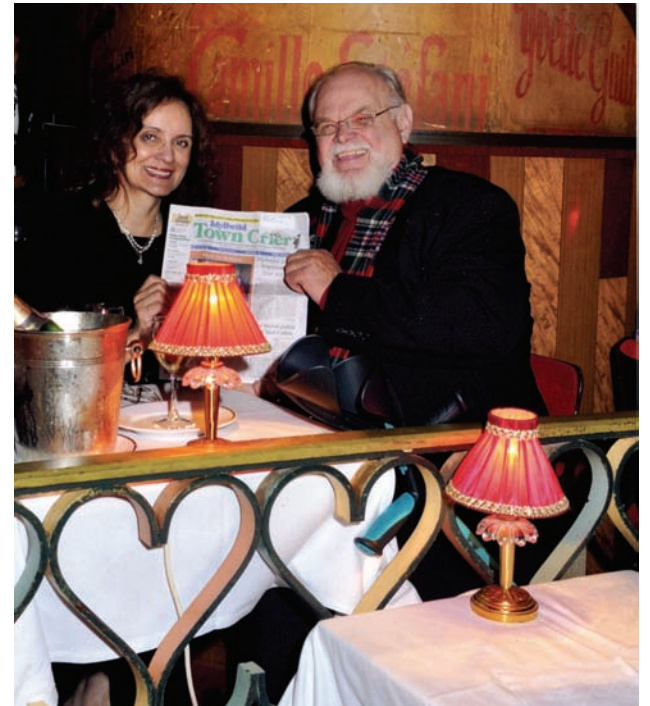
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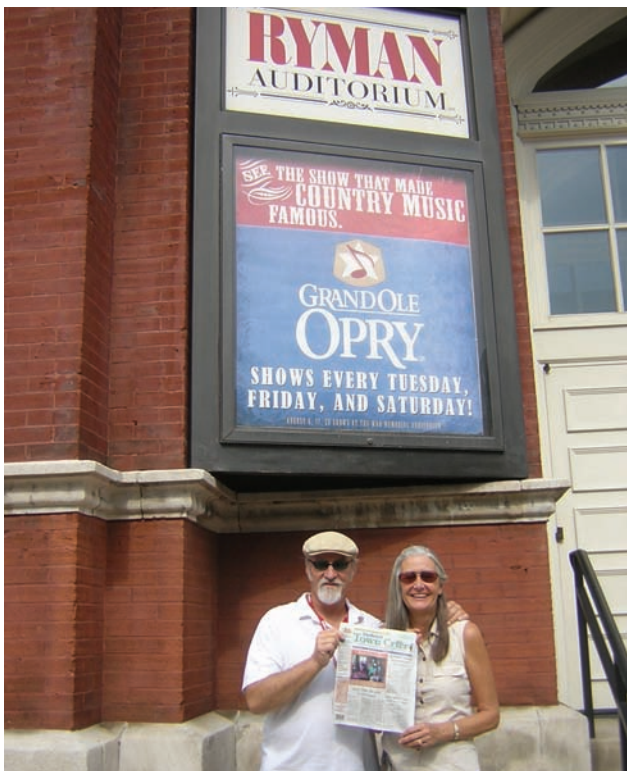
Despite 41 years of wedded bliss, **Chic and Pamela Fojtik** recently found themselves in opposite hemispheres while visiting Ecuador. With help from Town Crier, they traveled on to the Amazon jungle. PHOTO COURTESY OF CHIC AND PAMELA FOJTIK



Lou and Annamarie Padula spent a week in Sicily, visiting relatives of her mother. Traveling to Crotone, Italy, they met fellow Idyllwild traveler **Nancy Borchers** (right). "In Crotone, we visited many historic Greek, Roman and Norman sites and museums in Calabria. Here [the three of us] are in front of La Castella, a castle used as a fortress on the Golfo di Squillace in the Ionian Sea." PHOTO COURTESY OF ANNAMARIE PADULA



Visitors to the Moulin Rouge in Paris, France, had the opportunity to read the Town Crier. Here Idyllwilders **Pat Murphy** and **Doug Austin** enjoy the midnight show and the TC's cartoons. PHOTO COURTESY OF DOUG AUSTIN



Local musicians and part-time Idyllwild residents **Harry Joe Reynolds** and **Kathleen Johnson** took the Town Crier on their recent trip to the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee. PHOTO COURTESY OF KATHLEEN JOHNSON



Larry Edwards learns about power production while visiting Hoover Dam with the Town Crier. PHOTO COURTESY OF LARRY EDWARDS

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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, Sept. 23.

Lake Hemet

Darlene Redner at Lake Hemet had this report on fishing at the lake:

On Saturday, Sept. 25, **Daniel Priest** and his son **Tristan**, 3, were trolling with lures when Tristan caught his first trout and caught two more. Daniel caught and released eight fish.

On Sunday, **Lori Devries**

of Lake Hemet, along with a few friends, brought in 11 trout. Devries caught the largest, weighing 2.5 pounds.

Water level at the dam is 123.3 feet. Last year's level was 119 feet.

Diamond Valley

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

Morning topwater action for bass is wide open. Poppers, Zara spooks and puppies, Vixens, Rapala Xraps, rattle traps, Z plugs, and Sammies are some great topwater baits. Bass are 20-40 feet around the saddle dam, the inlet tower, west dam, and restroom 3.

This is the summer of stripers at DVL. Topwater

action in the morning near the inlet tower and the west dam is great. Sammies, Zara puppies, Poppers, and Zplugs are great baits for topwater. Kastmasters and Krocodiles are great baits for the striper. 1/4 oz. to 1 oz. can be either trolled up top or jigged deep. The Tower and west dam are the better spots for the morning. The afternoon spots are near the marina and the saddle dam. **Jesse Mena** of Hemet caught a 14-pound striper while fishing near the wave attenuator with a Krocodile. **Craig Joachim** of Anaheim caught a 16.2-pound striper while fishing with scroungers along the east dam. **Max Armenta** of Corona caught a 8.37-pound striper while fishing with Rapalas along the saddle dam.

