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Symbolic of Idyllwild, local soccer players race forward as a team to achieve their collective goal. Local residents saw this same spirit in the dedication of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society's archive (see page 13), the state's recognition of the local Fire Safe Council (see page 4), and local parents' efforts to raise money for a new playground (see page 15). PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

A frightfully good Hill Halloween

By BETH NOTTLEY
 STAFF REPORTER

Ask most any youngster on the Hill what their favorite community holiday event is and you're sure to be told of Halloween with the Great Pumpkin Parade and Carnival and the Idyllwild Ghost Town. And no wonder, with so many townfolk working together to provide a fun and safe Halloween experience.

The festivities begin with the Idyllwild Great Pumpkin Parade, which starts at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31. From Café Aroma youngsters strut down North Circle Drive

showing off their costumes while collecting candy from businesses along the route and from people watching from the comfort of their lawn chairs.

The parade ends at the center of town where the Halloween Carnival, coordinated by the Idyllwild School Parent Teacher Association (PTA), lasts from 5 to 7 p.m. This year, the carnival will be set up on Ridgeview Drive. Also, it ends an hour earlier this year because Halloween is on a school night. Game booths, costume contests, a traditional cakewalk and two bounce houses will be featured. Game tickets cost

25 cents each and most games take two tickets. Volunteers from many local service organizations run these attractions so that parents will be free to accompany their children at the carnival.

Children can do more trick-or-treating at other businesses throughout town where storeowners give out candy, some of which has been donated by local residents to offset the cost. Candy donations can be made through Friday at the Town Crier, BBVA Compass or Idyllwild School. Store-bought baked goods, which will be used as prizes for the See Halloween, page 14

More ID fraud victims come forward

By MARSHALL SMITH AND BETH NOTTLEY
 STAFF REPORTERS

More Idyllwild credit card fraud victims with matching stories contacted the Town Crier after last week's front-page article ("Local victims of fraud"). Nine different people, all local residents, shared stories about fraudulent charges posted to their credit card accounts or checking accounts linked to ATM debit cards.

The victims reported remarkably similar scenarios. They never lost possession of their cards; victims had not given their card,

a duplicate, or their ATM PIN code to anyone else to use; most of the fraudulent charges were posted on Oct. 11; all fraudulent charges were in round numbers, e.g., \$350, \$500, with the highest single charge being \$500; fraudulent charges averaged \$1,000 per card; all but one set of charges were posted at high-end San Diego and Escondido retailers including Nordstrom's (the most frequent), Macy's, Burberry, Abercrombie and Fitch and Victoria's Secret; and most victims reported the last valid charge or card use was in Idyllwild, at an ATM, retailer or gas station. See Fraud, page 22

Library hurdle

By MARSHALL SMITH
 STAFF REPORTER

A possible new home for the Idyllwild Library is still being negotiated. Riverside County and the owners of the Coronet building in Strawberry Plaza have not resolved how to handle the current tenants' multi-year lease. Until there is agreement among all the parties, escrow can't open.

As negotiations continue, the timeline for completion has been delayed to fall of 2011. Verne Lauritzen, Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone's chief of staff, confirmed that until the 5-year lease is resolved, escrow

can't open. As a result, the timeline for completion will be pushed back from the first to third quarter of 2011. "I have a 5-year lease," said Curves owner Denise Edmiston, "and typically the lease runs with the sale [meaning the new owner must honor it.]"

"It's a little disappointing," said Lauritzen, who said that the county would push for a 30-day escrow once the lease issue is fairly resolved. Lauritzen said resolution could involve buying out leaseholder Edmiston or helping facilitate a move to a new location. It could also involve completing the remodel around her, and then See Library, page 21

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Oct. 18 to Oct. 24:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Oct. 18 — Medical aid, 25000 block of Franklin Drive, Pine Cove.

Oct. 19 — Malicious false alarm, 52500 block of Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

Oct. 20 — Medical aid, Tahquitz View Drive, Idyllwild.

Oct. 22 — Medical aid, 25000 block of Seneca Drive, Idyllwild.

Oct. 22 — Medical aid, 25000 block of Lodge Road, Idyllwild.

Oct. 24 — Dispatched and canceled en route, 52000 block of Double View Drive, Idyllwild.

Oct. 24 — Medical aid, 25000 block of Cougar Road, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Nothing to report.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Oct. 18 — Unknown type of fire, 57000 block of Bailey Road, Garner Valley.

Oct. 19 — Medical aid, 56000 block of Highway 74,

Garner Valley.

Oct. 19 — Traffic collision, 51000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Oct. 19 — Fire menace standby, 53000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Oct. 21 — Traffic collision, 51000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Oct. 21 — Hazardous materials, 50000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Oct. 22 — Medical aid, 56000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Oct. 23 — Traffic collision, 53000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Oct. 23 — Public service assist, 59000 block of Morris Ranch Road, Garner Valley.

Oct. 24 — Traffic collision, 49000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Log unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Anza

Log unavailable.

CHP log

Log unavailable.

Sheriff's log

The Lake Hemet Subdivision and Hemet Station



The Suicide Fire on Tuesday, Oct. 19 was photographed from the High Castle area. This was a large tree struck by lightning. Because of heavy afternoon rain, the Forest Service returned on Wednesday to extinguish the burn and down the tree.

PHOTO COURTESY OF DON RARIDON

of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department responded to the following calls from Monday Oct. 11 through Saturday Oct. 23. This may or may not be a complete list of responses:

Oct. 11 — Man identified as William Dennis Daly, 34, of Anza charged with felony grand theft of an access card to a vehicle in the 44100 block of Breiner Valley Road, Anza. Case remains open for further review by deputy.

Oct. 23 — Man identified

as Richard Johnson, 25, of Idyllwild arrested on suspicion of felony assault with a deadly weapon, spousal abuse and violation of parole in the 53400 block of Middle Ridge Drive, Idyllwild. Case remains open. Subject is incarcerated, with no bail amount set, awaiting an Oct. 27 court date.

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

Anza Citizens Patrol seeks volunteers

The Anza Citizens Patrol is now accepting applications for the prestigious position of volunteer. You may even choose your own days and hours. The meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month. Please call Brian at 951-763-5324 for more information.

RMRU rescues two hikers

By Marshall Smith
STAFF REPORTER

At 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, deputies from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department responded to the Sugar Loaf Café on Highway 74

the hikers. Members of the Riverside County Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU) were called out and began a search of the area. The search and rescue mission continued throughout the night.

At 2 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, the search team located the hikers and returned them to safety. The hikers were uninjured and did not require medical attention.

Upon arrival, deputies located a vehicle belonging to

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 10/28	Friday 10/29	Saturday 10/30	Sunday 10/31	Monday 11/1
67/43 Sunny with light winds.	62/39 Sunny day with slight change of rain at night.	52/38 Partly cloudy with chance of rain.	55/41 Sunny.	65/46 Sunny.

Date	Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year				
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S	
10-18	64	38			na	na			
10-19	64	45	.82		84	42			
10-20	64	43	.31		63	35			
10-21	52	40	.06		70	36			
10-22	64	40			75	41			
10-23	55	36			77	43			
10-24	65	41			na	na			
Moisture in inches					Snow in inches				
To date this season (Idy): 2.89					To date this season (Idy): 0				
To date last season (Idy): 1.29					To date last season (Idy): 0				
Total last season (Idy): 23.61					Total last season (Idy): 35.91				
To date this season (PC): 2.58					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

Why we need rescue teams

After reading about the five hikers who either became lost or who hunkered down in a cabin last week on the summit of Mt. Whitney, I came to the conclusion that we will always need the [Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit] RMRU and other rescue teams.



People just keep making the same mistakes over and over again. Hikers don't pay attention to the weather forecast or they don't have the necessary gear if and when things go wrong.

For example, take the three Whitney hikers from out of state. They got caught in a whiteout snowstorm that dumped 3 feet of snow on the upper slopes of Mt. Whitney. They were forced to take refuge in a cabin for three days on the summit. The storm was so strong that the rescue teams had to turn back. The hikers had to wait for the storm to clear so they could be flown off by helicopter.

Rewind to a scene at the Whitney Portal Store where two other hikers were warned that the weather was deteriorating. They still went for the summit. They were told to expect 40 mph winds and snowfall measuring in feet. They still continued.

Although declared missing, they walked out by themselves after a couple of days, having covered more than 50 miles.

This kind of behavior put themselves and the rescuers' lives at risk. If you think I am being overly dramatic, take into account that five people have died on Mt. Whitney this year.



White sage (*Salvia apiana*) is a 2- to 5-foot evergreen perennial. The flowers emerge in summer and are white with a little lavender. White sage gives the bees fits because they can't get in and out very well, but hummingbirds figure it out. *Salvia apiana* likes dry slopes, full sun, and no extra water.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HAROLD VOORHEIS

The three hikers in the stone hut on the summit had one sleeping bag between them. I am not surprised to hear that.

If you are in great shape and the weather is cooperating, you can do Mt. Whitney in a day. Most people take two or three days. Obviously, you will need to bring your four-season tent and sleeping bags along if you are making an attempt in October.

A round trip to the top of Mt. Whitney is more than 20 miles and the elevation gain is greater than 6,000 feet. In our local mountains, the Deer Springs Trail to San Jacinto Peak is almost 20 miles with an elevation gain of 5,150 feet. So even though San Jacinto is 3,700 feet lower than Mt. Whitney, you can see that when the weather is

bad, you can get in the same kind of trouble up here.

As long as hikers and climbers continue to ignore the weather and fail to bring along the proper gear, there will be plenty of work for the rescue teams. Sometimes, however, conditions are too much for even the trained rescue personnel and you can end up having to fend for yourself for awhile. This is something to think about before you head into the mountains, especially in the winter.

Sometimes, there are accidents. Sometimes, there are accidents waiting to happen. Be sure you don't fall into the latter category. Checking the weather forecast and gearing up can make the difference between a fun outing and an epic tale of survival or worse.

Until next week, have fun and be safe.

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Hemet Teachers' School Board Picks

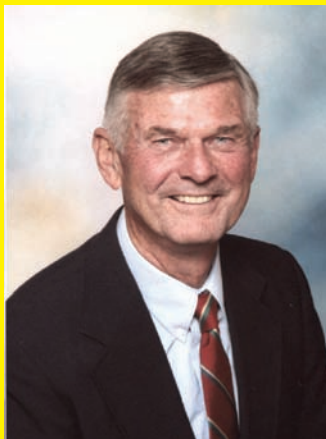
The Hemet Teachers' Association is pleased to endorse Paul Bakkom, Ross Valenzuela and Joe Wojcik for the Hemet School Board. Hemet's teachers trust that these three candidates' familiarity with the Hemet District, open-mindedness, and commitment to improving student achievement will serve our community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

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Obituary Diane Miller

Diane Miller, 68, of Idyllwild, after a battle with cancer, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family in Chino Hills, on Saturday, Oct. 16.

She was a loving mother, wife, grandmother, friend and spiritual guide. She loved living in the mountains and attended Queen of Angels Catholic Church. She and her husband, Frank Vrabel, were active in the Art Alliance of Idyllwild. Diane was a spiritual director and gave workshops in prayer journaling and dreams. She inspired many throughout her life with her positive outlook and faith in God.

She is survived by her mother, Elaine Gunningham of Oceanside, Calif.; her four children, Michael Miller of Westerly, R.I., Laurie Colton of Templeton, Calif., Mark Miller of Murrieta, Calif., and Kristine Quinn of Chino Hills, Calif.; and seven grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Vrabel. Services were held Oct. 23 at St. Margaret Mary Church in Chino, Calif.



Obituary Virginia A. Lane

The creative and talented Virginia A. Lane, born in Marshall, Iowa on July 22, 1940, passed from this life on Oct. 4, 2010, in Hemet, Calif.

Virginia made her home in Idyllwild for the past 11 years, after living in Redondo Beach for over 20 years.

She was an artist known for her paintings and sculptures as well as her custom tile, jewelry, and faux finish designs. As a general contractor, she designed and implemented interiors for office buildings' central lobbies, restaurants, nightclubs and custom homes.

She deeply loved the beach, the mountains, her many friends and, most of all, her precious pets.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Hemet Valley Mortuary, 403 N. San Jacinto Street in Hemet.

While flowers are appreciated, the family suggests donations be made in Virginia's name to Animal Rescue Friends (ARF) in Idyllwild, the Stroke Recover Center in Palm Springs or The Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation.



