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The CIF Southern Section Division 4A Girls Volleyball champions, the Hemet High School Bulldogs, front row (from left) **Gina Drell, Taylor Griner, Rosie Robinson, Shelbi Skinner and Kayla Bozer.** Second row (from left) **Jennifer Gordon, Megan Scott, Jennelle Smaby, Kayla Graham, Rebecca Quam, Terri Williams and Hayleigh Friemuth.** Coach **Jewel Robinson** holds championship plaque. The score of the winning match was Hemet 25, Upland Christian Academy 23. Hemet wins 3-0.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHAEL DRELL AND BILL SANBORN



Hemet girls are champs

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Hemet High School Girls' Volleyball team won the new California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 4A championship. On Friday evening, the Hemet girls defeated the Upland Church Academy in three very close games.

"I'm excited and proud of my teammates," said Gina Drell, Idyllwild resident and team member. Preparation began in August before the school term, she said. "It was really hard work, but it paid off."

Upland Church was the defending Division 4A Champion, but Hemet (23-3) dispatched them in three games, just as they had done with four previous tournament opponents. But this time, the

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Idyllwild's Thanksgiving weekend

By BETH NOTTLEY
STAFF REPORTER

Thanksgiving in Idyllwild offers the chance to experience the start of the holiday season in the idyllic surroundings of a quaint and picturesque mountain village. The air is crisp, clear, and scented by fragrant pine and cedar trees and wafting aromas from fireplaces and ovens. Late autumn colors are displayed on the trees. The town looks charmingly festive, with lights decorating shop windows and a

huge living Christmas tree gracing the town center. It's a perfect place to celebrate Thanksgiving and join in the local holiday events happening throughout the weekend.

Thanksgiving weekend features three annual Idyllwild events, the American Legion Post 800's free Thanksgiving Dinner, the Rotary Club's 44th-annual Harvest Festival and the 50th-annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration, sponsored this year by the Greater Idyllwild Tree Lighting Committee.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Legion's Thanksgiving dinner held at noon Thursday, Nov. 25. The Legion provides turkey and other dishes. Guests are welcome to bring a favorite dish to share.

Many local restaurants will offer traditional Thanksgiving fare. These include Restaurant Gastrognome, the Mountain Restaurant, Mile High Café, Jo' An's Restaurant, Nature's Wisdom, Goodtimes Pub & Grill and Idyllwild's newest restaurant, Little Chef
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IFPD financial questions linger

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

On Wednesday, not Monday as promised, Smith Marion and Co. (SM), delivered the fiscal year 2008-09 audit to the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD). Although SM wrote that it fairly represents the agency's financial position as of June 30, 2009, many e-mail messages between the auditing firm and IFPD suggest significant questions remain and IFPD has not yet taken initiative to assure the accuracy of its finances.

As early as June 2009, Smith Marion advised IFPD about significant deficiencies in its internal controls. These inconsistencies may explain why IFPD paid Smith Marion nearly 40 percent more than the estimated cost to conduct the 2007-08 and 2008-09 audits.

In a Jan. 5, 2010 memorandum to the IFPD board of commissioners, former financial manager, Janice Coopersmith of The Family Business, included messages from Marion stating that
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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Nov. 15 to Nov. 21:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Nov. 17 — Medical aid, Saddle Drive, Idyllwild.

Nov. 17 — Rescue, South Circle Drive and Daryll Road, Idyllwild.

Nov. 19 — Dispatched and nothing found, Highway 243 at Strawberry Creek Bridge, Idyllwild.

Nov. 19 — Walk-in medical aid.

Nov. 19 — Dispatched and canceled en route, twice.

Nov. 20 — Medical aid, Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

Nov. 21 — Medical aid, Manzanita Drive, Idyllwild.

Nov. 21 — Medical aid, Linger Lane, Idyllwild.

Nov. 21 — Traffic collision with injuries, High-

way 243 at Black Mountain Road.

Nov. 21 — Two walk-in medical aids.

Nov. 21 — Medical aid, Sylvan Way, Pine Cove.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Nov. 19 — Medical aid, person down.

Nov. 19 — Fire, false alarm.

Nov. 21 — Medical aid, traffic collision.

Nov. 21 — Medical aid, fall.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Nov. 17 — Fire Menace Standby, 53000 block of Highway 243, Idyllwild.

Nov. 20 — Traffic collision, 61000 block of Highway 371, Anza.

Nov. 20 — Traffic collision, 69000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Nov. 18 — Medical aid.

Anza homicide victim was aggressor

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Riverside County Central Homicide Unit identified Jason Thomas Reagan, 41, of Anza as the decedent in a Thursday, Nov. 11 homicide. Authorities also identified Reagan as the assault suspect in the case.

According to investiga-

tors, Reagan came to a residence in the 59000 block of Reynolds Way in Anza and physically assaulted one of the residents, an individual known to Reagan and with whom he had a hostile relationship.

During the incident, Reagan began to argue with the man and then physically attacked him. The man produced a knife, and in ap-

parent self-defense, stabbed Reagan in the torso, causing Reagan to collapse. The man called 911 and rendered medical aid to Reagan until medical personnel arrived. Reagan died at the scene prior to the arrival of law enforcement authorities.

Based on the investigation conducted by authorities, the man was found to have acted in self defense

and no charges will be filed.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident can contact Investigator Ricardo Espinoza of Central Homicide at (760) 393-3500 or Investigator Mark Janecka at Hemet Station (951) 791-3400.

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

Riverside County Fire, Anza

Log unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Anza

Log unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following call from Monday to Sunday, Nov. 15 to Nov. 21. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Nov. 18 — Two-vehicle, noninjury traffic collision, Highway 371 east of Howard Road, Anza.

Nov. 19 — Single-vehicle, noninjury traffic collision, Highway 74 west of McCall Park Road, Mountain Center.

Nov. 19 — Two-vehicle, noninjury traffic collision, Bohlen Road north of Mitchell Road, Anza. This collision involved a passenger vehicle and Hemet Unified School District bus. No students were on board

the bus at the time of the collision.

Nov. 20 — Two-vehicle traffic collision with one minor injury, Highway 74 west of McCall Park Road, Mountain Center.

Nov. 21 — Single-ve-

hicle traffic collision with one minor injury, Highway 243 north of Round Robin Drive, Stone Creek.

Sheriff's log

Log unavailable.

No more mailed tax booklets

The Franchise Tax Board (FTB) announced it will no longer mail tax booklets to taxpayers. Rather, they are migrating to e-filing. Last year, 75 percent of all returns were e-filed.

In January, taxpayers will receive a letter with information on filing options, including e-filing, and how to obtain a full, printed tax booklet. The most commonly used forms will be available at local libraries and tax offices. All the tax information can also be found online at ftb.ca.gov. FTB's website offers a wide array of electronic filing options from the free CalFile and ReadyReturn services to other free and fee-based services offered by private software companies.

Block sales calls to cell phones

All cell phone numbers will go public this month and be released to telemarketing companies, which means that cell phone users will be getting sales calls for which they are charged. To prevent this, call the national Do Not Call list at 888-382-1222. You must call from the cell phone number you want to have blocked; another number won't work. By making this call, you will block sales calls for five years. Pass the word along to other cell phone users.