Frank Nikac of La Habra caught his two biggest striper at 19.96 and 14 pounds fishing with a Krocodile near the inlet.

The catfish bite is still strong. Anchovies, mackerel, or chicken liver are the recommended baits for cats.

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. The biggest bluegill of the week was caught by **Fred Pease** of Lake Elsinore who weighed in a 1.64-pound bluegill that he caught on a shad while fishing near the inlet.

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



The Hartweg's Iris above grows from 2,000 to 7,000 foot elevations. It is native to the Sierra Nevada and our neighboring San Bernardino Mountains. It is one of eleven native Pacific Coast Iris species found in the western United States, mostly Oregon and California. They are a subgrouping of beardless irises and grow from rhizomes. Most of them are evergreen and native to areas with wet winters, dry summers and moderate temperatures. They flower in the spring and seem to appreciate occasional summer water, especially in warmer summer areas. They can be challenging to divide and transplant; this is best done in the wet winter months. Many adapt well to the Idyllwild area and gardeners report good success. Pacific Coast irises include:

- siskiyou iris (*Iris bracteata*)
- yellowleaf iris (*Iris chrysophylla*)
- Douglas iris (*Iris douglasiana*)
- Fernald's iris (*Iris fernaldii*)
- Hartweg's iris (*Iris hartwegii* ssp. *hartwegii*, ssp. *columbianum*, ssp. *pinetorum*, and ssp. *australis*)
- Del Norte County iris (*Iris innominata*)
- bowl tube iris (*Iris macrosiphon*)
- Munz's iris (*Iris munzii*)
- Purdy's iris (*Iris purdyi*)
- toughleaf iris (*Iris tenax* ssp. *tenax*)
- klamath iris (*Iris tenax* ssp. *klamathensis*)
- long tube iris (*Iris tenuissima* ssp. *tenuissima* and ssp. *purdyiformis*)

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Trivia test

Science: Who originated quantum theory?

Answer: Max Karl Ernst Planck

Strange but true

In Sweden, it's illegal to train a seal to balance a ball on the tip of its nose.

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Artists Valley Artists Show

The Anza and Aguanga community of talented artists will present their work at the second-annual "Heart of the High Country" gallery show at the Anza Community Hall on Saturday, Sept. 25. The show will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with an artist reception from noon to 2 p.m.

The show is free, although raffle tickets for art pieces will be sold. Money raised from the raffle will be donated to Anza community organizations.

For more information about this event, call Laura Manseau at (951) 763-2690.

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MLS

Steele

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get into a given PGA event, you can still drop back into the Nationwide tournament for that week, right?

Yeah, you can. Some guys do that every week. A lot of guys did that in Boise [on the Nationwide Tour]. Boise was almost like a small PGA Tour event field, almost like a Reno field [on the PGA Tour], so many guys came down.

Q. So this week you're playing the Soboba course, which was your high school course. Has it changed much since then?

They've changed it a little bit, but the overall feel is pretty much the same. There're a couple of holes on the back nine that they've changed between [par] fours and fives. . . . They've added a couple of tee boxes, but the greens are pretty much the same.

They've changed the green at number 18, with the grandstands there. But they didn't move any greens, or anything like that, so there's not too much that's different.

Q. Are you looking forward to having many more family members, friends, and fans at the Soboba tournament this week? Or will that be a distraction for you?

I like it. It'll be a lot of fun. It'll be good to see a lot of people that I haven't seen since last year, or longer than that. It's a little bit of a harder week for me just because there's more to do than I normally have. Normally, I'm just another guy in the field, and this week everybody wants to talk to me or have me do something. It takes a little bit more of my time, but I look forward to it and I enjoy it for this week. And I think it's good preparation for the PGA Tour and playing well out there. I think it'll be a lot of fun.

Chief

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a federally sponsored interagency incident management team.

I take it upon myself to be a good steward of your tax dollars while providing the services you deserve for your money. IFPD is a small, complex fire department that provides an advanced life support (ALS) ambulance service for Idyllwild and Pine Cove, structural fire suppression for the District, wildland fire suppression in assistance to the Forest Service and CAL FIRE, fire prevention services for commercial and residential structures and a fire abatement program for 3,744 parcels within the fire district.

To accomplish this, we have a ladder truck, two engines (primary and reserve), two brush engines (primary and reserve), three ambulances, a patrol truck, two utility trucks and the chief's vehicle.

Staffing consists of a chief, an administrative assistant, nine career firefighters, seven paid-call firefighters (volunteers), a paid-call EMT (emergency medical technician), a paid-call medic, 12 reserve firefighters and a mechanic.

Because of budget constraints, the daily staffing consists of the chief, a captain/paramedic, one engineer/paramedic, one firefighter/EMT, one reserve firefighter/EMT and a paid-call firefighter/EMT on standby.

I trust this gives you a general overview of the department. You have my promise to keep you informed in future articles.

Before closing, I want to thank all of you who attended and supported the memorial for Firefighter Scott Carlson on Sept. 18. All of the local fire departments and many businesses on and off the Hill helped us with the event which was well attended by our community.

Botany

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I then saw the last yellow flowers atop a tall evening primrose. I got quite excited wondering if we had mistaken the rosettes of the primrose for the dreaded mullein. I hurried back around the meadow to Lilly Creek where we had seen the alleged noxious weed, but not before getting sidetracked by a small patch of sapphire woolstar (*Eriastrum saphirinum*) in bloom.

But my hopes were dashed when, there in Lilly Creek, was the mullein in full bloom, leaving no doubt about its identity. I examined one closely to see if it was plausible that a single plant could produce 100,000 seeds. The 6-foot-tall stalk was covered by a mass of flowers along two-thirds of its length, demonstrating that it is indeed a seed-making machine.

Earlier in the year I encountered another non-native prolific seeder, fever few (*Tanacetum parthenium*). A third non-native that is just now in full bloom in the creek is bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*). It looks very similar to our native California thistle (*Cirsium occidentale* var. *californicum*), but you may notice that our native finished blooming some time ago in the park and elsewhere in Idyllwild.

