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## News bites

### Election results

As of Monday morning, results of races and propositions.

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### Interviews with victors

HUSD, Nestande and Bono Mack.

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### Becky Clark redux

Becky's first anniversary.

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### County deficit

Fire stations closing?

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### MDP

First night exercise.

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### Yellow-legged frog

Tadpoles may save species.

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On Monday, the Idyllwild HELP Center launched its Angel Tree project at the BBVA Compass Bank. In addition to the Angel Tree at the bank, two others are set up at Fairway Market and the American Legion Post 800. The trees contain more than 130 gift tags, each one listing a child's Christmas wishes. Idyllwild residents are encouraged to select a tag and make a child's dreams come true this Christmas. Gifts may be brought to the HELP Center. Marking this happy occasion is BBVA's **Jeri Sue Haney**, left, along with HELP Center project coordinator **Colleen Manchee**, seen holding **Brynnley Meyer**, and **Peyton Manchee**.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

## Incumbents win, not Petri

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Local election results brought one surprise. Paul Bakkom's overwhelming victory for the Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) seat in Trustee Area 2 was unexpected. Phyllis Petri had served that area since 1990. (See interview with Bakkom and other HUSD winners on page 16.)

Bakkom garnered more than twice the votes that Petri received. In her past two re-elections, 2002 and 2006, nobody challenged the long-time incumbent. Bakkom's candidacy apparently caused the voters to choose a sharply different direction this year.

U.S. Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack faced Steve Pougnet, a well-funded challenger and Palm Springs mayor. Despite Pougnet's sizeable campaign war chest, Bono Mack won easily.

Although Bono Mack's percentage of the total vote was the lowest in her seven elections, Pougnet still polled the same percentage as 2008 candidate Julie Borenstein. The difference was third party candidate Bill Lussenheide. He garnered about 6.4 percent of the vote, with Pougnet's help.

Assemblyman Brian Nestande easily outpolled Democratic challenger Jose Medina and will return to Sacramento for his second Assembly term. In 2008,

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## The sound of 'Taps'

By CID CASTILLO  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Castillo is a member of Bugles Across America and a Navy veteran, and writes this personal story.

"Taps," 24 simple notes, lasting about a minute, is a legacy belonging to every American. For nearly a century and a half, these clear, sad notes have been saying goodbye to this nation's heroes. And at the end of each day, they instill hope, comfort and peace to those who have served and are still among the living.

In 2002, I saw and read a People magazine article entitled "Angels." It spotlighted Tom Day, a former Marine who one year before had created Bugles Across America (BAA), a volunteer organi-

zation that would sound "Taps" at military funerals. Day formed BAA to honor veterans with the sound of a live "Taps" rendition played by a bugler.

I played trumpet in high school, but since going into the service in 1963, I had not touched it. I called Tom at his home in Illinois and told him I wanted to volunteer but I was sure that my "lip" was gone. He said to get a horn, practice and call back when ready. Three months later, I auditioned for him over the phone and a few days later I received a welcome letter and a cloth patch that would identify me as member of BAA.

Many myths and legends are intertwined with these simple, enduring 24 notes. Most compelling is the popular story of a Union Army

captain who, after a battle, crawled through the dark night to rescue a wounded soldier. To his surprise it was his son, who had been studying music in the South when the Civil War broke out. The next day he asked a bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in his son's uniform. His wish was granted and "Taps," as we call it, was born.

This beautiful, heart-rending story is a complete fabrication. Careful research of records and facts prove this story and several other romanticized versions are untrue.

"Taps" came from the soul of a Union officer and his brigade's bugler on a hot 1862 July night at Harrison's Landing in southern Virginia.

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## County reviews district draft

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

A possible Idyllwild historic preservation district is the subject of a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 15. The Riverside County Planning Department and the Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District will discuss the current draft ordinance at Town Hall.

This meeting offers the Idyllwild community an opportunity to comment on the recently revised contents of Ordinance No. 578 before the Riverside County Board of Supervisors considers it.

The ordinance sets forth rules for the establishment and administration of historic preservation districts in the unincorporated areas of the county, and specifically Idyllwild. The current revision of Ordinance 578 was necessary prior to the possible establishment of a historic preservation district in the core commercial area of Idyllwild.

The proposed Idyllwild district covers a primarily commercial core running along North Circle Drive from Fern Valley Corners to the village center and applies to properties considered to

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# RMRU rescues climbers from Tahquitz

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU) pulled two climbers off the face of Tahquitz Rock during what Lee Arnson called "brutal conditions." What began as a textbook rescue on a beautiful Sunday, Nov. 7 night quickly deteriorated "into a full-blown technical over-the-side mission with weather as dangerous as it

aid, North Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

Two 23-year-old climbers from Santa Cruz, properly clothed and equipped, began their climb in beautiful weather Sunday during the day on a moderate ascent route and got off track. They wound up stranded 80 feet from the top of the peak, near White Maiden's Walkaway, unable to go back or forward. "They went into a bad route and got way above

their climbing ability," said Arnson. The climbers used a cell phone to call 911. RMRU mobilized at 7 p.m., and had three members in place on the top of the peak by 10 p.m. Arnson described rappelling down to the stranded climbers in rain, snow, winds gusting up to 50 mph and fog beginning to set in, using the voices of the climbers to orient the descending team.

By 3:30 a.m. Monday, the climbers were off the rock

and at Humber Park thanks to Arnson, Les Walker, and new member Donny Goetz, himself an accomplished climber. "Les and Donny were the technical guys," said Arnson. "It was gold." Manning a Humber communication base and serving as backup were RMRU members Paul Caraher and Carlos Carter.

Marshall Smith can be reached at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).



RMRU volunteers pose with rescued climbers after a harrowing night rescue. From left, RMRU Donny Goetz, the two rescued climbers, RMRU members Lee Arnson and Les Walker.

PHOTO COURTESY OF RMRU

## NEWS OF RECORD

### Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Nov. 1 to Nov. 7:

#### Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Nov. 1 — Medical aid, Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

Nov. 1 — Medical aid, Coulter Drive, Pine Cove.

Nov. 1 — Medical aid, Highway 243, Idyllwild.

Nov. 2 — Medical aid, South Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

Nov. 3 — Brush and grass fire mix, Jurupa Road, Anza Narrows Park.

Nov. 3 — Medical

aid, North Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

Nov. 3 — Medical aid, Highway 243 at mile marker 2.

Nov. 5 — Medical aid, Double View Drive, Idyllwild.

Nov. 5 — Medical aid, Marion View Drive, Idyllwild.

Nov. 5 — Walk-in medical aid.

Nov. 6 — Medical standby, Highways 243 and 74, Mountain Center.

Nov. 6 — Medical aid, Ramsey Road, Anza.

Nov. 6 — Medical aid, Crestview Drive, Idyllwild.

Nov. 6 — Walk-in medical aid.

Nov. 7 — Medical aid, Pine Dell Road and High-



way 243, Idyllwild.

Nov. 7 — Public service assist, Maranatha Drive, Idyllwild.

#### Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Nov. 1 — Medical aid, person down.

Nov. 3 — Medical aid, traffic collision.

#### Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Nov. 3 — Traffic collision, 34000 block of Highway 243, Mountain Center.

#### Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Nov. 4 — Two medical aids.

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Forest Service personnel move motorcycle collision victim Kenneth Spint after a Wednesday, Nov. 3 collision between his bike and a tandem truck. Spint received non-life threatening injuries in the collision.

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<b>52/34</b> Sunny and windy.	<b>57/36</b> Sunny.	<b>58/37</b> Sunny.	<b>56/36</b> Sunny.	<b>56/35</b> Sunny.

Date	Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
11-1	73	39			76	36		
11-2	78	46			79	40		
11-3	na	na			79	42		
11-4	84	47			76	43		
11-5	74	41			69	41		
11-6	66	40			na	na		
11-7	66	34			69	37		

Moisture in inches		Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	3.46	To date this season (Idy):	0
To date last season (Idy):	1.69	To date last season (Idy):	0
Total last season (Idy):	23.61	Total last season (Idy):	35.91
To date this season (PC):	3.02	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

## Fall colors

Back in the 1970s, I was living in Maryland during the autumn season. The multicolor display of the changing trees was indeed something that everyone should see at least once in a lifetime.



My friends, with whom I was staying, said that if I really wanted to see something spectacular that we should head to the Skyline Drive in Virginia. So we packed up the car and headed out — only to find that the Skyline Drive was so foggy that visibility was down to about 18 inches.

I never did get to see the autumn forest in its full glory, but my friends assured me that it was very beautiful. That is, until all the trees drop their leaves and everything is stark and barren until spring.

I really didn't feel like waiting around for spring so I moved to Key West, Fla. Then, after a side trip to Jamaica, I moved back to California, where I settled in Lake Arrowhead.

It wasn't until I moved to Idyllwild that I spent my first fall and winter living in a four-season environment. Believe me, after growing up in Huntington Beach and Hawaii it was a shock to the system to have to deal with winter weather.

In 1973, my first winter in Idyllwild, the temperature dropped to 8 degrees. I was beginning to think of moving to some place warmer. I stuck it out and this will be my 34th winter in Idyllwild.

Although I do love the pines and incense cedars, it is the black oaks and their dark bark and yellow-gold leaves that stand out in the fall. I am sure there are smaller trees and bushes that change color in the fall. But nothing else is as big and showy as the black oaks.

In my youth, I tried to capture the fall colors by painting with watercolors. My artistic talents being somewhere between abysmal and nonexistent made that a hopeless endeavor. Thanks to digital photography I am now capable of capturing the beauty that I see around me.

Now that the black oak colors are at their peak, I decided to hit Idyllwild's streets and see what trees I could find to photograph. The people next door to me have both planted non-native trees. They make for some great color displays. So, I decided to just drive around town and stop anywhere that I saw fall colors and take some photos. (See accompanying photographs.)

Of course, there were plenty of oak trees to shoot but I discovered something interesting. The larger trees have dark bark and yellow-gold leaves as I have always seen. But I've discovered several smaller trees with black trunks and orange-gold leaves. The question is: Do smaller black oaks have different fall foliage or are they a different species than the larger trees?

At any rate, I found several species of non-native trees that are very beautiful and I will have to do some more research to find out what kind of trees they are. Most of my botany studies have been on Idyllwild natives and tropical plants but I have never done much study on temperate trees. It is always good to learn something new to stimulate the brain cells.



A black oak with yellow leaves.

PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS



A maple with red leaves.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



An osprey flying above Lake Hemet. PHOTO BY BETHANY PULLIAM



Canyon Silktassel bush (*Garrya veatchii*) is a bushy, evergreen shrub that will reach 6 feet in height and displays very showy flowers that hang in long catkins from the ends of the branches. It has oval-shaped leaves that range from 1 to 3 inches long. It prefers full or partially sunny sites, and is exceptionally drought-tolerant once established. Dry slopes in chaparral, central and southern oak woodlands, ranging from Baja to San Luis Obispo, are its preferred location

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## It is the 50th Anniversary of Idyllwild's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

There will be 1,700 new lights on the tree. To help buy the new lights we are asking for donations, large or as small as even \$1. And you can claim one of those lights shines for you!

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Watch for Elves selling at local stores and the Post Office. Or mail you donation to: Christmas Lights, P.O. Box 1176, Idyllwild, CA 92549

Join us at 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 27 to light the tree!

Paid for by the Greater Idyllwild Tree Lighting Committee.

## Monthly raw food potluck

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

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At the Nov. 3 Rotary meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President **Danny Richardson** (right) presents a gift to **Mimi Lamp** president of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce, for her talk at the meeting. PHOTO BY DAN SLATTERY



Soroptimist International of Idyllwild introduces its four newest members, inducted Thursday, Nov. 5. From the left, **Phyllis Curington Brown**, owner Prairie Dove; **Janice Hope**, registered massage therapist; **Rose Taylor**, co-owner A Cut Above; and **Julie "Jules" Johnson**, owner Room For Life Organizing. PHOTO BY JERI SUE HANEY



Last Friday, the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at its newest member's offices, the Idyllwild Design Center on Highway 243. Shown here, left to right, are **Mike Lackey**, Chamber director; **Jennifer Simard**, co-owner Design Center; **Nolan Simard**; **Laura Lee "Mom" Simard**; **Barrett Simard** with scissors; **Greg Simard**; co-owner Design Center and **Judi Way**, Chamber volunteer. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



A small group of volunteers planted Lemon Lilies this Saturday at three different Idyllwild locations. The Lemon Lily Restoration Project is headed by **Dave Stith**, seen here planting amidst primroses on the banks of Strawberry Creek. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



In the first 15 minutes after opening the doors at Town Hall, the Health Center gave 50 flu shots to residents. RN **Julee Austin** (left) made things as painless as possible. A total of 104 vaccines were given to area residents. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



Florist in the Forest & Gallery, located in Mile Hi Plaza, is the newest member of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce. Cutting the ceremonial ribbon is **Lori Parker**, center, co-owner. Sharing in the celebration is **Laura Slattery**, right, Chamber volunteer, and **Julie Johnson**, left, Chamber director. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

## MOUNTAIN FOLK

Hill resident **Holly Braaten** was a big winner for her homemade jams, jellies and baked goods at the Southern California Fair in Lake Perris last month. She won 22 first place ribbons, 14 second place ribbons, 1 best of show ribbon, and nine best of division. Additionally she was awarded a first place citris award, second place apricot award and a second place sugar-free award ...

The premiere of **Lorin Alexander's** "Three Movements for Wind Symphony" will be Tuesday, Nov. 16. The Redlands University Wind Ensemble will perform the Idyllwild resident's newest composition at 8 p.m., in the University Memorial chapel. The chapel is at 1200 E. Colton and admission is free.

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

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

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

- 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.
- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, 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.
- Palms to Pines workshop, 6-8 p.m. Pinyon Pines Fire Station, 70080 Hwy 74, Pinyon.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 6 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Anza Municipal Advisory Council, 7 p.m. Anza Community Building, 56630 Hwy. 371, Anza.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)

### THURSDAY, NOV. 11

- 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 Oak-

wood St.

- Veterans Day Ceremony & Luncheon, 11 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Drive.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild Francophonie, noon. Café Aroma, 54740 North Circle Dr. RSVP to Francoise Frigola at 659-4146.
- 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.
- Joint CSAS36/ICRC meeting, 5:30 p.m. (ICRC meeting to follow.) IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- ESL classes, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Hwy. 243.
- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- RACES, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)

### FRIDAY, NOV. 12

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

### SATURDAY, NOV. 13

- Homeopathy: The Fine Art of Acute Prescribing workshop, 9 a.m.-noon. Naturopathic Health Clinic, 54790 North Circle Drive.
- 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, NOV. 14

- 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 CalFire Station 6.
- Idyllwild Writer's Guild, 3 p.m. 25685 Big Pine St., Cedar Glen. Call 659-0130.

### MONDAY, NOV. 15

- Medicare health plans information meeting, 10:30 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- 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.
- Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Water District board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Garner Valley Property Owners Association, 7 p.m.

Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devils Ladder Rd.

- Historic District public meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 16

- Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge Rd.
- Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile-High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Square.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Cancer self-help group, 5:30 p.m. Call 659-6262.
- Healthy Lifestyle Class, 5:30 p.m. optional weigh-in; health talk by Brenda Scherlis, 6 p.m. Silver Pines, 25955 Cedar St.
- ESL classes, 6-8 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Hwy. 243.
- 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.
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 659-5228 for location.
- Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 7 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

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J.P. asked me to write a few words of reflection a year (Nov. 13) following my retirement as Town Crier publisher-editor. As I type, Jack and I move west along the I-10 from Sonora, Texas back home from a long vacation touring jazz cities and visiting family in the Midwest and South.

I consider writing a chore these days but I take into consideration the blogging my daughter urged on me to record our trip, keeping family and friends apprised of our whereabouts.

In the spring, I flew to D.C. and met up with an Idyllwild friend on business, touring the city each day. We drove a rental car to Roanoke to visit her friend and then to the Blue Ride Parkway to visit my sixth grade friend in Asheville, N.C. Not possessing a blog, I recorded each day's activities, including images, and e-mailed them to family and friends.

Images not only included the usual lay of the land and mug shots but also the culinary delights placed in front of me and whomever I joined for a meal. Usually, the restaurant name (or home cook's) and food description accompanied the image. I think that part entertained most readers, as food is apt to do.

My current blogging — replete with scenery, jazz musicians (including videos) and meals consumed — lacks the consistency, however, of that trip. At this writing, I lag three days behind on trip blogging. And I still need to blog a day in Houston with my brother having since spent two in Montel, Texas, with Jack's sister.

But first, this piece. I need to get something off my chest. The most common questions I hear, "How do you like retirement?" followed by, "Do you miss the paper?" need answering. Then our conversations may move on to more entertaining subjects, like the weather, when we greet each other at the post office or the dump.

I find retirement challenging, adjusting to a new rhythm — which my mind and body accustomed themselves to over decades of work and raising children. Once Jack retired this past July, my life found the first beats of a rhythm that continues to play stronger. Prior to his retirement, his work schedule cut short our trips to see grandchildren. I enjoy cooking and hoped to practice more upon retirement but still found myself in the predicament of preparing meals for one, which thrills me not at all. Those issues disappeared on his retirement.

This summer, I took the county's compost workshop and discovered gardening, a long desired ambition, growing many herbs and vegetables throughout the summer that complemented my cooking, and learned some of the secrets of gardening in our climate.

I came to know our only neighbors better and joined an organic produce co-op through that budding friendship, which took my retirement to develop, unfortunately, considering we've lived next door for a few decades.

Two orphaned feral kittens — after mom died on the highway and possibly owls carried off littermates — keep our attention outside as they reach adulthood and keep the mouse population under control. And, I knit (also learning to spin), knit and knit — my favorite hobby and one that occupies much of my time when traveling.

Do I miss the paper? After 23 years working for the same institution in a highly stressful environment while raising two kids, no I do not. I needed to give my adrenal glands a break. Time to move on.

I do miss my staff's camaraderie and the wonderful people who supported the paper, whether issues grew thick or thin. I see things I would do differently but all in all, the TC's first year under new leadership produced new ideas and good changes. Our community always adjusts as it managed to do when a 30-something woman once took its reins more than 14 years ago. Hope that answered some questions. Thanks for reading and see you around town.

BECKY CLARK, PAST PUBLISHER/EDITOR

## READERS WRITE

### Health care: The results

#### EDITOR:

I find a lot of people don't seem to realize that regardless of what the politicians promised, people are actually losing their insurance plans under this new government health care mandate.

President Obama said, "Let me be exactly clear about what health care reform means to you. First of all, if you've got health insurance, you like your doctors, you like your plan, you can keep your doctor, you can keep your plan. Nobody is talking about taking that away from you."

Today we [my wife and I] received a letter from our insurance company that said, "While the health care reform means enhancements to coverage, it also means that some of our plans will no longer be available."

This means that the insurance plan through my pension benefit, which had a \$5,000 family deductible but no premiums and a \$10,000 maximum out-of-pocket, is being replaced with one that has a \$10,000 annual premium and a \$2,500 deductible.

So let me be exactly clear. I did like my plan! And someone did take it away from me!

Now I am being forced to buy something I didn't want, and can't afford. I worked hard all my life to earn this pension benefit for my wife and I. Now we're losing it.

It may be true that nobody was "talking about" taking my insurance plan away, but that doesn't mean nobody was "planning to" take it away.

DAVID BUTLER  
 IDYLLWILD

### Suburban and auto-fills

#### EDITOR:

I am writing about about Suburban Propane's automatic tank fill policy. My original letter was published in the Oct. 28 Town Crier issue.

After much sleuthing and haranguing, I finally found the Suburban contact: Phil Azevedo, Customer

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### Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



## Holiday closings

**Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Thursday, Nov. 11, to observe Veterans Day:**

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Hemet Unified School District	Riverside County offices
Idyllwild Library	U.S. Forest Service

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# TOWN TALK

By CID CASTILLO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

*How do you feel about the election results?*



**Terry Richardson**  
Retired pre-school teacher  
Idyllwild

*"I just hope the governor doesn't raise taxes like he did last time he was in office."*



**Dr. Chip Schelly**  
Idyllwild Chiropractic  
Idyllwild

*"I'm just happy we have an election process. Even though this was a midterm election, I'm happy so many Idyllwild residents came out to vote."*



**Debbie Sheppard**  
Showtime Video & Music  
Idyllwild

*"I'm happy with the lieutenant governor results. He seems to have grasp of what is going on and has realistic expectations on the future of California."*



**Peggy Rein**  
Gary's Deli  
Idyllwild

*"Yes, those I voted for got elected, but I'm not sure what specifically they plan to do. Really, I just don't know what to expect. I hope I'm not disappointed."*

## 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.

## ON THE FRINGE

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## IDYLLWILD BOTANY

By DAVE STITH



### The "WUNK" ...

In September, Tom Chester, Pam Pallette, R.T. Hawke, Shaun Hawke and I hiked from the Marion Mountain Campground to just below Little Round Valley. This was the sixth time this year that Tom and I hiked up the horribly steep Marion Mountain Trail. The first couple of trips were not difficult because we were hiking at a snail's pace while recording all the plant species on the trail. Once that task was accomplished, it became increasingly more demanding to commute up the trail as quickly as possible to reach a new area to study.