CHP Christmas Toy Drive

The California Highway Patrol (CHP) is having its annual CHiPs For Kids Toy Drive. The drop-off location for Idyllwild-area residents is the Red Kettle. Donations of new, unwrapped toys can be made through Dec. 20. Donated toys will be distributed to needy children on the Hill. The toys should be for ages birth to 12 years old. For questions about CHiPs For Kids, contact CHP Public Information Officer Scott Beauchene at (951) 769-2000.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 11/25	Friday 11/26	Saturday 11/27	Sunday 11/28	Monday 11/29
				
42/26 Sunny and breezy.	49/28 Sunny.	51/31 Cloudy with a slight chance of showers.	47/25 Increasing clouds, slight chance of showers.	48/26 Sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
11-15	66	35			59	28		
11-16	66	35			66	31		
11-17	68	34			68	34		
11-18	66	31			61	33		
11-19	61	31			na	na		
11-20	47	33	1.21		65	29		
11-21	41	27	2.05	2.7	53	28		

<p>Moisture in inches</p> <p>To date this season (Idy): 6.88</p> <p>To date last season (Idy): 2.02</p> <p>Total last season (Idy): 23.61</p> <p>To date this season (PC): 7.04</p> <p>Total last season (PC): 30.92</p>	<p>Snow in inches</p> <p>To date this season (Idy): 2.7</p> <p>To date last season (Idy): 0</p> <p>Total last season (Idy): 35.91</p> <p>To date this season (PC): 3</p> <p>Total last season (PC): 72.5</p>
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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

Nothing to write home about: Part II

Last week in Part I of this column, I talked about hiking and climbing gear that has outlived its usefulness. This week, I will continue with gear items that are either already obsolete or on their way out in the near future.



The ubiquitous cell phone will eventually kill off a lot of other tech gear. GPS [global positioning system] units could be on the endangered species list because many high-end cell phones have a built-in GPS function. Now, some watches also have a GPS function, an altimeter and other features. Eventually, cell phones will incorporate virtually every tech gadget.

Oddly enough, I still sell lots of maps and compasses. Everyone thought that GPS units would make finding a route with a compass obsolete. Sometimes, so many people use a gear item that it takes a long time for everyone to make the switch. In addition, every Boy Scout has had to use a compass at some time. Now, you can see that there is a built-in base of people that are reluctant to change. Besides, compasses and maps never have dead spots or dead batteries.

The instep crampon is definitely on the endangered species list. It was always a minimalist solution combined with the most baffling strapping system of all time. Even the late great outdoorsman, Jim Fairchild, had a lot of trouble figuring out how to attach instep crampons to his boots. It was the only time that I had to show Jim anything about outdoor gear.

Of course, some brands of instep crampons have an easier buckle system. Once Yaktrax and MICROspikes came along, no one wanted to hassle with insteps.

Because of the design, instep crampons are at the center of your boot when you are using your forefoot and heel for walking. This made for a slower flat-footed



Summer Holly, *Comarostaphylis diversifolia*, a member of the Heath (*Ericaceae*) family, is a slow-growing, ever-green shrub or small tree. It can grow 20 feet tall. A seldom seen, but highly attractive shrub, it is a contribution to chaparral or woodland gardens. Its shiny green leaves with serrated edges, beautiful shredded bark, urn-shaped



white flowers in the spring and late summer red berries are all attractive features. It occurs naturally on dry slopes in coastal chaparral and is cold-hardy to 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Well-draining rocky soil, partial sun and deep watering once a month in the summer are vital ingredients.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HAROLD VOORHEIS

approach that I, for one, found very awkward. Occasionally, I still get requests for insteps. But once I show the customer how easily the Yaktrax and MICROspikes can be attached and removed, the insteps end up back on the shelf.

Another soon-to-be nostalgic winter hiking item will be snowshoes, particularly the ones made of natural materials, which are more frequently seen on ski lodge walls than on someone's feet. For hundreds of years, snowshoes were man-made, using the same methods developed by native Americans.

Modern snowshoes are manufactured with either lightweight metal or molded plastic platforms and are

much more efficient and durable. I admit that aesthetically the old-school snowshoes are miles ahead of some red plastic MSR Denali snowshoes, but I doubt that we will ever have any wooden snowshoes in the shop again.

Finally, I think the day of the titanicly large down jacket is so over. When you see the new sleeker lightweight down jackets that are really warm without all the bulk and weight, you might agree. Compared to the Pillsbury Doughboy look, there is no contest, unless you enjoy walking through doors sideways. There is really no need for all that bulk. With higher quality goose down and lighter shells, the down jacket now can be used as both a mid- and outer-layer.

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HIDEAWAY
Log cabin stirs memories of yesteryear. Covered front porch. Open floor plan, River Rock Hearth. Homesteader Kitchen, Office/Den area. Master Bedroom + Guest Bedroom. 2 Baths. Spacious back porch, fenced yard, pine forest views. **\$219,000**

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Obituary Jeremiah Vicondova

Jeremiah Vicondova of Idyllwild entered into eternal rest on Nov. 11, 2010. He was 63 years old.

Jere was born at March Air Force Base in Riverside on Aug. 14, 1947. He worked most of his adult life in the medical field as a certified nursing assistant at Riverside General. His last job was driving for Riverside Transit Agency Dial-A-Ride.



Jere never met a stranger and was always willing to help everyone. His many friends and family will miss him very much.

Jere is survived by his loving wife, Gail; sister Dixie Ruiz; daughter Charity Akuna; stepson Eric Wright; adopted daughter Renee Barnaul; adopted son Bruce Stewart; nieces Gabrielle, Vikki, Kellie and Angelina; nephews Vincent and Tym; and his loving pets: four doxies, Myra, Monkey, Little Daddy and Pokey and three cats, Bitty, Boxie and Fuzz.

Jere was a music lover and movie fan. He was also active in the Idyllwild Area Historical Society.

A celebration of Jere's extraordinary life will be held at his home in Idyllwild at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his name to Vitas Hospice in Cathedral City.

ONLY IN IDYLLWILD

When our new neighbors, Chris and Ginger, moved in, they put up a 6-foot high redwood fence to keep their two dogs in the backyard. After spending a few evenings on our deck, they saw that their fence significantly blocked our view of the forest and the grazing deer. So, at considerable expense, they subsequently removed a good portion of the fence. This action restored our great view of the forest and the grazing deer.

Morry Copeland and Dick Dorisse
Idyllwild

Deal reached, monument moved

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In a last minute deal reached on Monday, Nov. 22, the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce and David Roy agreed to proceed with moving Roy's carving "Harmony" on Tuesday, Nov. 23. On the previous Friday, Roy presented a list of demands to Chamber 2nd Vice President Nick Todd. This followed a failed attempt to move the monument on Thursday, Nov. 18.

The Chamber privately agreed to: pay Roy \$2,000 prior to the moving of "Harmony," which the Chamber delivered to Roy Monday; contract and pay for the crane needed to move the Tree Monument; and pay Roy an additional \$2,000 once he installs and retrofits his carving on the Village Center Drive site. Additionally, according to Todd, the Chamber will insure the moving process. The Chamber recently attached the policy to insure the move.

Still outstanding on Roy's list of requests is the removal of a pine tree to the left of the monument site. The tree is large and would in fact obscure the carving from one entire perspective.



David Roy's "Harmony" monument was finally moved to the original Tree Monument location on Village Center Drive on Nov. 23.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

The agreement reached between Roy and the Chamber differs from prior agreements reached in public meetings. For example, Roy was to deliver the monument "as is" for what he had already been paid with no further payments. With the additional \$4,000 to which the Chamber has now agreed, Roy will have received the original contract price of \$15,000, but with delivery several years later than originally agreed.