My one last task was to check on a clematis that Tom and I found in Lilly Creek canyon between the campground and the Nature Center. We were too early then to see it bloom and get positive identification.

Unfortunately, it had finished blooming, but I could still see the remnant flowers. Rather than being large single flowers, they look like the small clusters of flowers of virgin's bower (*Clematis ligusticiflora*).

Having walked through sticky lessingia, golden aster, hedge nettle, and fever few (each with its own vinegary, herbal, minty, or mediciney essence) my bare legs exuded a very interesting aroma. Add to that the smell of maple syrup from California everlasting on one hand and Mustang mint on the other, and I was a cornucopia of olfactory delights.

Even though I have pointed out a few of its botanical blemishes (that's my job), the County Park, which includes the Nature Center and the campground, is a microcosm of what makes Idyllwild so special. It's the sparkle in the gem. If you have never been there I suggest you go. If you have, I recommend you return throughout the year to see how the seasons affect the ever-changing abundance of fauna and flora.

Actor Harry Shearer in IA production

Actor and comedian Harry Shearer ("Spinal Tap," "The Simpsons," "A Mighty Wind") will join the renowned Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra for a production of the classic favorite "Peter and the Wolf" by Sergei Prokofiev.

The performances, which are free and open to the public, will take place at the Idyllwild Arts Foundation Theater at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 and 2 p.m. Oct. 17.

Monument 10th-anniversary kickoff

The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument is celebrating the culmination of 10 years of conservation, preservation, education and community outreach with a ceremonial Kick-Off Event at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18.

Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack, who introduced the legislation that created the National Monument in October of 2000 and has been a key advocate and supporter since, will be in attendance, as will other dignitaries.

This event is the first of many in the 2010/2011 season to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the National Monument.

For information about the Monument or future events, see www.DesertMountains.org or call (760) 568-9918.

Children's program at Monument

The Jr. Trail Guides Explorer Program offered by the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument will begin Saturday, Oct. 16 at the monument.

This free program is designed to connect youth ages 8 to 24 with the outdoor; to emphasize health, nutrition, and an active lifestyle; to boost environmental awareness and the need for conservation; and to increase children's familiarity with native Cahuilla culture, local flora and fauna, and the geology and geography of the area.

The group is limited to 15 children who meet the third Saturday of each month through May at the monument's Visitor Center, 51-500 Highway 74 in Palm Desert.

For more information and to make reservations, call (760) 862-8894 or online at www.DesertMountains.org.

Free waste recycling

Hosted by the Green Coalition of San Jacinto Valley, there will be free electronic waste recycling in the Ramona Bowl Parking Lot, 27400 Ramona Bowl Rd. in Hemet, on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30 and 31 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Items they will accept include computers, monitors, laptops, printers, scanners, copiers, phones, TVs, toner cartridges, power supplies, auto/rechargeable batteries, home entertainment systems, and small portable devices. They will not accept refrigerators, washers and dryers, light bulbs, household batteries, and hazardous waste.

Rest area closure

Because there is currently not an enacted State budget, the Department is unable to fund the contract for water testing at rest stops. Consequently, Caltrans District 8 will be forced to close Safety Roadside Rest Areas (SRRA) in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, effective Friday, Sept. 24. Water testing is necessary to maintain safe drinking water for the public who utilize rest areas.

The rest areas to be closed are: I-10 - White Water SRRA; I-10 - Brookside SRRA; I-10 - Cactus City SRRA; I-15 - Valley Wells SRRA; I-15 - Clyde V. Kane SRRA; I-40 - John Wilkie SRRA; and I-40 - Desert Oasis SRRA.

The two rest areas that will remain open are Wiley Wells Rest Area on Interstate 10 in Blythe and Wildwood Rest Area on Interstate 10 in Yucaipa.

Urgent news for people who had

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Letters

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The current proposal seems to generate more questions than answers, like:

- Will the tax implications affect everyone holding a business license and vacation homeowners?

- How will the expected increase in tourism affect those seeking the peace of Idyllwild?

- Overall, will the BID be a good thing for Idyllwild?

Today, we only have sufficient information to ponder about most of the questions raised here, but answer none.

From what we understand, the purpose of the Idyllwild BID is to increase tourism revenues. In order to do that, all affected businesses will be assessed a tax that will then be distributed to the BID to do with as they deem fit. It seems noble enough and some method of group advertisement seems appropriate, but looking at the premise of the BID causes us to wonder if the town is aware of the probable impact not to just tourists but also to each and every one of us.

As we understand it, the town's businesses are about to decide if all of us should be further taxed so that they can increase their profits.

How?

A business pays taxes, but only with their customers' dollars. From their income, they pay expenses and the rest is profit. Cost of goods, labor, advertisement and, yes, taxes are simply part of the expense account that is all extracted from the income.

All income comes from customers, so it's their customers that pay all of the costs. The expenses plus a profit determine how much the customers are charged. If costs go up for the business, the customers will pay the extra costs. If the grocery stores and restaurants are assessed a BID tax, everyone that uses those grocery stores and restaurants will pay more. Tourists often buy groceries and dine at restaurants. Locals use these businesses even more.

And yet it's only the businesses that will vote to determine whether or not Idyllwild wants the BID. Why would they not? Sure it'll be an extra expense, but it's one that they'll simply pass on to us. If the BID works, they'll get extra customers, their profits will increase, and in reality, they'll pay nothing. In fact, if they currently advertise off the hill, they'll likely be able to reduce that cost because now the BID is picking up part of that tab. For the businesses, it's a win-win.

For all of us that use the businesses, it'll absolutely result in reduced buying power. And yet we don't get to vote.

In a bad economy, weak businesses will fail. Some strong businesses may also fail, but until the town of Idyllwild has no charm or natural resources, entrepreneurs will find a market here. Artificially propping some businesses up by increasing all of our taxes will possibly keep some of them open, but if they need to charge more to stay profitable, let them simply do that and then the customers will decide whether or not the new price is still fair and competitive. If not, then we don't need them.

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A big fan of Idyllwild

EDITOR:

And so I fly like an eagle my Boy Scout troop and I saw soaring off Mt. San Gorgonio.