Our final destination was a boggy area where we had previously encountered Western Cowbane (*Oxypolis occidentalis*) in the carrot (Apiaceae) family and was not known to exist in the San Jacintos. Our little band of botany enthusiasts had deemed it "the WUNK."

James Dillane was the first to notice the leaves of these plants in July 2008. With his fingers in the mud at Wellmans Cienega, he asked, "What's this?" None of us could answer.

In spite of finding it in three separate locations, it remained a mystery for over two years, prompting James to coin the name "WUNK" for Wellmans UNKnown. Finally, we found a flower, and it revealed itself.

As is his custom, Tom composed an e-mail describing the details of our find including an analysis of his determination that it is Western Cowbane. The purpose of these alerts is not only to announce a discovery but also to give anyone the opportunity to challenge the claim.

Tom's e-mail reached Mary Ann Feist at the University of Illinois. She is an expert on the genus *Oxypolis* and had mapped all its known locations from Southern California to British Columbia. Feist asked Tom if on this trip he could collect some leaf samples for DNA testing. Since this is a previously unknown location and now the southernmost extant of its range, it is as important to her as it is to us.

Since we found these plants growing abundantly here one might ask why nobody had documented them before. I asked myself that same question.

The first explanation is that they seemed never to bloom, making the determination difficult if not impossible. Another

reason is it blooms late in the season when most plants have finished. So most botanists have lost interest in the mountains. Too much work for too little gain!

On this day, we learned that there is a third reason. The flowers of Cowbane are strikingly similar to Parish's Yampah (*Perideridia parishii*), another Apiaceae that is commonly seen growing in similar wet montane habitats. In fact, when R.T. (a superb botanist himself) first saw our plants he asked, "Which Yampah is this?"

Ironically, on our previous visit to this site, I shouted to Tom, "Look at all the Yampah in bloom!" He was preoccupied documenting the leaves of the WUNK, so I went about counting the "Yampah," oblivious to the fact that it was the very flower we were searching for! It wasn't until later that we noticed the basal leaves (those at the base of the plants) were Cowbane leaves and not Yampah leaves.

On Friday, Nov. 5, Tom, Jim Adams and I made what is more than likely the last botanical trip of the season in the San Jacintos. We were on the ridge between Tahquitz Peak and Saddle Junction. It was an adrenaline producing rush to stand on the precipice above Idyllwild just a few precarious steps from unceremoniously joining you some 1500 feet below.

[See Botany, page 11](#)

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# County voters choose both L and M, only M wins

BY J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Two months of intensive campaigning convinced county voters that both Measures L and M were acceptable. Although the two measures, both affecting future public safety pensions, were in opposition, voters entered

the booth and couldn't decide between them.

Consequently, both passed. But Supervisor Bob Buster said the one receiving the highest "Yes" votes would become the county's law. Measure M has almost 250,000 votes, 32,000 more than Measure L.

"Yes" votes for Measure

L were 52.2 percent of the ballots cast for the measure. But "Yes" for Measure M were 60.9 percent of the

votes cast on that measure and the total was greater than the Measure L "Yes" votes.

County voters also approved Measure K, authorizing some borrowing for county transportation

projects.

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

K-RCTC Transportation Projects			L-Voter Approval Pub. Safety Retirement		M-Voter Approval Pub. Safety Retirement			
	Vote Count	Percent	Vote Count	Percent	Vote Count	Percent		
Yes	259,239	62.41%	Yes	216,244	52.28%	Yes	248,130	60.93%
No	156,148	37.59%	No	197,405	47.72%	No	159,085	39.07%
Total	415,387	100.00%	Total	413,649	100.00%	Total	407,215	100.00%

## County turnout exceeds statewide

BY J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Official figures are not yet available from the Riverside County Registrar of Voters Office, but turnout on the Hill appears to have again exceeded the county and statewide results.

Election night, the estimate of local voter turnout

was between 60 and 70 percent for the Idyllwild precinct, based on 660 voters that day.

With only 28,800 provisional ballots to count, the Registrar of Voters has reported the county turnout on Tuesday was 54 percent of registered voters. For the whole state, the unofficial turnout estimate is 49.2

percent.

There were considerably fewer voters than in 2008, when voters were choosing a president. Two years ago the county and state turnouts were 78.3 and 79 percent, respectively.

However, this year's statewide turnout was the lowest of any regularly scheduled election since 1910. Several

specially scheduled California elections, such as in 1933, 1973 and 1979, drew a smaller percentage of registered voters to the polls.

This year county turnout was higher than the 2002 and 2006 gubernatorial elections. In those years, the percentage of county voters casting ballots was 47.7 and 51.8 percent, respectively.

## Historic

*Continued from page 1*

have historical merit. Currently there are no residential properties within the proposed district that fall into the "contributing resource" category of having historical merit.

Only property owners can lodge binding comments about the district's


formation. The county had promised three opportunities for property owners to inquire or lodge comments about the proposed district. Monday's meeting is the second opportunity. If you wish to obtain a copy of the latest version of the revised draft ordinance or ask questions about the proposed revised ordinance, please contact: Keith Herron, Chief Preservation Officer, River-

side County Park and Open Space District, at (951) 955-4558 or [kherron@co.riverside.ca.us](mailto:kherron@co.riverside.ca.us) or Kristi Lovelady, Principal Planner, Riverside County Planning Department, at (951) 955-0781 or [klovelad@co.rctlma.org](mailto:klovelad@co.rctlma.org).


The next step after the Nov. 15 Idyllwild meeting will be the presentation of the revised ordinance to the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting. At that

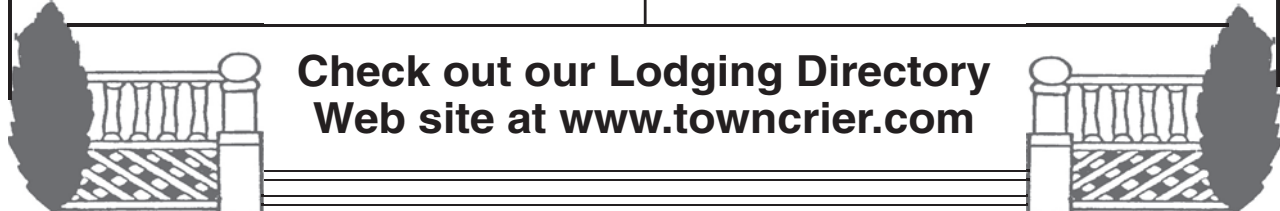
time, property owners will have a final opportunity to comment. They may address the Board either through written or oral comments prior to any action taken by the Board to adopt or not adopt the proposed revised ordinance. At this time, Heron anticipates presenting the revised ordinance to the Board in December.

E-mail Marshall Smith at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).



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# County to close fire stations

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

After the first quarter of the fiscal year, county officials expect the current budget to be nearly \$50 million in the red by June, if no action is taken.

In his first quarter report to the Board of Supervisors, County Executive Bill Luna discussed the possibility of a \$46.7 million shortfall. This includes \$17 million in the Sheriff's Department, \$12.8 in Social Services, \$9 million from the District Attorney's office, \$6 million in the Fire Department and \$1.8 million from the Registrar of Voters.

Luna is working with each department head to develop a plan for the remainder of the fiscal year to help contain and reduce the projected losses.

Riverside County Fire Department may close three fire stations to reduce its projected deficit. County Fire Chief John Hawkins offered the board his criteria for selecting which stations to close.

These would include proximity to other county fire stations and redundancy of services at the fire station. The second criteria would include the ability of volunteers to fill the void of the closing station. A third criterion is the level of emergency incident workload.

Luna will work closely with each department to reduce shortfalls. He told the Board, "to offset the projected shortfalls with cuts elsewhere would require all other departments

to reduce [expenditures] by an additional 17 percent on top of the 19 percent reductions taken in the current budget."

Luna said the \$6 million fire department deficit could not be closed without closing fire stations and he recommended that the Board approve Hawkins' criteria.

He also said the use of county reserves would have a negative effect on the county's efforts to improve its credit rating and thus reduce interest costs.

The county's revenue forecasts will not improve this year or next. To balance its budget next year and rebuild reserves to guard against further economic declines, Luna urged the Board to reduce expenditures. "To achieve these two goals there is no choice but to match all cost increases and all cost overruns, with commensurate cost reductions," he said.

The Sheriff has committed to work with Luna and the District Attorney has indicated that expected attrition should help eliminate his office's loss. But Judge Paul Zellerbach will become the new District Attorney soon.

"There is no evidence that the department has a concrete cost savings plan in place," Luna wrote in his report.

The county's discretionary income has fallen from \$785 million in fiscal 2006-07 to \$592 million this year, a 25 percent decline in four years.

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# Disaster group stages first night exercise

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Mountain Disaster Preparedness (MDP) staged its first night exercise on Thursday, Nov. 4. Disaster Aid Station (DAS) Director David Alt issued a radio call to 24 DAS commanders and neighborhood captains at 5:45 p.m., summoning them to the DAS E unit at Astrocamp on Saunders Meadow Road. This site was not disclosed before the exercise began.

MDP volunteers began arriving shortly before 6 p.m. Volunteers, along with observers, assembled in the darkening evening. Following MDP procedure, first-on-site MDP volunteers Dan and Laura Slattery opened the DAS unit and, with help from other volunteers, started the generator. The unit filled with light.

As volunteers broke out an E-Z Up, using the headlamps on their helmets to illuminate the area, others set up registration tables. The latter are used to check in volunteers as well as register the homeless and injured in an actual disaster. Nearby, MDP Medical Director Dr. Dick Goldberg set up a medical triage area, having first donned his surgical gown and gloves. The descending darkness added an additional element of threat, as night temperatures began to chill participants.