Todd indicated that the
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 24

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard building)
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)

THURSDAY, NOV. 25

- Song and Thanks gathering, 10 a.m. Christian Science Church, 25970 Cedar Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)

FRIDAY, NOV. 26

- 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. 27

- "Get Connected," Southern California Edison's educational event about new Smart Meters, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. B's Mountain of Books.
- 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. 28

- 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. 29

- 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.
- Valley Health System board of directors meeting, 6:30 p.m. Medical Arts building Boardroom, 301 N. San Jacinto, 2nd Floor, Hemet.

TUESDAY, NOV. 30

- 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 Sci-

ence, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)

- 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.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1

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

meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- California Department of Forestry (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Chamber of Commerce, 54325 North Circle Dr., 12-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 659-3259.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday & Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Skate Park, Idyllwild Pines Camp, 26375 Highway 243, 2:30 p.m.-dusk Wednesday & Thursday; 1:30 p.m.-dusk Friday; noon-dusk weekends.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Fire safety presentation

Hamilton Museum will host a presentation by Anza Valley firemen speaking about fire safety at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. The presentation will take place at the high school library on Mitchell Road.

Idyllwild School P.T.A. Holiday Fundraiser Wood Stove Raffle



Avalon "Spokane"



\$1,600 Value

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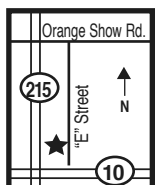
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WITH GRACE

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of the year in Idyllwild.



Before Don and I moved here, we used to rent a cabin in Idyllwild the week of Thanksgiving. The cabin was a little off-kilter. We'd spend the first hour cleaning and putting away knick-knacks, but we didn't care because we were in Idyllwild! When I would cook bacon in the morning, all of the grease would run to one side of the pan. Once again, we would laugh and say, "Isn't this place great?"

We would invite friends and family to visit so we could introduce them to the new friends we were making on the Hill. It's always fun to see friends from our corporate lives start to unwind when they visit.

It's been a year since I became publisher. Sometimes, I relate working at the paper to that little cabin. We work hard to put the paper out on time every week; we work on special publications and attend meetings. We try to do the best we can to cover information for the community.

Things don't always turn out the way I think they should but hey, it's Idyllwild. I'm thankful to the people who have supported me through this transition year.

This year, we will spend Thanksgiving day with some friends. My family will start to arrive on Friday so we can attend the Harvest Festival, where I'll stock up on jalapeño jelly and start my holiday shopping. The fun will continue on Saturday when we'll come into town early to visit the shops and introduce our family to all of the wonderful shopowners in town and then we'll hit all of the booths set up for the tree lighting. I'll have a great time introducing my family to fellow Jerseyites, Lou and Annemarie Padula, who will be running the hot dog stand and to Marge Muir, an original little rascal who came to a business roundtable meeting over a year ago and informed everyone that the 50th anniversary of the tree lighting ceremony was coming up and she needed everyone to participate. Well, the town responded. Idyllwild may be a little off-kilter but we all come together in the end.

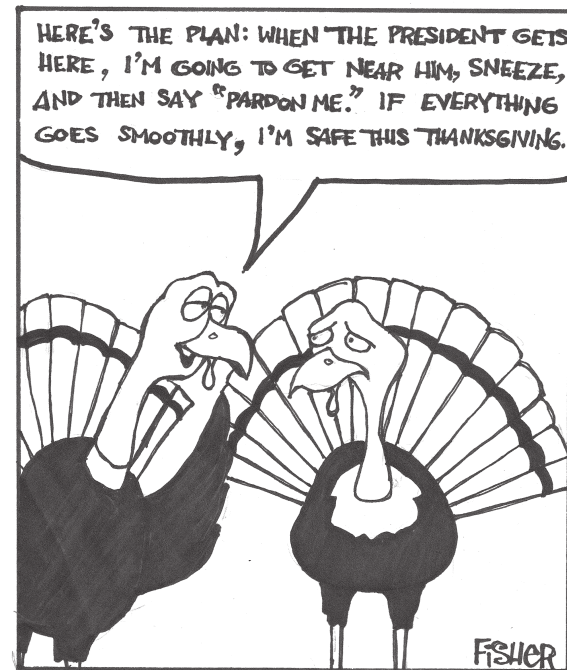
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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



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INITIAL THOUGHTS

"Now" is next week ...



As Grace says, she has been a year in this role. It has been more fun and work than I imagined, there have been more opportunities than I expected, and way more satisfaction, though

some disappointments.

Your feedback has been enormously helpful. But I've noticed that you're tiring recently. This is the second week without any letters to the editor.

As I reflect on the past 12 months, I realize how little time I have for introspection. Most of my time is focused on what is going to happen, and even the present is squeezed out for tomorrow.

I'm sure even larger papers suffer from this phenomenon. But I'm afflicted.

It begins on Wednesday morning when we have the story meeting (which anyone may attend). At that time, we discuss prospective stories for the next issue.

As I write, today is Tuesday, Nov. 23. Tomorrow, Wednesday, I will be planning the Dec. 2 issue. The Nov. 25 issue hasn't even hit the streets.

So, I'm thinking about what's happening Friday, Saturday or next Monday. By the

time it occurs, I'm on to the next moment, the next meeting, the next story.

Sometimes, when I do attend an event which we've been discussing prospectively, I have a sense of déjà vu.

Now, back to the past (see how I manage to avoid). I am pleased with the contribution of our columnists.

I realize that some individual columns and some of them don't please all of you. But we've had a variety of talent this year.

Some have performed as well as I expected and a few have really surprised me with their effort and evolution.

Yes, I'm thinking about the future of this writing stable, but haven't made any decisions.

I'm disappointed about our use of the website. I was and am pleased with our effort to create political stories on the political website we did this fall. (Many thanks to Don Raridon.) We are thinking about how to expand this in the future.

But I failed in my promise to create daily web stories. I hope this is something we can add in the future.

Those are a few of my thoughts. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please share them with us.

J.P., EDITOR

Local Authors Day at B's Books

B's Mountain of Books is hosting a Local Authors Day event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27. A dozen local authors will be present to discuss their books and sign copies for people who purchase them.

Authors scheduled to attend are Eduardo Santiago, author of "Soon They Will Kiss"; Bob Ferguson, "The Quarter Circle 81" and "The Knights Templar and Scotland"; Wayne Patterson, "If I were King — The Way Things Ought to Be"; Cheryl Paninder, "Firewood

Family and Friends Cookbook"; Connie Pierce, "My Journey of Real Life Weight Loss"; Geoffrey Gluckman, "Deadly Exchange"; Col. Bo Bottmonly, "Dishonored Glory," "Blind Glory," and "Prodigal Father"; Kevin Gerard, "Connor and the Crossworlds" (5-book series); Avianna Marie Jones, "Dreams Come True — Idyllwild's Lemon Lilies Come Home"; Trinity Kellner, "Divine Tie Dyes"; Nancy Layton, "Corn Field" and "The Pink House"; and Ken Luber, "Match to the Heart."

Holiday closings

Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Thursday, Nov. 25, to observe Thanksgiving day:

Area post offices	Idyllwild Transfer Station
BBVA Compass	Idyllwild Water District
Fairway Market	Mount San Jacinto
Fern Valley Water District	State Park
Hemet Unified School District	Pine Cove Water District
Idyllwild Health Center	Riverside County offices
Idyllwild Library	Town Crier (also Friday)
Idyllwild Pharmacy	U.S. Forest Service

These will be open:

Mountain Harvest Market (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.)	Pine Cove Market (7 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
Mountain Top Liquor (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.)	Village Market (5:30 a.m. to afternoon)

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

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FIRE AND FOREST

By MIKE ESnard, MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES
FIRE SAFE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

State contractors

In this week of Thanksgiving, I am grateful for many things. As many people do, I place my family at the top of my list. But not far from the top is the fact that this year, we had no dangerous wildfire threaten us. Given the history of fire in our region, a year without a big, awful fire is a year to be appreciated.