I love nature. I love

Idyllwild. I love the Ernie Maxwell Trail and the Devil's Slide Trail and Mt. San Jacinto. I have enjoyed the [Idyllwild Town Crier] for many years. Starting in high school, I have been coming to my special cabin, and now as an adult with my own kids, we continue the ritual.

I love the ITC fights about water (very important), ambulance service (also very important), trash — I love the community connection to the dump, something we don't know in Long Beach — and the sewer (how strange my cesspool is connected to the protection of nature).

I love the ITC, having been a subscriber for many years. My aunt, from whom I almost inherited my cabin, died, leaving it to my cousin who said it was too important to the family to leave it on the open market and who decided to sell it to me for a song to keep it in the family.

So here I am, reading week after week about all of the above and the drama of street lights and most of all the love of Idyllwild. And I love ISOMATA and now Idyllwild Arts as the best kept secret. We look forward to the concerts yet to happen.

And I love ITC and especially Bruce W. and his hiking stories because that

is me and hiking and scouts and Idyllwild. I love you all and thank you.

MICHAEL JOHNSON
LONG BEACH AND
IDYLLWILD

Fire Engine Chasing Contractor?

EDITOR:

Reading the sad story about the fiery destruction of the historic Belden log cabin (see story in the Sept. 23 edition of the Town Crier), I was struck by the callous disregard for the cabin owners by the unnamed contractor who called early in the morning of the fire with news of the destruction, and then offered his services to re-build.

I realize in this economy that times are tough for the building trades but such actions are certainly not the way to drum up business. This guy has put himself in the same league as ambulance-chasing lawyers. Has he no shame?

Doesn't he realize that before any rebuilding work can be done that investigations have to be made and a settlement reached with the insurance company? If I were the Belden cabin owners I would cross that contractor off my list first.

BOB SOUKUP
LONG BEACH AND
PINE COVE

Calendar

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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.

Fire restrictions on the Forest

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

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. This applies to chainsaws, generators, motorcycles, and off-highway vehicles operated on the National Forest; Smoking is limited to enclosed vehicles, buildings and developed recreation sites; A permit is required for welding or operating any torch device with an open flame or for use of any explosive device; and Fireworks are always prohibited on the SBNF. Tracer, armor piercing, steel core, and Teflon ammunitions are also prohibited, as is discharging a firearm at any exploding target.

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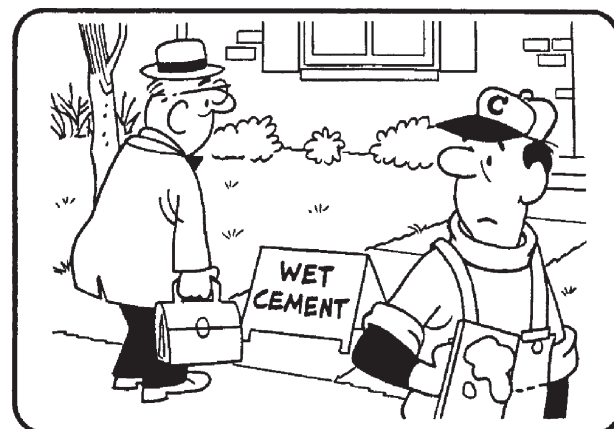
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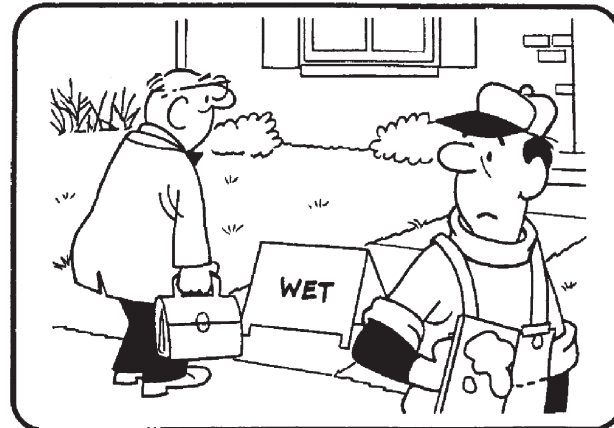
Wood shutters, 63" long x 33.5" wide, brown, \$50. Wood shutters 59.5" long x 14" wide, white, \$50. Call **951-392-7532.**

4 ping pong paddles and 1 dozen ping pong balls. \$8 for all. Call 659-0103.

IT'S DIFFERENT



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Sign is different. 2. Hat is missing. 3. House has no decorative bricks. 4. Cap is missing letter "C". 5. Tree is gone. 6. Small shrub is missing.

For Sale

FREE CLASSIFIED

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

Unfinished louvre door, 81" long x 37" wide, \$25. **951-392-7532.**

COUNTRY WOOD STOVE

T-top model, excellent. Brass legs, face and trim. Circulating fan, 13 ft. interior black pipe, roof chimney and transition box. \$700. Idyllwild. Cell: 760-310-2510.

CHEST of drawers, solid teak, \$125. Smaller chest of DRAWERS, \$50. Highly collectible crimson punch BOWL, \$350. All OBO. Many odds & ends. **951-659-5919.**

For Sale

Medicine cabinet w/mirror 30" x 30", silver like new, \$10. Spotlight 12v, 1 mil. CP, new. \$10. Call **951-659-9953.**

Futon bed, mattress: good condition, frame: fair shape, \$10. Writing desk, small, has short legs, \$20. Call **659-3141.**

Over 300 sq. ft. of Armstrong Century Farm antique cashew maple 5" plank hardwood flooring. Installed it, color wrong, removed it. Paid \$5/sq. ft., sell for \$3. In Pine Cove. (714) 393-9990.

Dresser with mirror, made by Basset, 9 drawers, white provincial style, 6' long, 19" wide, 32" tall. Mirror 56" wide, 3' tall. Call Merrie, **951-659-8293.**

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951-659-0298

www.idyllnet.com

Spa service & new covers. Call Kent **951-659-3174.**

For Sale

Framed wing-tip to wing-tip Stealth Bomber in its hanger. NASA allowed. \$50. **951-659-5919.**

We've got more! 400 great 8' railroad ties just arrived at Community Lumber. **659-4239.**

FREE GENIE garage door opener remote controls, almost new, can be programmed to your garage door. **659-5351.**

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

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- Yard Sale Kits
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And more!