MOUNTAIN FOLK

Kaziah Wood, 6, of Idyllwild poses with her dog, **Sydney**, after winning a first-place ribbon in the Showmanship competition at the Southern California Fair held at the Lake Perris Fairground. Kaziah, a first-year member of the Pleasant Valley 4-H Club, also took second place for Rally Class, and third place for the written knowledge test and for the Downs and Sits competition. Kaziah also showed a breeding ewe, **Breena**, in the Lads and Lassies competition for which she won a purple ribbon for Best of Division. Additionally, she was awarded a first-place ribbon for her heart rock collection.



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Here, **Margaret Grayson**, Cal FSC executive director, and **Denise Carrington**, Southern California regional grants manager, discuss the Woodies program with Idyllwild HELP Center Executive Director **Karen Patterson** and Director **Lou Bacher**. In the background, MCFSC President **Mike Esnard** and Executive Director **Edwina Scott**. PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Story of the Forest Service

The San Jacinto Ranger District is presenting a free showing of "The Greatest Good" at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4 at the Rustic Theatre. A story of courage, tragedy, enormous progress, and bitter conflict, The Greatest Good speaks about the Forest Service in America and the struggle to manage a nation's resources amid global change. Originally released in 2005 to celebrate the Forest Service's 100th year, this documentary chronicles the journey of visionary foresters Gifford Pinchot and Aldo Leopold, as they transitioned from the idea of "wise use" of resources to the idea of a "land ethic." The story is told from a wide variety of perspectives, including leading historians as well as many participants.

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild would like to thank all the Volunteers, Businesses, Organizations, Wineries and Galleries who helped make this year's Art Walk & Wine Tasting event a huge success. We appreciate all the community support for the promotion of Art and Art Education in Idyllwild.

Thank you all very much.

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October 30, 2010

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— Amanda

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27

- 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, OCT. 28

- Idyllwild Business Roundtable, 8 a.m. Mile High Cafe, 26600 Hwy. 243.
- "Forgotten God," Women's Ministry Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church Office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Living Through Transition and Loss, 10 a.m.-noon. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Lemon Lily Festival Steering Committee, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.
- 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. 29

- BabyPlayGroup, 10:30 a.m. Call Debbi Geisinger, 659-8710 or (951) 966-1094.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. BBQ 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.
- Astronomical Society of the Desert free lecture meeting, 7:30 p.m. Portola Community Center, 45-480 Portola Ave., Palm Desert.

SATURDAY, OCT. 30

- 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.

SUNDAY, OCT. 31

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Teen Group, 10-11:30 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 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, NOV. 1

- 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.
- Idyllwild Water District special board meeting, 5 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

TUESDAY, NOV. 2

- General Election Polling Places, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Idyllwild Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.; Pine Cove Water District, 24917 Marion Ridge Dr.
- 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.
- 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)
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild board meeting, 2:30 p.m. Higher Grounds, 54245 North Circle Dr.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Healthy Lifestyle Class, 5:30 p.m. optional weigh-in; health talk by Brenda Scherlis, 6 p.m. Silver Pines, 25955 Cedar St.
- 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.
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Cottonwood School, 44260 Sage Rd., Aguanga.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

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- 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.
- 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)

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- California Department of Forestry (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
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INITIAL THOUGHTS

Vote Nov. 2 ...



When you read this column, the deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 2 election will have passed. Also, it is too late to request a mail ballot.

But if you have registered, you can vote. If you live in Idyllwild, the polling place is at Town Hall. Pine Cove residents can visit the

Pine Cove Water District office to vote. The hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2.

I urge you to vote. Whether you're an angry, disenfranchised Tea Party sympathizer or a nonchalant, stalwart Obamacare supporter, you should vote. There are so many countries where voting is sham or not even an option.

Elections can be fun and produce amazing surprises. In my lifetime, we have chosen a black man for president, the Republicans actually did control the House of Representatives and the Senate, and California created laws through statewide plebiscite. Declining to vote isn't even a protest. It's lazy and irresponsible.

Sure, some of the propositions are complex and confusing, but pick out your favorites or the ones that matter to you.

Maybe you've noticed that two women — Meg Whitman for governor and Carly Fiorina for U.S. Senator — head the Republican party's ticket.

Well, for those who are more comfortable with tradition, did you know that former Gov. Edmund "Pat" Brown's sons have also served as California governors? Edmund "Jerry", Jr. served as governor from 1975 to 1983. Now his alter ego, Gerald "Jerry" is running for governor — the "California Kennedys."

If Brown and Whitman don't seem to satisfy your needs, there are four other gubernatorial candidates. Can you check one of them? Forget the nanny jokes and think about the other eight statewide offices. The obvious races are for Lt. Governor and Attorney General. Marshall's review of the AG candidates is on page 18.

But other races, such as Secretary of State (elections and business data, not foreign affairs), Treasurer, Controller, Auditor, Insurance Commissioner and the District 3 member of the Board of Equalization, offer intriguing races. By the way, a free subscription to the first person who honestly knows (without "googling" wikipedia) the difference between treasurer, controller and auditor.

If you're a political junkie, whom should we support for the Superintendent of Public Instruction? And best of all, who are the candidates for state Supreme Court associate justice?

Closer to the Hill, you can vote for U.S. Representative, incumbent Mary Bono Mack, who is being challenged by Palm Springs Mayor Steve Pougnet. Or Democrat Jose Medina, who is opposing incumbent Assemblyman Brian Nestande. We still haven't received proof that Medina is running or knows Idyllwild is in the center of the District.

Don't forget the nine propositions. We have a brief description and story of each on our website: <http://towncrier.com/elections/>.

Then, there are three Riverside County measures you can ponder. Measure "K" is simple — road bonds. But "L" and "M" are mirror images. You can't equivocate. Choose. County Supervisor Bob Buster's column explaining his reasons and the Board of Supervisor's recommendation for Measure M is on page 7.

Finally, if you still have room on your note cards and can carry all of them into the voting booth, we have Hemet Unified School District trustees to choose. Local trustee Bill Sanborn is rightly unopposed, but we can decide who gets to accompany him into the sand box.

Two incumbents — Phyllis Petri and Joe Wojcik — are running. Paul Bakkom is Petri's opponent in Trustee Area 2 and has a local connection, if you know Holly Guntermann.

Vote! Already more than 93,000 ballots have been cast. That's nearly a quarter of the requested vote by mail ballots and over 10 percent of the total registered county voters. By the way, Republicans and Democrats appear to be returning the ballots in about equal proportions.

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Inspections: eight years later

EDITOR:

I am a [former] member of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council (MCFSC). In late summer 2002, I faced an angry Idyllwild Fire [Protection District] (IFPD) Commission and an even angrier Assistant Fire Chief for having the temerity to criticize IFPD for only having completed one-third of the necessary property inspections.

I was told to mind my own business and make sure my property was firesafe. This is a silly argument because if my neighbors do not clear their property, what I do will make little difference in the event of fire.

The only way to make my neighbors comply is to enforce the law. Here it is late in the year of 2010, and IFPD has inspected slightly more than half of the properties. Chief Walker says that budgetary issues prevented more inspections.

There have been a number of possible solutions to this problem, all suggested years ago:

1. Have Riverside County appoint a full-time inspector with no responsibilities other than property inspections. (This was done successfully in the past);
2. Utilize members of the MCFSC, many of whom have become experts in this area; and
3. Some combination of 1 and 2.

Is it cheaper to prevent a fire or to fight a fire?

THOMAS R. TEFFT
PALM DESERT AND
IDYLLWILD

Inspection plans

EDITOR:

I believe that constructive criticism should not be met with anger and that as a citizen of this community fire safety certainly is your business.

Today, I doubt that either CAL FIRE or Riverside County Fire Department would want to offer up a fire inspector for IFPD [Idyllwild Fire Protection District] because both entities are faced with tough financial situations of their

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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



own.

However, as a board member of Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council (MCFSC) and Chief of IFPD, I can tell you that your suggestion of partnering the two organizations is spot on! IFPD is going to partner with MCFSC on a grant application to fund both inspections and abatement. The idea here is to have all phases of the process covered from initial inspection to forced abatement (if that becomes necessary) by IFPD, MCFSC and the Mountain Co-op.

If we are not successful in our grant attempt, I will be looking at ways to increase our capacity by agreement with MCFSC and Mountain Co-op, while retaining the legal responsibility with

IFPD.

And, yes, it's cheaper in dollars, risk and emotional hardship to prevent a fire than it is to fight one.

NORM WALKER
FIRE CHIEF
IDYLLWILD FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT

Unleashed dogs a danger

EDITOR:

Attention: Dog owners who do not fence in their dogs or use a leash.

I am responding to a very sad, depressing and shocking event that happened near my home.

Hearing a large commotion outside, I saw two dogs running down a beautiful, at least four-point deer.

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TOWN TALK

By CID CASTILLO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Are you voting this election? If so, what is your motivation in voting?



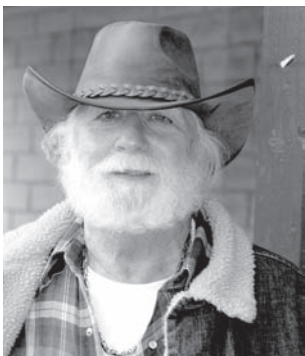
Russ Lawler
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Retired High School Counselor

"Yes, this is one of the few countries where your vote counts. I'm going to vote so it stops all these negative TV commercials."



Elaine Bacher
Idyllwild
Retired

"Yes, my main motivation is that the right candidate is elected. Also, I'm very interested in the passing of several propositions, especially Proposition 19."



Art Daytz
Idyllwild
Retired Navy Chief

"Yes, I don't particularly like either candidate so I'm voting for the lesser of two evils."



Diane Desrosiers
Idyllwild
Registered Nurse

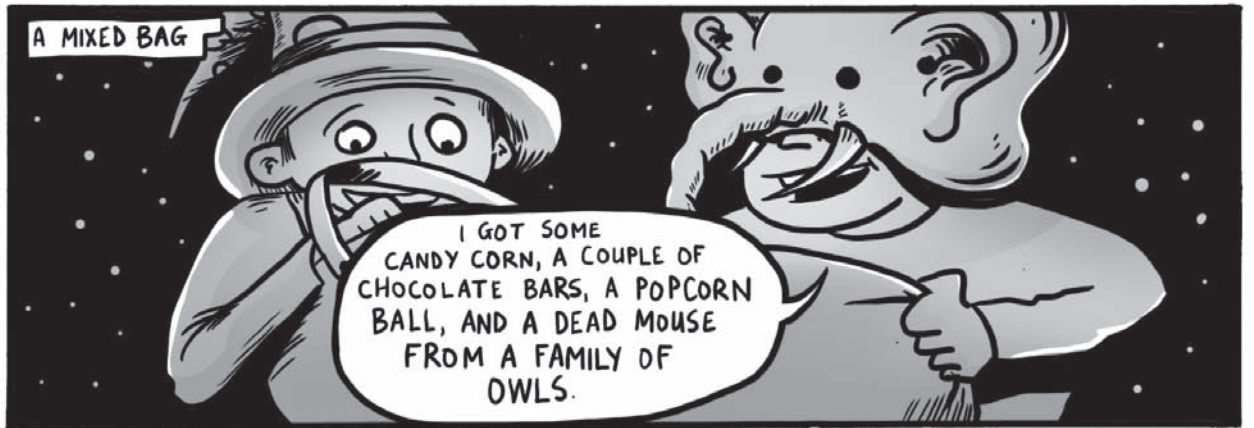
"I'm voting to cancel a Republican's vote. On the propositions, if a Republican endorses it, I'm voting against it."



The Pine Cove Water District hosted the Town Crier's weekly Wednesday morning news meeting. The public is invited to the meeting, which is normally held at Café Aroma at 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

ON THE FRINGE

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OUTSIDE THOUGHTS

By BOB BUSTER, RIVERSIDE COUNTY
1ST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Yes on Measure M

It is disheartening to see the Riverside Sheriff's Association (RSA) union flagrantly hiding behind the widows and orphans of fallen deputies in its all-out effort to trick voters into supporting Measure L on the November ballot.



Nowhere in a recent flood of union-generated propaganda does this powerful public employees' union tell voters that Measure L was put on the ballot to preserve the most lucrative pensions among Southern California law enforcement agencies.