For some who are new to the mountains, my gratitude may seem a bit exaggerated. But those who have lived here or in Southern California this past decade will probably understand.

In 2003 and 2007, Santa Ana wind-driven fires were so powerful that the smoke plumes were easily visible from orbiting satellites. In the fall of 2003, the Cedar Fire in San Diego County burned more than 280,000 acres, killed 15 people, and destroyed 2,232 homes. The Old Fire Complex, burning at the same time in San Bernardino County, scorched 91,000 acres, caused six deaths, and destroyed 993 homes. Two true catastrophes were all the more terrifying because they were going on at the same time, along with many other fires in Southern California. At times, it seemed they could not be stopped.

Only four years later in 2007, catastrophe struck again. Santa Ana driven fires were burning all over SoCal, with massive fires happening again south of us in San Diego County. The worst of these fires was the Witch Creek Fire, which burned 198,000 acres, caused 2 deaths, and destroyed 1,040 homes.

At the same time on a smaller scale, two fires burned in the San Bernardino Mountains, west and southeast of Lake Arrowhead. The Grass Valley and Slide fires spread in terrain very much like our own, and together burned 14,000 acres and destroyed 375 homes.

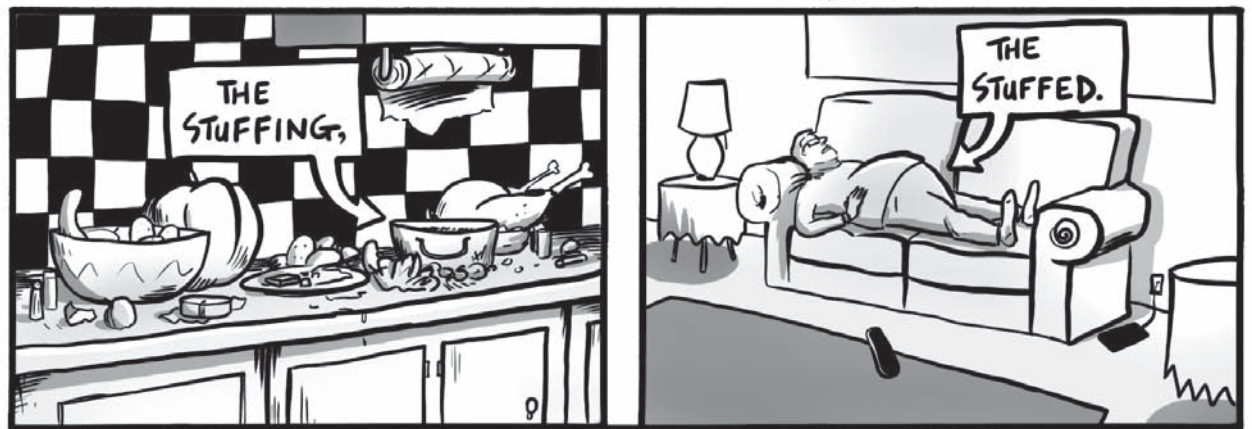
While 2003 and 2007 were extraordinary years for fire catastrophes, smaller fires can also cause searing grief. In the fall of 2006, an arsonist started a fire in Cabazon. The Santa Ana wind helped it race up the hill in the early morning hours. Though the Esperanza Fire burned few structures and only a fraction of the Cedar or Witch Creek acreage (40,000), it killed five U.S. Forest Service firefighters from the Alandale station, including Captain Mark Loutzenhiser of Idyllwild. It was a terrible loss for Idyllwild, and unforgettable.

Last August, we saw the Cottonwood Fire, which began on Highway 74 east of Hemet. This was a relatively minor fire, burning only 2,400 acres and causing no deaths, but it was enough to scare all of us who saw the dark plume heading our way before the fire agencies got it under control.

This year, we were fortunate. Moisture levels in the chaparral and forest were good, temperatures were cooler than usual, and the Santa Anas were mild. We did have two houses burn down on separate occasions, and though they were keen losses for the owners, no one was hurt and the fires were contained to the houses they ignited. We had several lightning-caused fires within monsoonal storms, but the Forest Service either put them out before they spread or let the rain douse them in isolated terrain.

It was a good year, and I am grateful. I hope we are as fortunate next year, but I won't count on it.

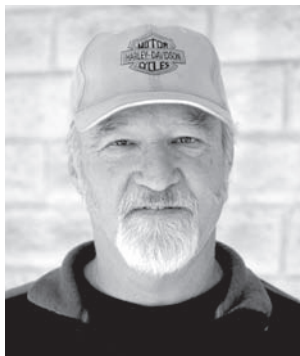
ON THE FRINGE



TOWN TALK

By CID CASTILLO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

What is your family's Thanksgiving tradition?



Harry Joe Reynolds
Musician
Part-time in Idyllwild

"I always observe Thanksgiving at my sister's home in Julian. That's the only family I have in California and that's where I'll be."



Tracy Philippi
Owner - Bugs to Bears
Idyllwild resident

"The American Legion is my family. We plan to deep-fry about 30 turkeys and we'll provide free Thanksgiving dinner to veterans, their families and their friends."



John Mathys
Owner - On-Time Home
Repair
Pine Cove

"For many years, the family gathers at my brother-in-law's home in La Habra. Usually, about 18 relatives show up every year for Thanksgiving dinner."



Nancy Griffin
Counselor and writer
Idyllwild

"I'm having dear friends from Pine Cove come over and we are having a vegetarian Thanksgiving dinner. I look forward to Thanksgiving."

Idyllwild Pharmacy offers new service

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

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

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

New schedule for forest offices

The winter schedule for the Idyllwild Ranger Station began on Oct. 1. Monday through Wednesday and weekend hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 12:30 p.m.). The Ranger Station is closed on Thursdays.

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IDYLLWILD
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Morphett and Monroe continue as IWD leaders

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District (IWD) Board of Directors re-elected the current slate of officers for next year. At its Nov. 16 meeting, directors asked Allan Morphett to continue as president and Warren Monroe to continue as vice president. Both men have served the district in these capacities since December 2005.

The district has net positive income for the fiscal year, which began July 1, although the operating revenue continues to fall as water usage declines. The October production was 7.4 million gallons, nearly 1.5 million gallons less than the October 2009 production of 8.9 million gallons.

"It's an even split between residential and commercial [customers]," said Auditor and Controller Jim Ludy.

In other water business, General Manager Terry Lyons reported that the creek flows were higher than normal for fall, related to the large October rainfall.

"Flows picked up at Strawberry Creek which helped the lake as well," Lyons said. "The Foster Lake

level [13.5 feet, maximum is 18] is excellent and Foster Lake wells are higher than previous years."

Fern Valley well 1A has been cleaned and the media, used to remove radioactive contaminants in the water, has been replaced. The content level is low enough that Lyons believes the media's life expectancy replacement period can be extended a year.

"The team removing the material did not need nor wear any special equipment," he said for emphasis. The sample readings are all very good, he added, reporting that the well has already been returned to service.