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Answers to Sudoku
(Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
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Classifieds

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Education

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

Equipment

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

Health

HERNIA REPAIR? Did You Receive A COMPOSIX KUGEL Mesh Patch Between 1999-2007? If patch was removed due to complications of bowel perforation, abdominal wall tears, puncture of abdominal organs or intestinal fistulae, you may be entitled to compensation. Attorney Charles Johnson 1-800-535-5727. (Cal-SCAN)

Automotive

I'll buy your car or truck and can even help you find your next vehicle. Call Mark, the car guy. Local resident, 39 years' experience. 659-7054 or 562-673-0512.

Autos Wanted

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

Autos Wanted

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

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

Rentals Wanted

Couple needs home by Oct. 17 for \$650/mo. negotiable. Have cats and birds. Good references. Call (630) 632-2732 or (951) 659-3093.

For Rent or Lease

Private, 2 BR, 1 BA, 1100 sq. ft., fully furn., FP, util. & dish TV incl. \$795/mo. No smoking. 951-659-5919 or email angeofmk@gmail.com.

Creekside Fern Valley, 2 BR, 1 BA, secluded, screened porch, spa, F/A, FP, W/D, furn. or unfurn. \$1000/mo. + dep. 951-313-1813.

Spectacular 4 BR, 2 BA, 2-story, 2300 sq. ft. house. 30x30 carport. No smoking. \$1500/mo. + sec. dep. Avail. now. 53595 Middle Ridge. Call 714-313-5820.

For Rent or Lease

Idyllwild Property Management

Office 951-659-4200
Fax 951-659-4206
Toll free 866-669-4200
Check out our website
www.myipmoffice.com

53405 Middle Ridge.

Essence of Idyllwild house, river rock FP w/insert, 1 BR, 1 BA office, lots of windows, Indry with W/D, forced air, central heating, locked storage shed, covered firewood storage shed, two decks, one off kitchen, one front area, unfurnished. \$800/mo. Avail. NOW.

54320 Live Oak. 3 BR, 2 BA, forced air heat, FP, Indry hookups, storage, lg. yard. \$1000/mo. Avail. NOW.

54055 #2 Pinecrest. 2 BR, 1-1/2 BA, FP, 2-story, lg. kitchen, propane heat, close to town. \$750/mo. Avail. NOW.

When you place your clas- sified line ad in the **Town Crier**, it also appears on our Web site, free. Call 951-659-2145 to get your ad in front of thousands of people! www.towncrier.com

For Rent or Lease

1 BR cabin, fully furnished, full kitchen, W/D, satellite TV, Internet, gated. Magnificent view w/outside Jacuzzi tub. Pet friendly. Vac. rental. Call 310-722-6464.

House for lease w/ option to buy. Located between Idyllwild Elementary School and Idyllwild Arts. Mostly furnished. Call 951-833-0911.

Private, quiet & secluded, unique 2 BR home w/view near Idy Arts. Large FP w/ wood inc., 2nd floor MBR w/deck, view deck off kitchen. 1st and last mo. rent. \$1100/mo. + 1 yr. lease. 760-580-2619.

3 BR, 1.75 BA in Pine Cove. Call 951-544-3815 or 951-926-9515 for details, leave msg. w/ name and phone #.

1 unit avail. Oct. 1 or sooner. Studio cabin, \$485/mo + dep. Call 760-469-5905.

Attractive Fern Valley 2 BR, 1 BA home. Remodeled & furnished, deck, large FP, F/A heat, W/D, \$800/mo. + sec. dep. No smoking. (602) 441-4162.

For Rent or Lease

BEAUTIFUL 3 BR, 2 BA FAMILY HOME close to town and easy walk to Arts Academy. Near Strawberry Creek, backs up to forest. Can sleep 8. Two relaxing decks. Quiet, serene. Year lease negotiable. Nicely furnished \$1225/mo. Call now 562-972-6000.

2 BR, 1 BA, Pine Cove house, 1200 sq. ft., built in 2004, airtight stone FP, deck, \$1,075/mo., pet upon approval. Call (951) 751-1901 or (951) 699-5837.

2 great options: 2 BR, 1 BA mobile, all ages, new paint, FP, pool, great loc. near Idy Arts, \$750/mo. or cozy cabin for 2, furn. on Scenic, \$700/mo. Pet OK. 951-659-5795.

Desperate for a rental?

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

For Rent or Lease

2 BR, 2 BA+ office. UPGRAD- ED HOME IN SECLUDED SETTING. Complete remodel in 2007 w/ new paint, flooring, counters, bathrooms, blinds and decks. W/D, gas heat, inset FP, DW, fridge, NS, pet w/ approval. \$900/mo. + utilities. 602-441-4162.

2 BR, 1.5 BA house with office, laundry, fireplace, furnace, beautiful views, quiet, comfortable, roomy. Outdoor dining patio with fireplace, large deck on West Ridge Rd. \$950/mo. Erica 562-686-5897 or ericagc@charter.net

No Screening Fee

1 RV space \$420/mo.
2 / 1 mobile home, \$540/mo.

Rent to own.