As more volunteers arrived, MDP radios crackled with reports of a simulated

residential fire. Soon, all 24 commanders and captains were at the scene. The time was 6:05 p.m. DAS E Commander Dora Dillman began issuing instructions. Volunteers were to form two teams to perform search and report missions into the neighborhood, to two specific street addresses, radioing back observations of damage from the major simulated earthquake.

DAS Director Alt summarized MDP responsibilities in an emergency of this nature: to complete "non-heroic" search and report missions, communicating on downed power lines, damaged homes, observed fires, and weather issues, both to the involved DAS unit, and to Incident Command center (likely Idyllwild Fire Department); and to provide emergency medical aid through Goldberg's services and those of associated nurses. Basic triage would be performed at each DAS unit as needed. In an actual emergency, County Office of Emergency Services and/or the Idyllwild Fire Department would call out MDP to conduct community emergency response responsibilities.

The exercise ended at 7:30 p.m. with teams returning to the DAS E site. All agreed the generator noise made hearing instructions and communicating difficult. Paul Miglin, who served as an injured victim, provided a critique of the carrying procedures for non-ambulatory



Mountain Disaster Preparedness volunteers place victim Paul Miglin on a stretcher as part of their first night exercise.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

wounded. He pointed out and demonstrated areas of improvement to volunteers. "I now realize how important a night exercise is," said Goldberg.

Training Director Rick

Foster led his final exercise. Having helped build MDP into an organization with more than 400 members and 68 Community Emergency Response Team-trained volunteers, he is retiring.

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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, Nov. 10**  
"Red," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Thursday, Nov. 11**  
Veterans Day Ceremony & Luncheon, 11 a.m. American Legion Post 800.

Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.  
"Red," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Friday, Nov. 12**  
Joey Latimer & Don Reed, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

"Hereafter," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Creative Writing Guest Reading: Catherine Wagner, 7:30 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

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

**Saturday, Nov. 13**  
David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; Greg Jones Band, 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.  
"Hereafter," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
Live Music, 9 p.m.-close. Bone Daddy's.

**Sunday, Nov. 14**  
Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; Skelton Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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

"Hereafter," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Monday, Nov. 15**  
Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Desert Rose, 6-9 p.m., Café Aroma.

"Hereafter," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Tuesday, Nov. 16**  
Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.  
"Hereafter," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Chamber Music, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

**Wednesday, Nov. 17**  
ICRC Speaker's Series: Greatest Hits of the 21st Century by Gwen Robertson, Ph.D., 5:30 p.m. reception; 6 p.m. lecture. Creekstone Inn.  
Bill Siatta, Blues Man, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.  
"Hereafter," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
Fall Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m.

IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

**Thursday, Nov. 18**  
Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.

Idyllwild Arts Jazz Trio featuring Caleb Hensinger, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

Cabaret of Souls (workshop performance), 7 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall; Fall Dance Concert, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

"Hereafter," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Friday, Nov. 19**  
Sandii Castleberry, Paul Carman and Bill Siatta, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Bellydancing, 7 p.m. Café Aroma.

Fall Dance Concert 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre; Cabaret of Souls (West Coast premiere), 8 p.m. Royce Hall, UCLA.

Karaoke, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone

Daddy's.

**Saturday, Nov. 20**  
David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon. Café Aroma.

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

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

**Sunday, Nov. 21**  
Ernesto Ale, 9 a.m.-noon; Skelton Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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

**Monday, Nov. 22**  
Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.  
Kevin Danzig, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

**Tuesday, Nov. 23**  
Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

### Fit After Fifty course offered

The Riverside County Department of Aging is sponsoring a Fit After Fifty core fitness program at 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Mile-High Fitness.

Sandy Weber is teaching the free course that is geared to individual needs. For more information, call 659-4637.



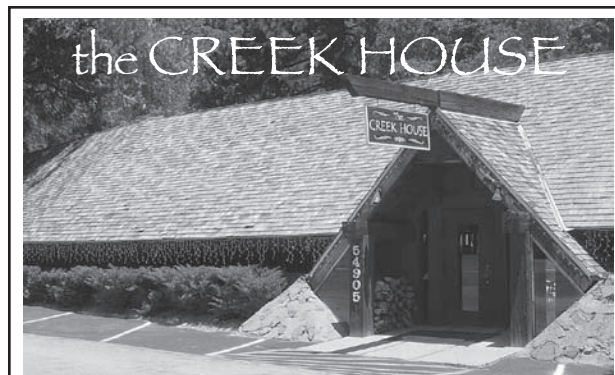
Nex'wetem, the Southern California Indian Basketweaver's Organization, held its 10th Anniversary Celebration, which EarthWitness sponsored, at the Apple Canyon Zen Center on Oct. 29. PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINA LEE NORDELLA

### Idyllwild Pharmacy offers new service

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

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

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### "Hereafter"

"Hereafter" tells the stories of three people touched by death in different ways. George (Matt Damon) is a blue-collar American who has a special connection to the afterlife. On the other side of the world, Marie (Cecile De France), a French journalist, has a near-death experience that shakes her reality. And when Marcus, a London schoolboy, loses the person closest to him, he desperately needs answers. Each on a path in search of the truth, their lives will intersect, forever changed by what they believe might—or must—exist in the hereafter. Starring: Matt Damon, Cecile de France, Jay Mohr. Director: Clint Eastwood. Genre: Thriller, Suspense. Rated: PG-13 Runtime: 129 minutes.



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# Contemporary art next ICRC speaker topic

By Marshall Smith  
Staff Reporter

Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) educator and art historian Dr. Gwen Robertson speaks on Wednesday, Nov. 17 about contemporary fine art, and specifically the "Greatest Hits of the 20th and 21st Centuries." Robertson will address the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's (ICRC) Speaker's Series and help

attendees understand art that, to some, may not be easily comprehensible.

"Have you ever looked at a work of contemporary art and thought, 'What in the world?'" asked Robertson. "Do you wonder sometimes if you're simply not 'getting it?'"

Robertson, on staff at both MOCA and the Colburn School in Los Angeles, has a Ph.D. in Twentieth Century and Contemporary Art from the University of

Iowa and served previously as Associate Professor of Art History at Humboldt State University in Northern California.

"The value of art is in its ideas," Robertson began. "Craft [the execution of the art] is but one aspect of an idea."

Robertson then asked, what are the social forces and communal ideas that drive artists to create? "And it doesn't always have to be angst," she said, although she noted that personal and cultural imbalances often drive art and artists. The artist channels those imbalances into their cre-

ations. She laughed as she explained that she would tell her university students, "I appreciate your angst [as artists and creators] but I still expect you to turn your paper in on time." Robertson speculated that some people might be intimidated or frightened by the creative process, fearing to let their creative self emerge.

Robertson speaks at Creekstone Inn at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17. A wine and cheese reception precedes the lecture. Admission is free to the public.

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Dr. Gwen Robertson, art educator.

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## Botany

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Our main objective was finding mountain maple (*Acer glabrum*). We have only seen it in two other locations, but Michael Hamilton mentions it in his Ph.D. dissertation. He to me he reached it using ropes and climbing gear. This would have dissuaded us from ever hoping to find it. However, there is a 1929 voucher collected on a hike along this route to San Jacinto Peak, so we hoped that we might find it within sight of the ridge top.

We were unable to locate it, despite momentary encouragement. I found a lone leaf literally blowing in the wind that looked like it could be a maple leaf. Unfortunately, it crumbled as I handed it to Tom. Upon further discussion, we are certain that it was a Ribes (gooseberry or currant) leaf and not a maple leaf.

## Spruce Moose to publish second local cookbook

Due to the success of their first cookbook, The Spruce Moose has decided to continue the fun. You may submit a limit of three favorite recipes to the shop, to PO Box 1820, or to [SpruceMooseGifts@msn.com](mailto:SpruceMooseGifts@msn.com). Based on total response, Spruce Moose will try to use as many as possible.

For each book sold, \$2 will be donated to the ICRC/Idyllwild Community Playground Project. Deadline for submissions is Jan. 31, 2011, with a print goal of mid to late spring.

## 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.

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# Annual Tree Lighting brightened

Plans for the Tree Lighting Ceremony were announced this week. Diane Burt said the event would begin 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27. Several celebrities will attend this year. Santa Claus will be returning to Idyllwild and wants to meet with as many children as possible both before and after the lighting.

This year's ceremony will be special for many reasons including several new faces on the stage. In addition, the new LED tree lights will be lit during the event. The Christmas tree has grown beyond the number of light strings used in the past. Generous community donations supported the purchase of new and more lights for the holiday season.

This year, joining Santa will be KNBC weatherman, Fritz Coleman, who will emcee the event. Coleman will bring a crew to film the event for use during the following week as well as for a Christmas Eve program.

In addition, Burt promised that the renowned Caroling Company will be singing and leading the audience in seasonal songs and merriment. She was grateful for a special donation enabling the entire professional vocal ensemble

to assemble for the Tree Lighting.

Another special musical performance will be by Barbara Rayliss, jazz singer and board member of Isis Theatre Company. Also Suzanne Avalon, Isis president, will perform an Ogden Nash poem.

Sharing the stage during the ceremony will be Doug Austin, in Dickens' regalia, reading "Twas the Night before Christmas" and the Town Crier's Marshall Smith reading "Yes, Virginia there is a Santa Claus."

In addition to The Caroling Company and Rayliss, there will be a performance by the Idyllwild Master Chorus with participation of the Children's Choir and local singer Sandii Castleberry will offer her Christmas folk songs.

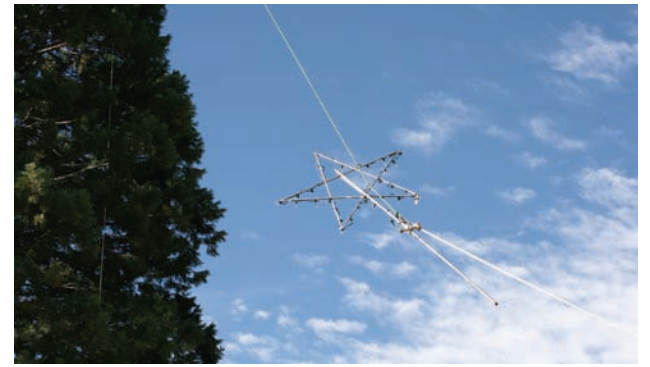
Not only will the traditional Christmas Tree in front of Jo'An's be lit this year, but the several other venues will be participating including shops along North Circle Drive.