The reality is that 20 Riverside County deputies have died or been killed on the job since 1907. The benefits of their survivors are protected under California law. The Riverside County Board of Supervisors is also determined to protect the benefits of survivors. RSA bosses know these benefits are not in jeopardy. Yet, union bosses are not beneath pulling out hankies and crocodile tears to perpetuate a lie that will hold taxpayers hostage for decades.

It is obvious RSA is hiding because Measure L will make it next to impossible for the Board of Supervisors to reduce pensions for deputies hired in the future without a long and costly election.

The union amasses a political war chest of \$4.2 million a year in dues and fees from its members. Union bosses have demonstrated they will dig into their coffers to wage a malicious fight against anyone seeking to protect taxpayers from the union's extravagant demands.

Currently, RSA retirees enjoy some of the highest benefits of any sheriff's department in Southern California. The Board of Supervisors approved these benefits when the economy was healthy and when taxpayers could support them. Currently, a top-ranking deputy with 30 years can retire at age 50 at an annual pension of \$107,518. California law prohibits changing existing employee pensions.

If new employees retain these unaffordable pensions, one of every three dollars that Riverside County taxpayers contribute to personnel costs will be spent on retirees by 2016. This huge diversion of public safety funds will

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FIRE AND FOREST

By MIKE ESNARD, MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

State contractors

For your protection, I'm going to share some true stories, all occurring locally.



A man knocks on the door of a house, and when greeted by the owner, he offers to take down four dead trees in the yard. The homeowner agrees, and the man proceeds to make deep cuts in all the trees. Returning to the first tree, he fells it. Only, he drops it across Southern California Edison (SCE) power lines, breaking them. Before anyone else reacts, he jumps in his truck and leaves. The homeowner finds the tree, the wires down and the man gone. The homeowner then gets a real professional to take down the remaining trees. The homeowner then pays SCE for the damage to their wires.

Another homeowner has a large limb over his carport. He wants the limb removed, but he chooses an unlicensed contractor because he bid half of what the licensed contractor bid. The unlicensed contractor then cuts the limb, but it falls directly on the carport, causing considerable damage. He walks away. The homeowner is left with the cost of repairs.

A third homeowner hires a contractor who claims to be licensed, but is not. He asks for the money up front. He cuts down several trees, leaves them lying on the ground and disappears. A licensed contractor is brought in to clean up and dispose of the trees.

There is no question that homeowners can save money, at least initially, by hiring unlicensed contractors to take down trees. It is also true, as these stories show, that some very large and expensive risks can be involved. Breaking power lines is not the greatest of them.

Licensed contractors have higher costs because they pay taxes, buy insurance, and provide their crew workers' compensation. Tree work is one of the most dangerous

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IWD focuses on wastewater issues

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Board of the Idyllwild Water District (IWD) reviewed a draft plan for management of its sewer system and set a special meeting next month to discuss the next step for a recycled water project that it has banded about for more than a year.

Winzler and Kelly, a Santa Rosa firm, is helping the agency prepare the sewer management plan. General Manager Terry Lyons told the board the final version of the plan should be presented at the board's December meeting.

Legal authorities for the sewer district will be one area of focus, according to Lyons. "We need to be able to enforce our requirements," he said. "This will be a roadmap for us, but it just addresses the sewer lines, the collection system, not the [waste treatment] plant."

The board created a special committee, composed of Directors Warren Monroe and Michael Freitas,

to review the sewer system management plan before submitting it to the full board for approval.

Next on the agenda was the funding to plan for the water treatment facility, but it was postponed. President Allan Morphett announced the board would devote an entire session to the subject of additional planning costs and future construction costs. A special meeting for the costs of the recycled treatment plant is now scheduled for 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 1.

IWD's contractor, Anuj Saha, president of Ascend Engineering, Inc., of Aiken, S.C., submitted a revised cost estimate. Following last month's discussions with state water and health officials, Saha has increased his cost estimate nearly \$50,000, from \$70,000 to \$119,000. Lyons expects the state to provide a planning grant that would fund half of Saha's costs.

At the special meeting, the board will also discuss whether to proceed with seeking a construction grant

for the tertiary water plant.

In the first quarter of fiscal 2010-11, IWD's finances were positive, according to Auditor and Controller Jim Ludy. Despite water revenue falling slightly below projections, operating revenue exceeded operating expenses by \$5,400 and total income was \$46,000. Nearly two-thirds of the decrease occurred in the commercial sector rather than in the residential, Ludy added.

The board also accepted the fiscal year 2009-10 audit report. Ritter and Associates prepared the audit of last year's finances.

In water business, Lyons reported that in September, Strawberry Creek's flow was substantial enough to maintain diversions to Foster Lake. The Lake's water level is 13.5 feet, nearly six feet higher than a year ago. Ground water level for the Foster Lake wells was also higher than in 2009 and 2008.

"Foster Lake is much better than previous years," he told the board. IWD's downtown wells are at a lower

groundwater level, which puzzled Lyons, although he thought pumping from the Stratton well contributed to the level.

Lyons also discussed a water pressure problem, which occurred over the Columbus Day weekend. A pressure-reducing valve malfunctioned, creating higher water pressure in the district's middle zone, including the commercial district. Until it could be repaired, IWD had to manually operate the valve, he said.

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



Idyllwild Water District director **Mike Freitas** celebrated his 60th birthday before the board's Oct. 19 meeting. Board Secretary **Kelly Clark** helped Freitas with his cake.

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A second copy of the Pine Cove Property Owners' Association sign was taken from near the Idyllwild greeting site on Highway 243.

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Weather, water and worries

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

More than two inches of rain fell on the Hill since last Tuesday, Oct. 19. This was needed water and helps protect the area as the final weeks of fall transform into winter. At the Keenwild Ranger Station, the total rain since July 1 (the beginning of the rain year) has been 3.21 inches, most falling in October.

The average rainfall through Oct. 31 is 3.41 inches. Although we have received the expected rainfall for the first four months of the rain year, that amount is barely 13 percent of the annual average.

"Normally when we get this much rain, the fire season is over. However, normally we are in mid- to late November, not October," said Idyllwild Fire Chief Norm Walker. "I think that we are not out of the woods yet, but it will take a Santa Ana wind to produce a fire and hopefully, the recent rains will mitigate the severity of any fire that does get

started."

Despite Walker's optimism about the weather ramifications for fighting fires, rainfall also influences the Hill's water supplies. The past two years have failed to produce the annual average rainfall. This winter's weather forecast is for La Niña, a below average dry six months.

Despite the lower than average precipitation, the Hill's three water districts — Fern Valley, Idyllwild and Pine Cove — have adequate water supplies and storage available. Since the early years of the current drought period, the local districts have worked hard to expand water supplies (new wells) or storage (tanks).

Consequently, the lack of rainfall has not imposed significant problems on the Hill as it has for water districts at much lower elevations.

Just as most trends eventually appear in most communities, falling water sale revenues have begun to confront the local districts. Water districts from San

Diego to Los Angeles and in the Coachella Valley have been scrambling to secure more water supplies. They also have had to raise their rates substantially to fund these activities.

For example, the Desert Water Agency just approved a 17-cent rate increase. That is nearly a 20 percent rise in water rates. It's their fourth increase since 2004 and is supposed to eliminate a \$3.7 million deficit.

San Diego water rates have ballooned 65 percent since 2007. The Banning City Council deferred a decision on the staff's recommendation to raise water and sewer rates 30 percent this year and an additional seven percent each of the following four years.

The Hill is not impervious to these trends. Last week, Pine Cove Water District (PCWD) announced that it would evaluate a rate increase over the next few

weeks. In June, Idyllwild Water District (IWD) passed a 5-year rate increase. Fern Valley Water District (FVWD) last raised rates in 2009 and then deferred action on a possible assessment.

Water revenues have failed to match projections during the first quarter of 2010-11, according to Jim Ludy, IWD's auditor and controller. It is not the only district facing this situation.

Water sales, for all three Hill districts, have declined in the past year. Pine Cove Water District (PCWD) saw 2010 sales decline nearly eight percent from 2009. During the same period, July 2009 through July 2010, water production fell 4.2 percent.

"I noticed the reduction in revenue," said Steve Erler, FVWD general manager. "But I'm not sure of the reasons. Perhaps it's fewer

people visiting the Hill."

Lower rainfall over the past decade has affected water production on the Hill. Water production has been falling since 2003 and has been more pronounced since 2005. One reason is a stronger sense of water conservation among Hill customers.

But PCWD General Manager Jerry Holldber has

frequently suggested that the Hill's full-time population has declined and the economy has discouraged weekend visitation, too.

Regardless of the cause, local districts must still provide water to customers and ensure ample supplies in case of fires.

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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.

Hamilton Museum lecture

On Friday, Nov. 15, Hamilton Museum is sponsoring Duncan Harkleroad, who will be speaking on Bighorn Sheep Ecology. The lecture will begin at 5:30 in the Anza Valley Library, which is located at the high school on Mitchell Road in Anza. All are welcome. For more information, call 951-763-1350.



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HUSD District faces phantom funding

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) administrators are wary of projections contained within the recently enacted state budget. They doubt that promised money will actually materialize. Furthermore, since the state budget indicates the district will get more money than last year in increased revenue per pupil, it means the district must reopen negotiations with their two unions to reconsider prior layoffs or other budget necessitated reductions.

"They [the Legislature] could not have done anything worse to us," said Dr. Steve Lowder, HUSD Superintendent. "Because of the [projected] \$5.7 million in additional revenue to the district, we must reopen negotiations with our unions. It is their contractual right to submit a 'demand to bargain.'" But Lowder and his management team do not believe HUSD will receive the money, either some or

all of it.

"They [the Legislature] based their projections on the most optimistic analyses and expectations," said Lowder, noting a \$5 billion infusion from the federal government that may or may not materialize.

"Our concern," said Lowder, "is that we reach February and March and the new governor and Legislature may mandate new budget cuts." Lowder notes it would be difficult to bargain with the unions using the current numbers when they turn out not to be sound, or when they may be revised downward midyear. "We don't want to bargain these numbers until we see the money."

So how does a responsible district manage its budget based on potentially unreliable numbers from Sacramento? According to Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Vince Christakos, it's by making its own projections and budgets based on more modest forecasts.

"If we're being respon-

sible and fiscally conservative, we will put aside these [questionable revenues from the state] as contingencies," he said. "We've already based our budget on the lower numbers for this year and the next two."

Regarding the need to bargain, Christakos said, "We have no qualms with giving employees extra dollars if that's what really happens." Lowder noted that the Sacramento shell game often forces school districts to use reserves. "They're [the Legislature] borrowing money from school districts, and we're paying the interest," he said.

HUSD Trustee Bill Sanborn foresees the need to work with the unions to have them understand the district's financial predicament

— that until the higher state projections actually come in, they are phantom funds. "We're being told that this is money we will get, when in fact I don't think we'll get it at all," said Sanborn. He regards the "trickle down of inaction" from Sacramento as irresponsible budget management. "I don't run my personal finances in this way, and I wouldn't expect a [responsible] Legislature to run its in this way," he said.

Referring to the enacted state budget, Christakos said, "It was a get-out-of-town budget," unrealistic and unlikely to make the transition from projection to reality.

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

Medicare presentation at Town Hall

Christy Johnson from Amante & Associates Insurance Solutions will give a presentation at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 15 at Town Hall. She will review five different Medicare Advantage Plans and explain changes for 2011. Christy grew up in Idyllwild and assists many of our residents with their Medicare health plan. Medicare Annual Enrollment begins Nov. 15. Contact Christy at 951-766-9800.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week are **Abby See**, left, and **Anthony Douglass**, right. Fourth-grade teacher **Lisa Draper** selected them because they are excellent scholars and model Idyllwild School citizens.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



The Idyllwild Rotary Club recently distributed dictionaries to students as part of the SoCal Dictionary Project. Shown here, on left, are **Rosemary Ashcraft**, Rotarian, along with third-grade teacher **Vic Scavarda**. On the other side of the podium is third-grade teacher **Sally Salter** with Rotarian **Glen Ashcraft**.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT OCTOBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

IWD SYSTEM WATER PRESSURE — On Columbus Day weekend, IWD had our Hwy 243 pressure reducing (PR) station malfunction. The PR valve reduces the water pressure in the service zone. We have seven PR stations that are located between each of our water pressure zones. The middle pressure zone is our largest and provides water around the downtown business area. This PR station is located at Highway 243 & Jameson. This PR station's normal water pressure ranges from 125 lbs to 145 lbs. When our Hwy 243 PR station malfunctioned, this zone pressure range increased to between 150 lbs to 170 lbs and was repaired immediately. This PR valve was recently overhauled and rebuilt. We overhaul these valves every five years. Our PR station has been repaired, but some customers did notice the higher water pressure range when their water heater relief valve began discharging water.