Serial # S1915

Dealer # DL115294

Details: Rent.FocusMan.Biz or (951) 487-1966

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CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

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- 5 Remote mail abbr.
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- 12 Related
- 13 Listening device
- 14 Bargain
- 15 Easter entree
- 16 Blackmailer's specialty
- 18 Pupil's cover?
- 20 Rotational force
- 21 "My bad"
- 23 Thee
- 24 Emergency seat's purpose
- 28 Unuttered "alas"
- 31 Miss Piggy's pronoun
- 32 Top grade
- 34 Hatchery supply
- 35 Harmonization, briefly
- 37 Landlord's threat
- 39 Try the tea
- 41 Birthright
- 42 Subordinate
- 43 barterer
- 44 official
- 45 Greyhound alternative
- 49 November event
- 51 Yorkshire river
- 52 Track star
- 53 Devers
- 54 Twitch
- 54 Cambodian money
- 55 "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 56 Hearty brew

DOWN

- 1 Guy
- 2 Fine
- 3 Thinness
- 4 As a whole
- 5 Organ
- 6 component
- 7 "Phooey!"
- 8 Houston team
- 9 Rum recipe
- 10 Matty of baseball
- 11 Biblical handwriting word
- 17 Coquettish
- 19 Title
- 22 Figure out
- 24 Type squares
- 25 Bliss
- 26 Genius personified
- 27 Pest
- 29 Sticky stuff
- 30 Coop occupant
- 33 Con game
- 36 It never ends
- 38 Private instructors
- 40 Butter serving
- 42 Mortal Combat maker
- 43 Winged
- 44 Pocket bread
- 46 Destroy
- 47 On the briny
- 48 Seaweed that gives us iodine
- 50 Lubricate

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your moodier side might emerge this week. But the dark period should pass in time for the party-loving Lamb to go on a happy gambol with some very special people this weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Yet again, you show your skill at being able to indulge in your love of the arts this week while still taking care of practical matters, including some still-unfinished business matters.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A potential change might appear to be what you've been looking for. In any event, consider both the negative as well as the positive possibilities before making any sort of decision.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Relationships continue to dominate your aspect this week on a mostly positive level, with just a few problem areas you can smooth over. Also, try to be flexible about travel plans.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You love being center stage, and while you absolutely purr at the sound of all that praise, be careful not to take on too many commitments at the expense of time spent with loved ones.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might feel that you need to get involved in a matter concerning a friend or relative. But while the issues appear to be cut and dried, they might not be. Get more facts before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A suggestion about

a policy change could create heated reactions. Keep your mind open and resist joining in with naysayers unless they can show a real basis for their position.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Though potential career changes warrant your interest, don't ignore current job responsibilities. A personal relationship can also benefit from more of your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Don't guess at what the facts might be if you hope to make the best decision possible. The wise course is to ask direct questions and act on the answers you get.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your efforts involving that pesky problem should soon show positive signs of being resolved. This would allow you to shift some of your focus in another direction.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Though you enjoy well-deserved praise for getting a difficult job done, there's no time to relax. A new challenge looms. Expect more support from a once-strong critic.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might still have explaining to do about your decision, but support grows as you continue to make your case. You also might want to start making plans for the upcoming holidays.

BORN THIS WEEK: You insist on making decisions based on facts, not on popular opinions. Have you considered a career in science?

Prop 22

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it borrows from state accounts to bridge this gap. Also during severe fiscal emergencies, the state may use fuel tax revenues to plug gaps, but must pay these funds back within

three years.

Proposition 22 would stop this practice and force the Legislature to find other revenue sources.

Roughly two-thirds of state fuel tax revenues belong to the state and the remainder to cities, counties and special districts. Although state law specifies

how much money local agencies are due, the Legislature by majority vote can periodically alter these allocations. Proposition 22 eliminates the Legislature's authority to change the funding allocations, and requires that the formula in place on June 30, 2009, be resumed (local governments receive 6 of every 18 cents collected on fuel excise taxes).

Current law specifies how county auditors are to distribute property taxes to local governments, but allows the state to require local governments and redevelopment agencies to shift some of their tax revenues away from

that agency's use to another purpose, i.e. school funding. Proposition 22 would stop this practice and require the state to find other revenue sources. Last year, the Legislature forced reallocation of \$2.1 billion in local redevelopment funds to education and other state priorities. Supporters of Proposition argue that this state raid cost the state nearly 200,000 full and part time private construction industry jobs at local levels.

The legislative analyst estimates that prohibiting the Legislature from using locally generated taxes to service debt and from

borrowing fuel tax money would require the state to find other revenue sources or decrease spending by about \$1 billion in 2010-11 and in subsequent years. The practical effect would be to make more fuel tax revenues available for state and local transportation programs.

Opponents maintain that the \$1 billion shortfall in state revenues that would follow from passage of Proposition 22 is money that would go to health, welfare, the environment, schools, universities and other programs of statewide importance. While opponents acknowledge that cities have a legitimate claim,

they maintain that Proposition 22 is a one-sided money grab by cities and is a problem that should be worked out by the next governor and Legislature.

Supporters include: Meg Whitman, League of California Cities; California Fire Chief's Association and the California Police Chief's Association; California Redevelopment Association.

Opponents include Carly Fiorina; California Teachers Association and California Professional Firefighters.

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

Public Notices

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COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: L. Sibley, Deputy

Pub. TC: Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 2010.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name SHOWTIME VIDEO, 54391 Village Center Drive #4, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County, has been abandoned by the following persons: CARL RICHARD TEPEL and CECILIA PATRICIA TEPEL, 25885 Oakwood Street, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by Husband & Wife.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on June 13, 2006.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signed:

CARL RICHARD TEPEL

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 21, 2010.

FILE NO.:
R-2006-08577

CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: L.M. Sibley, Deputy

Pub. TC: Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 2010.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Decision

Paradise Grazing Allotment Project
USDA Forest Service

San Bernardino National Forest

San Jacinto Ranger District

On September 24, 2010, Laurie Rosenthal, San Jacinto District Ranger, San Bernardino National Forest, decided to close the Paradise allotment to cattle grazing to reflect limited grazing feasibility and to protect Quino checkerspot butterfly. As part of this action the water structures (2 water tanks, water trough, and associated pipe) and corral will be removed within the Jim Burn subunit. The project occurs within portions of Township 7 South, Range 4 East, Sections 8 and 16. A copy of the Decision Notice, Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), Environmental Assessment, and other associated environmental analysis documents are available for public review at the San Bernardino National Forest Supervisor's Office, 602 S. Tippecanoe Ave., San Bernardino, California or on the Forest website at: http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/project_list.php?forest=110512. If you have any questions or would like a copy of the Decision Notice and FONSI sent to you, please contact Tom Hall, NEPA Planner at 602 S. Tippecanoe Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92408; phone (909) 382-2905; email thall@fs.fed.us.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215. The decision is also subject to appeal under 36 CFR 251 Subpart C by term grazing permit holder or applicant. To initiate an appeal, a written notice of appeal must be postmarked within 45 days of the publication date of the legal notice of this decision in the Idyllwild Town Crier. Attachments received after the 45 day appeal period will not be considered. The publication date in the Idyllwild Town Crier is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. A grazing permit holder or applicant must specify whether he/she is electing to appeal under 36 CFR 215 or 36 CFR 251. It is also the appellant's responsibility to meet the requirements eligibility requirements and the specific content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14 or 36 CFR 251.90 as appropriate.