Before and after the ceremony, several booths, sponsored by local non-profit groups, will offer food and holiday treats such as living wreaths along Park Lane and Village Centre Drive.



Paul Riggi showcases the new Christmas Tree lights. They will be lit Nov. 27 at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

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On Saturday, the Christmas Tree star is being lifted to the top of the Idyllwild Christmas Tree. PHOTO BY J. P. CRUMRINE

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**IdyllwildARTS EVENTS**



**Continuing...**  
 Visual Art Student Exhibition "One Mile". Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through November 19.  
**Friday, November 12**  
 Creative Writing Guest Reading: Catherine Wagner. 7:30PM, Parks Exhibition Center.  
**Tuesday, November 16**  
 Chamber Music. 7:30PM, Stephens Recital Hall.  
**Wednesday, November 17**  
 Fall Dance Concert. 7:30PM, IAF Theatre.  
**Thursday, November 18**  
 Cabaret of Souls by Richard Thompson, featuring Harry Shearer, Judith Owen, Special Guests and Musicians from the Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra. 7PM, Stephens Recital Hall. Workshop performance, limited seating, first come/first serve. Suggested donation \$10.  
 Fall Dance Concert. 7:30PM, IAF Theatre.  
**Friday, November 19**  
 Fall Dance Concert. 7:30PM, IAF Theatre.  
 Cabaret of Souls (West Coast Premiere) by Richard Thompson featuring Harry Shearer, Judith Owen, Special Guests and Musicians from the Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra. 8PM, Royce Hall, UCLA. For tickets: [www.uclalive.org/calendar/event](http://www.uclalive.org/calendar/event) or 310-825-2101.

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**Taps**

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Brigadier General Daniel Adams Butterfield, commander of the Third Brigade of the Fifth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, was a scholarly 31-year-old former law student from New York, who, on that night, was thinking about his soldiers' well-being.

As time neared for the bugler to signal "extinguish lights," Butterfield realized he had never really liked this call. To him, this call was harsh, not soothing, to men who were laying down to rest. He requested the brigade bugler, 23-year-old Private Oliver Willcox Norton, to report to headquarters.

Butterfield, as all officers were then required, was very knowledgeable of bugle calls. When Private Norton arrived, Butterfield told him he felt the men needed something more comforting than the standard bugle call. According to records left by Private Norton, Butterfield had him play some notes he had written on the back of an envelope.

Scholars believe that the tune of "Taps" is closely reminiscent of "Scott Tattoo," a bugle call included in many drill manuals published years before the Civil War began. Butterfield had already composed several other calls, including a signal for troops to advance, to halt, to lie prone and to charge, each call particular only to his troops. The strange fact remains that Butterfield never claimed credit for "Taps."

That hot and muggy July night, Private Norton sounded "Taps" for troops for the first time. The next day, Private Norton was visited by buglers from neighboring brigades who asked for copies of the music. According to Norton, no general orders from Army headquarters came forth ordering the substitution of the regulation call, but buglers from that day on have sounded "Taps" at day's end. "Taps," being a bugle call, is "sounded," never "played." You sound "Taps," you do not play it.

It was also during this nation's Civil War that "Taps" was first sounded at a military funeral.

Most members of BAA use a trumpet to render honors. I personally use the



Above, Cid Castillo. At left, three instruments Castillo uses as a member of Bugles Across America, an organization of volunteers who sound "Taps" at veteran's funerals.

TOP PHOTO: JIM CRANDALL  
LEFT PHOTO: CID CASTILLO

traditional brass bugle. In addition, I have a World War II plastic bugle that I bring with me when a WWII veteran is being interred.

During World War II, the Department of Defense decided it needed all the brass it could conserve. The two pounds of brass used in a making a bugle translated

into a lot of cartridges. At the time, the photo company Eastman Kodak had a new product called Tenite. This new product later became better known as plastic. In conjunction with the United States Army Band in Washington, D.C., a bugle made from Tenite was produced and underwent

a battery of tests from an Army cornet soloist. Buglers across the various services began sounding calls on an olive-drab plastic bugle.

Whenever I am to play for a World War II veteran, I bring along both bugles and usually ask fellow veterans attending which bugle they want me to use.

**Idyllwild's great triathletes**

Local triathletes, Brad Reichtfertig and Bill Whitman, visited the Colorado River last weekend to participate in the Blue Water Triathlon. The Idyllwild guys finished well, no great!

Out of more than 200 competitors, Reichtfertig finished seventh and, right

behind, in eighth place was Whitman. Reichtfertig was third in his age group (35 to 39 years) and Whitman was the best man over 45 years old.

"Great race on the Colorado River, with a 35 mile bike to and from Parker Dam," Whitman said gasping for a breath.

**Medicare info for baby boomers**

On Jan. 1, 2011, the first "official" California baby boomers will turn 65 and become eligible for Medicare benefits. A group called "Early Baby Boomers" have simplified information about Medicare, Medigap and other life questions into a brief and easy-to-follow website at [www.ababyboomersguide.com](http://www.ababyboomersguide.com).

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# SPORTS

## Town Hall sports

**Danny Richardson** gave this report on Town Hall Soccer for Tuesday, Nov. 2 and Friday, Nov. 5:

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

The Suburban Propane T-Rexes played Muir's Mountain Realty Bobcats. Both teams played a great game. **Manuel Gorman** played good defense for the Bobcats. **Ruby McKeller** dribbled the ball great for the T-Rexes.

The Idyllwild Arts Blue Jays hosted the Idyllwild Fire Employee Association Hurricanes. For the Hurricanes, **Josiah Schipper** played great as goalie and **Reese Whitney** played great on both sides of the ball. **Liliana Sorenson** and **Rene Montoyo** played a great game for the Blue Jays.

**Majors** Ages 6-8 years old league

**Tuesday, Nov. 2**

The American Legion Lil' Devils played Jo'An's Tornados. **Adam Smith** kicked the ball well and **Fiona McMullen** played good defense for the Lil' Devils. The Tornados countered the Lil' Devils lead with goals from **Cody** and **Aly Fogle**. **Nik Uecker** played good defense for the Tornados as they tied the Lil' Devils 3-3

In the second game, Arriba's Tidal Waves went up against the Rotary Lava Storm. The Lava Storm's **Rory**

**Wilke** was tough and ran hard all over the field. **Destinee Helsor** added good defense to the Lava Storm's equation, But the Tidal Waves were too much to handle with **Nichole Cochran** scoring twice and **Lucas Schipper** was great in goal. The Tidal Waves beat the Lava Storm 4-2

**Friday, Nov. 5**

The Rotary Lava Storm played Arriba's Tidal Waves. This was a tight contest. **Amarilla Senera** dribbled the ball well for the Lava Storm. **Micah Schipper** scored a goal and his brother, **Lucas Schipper**, played great defense for the Tidal Waves as they went on and beat the Lava Storm 2-1.

Jo'An's Tornados hosted the American Legion Lil' Devils. In another tight game where both teams played great defense, the Lil' Devils squeaked by the Tornados 1-0. **Ryan Fogelson** had great ball control and **Kaci Uecker** kept the Tornados close with some key goalie saves. But the Lil' Devils' **Miren Pino** hustled all over the field and **Chayton Kenyon** finally broke the scoreless tie with a goal.

Standings:	Wins	Losses	Ties
American Legion Lil' Devils	5	1	1
Arriba's Tidal Waves	4	3	
Rotary Lava Storm	3	4	
Jo'An's Tornados	1	5	1

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# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week are **Alexia Scott**, left, and **Yasmin Morales**, right. Sixth-grade teacher **Diane D'Arcy** selected them for their responsible, continuous effort in reading and also for consistently exhibiting great character.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



Wheels of Freestyle visited Idyllwild School on Tuesday, Nov. 2. The BMX bicyclists performed a number of tricks and stunts that "wowed" the students at Idyllwild School.

PHOTO BY BETHANY SWANSON

## Supervisors vote on library acquisition

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors voted to authorize the Economic Development Agency (EDA) to negotiate the purchase of

property in Idyllwild for a new library site. The board agreed that the price not exceed \$450,000, with an additional \$34,950 authorized to pay for due diligence and transactions costs.

The targeted property, the Coronet building in Straw-

berry Plaza, has a long-term lease. Currently, all three parties, leaseholder Denise Edmiston, the county and Joe Coronet, are trying to negotiate a plan that allows the county to buy the building and begin remodeling for the relocation of the library

from its current Pine Crest Avenue site.

Because of ongoing lease negotiations, the target date for completion of the new library has been moved from the first to third quarter of 2011.

E-mail Marshall Smith at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).

## Mountain Community Patrol seeks members

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

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

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

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

## 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.

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# Brown and Boxer win

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Last week's election produced very few surprises — either at the local or state level. The statewide results, in ballots counted through Monday, are displayed below.

Democrats swept the state offices with the exception of Attorney General (results are not yet final in this race). As of Tuesday morning, Nov. 9, Steve Cooley may be the sole Republican candidate to survive the Democrats' statewide dominance.

Jerry Brown won her fourth term as U.S. Senator. Debra Bowen, Bill Lockyer and John Chiang were easily re-elected Secretary of State, Treasurer and Controller, respectively. Gavin Newsom will become Brown's Lt. Gov. Dave Jones is the new Insurance Commissioner and Tom Torlakson

was elected the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Early on election night and into Wednesday morning, Cooley led his opponent Kamala Harris, but as more precincts reported, she surged to the lead. But her advantage hovered around 10,000 votes.

By Friday, Nov. 5, most counties had finished counting the walk-in ballots. The result was a 19,000 vote lead for Cooley. However, this is still tentative because several thousand provisional ballots remain to be counted throughout the state. As of Tuesday, Nov. 9, Cooley's lead had grown to

51,439 votes. Riverside County, however, did not follow the statewide pattern. Here, all Republican candidates led their Democratic opponents. In fact, Cooley had an 85,000 vote advantage in Riverside County.