Ascend Engineering, IWD's consultant, continues to prepare studies for the proposed wastewater treatment facility, Lyons told the board. The firm has hired a California licensed engineer to assist in the work.

IWD officials have also met with the director of Idyllwild Pines Camp to officially consummate the agreement for potential use of a significant portion of the treated water after the project is completed.

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Chronic leak problem resurfaces

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

At a Friday, Nov. 19 meeting, Fern Valley Water District (FVWD) General Manager Steve Erler informed the board that a section of older pipe on Boulder Drive had caused a leak allowing water to flow onto nearby residential properties. Erler noted that water again flowed onto a rental property owned by Ray Brown.

Brown claims this same property was damaged in a previous leak and he has threatened a lawsuit against the district. Brown has rejected an offer from the board to pay for half the cost of replacing his driveway. Erler said the most recent water flow had caused no further damage to Brown's property.

Erler reported that the 60-year-old pipeline is also subject to high pressure of 225 pounds per square inch, a factor that may have contributed to the latest

leak. Erler said this section of pipe has long been scheduled for replacement and that 11 leaks have occurred previously in the same area. Though the leaks were scheduled for replacement in July 2008, other exigencies intervened to delay replacement.

"It's an old line, a very thinned walled pipe," said Erler, "and it's a big job to do this replacement. I told the board a year ago that it [a break] would happen again." Director Charlie Wix underscored the need for replacement. Board President Ron Korman said, "We need to get this back on the priority list."

Erler's manager's report also included completion by EL-CO Contractors of 2,500 linear feet of water main on portions of Upper Pine Crest, Fern Valley Road, Lily Way, and Glen Road. The work, for which the district paid \$377,298, included installation of three new fire hydrants, 30 water services, and road asphalt replace-

ment. The contracted work came in at 91 percent of the project's budget of \$415,000 and Notice of Completion has been filed with Riverside County.

In other business, Erler noted November static well level recordings show increases in the majority of well levels, with wells remaining 1 to 4 feet higher compared to the same times

last year. Also, water consumption for the September-October billing period is down 11.5 percent and water sales are down 2.4 percent over the same period last year. Unaccounted-for water is at 12.8 percent with a running average of 17 percent.

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Strange but true

It was Benjamin Disraeli, 19th-century British Prime Minister and the first Earl of Beaconsfield, who made the following sage observation: "The most dangerous strategy is to jump a chasm in two leaps."

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IFPD

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adjustments to IFPD's financial reports starting in fiscal year 2003-04 needed to be made.

One month later, February 2010, the board accepted these audits without the necessary changes. Now, the board is prepared to accept the 2009 audit, although Smith Marion has repeatedly requested a cash reconciliation as of June 30, 2010. The Town Crier requested all correspondence between the auditor and the fire agency on Nov. 11. The response to the Town Crier does not include IFPD's response to Smith Marion's request.

Finally, in his Oct. 25 letter to Chief Walker, Marion withdrew his firm's offer to continue work with IFPD.

"As you are aware..., due to errors we noted in the cash account during our audit procedures, we were waiting for the cash to be reconciled for the months subsequent to that year end. Through an e-mail received from the district on [Oct. 22], we are aware that cash has not yet been

reconciled," Marion reiterated to Walker.

He concluded, "It is our conclusion that the district is not positioning the financial accounting and reporting system to meet those requirements. As your auditor, we are not responsible for your internal controls nor are we part of your internal control structure."

When asked about the possibility of long-standing problems, Craig Cooper-Smith replied, "IFPD books were on a double-entry accounting system from the first check we wrote until the day we left. The financial reports were comprised of information from this accounting system imported to Excel spreadsheets.

"The prior year's audit adjustments were not posted before we left; May 31st was the ending date of our relationship with IFPD," he added. The Coopersmiths intended to meet with Smith Marion to make the adjustments; of course, their January memorandum said the audit had already started.

One year ago, in November 2009, Marion attended a public IFPD meeting to

Fire volunteers rue reserves

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

At its Nov. 9 meeting, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors initiated the process to bring volunteer firefighters into the Riverside County Fire Department (RCFD) and then to establish a reserve volunteer firefighter category.

Despite the board's and County Fire Chief John Hawkins's assurances that these efforts are not intended to eliminate volunteer service, the volunteers and their representatives remain skeptical.

"Next year when the budget is worse, we'll be gone," said Mark McLaughlin, secretary of the Riverside County Volunteer Firefighters Association. He has more than 20 years

experience with the Pedley Area Volunteer Company No. 16.

Exacerbating their fears is the demise of Orange County's volunteer companies in just the past 24 months. About two years ago, Orange County created a reserve firefighter cadre. In September 2010, the cost of that program caused the Orange County fire authority to consider the elimination of 245 volunteer positions.

McLaughlin and Bruce Connole, longtime Anza Station 53 volunteer, believe the Riverside County volunteers will suffer the same fate. They point to the recent board discussion about a public safety budget deficit in fiscal year 2010-11. Of the total, \$6 million is RCFD's responsibility. They

believe that could increase next year if Cal Fire reduces its funding. While RCFD has not released an official estimate of the reserve program's cost, the volunteers estimated cost to be about \$1.3 million compared to volunteer program contribution approaching \$6 to \$7 million in value and a direct cost of less than \$700,000.

If volunteer companies disappear, McLaughlin and Connole believe county residents will be less well-off for several reasons.

"Volunteers give an instant response to an incident," Connole said. "They are typically located in the community."

Volunteer companies cost less and have a shorter response time because the members are community

residents and maintain the link between firefighters and the community.

For example, only two of Idyllwild Fire Department's career firefighters are Idyllwild residents. Selecting Norm Walker as Fire Chief increased that number 50 percent — to three.

Volunteers have a long tradition of belonging and supporting their communities, McLaughlin stated. In Pedley during the holidays, volunteers collect donations that go toward "Adopt-a-family."

"Every year, we help 100 to 150 families," he said. "Cal Fire [staff] will not do it. They don't have the connection to the community."

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discuss the four years of unfinished audits. Internal controls were discussed at the meeting and former Fire Chief Steve Kunkle said the agency would develop the proper financial

procedures. Walker has implemented some controls since taking responsibility, including requiring captains to obtain his approval for spending.

While many of these and

other questions remain unanswered, IFPD has taken a step in that direction.

At a special meeting, Monday, Nov. 22, the IFPD commission accepted a proposal from Rogers, Ander-

son, Malody and Scott of San Bernardino to conduct the next audit.

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IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT NOVEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

RECYCLED WATER GRANT FUNDS — IWD is applying for additional State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) grant funding to cover the new revisions to our Recycled Water Facility Planning Report. These revisions were the results of a change of direction from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The board members approved the cost of \$48,200 for Ascend Engineering Inc. to make the revisions to our previous Facility Planning Report. The grant funding requested is \$24,100 or 50% of the cost for the report. Anuj Saha with Ascend Engineering has agreed to retain a California Registered Engineer to complete CDPH'S Title 22 report. His name is Dr. Anders Wistrom, Ph.D. P.E., registered in California. He will be working with Mr. Saha to prepare and review the Title 22 report. Dr. Wistrom will be required to sign the report. Mr. Saha, who is a currently registered engineer in several other states, is awaiting approval for his application to become a registered engineer in California. Once both reports have been accepted by the two State agencies, the District can apply for SWRCB'S construction grant funds. A "big thanks" for support letters from the Idyllwild Pines Campground, Idyllwild Arts, and the Royal Pines Mobile Home Park.