WATER HEATER RELIEF VALVE — We received calls from about a dozen customers that their water heater pressure relief valve had opened. A safety feature of the hot water heater includes the pressure relief valve and discharge pipe. It operates like the radiator cap on your car. The purpose of this valve is to relieve excessive temperature or pressure build-up inside the tank if it approaches the limits of the tank's safe design range. This valve is located on top of the tank and often is threaded directly into the tank top itself. To test the valve, lift up on the handle slightly and hot water should discharge out of the overflow pipe. One IWD customer had a problem last week when his water heater pressure relief valve discharged water inside his residence. The relief valve should be plumbed to discharge water to the outside. The valve can open from water that is too hot and the water expands or from excessive pressure. Sometimes, the water tank temperature pressure relief (TPR) valves will reset themselves, but occasionally they will not shut down and will need to be replaced.

CUSTOMER WATER PRESSURE REGULATOR — It's important that customers have a good working water pressure regulator to protect their service lines and household appliances such as water heaters. Some customers did not

have a pressure regulator installed. A water pressure regulator is a plumbing safety feature that is designed to prevent water pressure from climbing too high while also ensuring that the pressure remains high enough for consistent flow from faucets, taps, and shower heads. This device is often located near the water meter at the street or near the house. It is important that people know where their water pressure regulators are located. Plumbing works because of the water pressure. When the pressure is high enough, water will be pushed through an open tap, even if the outlet for the water is well above ground level. However, pressure which is too high can result in leaks, eroded washers, banging pipes, and even explosions, in extreme circumstances. A water pressure regulator is a valve which controls the level of water pressure to ensure that it is effective and safe. Customer pressure regulators should be installed by a professional and set with the correct water pressure. In some cases, a customer will decide to readjust their pressure regulator to receive higher water pressure. Readjusting your PR for higher water pressure may work for awhile until the District's water system pressure increases. It's not uncommon for older valves to get stuck in the open position when tested for the first time after many years — so be sure to know where the water shutoff valve for the inlet to the heater is. Familiarizing oneself with safety features like water pressure regulators, main water cutoffs, and breaker boxes is a very good idea, so that they can be accessed quickly in an emergency. It is also a good idea to periodically test these safety features to ensure that they are working smoothly; it should be easy to turn the valve or knob with the assistance of a pair of pliers or vice grips, for example, and there should be no signs of corrosion, leakage, or stress on the surrounding joints.

CASTATE SENATOR BILL EMMERSON TO VISIT IWD — State Senator Bill Emmerson and staff will be touring the IWD treatment plants and the IWD Foster Lake solar site on October 29th.

Join us for the next IWD Board Meeting on Nov. 16.

The difficulty of navigating Medicare

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of articles on the changes to Medicare and on how to assess your choices during this open season. The series will conclude with a first-person account of the inherent difficulties in analyzing and making appropriate selections.

Navigating Medicare choices, which happens the first time one registers, and each subsequent year in the "open election" period from Nov. 15 through the end of December, is at best confusing. Each year the number of available supplements changes as do prescription drug prices. Consequently, the "best" plan suited to an individual's needs one year may disappear the next year. Or its cost and conditions may fundamentally change as to necessitate making a new choice.

The companies supplying Medicare supplement plans and drugs drive the process as each jockeys with profits and losses growing out of the previous year's offerings, as well as out of the ramifications of the recently enacted federal health care package.

About this time of year, anyone eligible for Medicare begins receiving the government's mailers with the plans' changes and new rates, as well as mailers from insurance brokers offering their services and assistance in guiding choices. Two mailers from brokers began with "Is comparing and choosing a Medicare health plan confusing?" in what may be a huge understatement for any advertisement.

The same mailer advertises "New Rules," which there are each year.

Probably the most valuable information a reader might glean from this article is that the insurance carriers providing the Medicare supplements and Part D Drug Prescription plans pay commissions to private and independent insurance brokers. Therefore, it costs a Medicare applicant nothing to consult with and receive services from a licensed independent insurance broker. (Caveat: insurance carriers set commissions paid to agents so it is possible an agent could steer an individual into a policy that pays a higher commission, but only for Medicare supplement plans. On Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans [PDP] plans, the federal government sets the commission to the dollar.) Or one can struggle through all the information on www.medicare.gov, run your current drug prescriptions through the online drug formularies to determine next year's cost, co-pays and when and for how long you are in the "donut hole" (the amount of out of pocket going to the insured person after the insurance company has paid the first \$2,830 in drug costs), and make your own choice.

To ascertain drug costs, tiers and formularies on your own, see www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan/questions/home.aspx. For 2011, the donut hole threshold is \$2,840 and continues until the insured has paid a total of \$4,550 out of pocket.

Meet the new Forest Supervisor

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

On Oct. 8, Jody Noiron's appointment as the next Forest Supervisor for the San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF) was announced. On Thursday, Oct. 21 Noiron spoke to the Town Crier about her new assignment.

She expects to start her SBNF position on Dec. 6. Noiron is no stranger to Southern California forest and recreation issues. Since 2000, she has been Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest (ANF).

"Jody brings a wealth of natural resource experience and strong leadership skills to the new position, having served as the Angeles Forest Supervisor since 2000," Randy Moore, the Chief of the Pacific Southwest Region, said in a press release. "The [SBNF] is one of the most heavily visited and complex national forests in our nation. With Jeanne Wade Evans' recent move to the Region, we're pleased to have another strong Forest Supervisor who brings a wealth of experience in natural resource and land management."

As well as spending 10 years as the ANF supervisor, Noiron has 27 years experi-

ence with the U.S. Forest Service. Her career began immediately following her 1983 graduation from Virginia Tech as an engineering major.

"I was like a lot of college students, looking for a job, interviewing with companies," she said. But one step took her to a job fair where she met and interviewed with federal government recruiters. "The Forest Service was looking for new hires with engineering skills. I was familiar with the Forest Service because the Jefferson National Forest (JNF) is close to [Blacksburg, Va.], home of Virginia Tech."

Public service and the opportunity to get involved with natural resources led her away from the private sector and into the Forest Service, she said. Her first assignment was on the JNF. From there she began moving up and west. Prior to taking the lead at the ANF, she served as the deputy forest supervisor on the Plumas National Forest in the Sierra Nevada region.

"My experience on the Angeles has been tremendous," she said. "I've learned so much and met so many wonderful people. There's never a boring day."

Noiron's role as ANF su-

pervisor has put her in the middle of several recent Forest Service controversies. The most recent controversy was the Forest Service's actions while fighting the Station Fire in 2009.

But she has also been central to the issue of fire-fighting management. In 2007, she received a letter from six Southern California congressmen asking about the loss of firefighters on the ANF.

In response, Noiron said simply, "I can't begin to speculate what others are thinking. My actions speak for me." When asked her opinion about the current concept of separating the fire management from under line officers, she expressed her support for the agency's current structure.

Since both the SBNF and ANF are close neighbors,

Noiron is familiar with the local forest. She has visited and briefly acted as the forest supervisor for a period following the Esperanza Fire tragedy in 2006.

Despite her experience, Noiron said she has not developed any priorities about issues on the SBNF. These will develop over time as she works here, she added. The issues are very similar on both forests, she said.

During her nearly 3-decade career, Noiron said she has seen the Forest Service change. "We know more than we did in the 1980s," she said. "The Service is a very adaptive management organization, as it should be, as a steward of the land. Since the environment changes, we need to change too."

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The widely advertised "halving" of the donut hole in 2011 depends on whether each drug manufacturer has agreed to offer a 50 percent reduction in the drug price as called for in the federal health care legislation.

In 2011, the various insurance companies providing PDP's are making significant changes to their list of ap-

proved drugs, moving some drugs to higher priced drug tiers in their drug formularies, and even changing their co-payment levels from those applicable in 2010. For example, anyone currently enrolled in a Medicare Advantage PDP will have to look elsewhere, since that plan is being discontinued.

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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, Oct. 27

"Social Network," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Oct. 28

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

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

"Social Network," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Oct. 29

Faultline Folk Music, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Teen Dance, Costume Party and Ping Pong Competition, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Haunted Ghost Town, 7-10 p.m. (Less scary show 6:30 p.m.) Idyllwild Community Center site.

"Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Belly Dancing and Halloween Party, 7 p.m.; Iron Chef Battle Rabbit Screening from renowned filmmaker Justin Holmes, 9 p.m. Café Aroma. Karaoke, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone Daddy's.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Live Music, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Tea Company.

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

Second Anniversary Celebration with food, music & massage, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (massage 11 a.m.-1 p.m. only). Idyllwild Community Acupuncture.

Environmental Troubadour Bill Oliver, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.

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

"Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Halloween Party Bash, 5-8 p.m. Little Chef in the Forest.

Sandii Castleberry & Paul Carman, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Haunted Ghost Town, 7-10 p.m. ICC site.

Halloween Costume Party with live music by the Satellites, 9 p.m. Jo'An's.

Live Music, 9 p.m.-close. Bone Daddy's.

Sunday, Oct. 31

Live Music, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Tea Company.

Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; Dan Papaila, 1-3 p.m.; Skeleton

Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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

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

"Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Kid's Halloween Party, 2-4 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

Great Pumpkin Parade, 4:15 p.m. start at Café Aroma;

Carnival, 5-7 p.m. Ridgeview Drive and downtown Idyllwild.

Haunted Ghost Town, 7-10 p.m. ICC site.

Monday, Nov. 1

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

Idyllwild Arts jazz trio featuring Caleb Hetsinger, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

"Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Nov. 4

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

Special Showing: "The Greatest Good" Centennial Forest Service Film, 2:30 p.m. Rustic Theatre (free admission).

Al Star & Friends, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Nov. 5

Hojo and the Halfnotes, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Visual Art Student Exhibition "One Mile," Opening Reception, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Theatre Production: Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

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

Saturday, Nov. 6

Live Music, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Tea Company.

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon. Café Aroma.

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Etan Doronne, standing, opened this year's Idyllwild Community Recreation Council Speaker's Series. The lobby of the Creekstone Inn had only standing room as Doronne shared his experiences from a yearlong, backpacking journey through rural India. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

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Saturday, Oct. 30, 6-9 p.m.
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During its 10th Anniversary event this weekend, the Idyllwild Area Historical Society (IAHS) named its new facility the **Frank and Mabel Moote Archive and Research Center**. The 735-square-foot, climate-controlled building is specifically designed for the long-term preservation of the collected documents, photographs and artifacts.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



IAHS Vice President, Treasurer and historical researcher **Bob Smith** and Assistant Curator **Shirl Reid** unveiled the handsome plaque commemorating the new archive facility.

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Children's story time at the library

The Idyllwild Library's Children's Story Time is every Monday from 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Call the library at 659-2300 for more information.



On Saturday morning, a dozen volunteers planted 50 lilacs on the grounds of Jo'An's Restaurant. Idyllwild resident **Gary Parton** donated the lilacs to prepare for Idyllwild's First Annual Lilac Festival in 2015. October plantings will take place each year until 2013. Initially, the lilacs will be planted in businesses and agencies, and by 2013, Parton will have lilacs available for homeowners. Shown here are **Antje Banks**, left, and **Bryan Tallent**.

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'Only in Idyllwild' stories sought

The Town Crier's well of Only in Idyllwild stories has run dry. Readers are invited to submit stories about things that could have only happened here. E-mail them to beth@towncrier.com or drop them by the Town Crier office.

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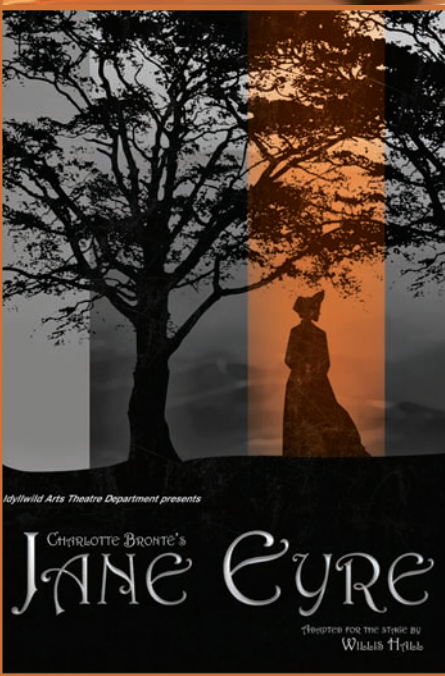


The Model A Club of San Diego made an impressive showing when they visited Idyllwild recently with more than a dozen handsomely restored show cars. Numbering more than 100 members, the club has 50 Model A's in perfect condition. Seen here (on right) is a yellow 1929 Dodge Phaeton.