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## All statewide contests statewide results

100% (24,845 of 24,845) precincts partially or fully reporting as of 9:12 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9

Governor		
Candidate	Votes	Percent
Jerry Brown (Dem)	4,552,290	53.2%
Meg Whitman (Rep)	3,571,675	41.7%
Chelene Nightingale (AI)	138,573	1.7%
Laura Wells (Grn)	105,097	1.2%
Dale F. Ogden (Lib)	127,898	1.4%
Carlos Alvarez (P&F)	74,235	0.8%

Attorney General		
Candidate	Votes	Percent
Kamala D. Harris (Dem)	3,731,518	45.5%
Steve Cooley (Rep)	3,782,957	46.1%
Diane Beall Templin (AI)	143,179	1.7%
Peter Allen (Grn)	210,514	2.6%
Timothy J. Hannan (Lib)	207,276	2.6%
Robert J. Evans (P&F)	131,257	1.5%

Lieutenant Governor		
Candidate	Votes	Percent
Gavin Newsom (Dem)	4,136,873	49.8%
Abel Maldonado (Rep)	3,298,798	39.7%
Jim King (AI)	159,538	2.0%
James "Jimi" Castillo (Grn)	132,460	1.5%
Pamela J. Brown (Lib)	488,650	5.9%
C.T. Weber (P&F)	96,723	1.1%

Insurance Commissioner		
Candidate	Votes	Percent
Dave Jones (Dem)	4,021,779	50.2%
Mike Villines (Rep)	3,060,446	38.2%
Clay Pedersen (AI)	169,720	2.1%
William Balderston (Grn)	205,628	2.5%
Richard S. Bronstein (Lib)	319,736	4.0%
Dina Josephine Padilla (P&F)	241,718	3.0%

Secretary of State		
Candidate	Votes	Percent
* Debra Bowen (Dem)	4,304,048	52.8%
Damon Dunn (Rep)	3,176,443	39.0%
Merton D. Short (AI)	136,769	1.6%
Ann Menasche (Grn)	233,084	2.9%
Christina Tobin (Lib)	179,298	2.1%
Marylou Cabral (P&F)	134,737	1.6%

U.S. Senate		
Candidate	Votes	Percent
* Barbara Boxer (Dem)	4,377,730	52.2%
Carly Fiorina (Rep)	3,554,066	42.4%
Edward C. Noonan (AI)	105,685	1.2%
Duane Roberts (Grn)	104,544	1.2%
Gail K. Lightfoot (Lib)	145,440	1.7%
Marsha Feinland (P&F)	109,939	1.3%

Controller		
Candidate	Votes	Percent
* John Chiang (Dem)	4,483,866	54.6%
Tony Strickland (Rep)	3,027,911	36.9%
Lawrence G. Beliz (AI)	129,676	1.5%
Ross D. Frankel (Grn)	156,380	1.9%
Andrew "Andy" Favor (Lib)	246,315	3.0%
Karen Martinez (P&F)	171,491	2.1%

Superintendent of Public Instruction		
Candidate	Votes	Percent
Larry Aceves (Non)	2,989,143	45.5%
Tom Torlakson (Non)	3,576,786	54.5%

\*Incumbent

Treasurer		
Candidate	Votes	Percent
* Bill Lockyer (Dem)	4,587,409	56.1%
Mimi Walters (Rep)	3,012,043	36.8%
Robert Lauten (AI)	114,349	1.3%
Charles "Kit" Crittenden (Grn)	187,704	2.3%
Edward M. Teyssier (Lib)	183,148	2.3%
Debra L. Reiger (P&F)	101,959	1.2%

### Registrar of Votes dismissed

Riverside County Registrar of Voters Barbara Dunmore was dismissed from her position Tuesday. The dismissal by County Executive Officer Bill Luna came after a lengthy discussion at Tuesday's Board of Supervisors meeting about the ballot count in last week's general election and how the results were released. Dunmore was appointed registrar in July 2004.

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# Hemet Unified winning candidates speak

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Two new members, elected on Nov. 2, join re-elected board member Joe Wojcik, and unopposed local trustee Bill Sanborn for the Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) Board of Trustees. New members Paul Bakkom and Horacio "Ross" Valenzuela and Wojcik spoke with the Town Crier about their election and hopes for the future.

Top vote-getter Bakkom, husband of Idyllwild School's Holly Guntermann, unseated 20-year board veteran Phyllis Petri for the Trustee Area 2 position. Bakkom thinks it was Petri's statements about not being able to visit two out of three schools in her district that might have contributed to her defeat. Visiting all three schools in his trustee district was the cornerstone of Bakkom's platform. Bakkom said he would make it his

priority to provide whatever help he could to raise Hamilton School's K-8 Academic Performance Index (API) scores and retain teachers (Hamilton has a high teacher turnover rate).

Speaking of Petri, Bakkom said, "I greatly appreciate the 20 years she's served." Bakkom is a retired teacher who was urged to run for this seat by former students. He believed that endorsement by the Hemet Teacher's Union and by the association of classified employees helped his win.

"I hope to let the teachers, especially at the underperforming Hamilton K-8, know there is a board member who is really interested in you," he said. "A cheerleader is what a board member needs to be, encouraging both teachers and students." Bakkom described a delicate line a board member walks. "You want people [teachers] to strive to do their best, but

not by telling them how to do their jobs. They're professionals. You want them to perform their jobs in the best way they know how."

Bakkom contacted local tribes in his district, asking them, "What are you thinking that I need to know?" He said tribal leaders were surprised at the contact, noting that they had only been previously contacted for donations.

"I look forward to working with the new members," Wojcik said, returning to the board for his second term. Then he noted Petri's long service to the board.

"I was surprised at the margin of victory in my election. I must be doing something right." Wojcik, an attorney, then suggested that the board has some significant budget hurdles to navigate. He believes the budget approved by the Legislature that sends more money to HUSD is a "phantom" budget.

He, like HUSD Superintendent Dr. Steven Lowder, does not believe the district will see all or any of the additional monies promised it. "The Legislature shows no accountability with its constant borrowing and bonding," he said. "At some point, its lack of accountability will catch up with it. It's frustrating because what Sacramento does puts us [the district] in a difficult position, but we do what we can to move our district and students forward."

Wojcik thinks Governor-elect Jerry Brown will be interesting to work with. "He has said we [the Legislature, administration and all down-line state money recipients] need to work within our means," Wojcik noted. He wonders what that means and what cuts the new governor and Legislature will start making in January to the approved budget.

Ross Valenzuela, also a

retired educator, sweated out election night. The first returns had him trailing opponent Jim Little. "I'm very elated and happy because at the beginning [of election night] I was in a deep hole of about 400 votes," he said. "I went to bed about 1 a.m. not knowing if I had been elected. At 5:30 in the morning my son called me to tell me I was ahead by 80 votes." As of the last report, he had a 930 vote lead over Little.

Valenzuela said he would be relying on input from district residents. "My job is to listen to the community — parents, teachers and students," he said. "I'm committed to seeing that all use of public funds is open and transparent. That's what we learned about the Bell fiasco. And I want to be open to new ideas. Every generation

has new ideas and we need to be aware of them.

"I do want to visit all schools to find out what we as trustees can do to fulfill wishes and concerns of teachers, administrators and students." Regarding teachers "teaching to the test," Valenzuela noted the fine line of being able to show the community how the district is succeeding and allowing teachers to teach. "There needs to be a balance between the necessary reporting [associated with mandatory standardized testing] and allowing teachers to teach." And, speaking of balance, Valenzuela said he believe in turning out balanced students, versed not just in science and math, but also in the fine arts.

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## Nestande looks forward

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Facing his first opponent in an election, Assemblyman Brian Nestande was happy with Tuesday's results. He defeated challenger, Jose Medina. The incumbent Assemblyman was unopposed in 2008, when he was first elected to represent District 64. Last week, he received 72,700 votes, nearly 57.8 percent of the total cast.

"It feels good [to win]," he said Friday, having just returned from Sacramento. The Republican Assembly members had just chosen Connie Conway of Tulare as their new leader for the 2011 session.

Nestande said he hopes

to change some of his committee assignments, but will not know whether he has new assignments for several months.

Having an opponent was different, he admitted. "This is a year when contesting incumbency worked," he said. "But I got the people's support and didn't take voters for granted. I worked every day, walking precincts."

Nestande won with a comfortable margin and was the front-runner because of party registration in the district. For Nestande, the most frustration occurred after the polls closed instead of during the campaign.

Riverside County's count was significantly delayed. The initial report, expected

by 8:15 p.m., appeared after 9 p.m. An update did not occur until after 11 p.m.

"It's very much frustrating," Nestande said. "It's happened before, three out of four elections. We have to get it right."

Republicans' difficulty in California starts with the lag

in voter registration. In 31 of California's 58 counties, Republican's have a majority of the registered voters. Nevertheless, statewide, Democrats have 2.3 million more registered voters than Republicans.

"That's hard to over-  
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# Voters discuss why they turned out in droves

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

What motivates people to leave home or work to cast ballots can vary greatly. On a busy Nov. 2 at Idyllwild's Town Hall precinct, late afternoon voters spoke about their reasons for voting. Most said they voted regularly, but civic duty emerged as a unifying theme, especially among the three naturalized Americans.

Petra Schoning, from Hanover, Germany came from a part of the country with a democratic tradition after World War II. "I'm

an American citizen and I think it's important to exercise my right to vote," she said. Also from a Western democracy, Daniel Suiffet stressed that he always voted but not along strict party lines. "I always try to do my homework [prior to voting] and vote for the most principled and qualified candidate regardless of party affiliation. I look for [a candidate's] moral integrity. That is my key."

Suiffet said he was undecided until the last minute on the governor's race but ultimately voted for Jerry Brown, and for Mary Bono

for Congressional District 45.

Anna Bielecki, who emigrated from communist Czechoslovakia, spoke passionately about her reasons for voting. Both her father and mother had been imprisoned for anti-communist activity, so when she fled with her two children to the U.S., by way of an Austrian refugee camp, freedom was her guiding inspiration.

"The U.S. was always a shining star," she remembered. Bielecki believes those born in the U.S. often take their freedoms for granted.

"What bothers me is the placidity and lack of involvement in the voting process of so many Americans when they still have a chance to make a difference," she said. "It's a fight for this country now. Limitations are being placed on our freedoms. People [Americans] who never knew [political] privation are not taking responsibility and don't see the risks and the damage done by both parties to our political freedoms. That's why I vote."

Deborah Geisinger also cited civic responsibility as her reason for voting. "I cast my vote as part of my free-

dom," she said. Asked about the propositions, Geisinger said she deliberated about Proposition 19. "I wanted to vote against it because it was so badly drafted," she said, but did vote for it. "It's so stupid that we're incarcerating low level criminals and filling our prisons. Liquor is legal. Why?"