IMPROVING EFFICIENCY FOR FV2 WELL — We are moving forward with our first major well improvement project for the year. Each year we select three existing well projects for a major well overhaul. These three wells, FV2, FV1A & Well #2 were selected from Southern California Edison's (SCE) well efficiency test reports. SCE has agreed to provide us \$6,700 toward these well projects under the SCE Incentive Fund Program. These projects will improve well efficiency and reduce power demands for SCE. It's a win/win situation for both SCE and IWD. We will save operational costs with the improvements and should see more water produced from these three wells.

OAKWOOD WELL — We have received the green light from CDPH for operating our recently purchased 30 gpm Oakwood Well. We are ready to proceed hooking the well up to our water system. We will need to install a treatment system similar to systems at other district wells. This well will provide us additional water supplies, especially during dry times and should be ready for operation by this spring.

PREPARE FOR COLD WEATHER — Each year you should take time to make sure all your outside, above ground water lines are wrapped and protected against freezing. This time of year we receive numerous calls from customers who didn't prepare and find frozen water lines. Outside pipes can be capped with split foam tubes, with a double thickness at bends where freeze-ups are most likely. Duct tape or clips can secure the foam at equal intervals. Pipe insulation can deteriorate and should be inspected yearly. Water pipes in unheated garages, basements, crawl spaces or exterior walls with minimal insulation could also freeze. Disconnect hoses from outdoor faucets. If you will be away during winter months, open and drain your household and irrigation pipes at the lowest portion of the residence. Your system may require biodegradable antifreeze in the traps. The toilet may need to be covered in saran wrap to prevent evaporation of the contents, which would permit sewer gases to enter the home. Since plumbing systems vary, it is wise to contact your plumber or property manager who can help you with winterizing information. Shutting off your water at the customer valve located near the meter offers the best protection.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

IWD will be closed on November 25th & 26th

Our Next Board Meeting will be on December 14, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

MAST supports FSC inspections

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

At its Nov. 17 meeting, Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST) officials discussed their plans for the winter and began to think about a new long-term plan. The local Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council (FSC) made the most tangible recommendation for fire prevention.

Edwina Scott, FSC executive director, reported that she and Idyllwild Fire Chief Norm Walker discussed how the FSC could help the Idyllwild Fire Department (IFD) conduct its fire abatement inspections in 2011.

This week, at a special Idyllwild Fire Protection District meeting Monday, Nov. 22, the commission endorsed Walker's and Scott's plan.

Scott believes a current FSC grant might fund the work if she can gain approval to shift funding. If this is approved, Scott and Walker will complete the details on how FSC will collaborate with IFD to complete more inspections. Walker expressed his enthusiasm to the commission, who unanimously agreed to proceed with the first step.

Before Scott's idea was presented, officials discussed the initial topic, which was management of a possible evacuation. California High-

way Patrol Lt. Michael Soubirous described the efforts CHP has taken to improve its management of local highways in the event of an emergency.

In cooperation with Cal Fire, CHP will ensure that the reason for, need for and duration of a road closure will be shared with officers on the scene. With this information, CHP will understand when Hill residents may be permitted to drive through a road closure to get home or when the incident does require full closure and alternative routes.

"We want to make sure we're serving the motoring public," Lt. Soubirous said. "We'll know the answers and the alternative routes."

Reinforcing Soubirous' comments, Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins said he planned to send Lt. Soubirous's ideas through the CAL FIRE chain of command with the intention of establishing statewide highway emergency policy.

Melanie Gerber, program analyst with the Riverside County's Waste Management Division, told the group that the county did not accept any response from its requests for proposals (RFP) to operate the local grinding site. A new RFP had been issued and closed on Tuesday, Nov. 23. Five new potential contractors attended the preliminary

GSOB threat mobilizes MAST agencies

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone's concern over the potential damage the goldspotted oak borer (GSOB) could do to county and state oak stands is helping galvanize fire agency response.

As the Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST) begins to plan for the future, they agreed the GSOB poses a threat to the local forest that becomes one of the agencies' highest priorities.

CAL FIRE Battalion Chief for Pre-Fire Management Bill Weiser said, "We are willing to commit our law enforcement people and inspectors to this process. There may also be a role and place for county code enforcement. Having Kevin Turner, [previous CAL FIRE pre-fire management chief,] involved with GSOB scientists is a real plus." Turner is working with University of California, Riverside scientist Dr. Tom Scott to develop scientific strategies for combating GSOB

spread.

San Jacinto Ranger District Forester Hal Carey reported that one arm of Forest Service response is to set traps to detect if the GSOB has migrated onto the Hill. The traps would be located in areas, such as county campgrounds, where firewood is routinely brought in by campers. GSOB is thought to have migrated to California in firewood from established habitats in Guatemala, Mexico and eastern Arizona. The particular variety of GSOB currently ensconced in San Diego County has been identified as the one in Arizona.

Also, Stone is moving forward with efforts at the county level. He has scheduled meetings with the County Agricultural Commissioner, presentations by scientists before the Boards of Supervisors of both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, and plans to break out discretionary funds to help start a citizen education campaign warning of the danger of importing infected firewood.

site visit, according to Gerber.

She is optimistic that a new contractor can be in place by the beginning of 2011. Meanwhile, she an-

nounced the site would close on Saturdays beginning Dec. 1 through April.

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BID proposal faces hurdle

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

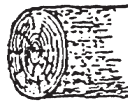
State voters may have handed gestating Business Improvement Districts (BID) a significant roadblock with the passage of Proposition 26, which requires state and local governmental entities to secure a 2/3 majority vote by constituents before levying certain fees, assessments and regulatory charges. Of immediate issue in Idyllwild is the nascent BID, proposed by some village merchants to guarantee the business

community an annual fund to market Idyllwild as a tourist destination.

The proposition seeks to expand the definition of "taxes" to encompass fees that state and municipalities previously enacted without constituent votes. The potential price tag to the state, counties and municipalities could be daunting, inasmuch as certain fees could no longer be expeditiously assessed as needed. The state took a \$1 billion projected hit, since many previously budgeted fees will now have

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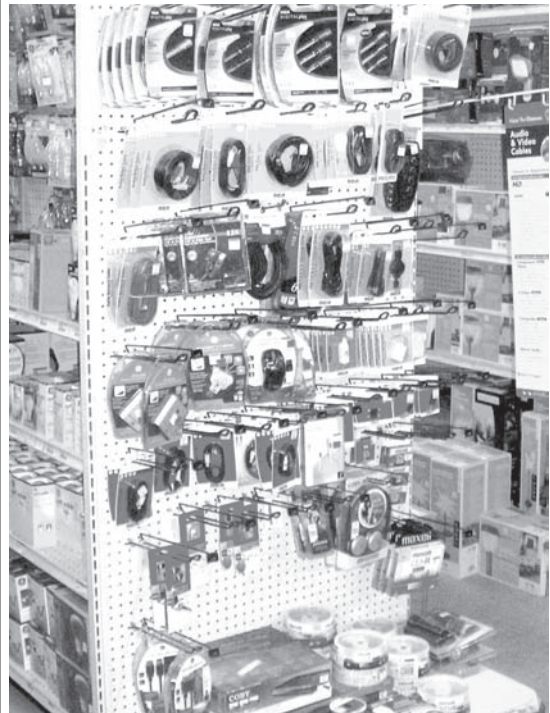
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Senator Emmerson on policy

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Editor's note: This is the second part of our interview with State Senator Bill Emmerson. The interview took place on Oct. 29 just prior to the Nov. 2 election.