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Friday, November 5
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Theatre Production: Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë, Adapted for the stage by Willis Hall. 7:30PM, IAF Theatre.

Saturday, November 6
 Theatre Production: Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë, Adapted for the stage by Willis Hall. 7:30PM, IAF Theatre.

Sunday, November 7
 Theatre Production: Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë, Adapted for the stage by Willis Hall. 2PM, IAF Theatre.

Tuesday, November 9
 Student Vocal Recital. 7:30PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Friday, November 12
 Creative Writing Guest Reading: Catherine Wagner. 7:30PM, Parks Exhibition Center.

Tuesday, November 16
 Chamber Music. 7:30PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Thursday, November 18
 Cabaret of Souls by Richard Thompson, featuring Harry Shearer, Judith Owen and Special Guests. Workshop performance, limited seating, first come/first serve. 7PM, Stephens Recital Hall. Suggested donation \$10.

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Halloween

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cakewalk, can be dropped off at Idyllwild School or the Red Kettle.

At 7 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Idyllwild's Ghost Town, a spooky village and haunted sanatorium, opens for screams and scares at the Idyllwild Community Center site, a new location this year. On Friday, Ghost Town will open early at 6:30 p.m. with a less scary show for younger children. About 50 local actors, many of them youngsters and students from Idyllwild Arts, are involved in giving attendees the creeps. Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$5 for kids 14 and younger.

Proceeds from the carnival and Ghost Town benefit the Idyllwild School PTA, which funds field trips, classroom supplies and other things for local school students. According to Ghost Town organizer Kathy Wil-



son, this year a percentage of the proceeds will be specifically earmarked for the school's science program.

Before the Great Pumpkin Parade and Carnival, parents may want to take their small fry to the Ameri-

can Legion Post 800's Kid's Halloween Party being held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31. According to the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary President, Jeanine Stocks, the event will feature Halloween crafts, games and

treats. There is no charge to attend and everyone is welcome.

For teens, a Teen Dance and Costume Party will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 29 at Town Hall. The event is free.

For adults, there are several Halloween entertainment events planned. On Friday, Oct. 29, Café Aroma will feature its "Inter Galactic Halloween Party." The evening's entertainment includes belly dancing by Tribal Rendezvous, a costume contest, the premiere showing of "Battle Bunny 2010" (a cook-off between Aroma's chefs) by filmmaker Justin Holmes, and dancing to the music of DJ Obie Juan Cannoli (aka Daniel Gray).

Little Chef in the Forest hosts its Halloween Costume Bash from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30. A DJ will play '50s and '60s music and a \$50 gift certificate will be awarded for the best costume.

Also, on Saturday, Oct.

30, the American Legion Post 800 will host its annual Halloween party with free snacks and live music by the Mike Lowe Band. Prizes will be awarded for costumes in a variety of categories. The music starts at 7 p.m.

Jo'An's Restaurant and Bar will be the site of a Halloween Costume Party on Saturday with cash prizes awarded for costume contest winners. There will be live music by The Satellites starting at 9 p.m.

There are many other entertainment venues in Idyllwild over the Halloween weekend. Be sure to check the Arts & Entertainment Calendar in this issue or online at www.towncrier.com.

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

Horse rescue sanctuary seeks sponsors

The Golden Carrot Rescue Sanctuary in Anza, a nonprofit 501(c)(3), provides a "forever home" to older, neglected, disabled and abandoned horses. The organization, run by Casey O'Connor, is seeking sponsors for care and feeding of the horses.

"A horse sponsorship is the perfect gift for the animal lover in your life," said Debra Sievers, a volunteer with the organization.

To learn more about The Golden Carrot, see its Web site at www.thegoldencarrot.org or call O'Connor at (951) 763-0800.

Raising elder abuse awareness

Riverside County's Adult Protective Services is trying to raise awareness about elder abuse. "What people think of first is that it is physical in nature but abuse of the elderly is also emotional, psychological and financial," said Janet Hale, 3rd District coordinator of the program.

To report abuse, call 1-800-491-7123, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The organization also encourages reporting consumer fraud of the elderly to the C.A.R.E. Program at 1-800-476-7506, which also offers free training and educational events.

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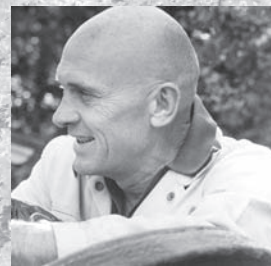
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'Til hunter's moon, round dappled mare
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With misty snort in ghostly flight
Ride out! Ride out! October night.

Community gives ideas for new playground

BY BETH NOTTLEY,
STAFF REPORTER
AND CAREY POWERS,
NEWS INTERN

Last week, the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC) collected ideas for the design of the proposed playground to be located at the Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) site. ICRC and its consultant spoke to community members, including the steering committee being formed to plan and lead the building of the playground, local parents, and the children who will be the playground's principal users.

On Thursday, Oct. 21, more than 20 community members met for the first playground steering committee meeting. ICRC board member Dawn Sonnier introduced architects Bob Leathers and Carrie Van

Valkenburg of Leathers and Associates, the firm hired by the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council to lead the design phase of the new playground. They conducted a brainstorming session to help attendees — adults and children — define what elements they want to see incorporated in the future playground.

On Friday, they met with groups of Idyllwild School students to hear their dreams of an ideal playground. Finally, at Friday night's ICRC Family Fun Carnival, they asked parents and children to draw pictures of a dream playground.

Playground steering committee members decided that they would like to see a playground built from mostly natural materials with elements that would emulate Idyllwild's natural resources.



Fifth-grade teacher **Brennen Priefer** cringes as one of his students prepares to throw an egg at his face in the egg toss last Friday at the Family Fun Carnival held at Town Hall.

PHOTO BY CAREY POWERS

For example, they agreed that a rock-climbing element that looks like Tahquitz rock and a dry creekbed play area to reflect Strawberry Creek would incorporate unique attributes of our geographic area. They decided that elements reflecting Idyllwild's reputation as a cultural mecca for the music and the arts should be considered.

The meetings with Idyllwild schoolchildren and the drawings produced at the Family Fun Carnival showed that children and their parents also envision a playground incorporating natural elements. They spoke of wanting to see a rock-climbing structure,

mazes and tunnels.

Leathers and Associates will use all the ideas to prepare an architectural rendering of the playground, which the firm expects to complete by next week. The firm specializes in creating custom, one-of-a-kind playgrounds with lots of community input. Community members will build the playground itself — more than 100 volunteers will be needed for the effort. The ICRC plans to open the playground on the July 4th weekend.

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Shouts of shocked glee arose from the crowd of children watching Idyllwild School Principal **Matt Kraemer** (not shown) get hit in the face with an egg, while **Dawn Sonnier** (far left) handed out more eggs at the Family Fun Carnival last Friday.

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Playground General Coordinator **Dawn Sonnier** had a few words with soaked **Brennen Priefer**, egging him on as he prepared to utilize his pitching skills at the Family Fun Carnival. The event raised money for ICRC's new playground and solicited ideas for its design.

PHOTO BY CAREY POWERS

Playground Steering Committee

The individuals listed below have volunteered to serve on the ICRC Playground Steering Committee. There are still several key positions not filled, and additional volunteers are needed in every area.

For information, contact Dawn Sonnier at (951) 315-7881.

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On Thursday, Oct. 21, more than 20 community members met to form a Playground Steering Committee to lead the effort to build a playground on the Idyllwild Community Center site. At the meeting, **Bob Leathers** and **Carrie Van Valkenburg** (third and fourth from left, respectively), of Leathers and Associates, the playground architects, led committee members in a brainstorming session to define the desired elements for the playground.

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Troubadour arrives in Idyllwild

BY CAREY POWERS
NEWS INTERN

Charismatic troubadour Bill Oliver will be visiting the Idyllwild Nature Center from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30 to perform an eclectic selection of his favorite environmentally friendly songs for children. With over 20 years of performing at concerts, campfires, and cafeteriums, Oliver uses rhyming songs as learning tools and as spirited instigators of environmental advocacy.

"It's a fun audience," he

says. "In schools, I come in with no agenda because we're there to celebrate nature. The best thing they can do is to care, be interested, and remind their parents to recycle," he finishes jokingly.

During his youth, Oliver could not decide whether to become a rock'n'roll singer or a forest ranger. Somehow, these two callings meshed and produced a troubadour of nature. The music that illuminated his youth was mainly cause-oriented — war or political balladry — which informed his own celebratory

and inspirational music. A pro-active soul, he finds the subjects and substances of his songs through individual research and his involvement with various environmental groups. In earlier years, the biology department at his community college inspired the writing of "Have to Have a Habitat," the famous song that will be sung this Saturday.

"I just want to empower kids to follow their interests," Oliver said. "There are so many ways they can be part of the world."

He mentioned the music,

along with being joyful and "bouncy," touches the serious sides of kids and invites their brilliance into expression. The curious seriousness of children he understands well. As a child, he describes his favorite place as a ditch, where he would sit with his guitar and Mark Twain books, imagining the ditch was the Mississippi River. Nature was an integral part of his adolescence, facing him with both its beauties and demises.

In the mid-70s, Oliver teamed up with Glen Waldeck as the "Environmental Trou-



Bill Oliver

PHOTO COURTESY OF MR. HABITAT

badours" to perform habitat songs at events, schools, honky tonks, and festivals. Between them, they produced seven albums, several videos, and sung at countless campfires. Since then, Oliver has been engaged in solo work as a travelin' troubadour.

Peter Yarrow of Peter, Paul, & Mary said of Oliver: "Bill Oliver is simply one of the most enthusiastic, joyful, positive forces in the world of music today. He's totally

magical. He'll bring joy to your kids, your spirit and your delight in life. On the way, he'll get to you with his message of environmental awareness, but in the nicest way."

His motivational attitude and easygoing vitality is sure to have children enraptured, remembering verses, and feeling happily alive.

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Nature Center's Susan Gonzalez, left, guides a group of interested students in the art of wreath-making during the center's Acorn Day activities this weekend.

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George Ray shows Nicholas, 9, (far left) and Levi, 5, (center) how to drill into acorns on the 10th-annual Acorn Day at the Idyllwild Nature Center last Saturday. PHOTO BY CAREY POWERS



Addison, 9 (left), plays a hoop game with her brother, Indiana, 8, on Acorn Day at the Idyllwild Nature Center.

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Steven Carlson of Living Free Animal Sanctuary (left) thanks Idyllwild Rotary President **Danny Richardson** for his volunteer work at the Living Free 30th Anniversary Celebration on Oct. 16. PHOTO BY DAN SLATTERY



Idyllwild Rotary President **Danny Richardson** welcomes Idyllwild Rotary's newest member, **Don Strunk** (left). PHOTO BY DAN SLATTERY



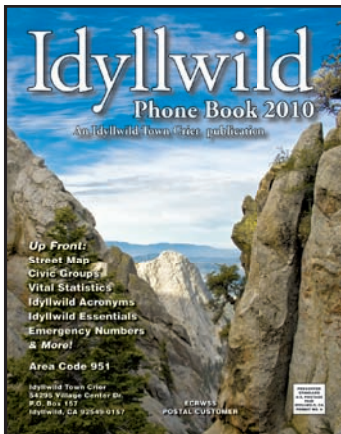
The Spruce Moose was the latest business to join the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce (left). A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held downtown at the store in The Fort, with left to right, **Richmond Blake**, Chamber director, **Bryan Tallent** and **Jon Stonitsch**, owners of the Spruce Moose and **Steve Moulton**, Chamber director. Celebrating the most in this happy occasion is the Spruce Moose greeter, **Kula**.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

The Desert Resorts Concierge Association (right) toured Idyllwild this weekend to see first-hand what this mountain has to offer. Resident **Elaine Bacher**, second from right, led the group on a whirlwind tour of the stores, shops, restaurants and agencies throughout town. During their fact-finding trip, the group dined at the Café Aroma. Shown, left to right, are **Bill Galliker**, Palm Springs Home Rental agency, **Kate Hudson**, Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa at Indian Wells, **Diane Perreault**, Marriott Desert Spring Villas in Palm Desert, **Cookie Caffery**, Renaissance Esmeralda, **Sarah Joseph**, Marriott Desert Spring Villas and also the president of the Concierge Association, **Elaine Bacher**, and **Basha Pierce**, Renaissance Esmeralda, Indian Wells.