Bronwyn Jones bemoaned the anger and attitude in the public discourse over politics and our American identity. "The lack of civility in our public discourse is really disheartening," she said. "I feel that it [an improvement in that discourse] has to start

here in our own little community." Jones mentioned, as an example, the cooperation now between the Chamber and the Idyllwild Business Roundtable, when under the previous Chamber board that did not happen. "Maybe we [as a country] need a consciousness raising," she said.

Echoing that sentiment was first-time voter Carey Powers, Town Crier intern and Bennington College student. She said casting a vote for the first time in this political climate was difficult.

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## Local

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Nestande was unopposed.

Post election interviews with Nestande and Bono Mack can be seen on pages 16 and 19 respectively.

Other HUSD winners included Bill Sanborn who was unopposed in his reelection effort. He represents Trustee Area 1, which

includes Idyllwild and Pine Cove.

In Trustee Area 3, incumbent and current board President Joe Wojcik easily won a second term. Joining him on the board will be newcomer Horacio "Ross" Valenzuela. He replaces Glenn Figgins who passed away last spring.

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## Nestande

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come," he said. "To rebuild we've got to get the message out. We've not had great success conveying it to Hispanic voters." White, black, Hispanic and Asians all share some common beliefs, he argued.

"One time isn't enough," Nestande felt. "It'll take two or three times to demonstrate the Republican Party is very diverse."

To illustrate the Republican ticket's diversity in the November election, Nestande

noted two women — Meg Whitman and Carly Fiorina — headed the party's statewide ticket; Damon Dunn, the Secretary of State candidate, is black; Mimi Walters, the Republican Treasurer candidate, is a woman; and the Lt. Governor candidate, Abel Maldonado, is Hispanic.

During his trip to Sacramento, Nestande said he had already met with Governor-elect Jerry Brown. "I think he'll be interesting," Nestande said. "I don't want to predict what he'll do about the budget." But Nestande said he looks forward to working

with Brown on financial issues.

He plans to reintroduce his legislation to make the

state budget and liabilities more transparent to voters.

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## Local election results

Office	Vote Count	Percent
<b>US Representative, 45th District</b>		
REP - Mary Bono Mack	101,602	51.93%
AIP - Bill Lussenheide	12,513	6.40%
DEM - Steve Pougnet	81,531	41.67%
Total	195,646	100.00%
<b>State Assembly, 64th District</b>		
REP - Brian Nestande	72,729	57.80%
DEM - Jose Medina	53,099	42.20%
Total	125,828	100.00%
<b>Hemet USD Governing Board Trustee Area 2</b>		
Paul Bakkom	19,162	68.82%
Phyllis L. Petri	8,680	31.18%
Total	27,842	100.00%
<b>Hemet USD Governing Board Trustee Area 3</b>		
Joe Wojcik	17,288	42.02%
Horacio "Ross" Valenzuela	10,456	25.41%
Jim Little	9,528	23.16%
Jayson D. Sandoval	3,870	9.41%
Total	41,142	100.00%

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# Saving the Hill's yellow-legged frog

By JENNA HUNT

When we think about species going extinct we often think of animals in the exotic rain forests, but here in Idyllwild's backyard a tiny frog is fighting a battle to survive.

The mountain yellow-legged frog is one of three frogs or toads on the federal Endangered Species List in Southern California and has recently been proposed for listing under the California Endangered Species Act, officials said. Today, only a small wild population of fewer than 200 adult mountain yellow-legged frogs can be found in the San Gabriel, San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains.

Efforts to save the mountain yellow-legged frog have been underway for several years. Many agencies including the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Department of Transportation and the San Diego Zoo are involved in the species-preserving adventure.

In late August, scientists and researchers released 36 yellow-legged tadpoles (1-1/2 to 2 inches long) into a stream near Idyllwild in hopes that the Southern California population of the mountain yellow-legged frog (*Rana muscosa*) would have a chance of thriving in the wild again. This followed a spring release of several hundred eggs.

"We're monitoring them and they seem to be doing fine," said Becca Fenwick, director of the James San

Jacinto Mountains Reserve where the tadpoles are being nurtured. "It is a very slow process. Fenwick said the tadpoles will not develop into fully grown frogs until spring 2012 and will not be able to breed for up to three years.

More hiking and human presence along the frogs' native stream habitat has contributed to their endangerment. "The increase of people was having a drastic effect on the frog populations," said Fenwick, who hopes the new restricted access to streams is helping the wild frogs.

The tadpoles released this summer were bred at the San Diego Zoo Institute for Conservation Research (SDZCR) — the largest zoo-based conservation effort in the world, founded in 1975 — and cautiously transported to the University of California San Jacinto Mountains James Reserve near Idyllwild. It was the first time captive-bred offspring of this species were introduced into the wild according to Frank Santana, a research technician with the SDZCR and a primary researcher on the project. In spring, the same team of researchers who released the tadpoles into the creek, released about 500 mountain yellow-legged frog eggs in the same area. The eggs also were the product of breeding at SDZCR. Scientists believe about 40 of those eggs developed into tadpoles, Santana said. The remaining 18 tadpoles in captivity will be released into the mountain stream upon the first snow fall so they can naturally hiber-

nate for the entire winter and resurface again in late spring.

"It is important for them to find deep parts of the pool when the winter season comes," Santana said. "It is exciting to see them swimming in the wild."

Experts say that the decline in the frog population is due to habitat loss, effects of climate change, pesticide drift, pollution, introduction of non-native species in the past, and the spread of a deadly pathogen called the chytrid fungus, which is the biggest cause, Santana said.

In the past, scientists have had extreme trouble breeding frogs in the laboratory. This year, Zoo scientists discovered that the frogs' breeding behaviors increased in captivity after the frogs were chilled to temperatures that closely captured the mountain stream environment. In future years, scientists will release more tadpoles in the effort to recover the frog's populations to pre-endangered numbers, Santana said.

"We're just trying to figure out what methods work best," Santana said. "We will continue to add more tadpoles next year. We are going to learn a lot from this reintroduction."

People can help wildlife populations survive and thrive by conserving water in nature, being cautious about dumping pollution into the environment, by staying out of creeks and streams and heeding restricted notices and closures, Santana said.

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# With one exception, county follows state proposition vote

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Riverside County voters paralleled the rest of the state on ballot initiatives with one exception, Proposition 25, reducing the vote to pass the state budget from a 2/3 super majority to a simple majority. Statewide the "yes" vote carried 54.7 percent to

47.6 percent. In the county, the "no" vote carried by a slim majority, 52.4 percent to 45.3 percent statewide.

In all other proposition votes, county voters generally mirrored the state results. For example, Proposition 19, the marijuana initiative, failed statewide by 54 percent to 46 percent. A higher margin — 58.2 percent — of county voters

opposed it.

Proposition 20, extending redistricting responsibilities of congressional races to a citizen's committee and removing that responsibility from the Legislature passed statewide by 61.4 to 38.6 percent. And 65.1 percent county voters approved it.

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## Ballot Measures — Statewide results

Proposition Title	Yes Votes	%	No Votes	%
No 19 Legalize Marijuana in Calif., Regulate and Tax	3,800,709	46.0%	4,455,203	54.0%
Yes 20 Redistricting of Congressional Districts	4,781,122	61.4%	3,009,973	38.6%
No 21 State Park Funding Vehicle License Surcharge	3,421,259	42.1%	4,705,237	57.9%
Yes 22 Prohibit State From Taking Some Local Funds	4,777,286	60.9%	3,078,700	39.1%
No 23 Suspend Air Pollution Control Law (AB 32)	3,121,219	38.7%	4,929,625	61.3%
No 24 Repeal Allowance of Lower Business Tax Liability	3,245,810	41.4%	4,579,202	58.6%
Yes 25 Simple Majority Vote to Pass Budget	4,332,336	54.7%	3,590,625	45.3%
Yes 26 2/3 Vote for Some State/Local Fees	4,111,958	52.8%	3,687,401	47.2%
No 27 Eliminate State Redistricting Commission	3,092,267	40.4%	4,556,080	59.6%

## Voters

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"It's hard to vote the first time now because of the incivility [in the political discourse]," she said. "The [political] ads are brutal and insensitive and people don't seem to respect each other's voices." She said she voted nevertheless because voting is "one of the most important added responsibilities when you come of

age."

Incivility also bothered Fern Valley resident Craig Holland. "The political parties are all so polarized," he noted. "And that bothers me. I just want them to work together."

Party politics emerged as a major motivation among others. Matthew Wetlaufer said he cast his ballot specifically against Meg Whitman and Carly Fiorina's respective gubernatorial and senate races (and for

Brown and Boxer), and for Palm Springs Mayor Steve Pougnet's attempt to unseat incumbent Mary Bono Mack.

Jeni Kets said she was motivated by the propositions and cast a straight Democratic ballot, citing Senator Barbara Boxer, Jerry Brown and Kamala Harris as her candidates of special interest. Also in the "motivated Democrat" column were Marsha Bronson,



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# Bono Mack: family and political success

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Less than 24 hours after the California polls closed, Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack was still willing to talk to the media. Although she faced a well-financed opponent — Palm Springs Mayor Steve Pougnet — she won re-election to the U.S. Congress from California's 45th District, which includes Idyllwild.

While very tired from a competitive campaign, she was excited about the night's overall results, especially the Republicans re-capturing the House of Representatives.

"It feels great to return to the majority," she said.

Bono Mack was first elected to Congress in 1998. In January, she will begin her seventh full term and has moved up in the Republican hierarchy. When Congress' new session begins in Janu-

ary, she hopes to become a subcommittee chairperson on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

While not a high profile and prolific headline producer, she will lead Congress' work on issues such as cyber security, whose relevance and importance grows each day the Internet exists.

"It not about title chasing, it's finally an opportunity to lead and develop major legislation and policy," she acknowledged.

Discussing the election results, she paused to praise the approval for Proposition 20, which establishes a citizen's committee to redraw the state's congressional districts after the 2010 census is announced next year. She felt this was an important step for the state's citizens and could have a substantial effect on her.

"This district [CD 45] is one of the least Republican

in Southern California," she admitted. "They could draw a very tight district next year. But I try to represent all the voters — from Murrieta to Idyllwild and east to Blythe."

Bono Mack also acknowledged the contribution the Tea Party made, even in California, to this year's political debate. They raised several issues, especially fiscal responsibility, which seemed dormant for several years.

"At the end of the day, you still have to legislate," she said. "You can't do that waxing policy, you have to make things work."