Copies of the notice of appeal must be filed with Forest Supervisor; Paradise Appeal; San Bernardino National Forest; 602 S. Tippecanoe Ave.; San Bernardino, CA 92408. Appeals may be submitted in person at the address above during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,

Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic appeals must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf) or Word (.doc) to: comments-pacificsouthwest-san-bernardino@fs.fed.us.

If no appeals are filed within the 45 day appeal period, implementation of the decision may occur on, but not before, five business days from the close of the appeal filing period. When appeals are filed under 36 CFR 215, implementation may occur on, but not before, the 15th business day following the date of the last appeal disposition.

Pub. TC: Sept. 30, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MOUNTAIN VIEW, MOUNTAIN VIEW INVESTMENTS, MOUNTAIN VIEW COMPANY, 38180 Del Webb Blvd. #33, Palm Desert, CA 92211, Riverside County. JAMES HENRY FULCHER and SANDRA LYNN FULCHER, 38180 Del Webb Blvd. #33, Palm Desert, CA 92211.

This business is conducted by Husband & Wife.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Oct. 27, 2005.

Signed:

JAMES H. FULCHER

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

FILE NO.:

I-2010-02538

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

CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: Y. R. Cruz, Deputy

Pub. TC: Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 2010.

LIEN SALE

CIVIL CODE 3071 & 3072

On 10-12-10 at 41491 E. Florida, Hemet, CA 92544 a Lien Sale will be held on a BIGTX vehicle, VIN: 16VGX512182697609, CA Lic: 4KF5437 at 10:00 a.m.

Pub. TC: Sept. 30, 2010.

LIEN SALE

CIVIL CODE 3071 & 3072

On 10-12-10 at 37701 Warren Rd., Winchester, CA 92596 a Lien Sale will be held on a 1997 GODFR vessel, HIN: GDY4985PF797, CA CF#: 1611PD; and a KAW vessel, HIN: KAW900112B292, CA CF#: 9799NF at 10:00 a.m.

Pub. TC: Sept. 30, 2010.

Any registered voter may vote using a vote-by-mail ballot instead of going to the polls on Election Day. California law also allows any registered voter to become a permanent vote-by-mail voter. To request a vote-by-mail ballot for one election or to become a permanent vote-by-mail voter, follow the simple process described below. Vote by Mail ballot requests must be received 7 days before an election. Voters may request a Vote-by-Mail ballot by any of the following four methods:

1. Completing the request form on the back of their sample ballot and mailing it to the Registrar of Voters office. If you don't want to wait for your sample ballot, you can write to your county elections official for an application or you may use the California Vote-By-Mail Ballot Application.

2. Completing the Vote by Mail ballot application form located on the Registrar of Voters Website (www.voteinfo.net) and mailing it to the Registrar of Voters office.

3. Mail a letter requesting to vote by mail to:

Registrar of Voters
2724 Gateway Drive
Riverside CA 92507

4. You may also fax your request to 951-486-7272.

Your application must state your name, residence address in Riverside County, the address to which the ballot is to be mailed (if different than your residence) and your signature.

The Secretary of State also provides vote-by-mail applications in Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, and Vietnamese. These foreign language versions can be found on our Multilingual Voter Services web page.

Once your application is processed by your county elections official, your ballot will be sent to you. After you have voted, insert your ballot in the envelope provided, making sure you complete all required information on

Idyllwild Pharmacy offers new service

Idyllwild Pharmacy now offers a service for patients called "Autofill." The pharmacy will generate a daily report telling which medications should be refilled for a patient on the Autofill program. Only maintenance medications will be refilled. Once the prescription is filled, the patient will be contacted, thus eliminating the need for patients calling in refill orders.

According to Pharmacist Barry Shapiro, this program, in addition to providing customer convenience, will lead to better medication adherence. In the United States, medication nonadherence can lead to significant morbidity, mortality and expense. Among patients with hypertension, for example, taking less than 80 percent of anti-hypertension doses increases the risk of a cardiac event four-fold.

Stop in the pharmacy or call him at (951) 659-2135 to learn more about the Autofill program.

Free diabetes education available

Free diabetes education is now available at Hemet Valley Medical Center for patients, family members, friends, and anyone interested in better management of diabetes. Diabetes mellitus is a condition in which a person has high blood sugar, either because the body doesn't produce enough insulin, or because cells don't respond to the insulin that is produced. For at least 20 years, diabetes rates in North America have been increasing substantially. The Center for Disease Control has termed the change an epidemic. The program will cover meal planning, meter training, medications, blood sugar numbers, and adjusting to living with diabetes. The classes will be held at Hemet Valley Medical Center, Conference Room 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18. Reservations are required and can be made by calling (951) 660-5547. More information is available online at www.ValleyHealthSystem.com.

Vote by Mail

Deadlines to mail a request for a vote-by-mail ballot

Election Date

Nov. 2, 2010
(General Election)

Last day to apply for a vote-by-mail ballot by mail

Oct. 26, 2010

the envelope. You may return your voted vote-by-mail ballot by

1) mailing it to your county elections official;

2) returning it in person to a polling place or the elections office in your county on Election Day; or

3) authorizing a relative or person living in the same household as you to return the ballot on your behalf. Regardless of how the ballot is returned, it MUST be received by the county elections office by the time polls close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Late-arriving vote-by-mail ballots will not be counted.

When your vote-by-mail ballot is received by your

county elections official, your signature on the return envelope will be compared to the signature on your voter registration card to ensure they match. To preserve the secrecy of your ballot, the ballot will then be separated from the envelope, and then it will be tallied.