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Two philosophies and two regions in Attorney General race

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Kamala Harris, San Francisco County District Attorney (DA), is running against Steve Cooley, Los Angeles County DA, to replace current state Attorney General (AG) Jerry Brown in a classic Northern versus Southern California showdown. A pinch of liberal versus conservative is also in the recipe.

Harris philosophically opposes the death penalty and supports marriage equality for gays. Cooley opposes both (except he would support gay civil unions). But it would be an oversimplification to paint either Harris or Cooley in strict ideological brush strokes.

In largely Democratic Los Angeles, Republican Cooley has a 42 to 33 percent advantage over Harris among likely voters. Major newspaper editorial endorsements tout him as one of the least partisan DAs. He has worked to establish the Los Angeles DA's office as one accountable to the public and fair in its prosecution of lawbreakers. Among signature Cooley programs are those that stress DNA evidence to solve "cold" cases, that bring charges against politicians, judges, and police for corruption, and that include an initiative to pressure the Mexican government to overturn a policy that refused extradition of killers facing life sentences. To advance public policy, Cooley created the Criminal Justice Institute for experts in his department to provide high quality training programs to justice system professionals.



Kamala Harris

In San Francisco, Harris raised felony conviction rates for gun crimes to 90 percent, their highest level in 15 years, secured an 85 percent conviction rate for homicides, and increased convictions of drug dealers by 50 percent above those of her avowedly "liberal" predecessor Terence Hallinan.

Her 2009 book "Smart on Crime" paints a prosecutorial philosophy suggesting that it's not about being "tough" or "weak" but rather about pursuing strategies to both punish criminals and develop programs to prevent crime before it happens as well as to reduce recidivism. The program, "Back on Track," reroutes nonaddicted low-level drug offenders from incarceration into rehabilitation, dropping recidivism rates among the target age group of 18 to 24-year-old first-time offenders. The program has been cited as a model by the U.S. Department of Justice. Harris has also expanded services to victims of crime and their families, and created new prosecution divisions focused on child assault, public integrity and environmental crimes.

Cooley is a career prosecutor who has been with the Los Angeles DA's office since 1973

after graduating from University of Southern California law school. He rose through the ranks and was elected LA County DA in 2000, was overwhelmingly re-elected in 2004, and became the first LA DA in 70 years to be re-elected to a third term in 2010.

Harris was elected San Francisco DA in 2003, defeating then-incumbent and former boss Terence Hallinan, after serving as Deputy District Attorney for the Alameda County DA's office, as the managing attorney of the Career Criminal Unit and as head of the Division on Families and Children of the San Francisco DA's office. She was re-elected, without opposition, in 2007.

On hot-button issues, neither Cooley nor Harris support an Arizona type immigration law or Proposition 19 to legalize marijuana under certain restrictions, and neither would sue to block implementation of the new federal health care act (Cooley said he would do so only if there was a consensus to act by the governor and Legislature). Cooley has said he will defend California's gay marriage ban while Harris has said she would not appeal a California court decision striking down the ban. Harris does not support Proposition 23's plan to strike down California's landmark environmental regulation statute and Cooley has taken no personal position, saying that he would defend



Steve Cooley

whatever the voters decide. Harris maintains that voters elect an AG to exercise independent judgment on issues from the environment to same sex marriage. Cooley believes he is elected to enforce the law and the will of the people, regardless of his own personal views (although he has said he will "defend Proposition 8" as the will of the people but would not defend Proposition 19 if it passes).

Also at the debate, Cooley was asked if he would "double dip" and collect both his AG salary and LA DA pension. Citing the "incredibly low" AG salary of \$151,127 compared to his current \$297,859 salary as LA DA, Cooley said he would definitely collect both. Harris, at 45, is not pension eligible.

Also on the ballot for Attorney General are: Peter Allen, Green Party; Timothy J. Hannan, Libertarian; Diane Beall Templin, American Independent; and Robert J. Evans, Peace and Freedom.

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New voter steps up

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Just as the 2008 presidential election motivated many new and lapsed voters to cast their ballots, the 2010 California gubernatorial race has caused Pine Cove resident Becky Smith to register for the first time.

Smith is casting her inaugural ballot to support Meg Whitman's gubernatorial bid. When asked why Whitman, Smith responded, "She's not a politician. Plus she led eBay to a huge success."

Smith believes that the economy is the central issue for most voters in this election. Not only have elected officials failed to solve the problem, but they have also made it worse. "It's about the economy," she stressed. "I don't think they're [elected officials] doing a good job

and we're in this [financial situation] because of politicians," she said.

Smith said that Whitman's proven managerial abilities are what cash-strapped California needs at this point in time. "And it's not because she's a woman," said Smith. "She's a good manager, and that's what we need."

Smith has requested a mail-in ballot so that she can take her time slogging through the propositions in order to make informed choices. She's excited to be voting for the first time.

If there are any other first-time voters that might want to share their voting experience — why they registered and how they experienced the process — we'd be happy to hear from you.

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SPORTS

Town Hall sports

Danny Richardson gave this report on Town Hall Soccer for Saturday, Oct. 23:

Minors Ages 4-5 years old league (Note: no score kept for minors)

The Blue Jays battled the Hurricanes. The Hurricanes' defense was anchored by the stellar play of **Vicky Lovett** and **Joslyan McLean**. The Blue Jays' offense was triggered by **Ryder Dittman's** goal. **Ethan** and **Layton Teeguarden** each had a hat trick — three goals.

The T-Rexes went up against the Bobcats. Despite playing short by one teammate, the T-Rexes' players hustled, especially **Ben Pavon**. **Preston Pino** scored twice and **Octavia Severa** played good defense for the Bobcats.

Majors Ages 6-8 years old league

The Rotary Lava Storm encountered the tough Arriba's Tidal Waves. **Nocole Cochrane** scored a goal and **Brianna**

Sheppard made good saves for the Tidal Waves. But the Lava Storm could not be denied their first victory. **Aaron Potter** and **Dylan Reinhart** scored goals and **Levi Sorenson** protected the Storm's goal. The Lava Storm beat the Tidal Waves 3-2.

The American Legion Lil' Devils hosted the Jo'An's Tornados. The Tornados' **Miren Pino** dribbled well, **Jacob Lande** played great defense and **Aly Fogle's** goaltending prevented three Lil' Devils goals. But the Lil' Devils were still able to win 3-0 and stayed undefeated.

Majors Standings:	Wins	Losses
American Legion Lil' Devils	3	0
Arriba's Tidal Waves	1	2
Jo'An's Tornados	1	2
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Kicked by two T-Rex players, the ball nears the goal net of the Bobcats. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



Goal! The ball flies into the net past Bobcat goalie **Colby Sonnier**, kicked in by No. 10, **Michael Stroud**, who is barely seen behind another T-Rex attacker. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

Steele in the money in Florida

BY JACK CLARK
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele and his fellow pros had a relatively tough time of it at last week's Winn-Dixie Jacksonville Open. Playing in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Steele had a four-over-par 65-74-73-72-284. This resulted in a tie for 45th place, earning him \$2,226.

Going into the final tournament of the season, Steele stands in 30th place on the Nationwide Tour money list for this season, about \$22,000 behind the player in 25th position.

The top 25 money winners on the Nationwide Tour receive cards for the PGA Tour next season. To secure such a position, Steele will be looking for at least a top-ten finish — or perhaps even a top-five — in this week's \$1,000,000 Nationwide Tour Championship at the Ralston Creek Course at the Daniel Island Club, Charleston, S.C., where the winner's share will be \$180,000.



A lone player from the Tornados fights for possession of the ball amidst four Lil' Devils players. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



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 Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Lake Hemet

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

On Sunday, Oct. 17, **Billy**

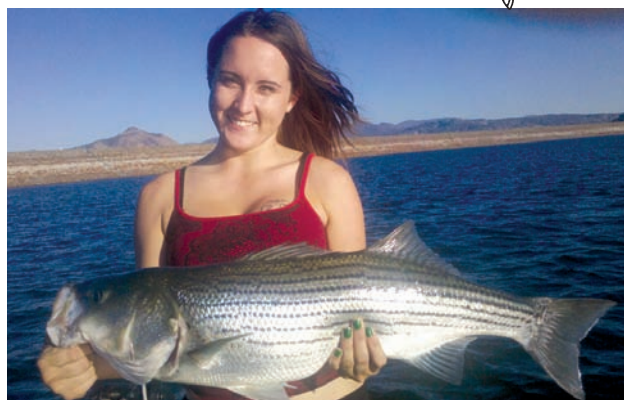
Goins of San Jacinto was fishing with friends on the north side of the lake using worms. He took home a 2-1/2-pound trout.

Water level at the dam is 122 feet. Last year's level was 118 feet.

Diamond Valley

Jesse Dinkins at Diamond Valley Lake (DVL) Reservoir had no report on fishing at the lake.

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



Last week, **Kimmi Champagne** of Hemet fished at Diamond Valley Lake for three days. Here, she is shown with the biggest of her many striper catches.

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Kathy Halkin, Idyllwild, and Janice Murasko, Pine Cove, stopped in Roswell, N.M., on their trip to Dallas, Texas, where ARF's **Baxter** will do a Purina Beneful national ad campaign shoot.
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While traveling through Denver, Colo., **Becky and Jack Clark** stopped for hors d'oeuvres at Le Central, the French restaurant where local celebrity and TC columnist **Conor O'Farrell** was once a manager.
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Pine Cove's **Elaine Hoggan** explains the "Almost all the News — Part of the Time" to **Oli Magnusson**, guide, as they wait to depart for whale watching in Akureyri, Iceland. As an experienced guide, he was sure they'd see the Icelandic whales in the water.
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When will it snow?

The Idyllwild Town Crier's 32nd-annual Snow Guessing contest is underway. The person who guesses the correct date of the first half-inch of snow to fall on Idyllwild can win 100 Idyllwild Shopping dollars.

Guesses must be placed before Friday, Nov. 19.

Participants can enter at any of the following locations: BBVA Compass Bank, Creek House Restaurant, Fairway Market, Higher Grounds Coffee House, Idyllwild Beauty Salon, Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce, Idyllwild Inn, Idyllwild Pharmacy, Idyllwild Tea Co., Idyllwild Town Crier, Muirs Mountain Realty, Pony Express Trading Post, Prairie Dove, The Spruce Moose, Town Hall, and Wooley's.

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.

Medicare

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Confused? Who wouldn't be? Next week, we'll examine Medicare basics, the supplemental plans available and how Medicare Advantage plans are being reduced.

This is not an endorse-

ment of a particular insurance broker; it is just information provided. At 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 15 at Town Hall, Amante and Associates Insurance Solutions will presents a workshop on Medicare choices.

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MDP conducts first night exercise

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In an effort to simulate difficult disaster aid circumstances, Mountain Disaster Preparedness (MDP) has scheduled two first-time "boots on the ground" simulations. The first takes place at night on Saturday, Nov. 4. The second, likely in February, will put volunteers in an assembly, search and report scenario during winter weather conditions.

MDP Disaster Aid Station (DAS) Director David Alt said the night exercise will be a 2-hour drill, launched by radio at 5:45 p.m. when Alt requests MDP volunteers to report to a specified DAS. The first DAS commander or captain who arrives opens the unit and acts as incident commander (IC), if and until replaced by a more experienced volunteer, who then assumes the IC position. The IC then directs deployment of the assembled volunteers into teams headed by DAS captains.

"One team will do a survey by car — the first time we have done that," said Alt. "And another will be on foot, evaluating specific locations that have been staged." Since MDP does not conduct actual rescue, the teams' duties will be to evaluate, size up and report back by radio conditions on the ground. The disaster simulation in these exercises is typically an earthquake that blocks ingress to and egress from

Idyllwild and leaves the community pretty much to its own devices. "This will be an opportunity for our volunteers to experience and learn in real time what we need to know," said Alt.