The exhilarating victory also encouraged her to share some personal thoughts. She spoke about the effort it has taken to be a mother and politician. "It's 100 percent job and kids," she said. The

first several years in Washington were devoted to family and learning the profession. Now both of her children are out of the house and she's proud of their success.

She has learned how to work in Congress, as a subcommittee chairperson she intends to lead. Even with a gavel in hand, she will always be a parent.

"My daughter called. She's in college and working tables," the congresswoman said. "She's saved her money and plans to fly to Tanzania this winter. She will live and work at an orphanage."

And the Congresswoman with seniority said she was worried, just as any parent would be, about her daughter. "She's flying Ethiopian Air! But kids are our love."

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Last month, **John and Wanda Mac-Millan** shared the *Town Crier* with another Celtic clan while visiting the Castle Gardens overlooking Dunoon Pier in Dunoon Argyll, Scotland.

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Idyllwild part-timers **Sandy Marciari and Stacey James** enjoy reading the *Town Crier* while hiking in the Grand Canyon.

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## Voters

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Maureen Jones, and previously mentioned Bronwyn Jones (no relation).

"I'm a Democrat," said Bronson. "I always vote. In the propositions I felt strongly about and voted for, Proposition 19 (the cannabis initiative) and 21 (vehicle surcharge for state park funding)." Maureen Jones said she was anxious for the Democrats to "retain representation."

Bronwyn Jones also voted a straight Democratic ticket, and thanked Meg Whitman and Carly Fiorina for contributing to the financial health of California. "I'm grateful that Whitman and

Fiorina gave \$260 million for television advertising," she said.

Only Kristi Miglin divulged her Republican preferences. "I always vote," she said, "and I'm casting a vote for Meg Whitman."

First-time voter Adam Singer, too young to form party allegiances, supported propositions 19, 20 (citizens' redistricting committee to draw congressional districts) and Proposition 21 (state park funding). "Voting was easy, not stressful at all," said Singer, who had studied redistricting in school and felt the current process served purely political interests and needed to be changed.

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While traveling in Ireland, **Glenn Patrick, Glenn and Suzi Schumacher** visited Drumkeeran, County Leitrim, the village where Glenn's maternal grandparents were born, raised and married. The village's 248 residents enjoyed another edition of the *Town Crier*. PHOTO COURTESY OF GLENN SCHUMACHER

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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The separation between the Bovine's head and heart is never as far apart as it seems. Both senses work best when they come out of logic and honesty.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) The best way to keep those pre-holiday pressures under control is to just say no to taking on new tasks while you're still trying to work with a heap of others.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) News means a change might be on its way, but what does it hold? Don't just ask questions; make sure you get answers you can trust.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Old friends and new have one thing in common: Both your longtime and newly minted pals have much wisdom to impart.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) With time running out, this is a good time for you to show 'em all what those Virgo super-organizational skills can do.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Librans and holidays are made for each

other, especially if children and animals are going to be part of your joyous season.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Time is getting too short to allow a spat to taint the holiday season. Restart your relationship and reschedule holiday fun times.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Seeking advice is laudable. You might learn far more than you thought you could. Stay with it.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Continuing to assess changes works toward your getting your new project up and ready. Trusted colleagues remain ready to help.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) That new situation needs a lot of attention, but it's worth it. This is a very good time for you to involve the arts in what you do.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) It might be a good idea to slow your hectic holiday pace so that you don't rush past what — or who — you're hoping to rush toward.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Others pick up on your confidence in yourself, which inspires others to believe in you and your special gifts.

# CROSSWORD

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**Nov. 1** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Nov. 1** — Medical aid, Fisher Road and Glenda Lane, Anza.

**Nov. 2** — Medical aid, Labrinia Lane and Indian Paint Brush, Anza.

**Nov. 2** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Nov. 4** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Nov. 5** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Nov. 6** — Medical aid, Gassner Road, Anza.

**Nov. 6** — Medical aid, Grapp Lane and Ramsey Road, Anza.

**Nov. 7** — Two walk-in medical aids.

**Nov. 7** — Medical aid,

Highway 371 and Oatman Lane, Aguanga.

**CHP log**

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following call from Monday to Sunday, Nov. 1 to Nov. 7:

**Nov. 3** — Two-vehicle (motorcycle and tractor trailer) collision with one injury on Highway 243 north of Highway 74 at Grinding Station. Motorcyclist transported via Mercy Air to Desert Regional Medical Center.

**Nov. 5** — Solo vehicle (motorcycle) traffic collision with injury. Double View Drive west of Inspiration Lane. Driver arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI).

**Sheriff's log**

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RAYMOND ROMAN  
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*Editor's note: Mr. Azevedo says he is in the Suburban Propane Idyllwild office one or two days each week. He points out that Suburban is the only propane office here. He suggests residents contact the local office at (951) 659-3568.*

*He said he has met with the Chamber of Commerce and Suburban plans to join.*

**Who pays?**

EDITOR:

I noted with interest Bruce Watts' column last week in which he indicates that hikers and climbers coming to our area feel violated by the Adventure Pass program. This, of course, is a program whereby the actual users of these recreational areas are charged a small fee,

almost all of which is used to maintain and upgrade that particular area.

What a subversive concept. My suggestion to these people is just don't super-size that fast food meal on the way home and you'll about break even.

On Tuesday night we learned that the California electorate could not stomach an \$18 fee, spread quite broadly over vehicles licensed in the state, to fund State Parks. So, the users don't want to pay and the nonusers don't want to pay. Unfortunately, this is nothing new.

Our leaders have helped create whole new generations who believe that no one has to sacrifice and that someone else will always pay the bill, preferably "private enterprise" — who as we know is always on the lookout for our best interests.

Many of these folks also believe that tax cuts for the rich and repeal of the estate tax will somehow benefit the middle class and poor people. If this is you, dear reader, I've got a sand pile northeast of Barstow for sale. Dig that tooth fairy money out from under your pillow and make me an offer.

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# CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

The magic under the old oak tree at ARF continues. This week, **Janie**, the dalmation-mix and **Maddie May**, the mastiff/golden-mix have both found loving families for the holidays and forever. We know both girls are under the wings of angels.



**Duke** is a 9-year-old, straw-berry-blond chow that just loves to walk. He's great with other dogs but prefers to not be around the feline crowd. He's friendly with the human pack too. This boy still has plenty of healthy energy and love to give.

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## 55 years ago - 1955

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## 50 years ago - 1960

Nixon carried the Hill in his contest with John F. Kennedy for U.S. President.

## 45 years ago - 1965

In the process of moving the totem pole from Idyllwild Inn to Pine Cove, workers found mementos in the base placed there in 1948 by villagers, visitors, and RKO movie crews making a Western starring Tim Holt.

## 40 years ago - 1970

An overflowing crowd attended memorial services at the Community Church for Kelly Burkett, 16, of Idyllwild who died in a



In this photo published in February 1960, actor **Tony Curtis** gives the **Johnson twins, Carol-Ann and Jo-Ann**, a bad time during the shooting of "Kansas Raiders" at the Garner Ranch. *Tony Curtis passed away this September.*

traffic collision. A memorial fund was established to build a community youth center in his name.

## 35 years ago - 1975

To combat a rising number of burglaries in the Anza area, some storeowners were said to be sleeping in the back rooms of their stores on the lookout.

## 30 years ago - 1980

An article in the Town

Crier said many Idyllwild homeowners were installing woodburning stoves "as the cost of imported oil continued to soar."

## 25 years ago - 1985

An outbreak of canine distemper among raccoons in the mountain area was confirmed.

## 20 years ago - 1990

The new Fern Valley Collection complex was filling

up with businesses. Now the site of Café Aroma, and other businesses, the architect for the complex was Robert Priefer.

## 10 years ago - 2000

The directors of two water districts voted to sell the Idyllwild-Pine Cove Community Center for \$1 to Riverside County for use as a multi-agency emergency incident center and public meeting place.

## 5 years ago - 2005

When California Department of Forestry and Firefighting (CAL FIRE) requested air equipment be moved from Hemet-Ryan Airport to March Air Reserve Base, Riverside County Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone rejected the idea, saying the CAL FIRE report was biased and slanted.

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 Cathedral ceilings, Stone fireplace, 2 bdrms  
 52532 Sunset Lane \$245,000



**COZY MOUNTAIN HIDEAWAY**  
 Wooded setting, quiet street, immaculate  
 Cedar-paneled, Open floor plan, 2 bdrm  
 25964 Hemstreet \$243,500



**YOUR PIECE OF EARLY IDYLLWILD**  
 Sunny setting, Quiet, Private, .46 acre  
 2 bdrms, 2 ba, Fam. rm, River rock fireplace  
 54640 Mactecklewood \$277,000



**TAHQUITZ VIEWS**  
 Privacy, Wooded setting, Creek, Views  
 Elegant designer home, Guest studio unit  
 55320 Pine Crest Turnkey \$749,000



**DRAMATIC VIEWS ON 7 ACRES**  
 Walking distance to town  
 Private and secluded  
 Ready building sites  
 Pines, oaks, & boulders  
 Upper Jameson \$450,000



**QUIET MOUNTAIN SETTING**  
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 Open living, kitchen, dining, 3 bdrms, Family rm  
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## 2010 Winter Survival Guide

*The Idyllwild Town Crier's guide to keeping safe and warm this winter.*

This special section contains important advice on preparing your home, your land, your vehicle, and your family for the challenges of living and traveling in winter conditions.

Articles by organizations offering helpful safety information, businesses advertising winter services and products to keep you warm and your house and land safe from fire and ice, and emergency advice and phone numbers to call when you need help, will make this an insert the Town Crier readers will keep for reference all winter long.

This special pull-out section will be inserted in the November 25 edition of the Town Crier. It is also published as a stand-alone piece that is distributed free online and throughout the Mountain Communities.

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 Call Shane at the  
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 which comes out the day before Thanksgiving, is a good time to advertise **Real Estate, a Special Event or a sale at your store.**

The day after Thanksgiving is the **busiest shopping day of the year.** Not to mention all the people who will be here on November 27th for the **50th Anniversary of the Tree Lighting Ceremony.**

**Deadline: November 22**  
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You need to be in the Town Crier's **Homes on the Hill.**



Contact a local Idyllwild Realtor to list your property in the most current and up-to-date Real Estate publication on the Hill. Also a great resource for Idyllwild Association of Realtors Affiliates and local contractors.

**Deadline: Dec. 18**  
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