In a cordial and spirited interview at the Town Crier, State Senator Bill Emmerson (R-37) admitted his interest in politics is policy — the nuts and bolts of examining, debating, crafting and voting on legislation that solves constituent problems. Emmerson's sharp intelligence and avuncular style were apparent during the discussion, in which he noted merit in some opposing views.

In discussing Meg Whitman's campaign, he identified the moment he thought it began to implode — the firing of a long time Latina domestic worker. "She [Whitman] looked insensitive," he said, noting that Hispanics comprise the largest new voting block in the state.

Emmerson said his party has historically failed to connect with Hispanics, beginning with 1994's Proposition 187 that sought to create a state-run citizenship screening system in order to prohibit illegal immigrants from using health care, public education, and other social services in California. "We handled that badly," said Emmerson, noting that it will take years and concerted outreach by Republicans to bridge that gulf. Emmerson had hoped that appointed Republican Lt. Governor Abel Maldonado, himself Hispanic, would be elected

and aid his party's Hispanic outreach, but San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom defeated Maldonado.

Like his fellow legislators, Emmerson is deeply concerned about the state budget crisis. He regrets that the state did not create a rainy day fund, but continued to spend what came in. He also sees peril in public employee pension issues, which he called an "out of control system." He finds "spiking" objectionable, a practice whereby an employee's retirement is pegged to their highest salary and not to an average calculated over a period of years.

Emmerson believes the Legislature and the governor have been disingenuous with the public. They have deferred difficult economic policy decisions and used bridge funding and bonds to avoid making the hard decisions. Emmerson said the October budget was premised on projections and suppositions that were far too optimistic. "Of the \$5.5 billion California is supposed to get from the federal government, we will be lucky to get \$1.8 billion, if anything," he said.

On Proposition 23, the attempt to roll back environmental and pollution control laws until unemployment rates lessened, Emmerson said he had some agreement with the issues addressed by Assembly Bill 32 (the environmental legislation). Emmerson felt the bill had no meat, and could have been better drafted as policy. "I liked the substance, not the process."

On the majority vote to pass a state budget, rather

than a 2/3 vote, Emmerson said he could support an annual cap on budget growth. "Traditionally, California's budget has not grown more than three percent in any one year. I could support a cap [along with the majority vote]." Since Democrats are in the majority, the majority vote could arguably allow Democrats to run roughshod over the Republican opposition on spending matters. A spending cap could act as a control.

When asked about the Hill experiences with South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) regulations, Emmerson talked about unintended consequences some laws and regulations precipitate. At issue is AQMD's regulation of Hill fire agency controlled burns. By reducing windows within which fire agencies conduct burns, AQMD sought to limit deleterious effects on those with breathing conditions off the Hill. Fire agencies need to conduct controlled burns to avoid buildup of ladder fuel that could lead to dangerous wildfires and reduction of burning windows allows fuel buildup. Also, new AQMD regulations prohibit woodburning fireplaces in new construction. Many

Hill residents heat their home with woodburning fireplaces. Limitations on the use of woodburning stoves and fireplaces will begin in November 2011 and extend through the winter. "This is the case of too much power to a particular agency," said Emmerson.

Emmerson said the national debate on jobs, the economy and healthcare is a healthy one, but wishes it were more civil. "Civility?" he asked. "What civility?"

He believes the election booth and the ballot box are the best forms of term limits. "Elections are term limits," he noted. "That's the way it should go. Also, serving for a longer period of time builds institutional memory [which ultimately helps create legislative expertise and better legislation]."

Lastly, Emmerson said the conviviality of the smaller Senate suits him more than the Assembly. "It's more collegial, and we're able to debate more in committees, spending more time on review of legislation," he said. "Also, I'm more the policy type, not so much the political type."

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State Senator Bill Emmerson (R-37) visited Idyllwild on Friday, Oct. 29. Emmerson (on left) is seen here with Idyllwild Water District Board President Allan Morphet.

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Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Wednesday, Nov. 24

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Nov. 25

Free Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner, noon. American Legion Post 800.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Nov. 26

44th Annual Harvest Festival of Arts & Crafts, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Town Hall.

Sandii Castleberry, Don Reed, and Paul Carman, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

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

Saturday, Nov. 27

Grand Opening of Honey Buns & Joe Bakery, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

44th-annual Harvest Festival of Arts & Crafts, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Town Hall.

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; Rebecca Caldwell, 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.

Local Authors Day and book-signing, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. B's Mountain of Books.

50th Annual Tree Lighting and Winterfest Activities, 1-6 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. Tree Lighting & Caroling. Center of town.

ARF's Winterfest Booth, 1-6 p.m. Center of town.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

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

Tribe-O Reggae, 9 p.m.-close. Bone Daddy's.

Sunday, Nov. 28

Ernesto Ale, 9 a.m.-noon; Skel-eton Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Nov. 29

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

Mutts of the Planet, 6-9 p.m., Café Aroma.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

Bill Siatta, Blues Man, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Dec. 2

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

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

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 11:59 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.-close. Bone Daddy's.

Friday, Dec. 3

Sandii Castleberry and friends, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Interdisciplinary Arts Fashion Show, 7:30 p.m. & 8:15 p.m. Bruce Ryan Sound Stage, Idyllwild Arts.

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

Saturday, Dec. 4

David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; Poetic Justice, 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.

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

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Palm Springs Festival of Lights Parade, 5:45 p.m. Palm Canyon Drive, Palm Springs.

Isis Theatre Company presents "A Child's Christmas in Wales and other stories," 7:30 p.m. The Caine Learning Center.

Sunday, Dec. 5

Ernesto Ale, 9 a.m.-noon; Skel-eton Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café



A rousing performance of "Cabaret of Souls" was led by guitarist and songwriter **Richard Thompson**, foreground, at Stephens Recital Hall on the Idyllwild Arts Campus last Thursday. In background is **Harry Shearer**, actor, author, director, satirist, playwright and musician.

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Aroma.

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

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Mt. San Jacinto College Orchestra Holiday Con- cer, 2:30 p.m. MSJC Theater, Hemet.

Monday, Dec. 6

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

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," Part 1, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

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Isis presents Christmas readings

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Isis Theatre Company will present a holiday celebration featuring the musical words of Welsh poet Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Caine Learning Center.

"Child's Christmas" is one of the most celebrated of Thomas' works recounting what it was like to be a child at Christmas in Wales in the early years of the 20th century.

His words are lilting and lyrical, opening with, "One Christmas was so much like another, in those years around the sea-town corner now and out of all sound except the distant speaking of the voices I sometimes hear a moment before sleep, that I can never remember whether it snowed for six days and six nights when I was twelve or whether it snowed for twelve days and twelve nights when I was six."

The staged reading of Thomas' classic will be ac-

companied by readings of O'Henry's "The Cop and the Anthem," and Patricia Polacco's "The Trees of the Dancing Goats."

The presentation will feature actors who are becoming a small repertory company for Isis — Howard Shangraw and Susan Hegarty, Idyllwild Arts faculty members, Isis founder Suzanne Avalon, Los Angeles actor Ann DeWolfe, Broadway veteran Emily Heebner, television actor Joe Spano of "Hill Street Blues" fame, and local poet and archetypical Irishman Mick Lynch.

Complementing the storied words of Thomas, O'Henry, and Polacco will be the musical voices of Diane Burt's professional singing and recording group, The Caroling Company.

"It will be a festive event," said Heebner, who co-directs "A Child's Christmas in Wales" with Suzanne Avalon.