MDP conducts regular and aggressive training sessions for its 447 volunteers, 68 of whom are Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) trained.

In the years of growth under Dick Goldberg, Nancy Layton and now Veronica Alt, MDP has become a vital part of this community's disaster response effort. The eight neighborhood DAS units (locations will be marked in the new Town Crier phone directory due out mid December) are regularly inventoried and stocked with supplies and equipment designed to provide emergency support for MDP volunteers to assist community residents. One MASH unit, an emergency medical treatment station, is equipped to provide emergency surgery services.

Each of the DAS units has a commander, but MDP is in need of captains for several of the neighborhoods in which the DAS units are located. In the event of an emergency, captains would lead the search and report teams once the DAS unit is opened. Interested volunteers should contact Alt at (951) 659-5642.

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Soroptimists seek new members

The Soroptimists of Idyllwild is a women's service club improving the lives of women and girls in our community and around the world.

In this decade of volunteerism, when so many people need help, Soroptimist International of Idyllwild is recruiting new members who are business and professional women. Call Karen Doshier at 659-0790 for information.

Town responds to turkey deficit

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Residents rapidly and generously responded to the food shortage at the Idyllwild HELP Center. Following the Town Crier's Sept. 30 article describing the Help Center's possible shortage of holiday turkeys, donations began pouring in, according to Executive Director Karen Patterson. "As soon as the article came out, our first check came in for \$750," she said.

Donations eventually

totalled \$3,000. Today, the HELP Center has the needed cushion to provide holiday turkeys and hams at the same levels as last year. "We even have a little extra to provide vouchers for clients to purchase perishable food items at local markets to compliment their holiday meals," said Patterson. "The response [from Idyllwild residents] was overwhelming."

And, attesting to the power of the printed word, HELP Center's Director of Client Services, Colleen Manchee, said Staff Reporter

Beth Nottley's mention of the need for peanut butter and macaroni and cheese produced a windfall — 100 jars of peanut butter and multiple cases of macaroni and cheese.

Besides food supplies, Manchee said the article also helped find suppliers of other items needed by clients, such as feminine hygiene products, which will be taken over by women from the Idyllwild Bible Church.

Churches, service and property organizations also offered to conduct food

drives and help supply specific items, in effect augmenting the HELP Center's efforts. Those organizations include the Pine Cove Property Owners Association, the Community Presbyterian Church, the Idyllwild Bible Church, and the Rotary Anns.

"As a result of the article, 30 clients will be getting holiday food they otherwise would not have had," said Manchee.

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Library

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when her lease is up in years, taking over that section and finishing the remodel. Lauritzen believes the lease issue can be resolved in a mutually satisfactory way.

Lauritzen put forward a revised timeline: Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) were due back from architects/consultants on Monday Oct. 25. Those companies that submitted will be reviewed by the Economic Development Agency (EDA) and a selected architect. Sometime in late December or early January, the construction contract would be put out to bid and then awarded. Construction could begin in spring and continue on through summer, with completion and move of the library from its present location in early fall 2011.

The EDA and County Facilities Management are the managers of the project and will conduct negotiations with both Edmiston and with building owner Joe Coronet. "When dealing with public funds [as the county will be doing in building this library], it is important that all aspects

of the project are open and transparent [to the public at large.] As part of that process, Stone and staff meet monthly with the Friends of the Idyllwild Library (FOL) to update them on progress, to receive input and to answer questions. "We had a good and frank discussion, which included the lease problem," said Lauritzen of the most recent county meeting with the FOL on Friday, Oct. 22. Member Adele Voell attended the meeting and confirmed discussion of a new timeline and revised completion date. "I know it's going to get done, and I'm happy with what they're doing," she said, still acknowledging factors that might push back the completion date. "There are so many 'ifs.' But I think they will give us a good library. I've seen what they have done and I believe their commitment [to this project]. We have this commitment [from the Supervisor] that we [the FOL] will be meeting regularly with the architect to discuss what we believe needs to be considered. I feel we're being included in the process."

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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: 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/Calendar.

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Fraud

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One victim's credit card company's fraud department told her that her card had likely been cloned.

Riverside County Sheriff's Department (RCSD) Special Investigations Supervisor Sgt. Steve Mike told the Crier that although identity theft is always occurring somewhere, the proportion of population in Idyllwild experiencing nearly identical fraud incidents while retaining their cards in their possession is unusual. Mike suggested the most recent charges posted prior to the fraudulent use of the card may have potential significance. A local fraudulent charge location common to victims could help investigators identify the perpetrator(s) of the crime, he added.

Mike encouraged all Idyllwild victims to file a police report with RCSD in addition to filing reports with their banks, credit card companies, or credit reporting bureaus. Mike advised victims to provide the same information to the deputy taking the report as they had provided to the Town Crier: name on card; date(s) fraudulent charges posted; card issuing bank or company; amount of fraud broken down in separate charges; total or any charges declined at the same retailer on the same date as other approved charges; name of retailer(s) at which fraudulent charges were made; date of posting and location or name of the merchant(s) or ATM location at which recent valid charges were made. RCSD could, if enough victims report similar circumstances, launch an investigation into how and specifically where the thefts occurred (by lifting ID information from victims' cards), leading to identification of the perpetrators.

The San Diego Police

Department's (SDPD) Financial Crimes and Identity Theft Unit ("Unit") is already aware that several Hill residents have been victims of credit card fraud. Detective A.W. "Woody" DuBois, a 23-year SDPD veteran and a detective with the Unit for five years, said that the similarity of the local fraud cases leads him to believe that one person or a small group of individuals are responsible for the crimes.

"Because this is such a localized case and the charges were made at department stores basically in the same area, it indicates that a single person, likely a local person in Idyllwild, perhaps working with a partner or two, skimmed the victims' credit cards and then decided to go on a shopping spree," said DuBois.

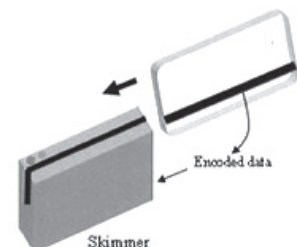
The detective explained that, in cases like this, credit card skimming generally occurs when an individual, such as an employee in a retail establishment or a restaurant, swipes the card through a skimmer machine that records all the information encoded onto the card's magnetic strip. This information contains the cardholder's name, account number, expiration date, date of birth, and other information. The criminal then downloads the purloined information onto a computer and installs the data on blank cards that they emboss with the customer's name and account number.

DuBois said the most common of credit card skimming perpetrators are people who have access to credit cards out of sight of the cardholder. "A large percentage of card skimmers are waiters in restaurants," he said, explaining they are in a unique position to perpetrate the fraud because diners generally place their card into a folder that the waiter then carries away to ring up the bill.

"This gives them a lot



Handheld Skimmer



The credit card skimmer device is so small that it can easily be hidden. The perpetrator simply swipes a credit card through the skimmer to capture data encoded on the magnetic strip. The data can then be downloaded onto the magnetic strip of a fraudulent card.

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of opportunity to skim the card away from the customer," he said. He said skimmers (smaller than a pack of cigarettes) are easy for criminals to keep hidden, clipped on an article of clothing. (See accompanying photo.)

DuBois said that there are other types of skimmers, such as devices that are installed inside gas pumps by criminals and skimmer units mounted over the slots of ATM machines and gas station pump units. "Those mounted inside of gas pumps," he said, "are usually installed by professional criminals affiliated with organized crime gangs." He explained that financial data collected by this method is usually dispersed worldwide, not in a localized way, like what happened to the Idyllwild victims.

He said that the units installed on ATM and other self-service machines are not as common as they were a few years ago, because criminals like to use the small hand-held skimmers that are less likely to be detected. However, he said

they are still being used and the public should be vigilant when using a self-service machine. "If the slot you're inserting your card into looks or feels funny, don't use it and contact the company or police," he said.

DuBois said credit card skimming has become a common financial crime and more difficult to detect, ironically because fewer stores have employees handle the credit card. More stores approve a credit card purchase without a store employee being required to check identification.

DuBois concurred with RCSD's Sgt. Mike that victims of recent Idyllwild-area fraud should file a theft report immediately with the local Sheriff's Department. He said that this first step is necessary for an investigation to begin. He said that major department stores have cameras at cash registers and that detectives may be able to identify the perpetrator(s) of the crime by viewing the film from the dates and times that fraudulent charges were made.

To make a report with the RCSD, contact dispatch

at (951) 776-1099. Once a report has been made to RCSD, SDPD detective DuBois welcomes local victims to contact him at (619) 446-1048, but only after they have made a

Riverside County report.

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Invitation to news meetings

The public is invited to the Town Crier's weekly news meetings. The meetings usually are held at 8:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Café Aroma. Occasionally, the meetings are rescheduled because of conflicting community meetings.

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HOROSCOPE

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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Pushing others too hard to do things your way could cause resentment and raise more doubts. Instead, take more time to explain why your methods will work.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Be more considerate of those close to you before making a decision that could have a serious effect on their lives. Explain your intentions and ask for their advice.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might have to defend a workplace decision you plan to make. Colleagues might back you up on this, but it's the facts that will ultimately win the day for you. Good luck.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat's co-workers might not be doing enough to help get that project finished. Your roars might stir things up, but gentle purrr-suasion will prove to be more effective.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Someone you care for needs help with a problem. Give it lovingly and without judging the situation. Whatever you feel you should know will be revealed later.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) While you're to be admired for how you handled

recent workplace problems, be careful not to react the same way to a new situation until all the facts are in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Rely on your keen instincts as well as the facts at hand when dealing with a troubling situation. Be patient. Take things one step at a time as you work through it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your curiosity leads you to ask questions. However, the answers might not be what you hoped to hear. Don't reject them without checking them out.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be careful not to tackle a problem without sufficient facts. Even sure-footed Goats need to know where they'll land before leaping off a mountain path.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Appearances can be deceiving. You need to do more investigating before investing your time, let alone your money, in something that might have some hidden flaws.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your recent stand on an issue could make you the focus of more attention than you would like. But you'll regain your privacy, as well as more time with loved ones, by week's end.

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I heard it crying out. I picked up a limb, ran after them along a fence that was put up by another neighbor and was yelling. But the deer could not escape.

They caught and attacked it up against the fence. I yelled.

The deer finally got away and I ran to my neighbor. He was able to wave his arms and separate the dogs from it.

As I was walking down the road and searching for the dogs' home, a car approached me. The driver, a woman, asked if I had seen a deer. Then, a deer with blood coming out of its mouth ran in front of her and she stared at the fear in its eyes.

The wildlife was here first. This is their territory. When we move here, we are responsible for protecting our wildlife and the forest. To bring vicious dogs [creates a danger, and when] they are free to roam, [there is the potential they] could also attack one of our pets, one of us or even a young child on the mountain. This is irresponsible. You should not be allowed to have a pet,

because of your inhumane, (lack of protecting) treatment to your animals. It is not the dog's responsibility; it is yours!

LINDA JUSTUS
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Suburban and auto-fills

EDITOR:

I purchased a house in July 2009. Since then, it has remained vacant and for sale.

During last winter (2009-10), Suburban Propane, without [my] authorization, added 30 percent [volume] to the already 50 percent in the tank. I knew nothing of this until June 10, 2010 when I found a notice on the door.

They disconnected the gas tank for nonpayment. Apparently, the previous owner did not inform Suburban of the transfer. They insisted on payment from me and I refused. Finally, they reconnected me several weeks later. Then, without my knowledge, they removed over 40 percent of the propane, which I did not discover until Oct. 22, 2010.

On neither occasion did Suburban leave a receipt for the fill or for the removal.

The net result is that Suburban stole at least 50 gallons from my tank.

As a public service and obligation to the community, I am reporting this to [you] at large and will handle my claim through alternate consumer and legal channels.

RAYMOND ROMAN
IDYLLWILD

Grand Jury inquiry?

EDITOR:

I am against a private, monopolized recreation center run by an unaccountable private group with private profit motive interests using public dollars, period. It's ripe with suggested and potential abuse, ranging from misallocated or missing funds currently outside the statute of limitations (perhaps not) to overpaid, underperforming and poorly performing employees and programs (call it the good ole boy factor) as identified by the County.

We lost a library being built at the Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) site because Idyllwild Recreation refused to allow one. (Well, the Butterfields refused it but who can tell

the difference?) Call it philanthropic summary veto power.