California Elections Code section 3017(c) requires county elections officials to establish procedures to track and confirm the receipt of voted vote-by-mail ballots and to make this information available by means of an online access system using the county's elections division website or via a toll-free telephone number.

What if
America
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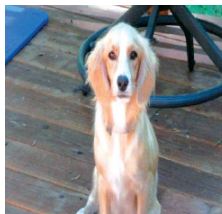
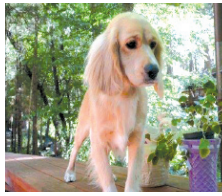
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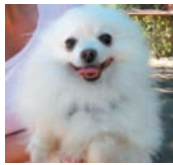
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55 years ago - 1955

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50 years ago - 1960

It was proven that desert bighorn sheep inhabited the region surrounding the Banning-Idyllwild highway when a young ram almost blocked highway traffic.

40 years ago - 1970

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35 years ago - 1975

Over 2,000 music fans attended the Fifth Bluegrass Invitational and total gross receipts were estimated to be about \$4,700.



This was front page photo in the November 1965 issue of the Town Crier. The accompanying article reports the refreshing rains brought the fire season to an end and brought forth the autumn colors, with creeks gushing and bubbling again.

FILE PHOTO

30 years ago - 1980

The Idyllwild school bus, carrying 52 students from Hemet High School, was struck head-on by another vehicle. The driver of the vehicle and her son were taken to the hospital. The schoolchildren were transferred to another bus that brought them up the hill.

25 years ago - 1985

William Lowman, Idyllwild School of Music

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20 years ago - 1990

The Idyllwild School music program was expanding. Eleven advanced instrumentalists began participating in a newly-created jazz band.

15 years ago - 1995

A rock climber who was

"free climbing" survived a 200-foot fall and a Marine Corps helicopter ferried him from the wilderness at the base of Tahquitz Peak.

10 years ago - 2000


Students, parents, teachers, and dignitaries were on hand as Idyllwild School had its ground-breaking ceremony for the new school addition, which was 100 percent funded by Proposition 1-A, the state school facilities program.

5 years ago - 2005

The film "18 minutes" by Alexis Echavarria, late Idyllwild Arts (IA) Moving Pictures major, was screened at the 11th-annual Palm Springs International Film Festival of Short Films. It was the first IA film to be so honored.

1 year ago - 2009

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also propose to institute a teacher pay bonus to compensate for the "isolation factor" of the Anza schools and to help mitigate high teacher turnover rate. He also proposes to advertise in similar rural areas for teacher positions in Anza. "The problem is bringing urban people to a rural school environment," said Bakkom. "I am running for the school board to rebuild Hamilton [K-8] into the top test scoring school it was in the 1980's. I will be a fully engaged board member asking hard questions and frequently visiting all the schools to see results, not just reading a report about them."

Bakkom relates that the week he retired, he spoke with some eighth graders who ate lunch in his room. "A couple of students suggested that I might run for school board to 'fix things' and find a way 'to keep good teachers' at Hamilton," he said. "I decided to do just that."

Incumbent Petri references her years of service



Paul Bakkom

and board votes to retain teachers and certificated staff. "I view them as our family and it is best to keep our family intact," she said.

She faults legislators in Sacramento who fail to pass budgets on time and for causing budget uncertainties within HUSD. "We [HUSD] must have our budget submitted to Riverside by July 1," she said. "The rules don't apply to them [the Legislature]. As a business owner [Petri owns a towing company in Aguanga], I don't get to pick and choose." She notes that with salaries and benefits comprising 75 percent of HUSD's budget,



Phyllis Petri

the Legislature's failure to pass timely budgets (and for school districts to know what state funds they will receive) directly impacts the 25 percent of the budget left for the classroom. She also faults unfunded legislative mandates, such as a recent one requiring the district ensure that there is water available in all school cafeterias. "There is no money to pay for that," said Petri.

When asked if HUSD is top-heavy in administration, Petri said she felt the ratios are appropriate, given the many regulations and deadlines put forward by the state and federal governments. "If we miss

deadlines or compliance, the district can be fined significant amounts," she said. "Administration is necessary to ensure that we are in compliance."

Petri said she was "saddened" by last year's stand-off between the district and teachers' union representatives that resulted in failure to renew 15 contracts. "I go back to the concept of a family unit," she said. "If each [bargaining unit] had given up a little [those positions could have been saved]."

As to not visiting the Anza campuses frequently, Petri said that it was not possible, given her responsibilities as a business owner. "I work one mile from Cottonwood," she said. "I work from 8 [a.m.] to 5 [p.m.]. I don't get out during school time. It would be awesome to spend more time visiting the Anza schools, but that would limit [board positions] to retired people. I keep in touch through the principals and staff, checking in on a regular basis to see what they need."

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

Native basketry roundtable

The first ever roundtable of experts on Indian Baskets will meet 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6 at the Nature Center to discuss a recent acquisition of donated and on loan baskets, some as old as the 1800's. Artist David Salk identified the baskets as being from the Mountain Pass and Desert Cahuilla, and from other places in California and Arizona.

Park Interpreter Shelley Kibby thought it would be a great idea to have well-known experts in the field come and do an evaluation of the baskets. Kibby envisions that the project will develop into an extensive native basket exhibit at the Nature Center.

The free roundtable event is open to the public, and is being sponsored by the Idyllwild Nature Center and the Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain Parks. Please RSVP, as lunch will also be provided.

Archeologist speaks about Pinyon trees

Daniel McCarthy, San Bernardino National Forest tribal relations program manager and archeologist, will speak about pinyon trees at a presentation called "Pinyon Pines: Cultural and Natural Aspects of an Interesting Species." The talk will be begin at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 at the Pinyon Flat Campground.

According to McCarthy, the 1994 Palm Fire burned across Pinyon Flat and consumed pinyon trees hundreds of years old. Due to conditions required for natural propagation, seedlings still have not sprouted in the area. He invites the public to come and learn what the pinyon requires and to help in the project to bring pinyon trees back to the area.

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