After all, they received numerous subdivided and metered parcels ready to use — well, maybe not quite ready, given a serious pre-existing and extended hazardous-material spill case [affecting these properties].

It's time to cancel this failing public tax-dollar-funded recreation contract held by Idyllwild Community Recreation Council, who has had years to fix grave deficiencies identified by the county. It's a shame they continue to abuse our town's good name. We need an elected and public recreation group similar to Valley-wide Recreation, perhaps even Valley-wide Recreation.

JEFF SMITH
PINE COVE

Facts and Clarity

EDITOR:

The recent letter to the editor makes some inaccurate claims regarding Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC) and Town Hall Recreation in Idyllwild. I believe our neighbors deserve an honest, accurate and direct

response.

Firstly, it is of paramount importance for the entire community to understand that the Idyllwild Community Center (ICC) and the referenced land is not public property. There were no taxpayer funds used to acquire the land, designated for maintenance, or for the ongoing development of the facility. To say that somehow taxpayer funds are being inappropriately used here is in direct conflict with the truth about the development.

Secondly, the allegations are simply the product of a misunderstanding of how the ICRC's contract with EDA works. While it is true that Town Hall salaries are now in the process of review by the county, ICRC is the named contractor that develops our own budget to use taxpayer funds for Town Hall employee salaries. This budget is then reviewed, negotiated and — most importantly here — approved by the county.

If there were an emergent problem, EDA would assuredly have done something about it long ago or they would have not renewed their contract with ICRC, plainly and simply. If EDA determines in their research, which is to be presented at the November CSA 36/ICRC meeting, that salaries are in need of any adjustment, ICRC will negotiate that issue at that time.

Thirdly, regarding allegedly "misallocated" funds, it was clearly explained at the CSA 36/ICRC joint meeting to the county representative how that money is itemized in the Town Hall budget. These funds are specifically designated, ledged and accounted for on an ongoing basis. This fund was

specifically approved by the county, allowing operations at Town Hall to continue uninterrupted, and is a standard practice in business. Whatever the new county requirements are with regard to this money will be carried out without delay.

Lastly, ICRC was never approached by Riverside County, or anyone for that matter, regarding the County of Riverside Library Project in Idyllwild. To say somehow that ICRC turned down any project is unfortunate hearsay. The fact is that negotiations to buy the Coronet building were in the works many months ago to which neither ICRC, nor the community at large for that matter, were privy.

I think the letter also suggests that there is an underlying assumption that ICRC is holding on to the County Recreation contract as if it were somehow unfairly benefiting the personal and financial lives of ICRC board members. After serving as a board member for three years and as president for the past three months, let me tell you, nothing could be further from the truth. It is hard work for our community that by-and-large is tremendously appreciated by our fellow citizens. The seven of us will continue with this commitment as long as those in our community want that. When that changes, as we have said many times, we will step aside without prejudice.

I encourage anyone who has issues or questions such as these to attend the CSA 36/ICRC meetings to become more engaged in the process. We really do not have anything to hide.

JOHN SIMPSON
ICRC PRESIDENT

Public Notices

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changed to Proposed name: CHRIS DUANE FRANCIS CHAVEZ

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 11-30-10 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 07
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: Oct. 7, 2010
THOMAS S. HUDSPETH
COMMISSIONER

Pub. TC: Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PACIFIC RIM AUTOMOTIVE FORENSICS, 1470 Pomona Road, Corona, CA 92882, Riverside County. Mailing address: 786 Santa Paula St., Corona, CA 92882. ALLEN BRUNO MAYEA, 786 Santa Paula Street, Corona, CA 92882.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed:

ALLEN B. MAYEA
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 27, 2010.

FILE NO.:
R-2010-10394

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CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: L. Sim, Deputy

Pub. TC: Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SM'S SMOKE SHOP, 43430 E. Florida, Ave. #C, Hemet, CA 92544, Riverside County. SIHAM MILAD FARAGALLA, 182 Loma St., Beaumont, CA 92223.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Jan. 1, 2006.

Signed:

SIHAM MILAD FARAGALLA
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 5, 2010.

FILE NO.:

R-2010-10753
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CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: A. Clabaugh, Deputy

Pub. TC: Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 2010.

RIC10018774

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92502.

PETITION OF FELICIA CECILIA GALLEGOS.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: FELICIA CECILIA GALLEGOS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: FELICIA CECILIA GALLEGOS changed to Proposed name: FELICIA CECILIA SENA.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 11-17-10 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 01
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: Sept. 17, 2010
GLORIA E. TRASK
COMMISSIONER

Pub. TC: Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SYNTHETIC GRASS DEPOT, 67625 East Palm Canyon, Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside

County. Mailing address: 44690 Via Alondra, La Quinta, CA 92253. THEMA KATHRYN JOHANNSEN, 44690 Via Alondra, La Quinta, CA 92253.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed:

THEMA KATHRYN JOHANNSEN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 19, 2010.

FILE NO.:

I-2010-02767

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON OCT. 19, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO OCT. 19, 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

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

LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: A. Chavez, Deputy

Pub. TC: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 2010.

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dramatically reduce the deputies we can hire to keep our neighborhoods safe if we cannot hire those deputies at benefits that are tailored to the county's fiscal realities.

A "No" vote on Measure L will protect taxpayers and allow pension reform to move forward.

Creating a two-tier pension system that allows the county to hire new employees at pre-2002 retirement benefit levels will save Riverside County taxpayers \$120 million by 2020. This is the economic reality we are in now, when our neighbors and friends are losing their homes and local unemployment, at 15 percent, is the highest in the nation. We cannot ask taxpayers to support Measure L and the big bill that big public safety pensions will put on their plate.

The union's unscrupulous political agenda has forced the Board of Supervisors to place Measure M on the ballot. A "Yes" vote on Measure M will continue our ability to negotiate pension benefits at the bargaining table and not allow union bosses to coast on a false bill of goods that they fraudulently sold to the taxpayers and voters of Riverside County.

The union has a history of trying to bypass the voters' elected representatives — and the bargaining table — to protect pay and benefits. In 1992, it sponsored a failed measure to mandate automatic pay increases by aligning them with the highest-paid sheriff's agencies in Southern California.

Between 1999 and 2009, county supervisors increased deputies pay 66 percent — an increase that few workers in the public sector likely enjoyed. But the union is never satisfied. Twice RSA has asked state lawmakers to allow unelected arbitrators to set salaries. The courts ruled the union's plan unconstitutional.

We cannot allow a self-centered public employees' union to dictate how the Riverside County budget should be managed. Vote "No" on Measure L to stop union pension abuse and "Yes" on Measure M to reform pensions.

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CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

"It's raining cats and dogs!" Lost dogs, missing cats, and suddenly the streets of Idyllwild & Pine Cove are filled with furry critters searching for safety from the storms.



Penny, the basset hound, and **Link**, the big, lovable mix, were both reunited with their owners. Found on Sylvan Way in Pine Cove is a white cat with black and gray patches. Please tag or chip your animal and write your phone number on their collar to prepare for the upcoming season.

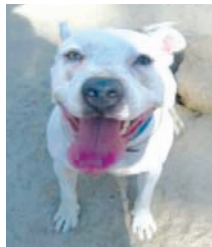


Janey is a young, female, liver-spotted dalmation mix. Despite her youth, she is very well-behaved. Given the opportunity, she loves to play, yet is smart enough to know when to lie down. She is housebroken, not a chewer, and good with other dogs and kids. This girl will be cherished for life.

Reily is our female shepherd mix. Bring your Frisbee or tennis ball, load her up in the truck, and you'll make this girl's heart beat for you. As long as treats are involved, of course! When the day is done, she'll be right there on the couch with you to end a great day of companionship.



A young, female pit bull, **Nellie** is another lover of the Frisbee and fetch. This is her best smile for the camera. Yearning to please, Nellie searches for a home that understands and is not fearful of her breed.



We have cats and kittens galore. **Marlena, Charlie & Tux** welcome you to ARF's cattery for the furriest visit ever.



ARF's wishlist for November includes cat litter, clumping or pine pellets, dry cat food, dry dog food, sponsors, volunteers for several winter tasks, and, of course, foster homes for large or small dogs.

ARF has several cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Go to www.idyllwildarf.org and click on petfinders. All pets are current on shots and are spayed or neutered.



ARF is open on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for appointment on any other day at (951) 659-1122. E-mail and donation opportunities are at www.idyllwildarf.org or e-mail arf@greencafe.com.



Creature corner is sponsored this week by anonymous. To sponsor the column, call Shane at the Town Crier, 659-2145.

PAST TENSE

60 years ago - 1950

The Idyllwild Lion's Club pledged to buy an extra U.S. Defense Bond in tribute to the 40th Infantry Division.

55 years ago - 1955

About 85 people comprising the cast and crew of a Western production being filmed by Universal-International made headquarters at the "Inn" after shooting scenes in the May Valley area.

50 years ago - 1960

From results of bird-banding operations, local man Arthur Felt learned that Audubon warblers, blue birds and Stellar's jays were plentiful, but chickadees, juncos, and pigmy nut-hatches were less numerous than usual.

45 years ago - 1965

An alleged plot to rob the Tirol Restaurant failed because a law enforcement officer "stake out" was spotted by one of the three gunmen at the scene. The trio was later captured in a road block.



A reminder to mountain residents that Mother Nature can be unforgiving. In this photo published in August 1963, five cows were killed in Garner Valley when the pine tree at right was struck by lightning. The bull standing arrived on scene later.

FILE PHOTO

40 years ago - 1970

Widening Palms to Pines Highway from the Anza Junction to Palm Desert to four lanes was among the recommendations made this week to the California Highway Commission.

35 years ago - 1975

The Idyllwild Property Owners Association was circulating a petition requesting that county, state and federal authorities appropriate new funds for fire-prevention work in the San Jacinto Mountains.

30 years ago - 1980

The Idyllwild County Water District Board voted to lease the Dutch Flats property to build athletic fields for playing softball.

25 years ago - 1985

Start-up costs for the arts-oriented high school at the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts would be \$600,000.

20 years ago - 1990

The Fern Valley Water District adopted increases that would double water

rates while eliminating the monthly service fee.

15 years ago - 1995

Community members considered proposing a bond issue for a new gymnasium and theater complex at Idyllwild School.

10 years ago - 2000


During a meeting of the Idyllwild Water District, General Manager Tom Lovejoy proposed purchase of an iron manganese removal system for well maintenance.

5 years ago - 2005

Art therapist and Idyllwild resident Karla Leopold was asked by her Rosie O'Donnell contact to put together a team of six therapists to go to Baton Rouge after Hurricane Katrina to work with traumatized children.

1 year ago - 2009

A local food distribution program, the second Harvest Food Bank, which distributed food at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, had grown by nearly 50 percent.




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WHAT DOES MEASURE L DO?

Measure L controls government spending by taking the power to increase public safety employee pensions away from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors and gives it to the voters.

(Source: Impartial Analysis of Riverside County Counsel & The Press-Enterprise, 10/11/2010)



WILL THIS LOCK IN PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PENSIONS FOREVER?

No. Measure L simply requires a vote of the people to increase or decrease the pensions of Riverside County's Deputy Sheriffs. If the County Board of Supervisors tries to increase these pensions - like it did in 2001- Measure L gives voters the right to reject the increase.

(Sources: Impartial Analysis by Riverside County Counsel & Minutes, Riverside County Board of Supervisors)



DO DEPUTY SHERIFFS REALLY MAKE OVER \$100,000 WHEN THEY RETIRE?

No. The average annual pension of a retired Riverside County Deputy Sheriff is less than \$35,000. Retired Deputy Sheriffs do not receive any Social Security benefits for their time serving the people of Riverside County.

(Source: 2010 Annual Pension Report, Riverside County Pension Advisory Review Committee)



BUT ISN'T THEIR PENSION SYSTEM GOING BROKE?

No. The pension system of Riverside County's Deputy Sheriffs is financially strong. It has \$1.4 billion in assets and its investments grew by 11% last year.

(Sources: 2010 Annual Pension Report, Riverside County Pension Advisory Review Committee & Cal-PERS Investment Report)



HOW DOES MEASURE L PROTECT THE FAMILIES OF FALLEN OFFICERS?

Measure L also requires a vote of the people to reduce or eliminate the Survivor Benefits paid to the families of Deputy Sheriffs who might die in the line of duty.

(Sources: Impartial Analysis of Riverside County Counsel & The Press-Enterprise, 10/11/2010)

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