Tickets are \$15. Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.

Idyllwild celebrates 50th tree lighting

By Beth Nottley
Staff Reporter

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the community gathering around a living tree, watching it light up, singing Christmas carols and rejoicing in the approaching holiday and winter season.

The idea for what has become an Idyllwild tradition took root in 1959 when the Idyllwild Lions Club spearheaded a project to move a 45-foot fir tree from Pine Cove to the Idyllwild village center. In April 1960, the giant fir was moved in an 8-foot redwood box with 20 tons of earth around the roots, using heavy equipment contributed by the G.A. Morris Excavating Company and the county road department.

In December 1960, an Idyllwild tradition was born when community members gathered around Idyllwild's first living community Christmas tree. Santa Claus made an appearance and promised to deliver the gifts that individuals brought for Sherman Indian students in Riverside.

Unfortunately, that fir succumbed to a severe attack of fir beetles in the summer and fall of 1962

and had to be cut down in March 1963. A new community Christmas tree was needed and it was decided that one of the giant sequoia trees gracing Eleanor Park would be used, the same tree — now 108 feet tall — that is used for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony today.

Eleanor Park was named for Eleanor Poates Johnson who, with her husband Jerry Johnson, was a town leader. It is said that Eleanor's son, Jimmy Johnson, who died this year at the age of 77, planted the seedling giant sequoia when he was 7 years old. Eleanor went all out for the holiday festivities in 1963 and had all the trees in the park decorated with lights.

Throughout the years, the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony has been produced by a variety of local service organizations. This year, the effort is being spearheaded by a new group of business and community leaders calling itself "The Greater Idyllwild Tree Lighting Committee." The group has led a successful fundraising for 1,700 new LED lights for the tree this year.

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Dr. Gwen Robertson, Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art educator and art historian, spoke to a full audience at the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council Speaker's Series at the Creekstone Inn last Wednesday. Dr. Robertson addressed contemporary fine art in her talk titled, "Greatest Hits of the 20th and 21st Centuries." PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



Two Idyllwild Arts students, **Anna Hall** and **Shanty Panza**, practice for one of the many performances scheduled at the Idyllwild Arts Campus this season.

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Jeri Sue Haney of BBVA Compass invited **Anne Devlin** of Idyllwild Arts and **Grace Reed** of the Town Crier to attend the BBVA Compass Economic Conference-Regional Outlook Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Mission Inn in Riverside. After the session, Haney introduced her guests to other BBVA officials, (from left), **Rosilyn Houston**, BBVA vice president regional retail executive, Haney, BBVA Idyllwild branch retail executive, **Jason Frederick**, BBVA economist and conference speaker, and **Anne Devlin**, Idyllwild Arts director of finance

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Give to kids through Angel Tree

The Idyllwild HELP Center has again set up its Angel Trees on the Hill. The trees contain gift tags, each one listing a child's Christmas wishes. Residents are encouraged to select a tag and make a child's dreams come true this Christmas. Gifts should then be brought to the HELP Center. This year, Angel Trees are set up at BBVA Compass bank, Fairway Market and the American Legion Post 800.

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Saturday, December 11
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Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra Concert. 2PM, IAF Theatre.

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Local receives first filmmaker sponsorship

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Idyllwild local Melissa Townsend is the first recipient of a \$2,000 Idyllwild Film Works (IFW) sponsorship. Each year, the Idyllwild Independent Festival of Cinema (IIFC) will provide a scholarship for a young filmmaker, age 18 through 24. In the future, IFW will award the scholarship with funds from various sponsors. This year, the Baylor Group and its adjunct, Baylor Entertainment and Baylor Creative, provided the scholarship money to fund and produce Townsend's short film, "Coyote Hunt."

"The intent," said IIFC Director Stephen Savage, "is to give new filmmakers the chance to learn by doing, especially those that

have not had a great deal of formal training [such as the Idyllwild Arts Moving Pictures Department provides]. Melissa was selected on the basis of her first short film, 'Poet Soldier.'"

Townsend was homeschooled in Idyllwild and took some film courses at Los Angeles City College and at a summer program in Maine.

Townsend wrote the script for, directed and edited "Coyote Hunt. It's a story of a father attempting to reconcile with his young son by going hunting for coyotes, as seen from the perspective of the young boy. "It's about what goes on in the mind of a young boy," said Townsend. "The boy, played by 13-year-old local Makai Metzler, is a natural on camera. He auditioned for the role and did

a great job. I really enjoyed working with him."

Playing the dad is Los Angeles actor Lawrence Long. "He and Makai worked from the script a few weeks before shooting, used improvisation and created a back story for the characters," she said. "Their work inspired me to make several changes to the characters and the script."

"The film looks beautiful and is very well acted," said Savage. Savage mentored Townsend, mostly in the business of filmmaking. "I did some of the business end but let her direct so she could learn from her own mistakes and triumphs," he said.

Townsend is currently developing several feature length scripts and some shorts. She wrote the "Coyote Hunt" in August, start-

ed preproduction (location scouting, casting, and some rehearsal) in September, completed rewrites and more rehearsal in October, shot in November and completes editing next month.

Shooting for "Coyote Hunt" took place in Hemet and Garner Valley for two days, Nov. 6 and 7. Other cast members include television actor Chuti Tiu, who plays the mother, and local Jim Rizor who plays the stepfather. "Coyote Hunt" will screen at IIFC in January.

Savage said that each year's IFW recipient would be selected by the votes of a local film review committee, the same committee that volunteers to screen and review festival submissions prior to each year's festival.

IIFC 2011 opens Monday,



Local **Melissa Townsend** is the first recipient of a \$2,000 sponsorship from the Idyllwild Film Works, an arm of the Idyllwild Independent Festival of Cinema.

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Jan. 10 and runs through Saturday, Jan. 15. Volunteers can earn all-access passes by serving 15 hours in a variety of capacities, including participating in the film review com-

mittee. Those interested should contact Savage at savage@lunatopia.com or at (951) 468-4112.

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



The fog and rain did not deter the 356 Club of Southern California from making its 20th Annual Palms To Pines ride last Saturday. About 37 Porsche 356s roared into town midmorning and drivers poured into their favorite restaurants for lunch. They have always driven to Idyllwild the weekend before Thanksgiving.

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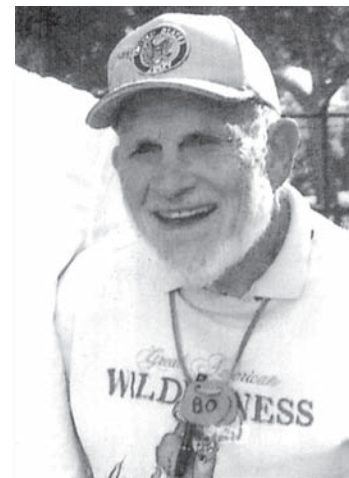
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It's Saturday morning and it's pouring rain. On my deck I look at the sky — actually Pine Cove is in the sky. It's all boiling rain clouds. Like most of us mountaineers, I think, "You can't cry about rain. We need rain." Still, with visitors coming up from Oceanside, it would be nice to have our warm, usual hiking weather. But, we can't complain. Our weather all October and November has been heavenly. I go to pick up the mail. The crowd in front of the Post Office is buzzing away — hugging and laughing in the pouring rain. I notice three new colorful umbrellas, Karen under one. I call out: "Isn't this awful!" Her laughing response, "Don't be a Baby! Wouldn't it be wonderful if it were twenty degrees colder?" I visualize Bing singing 'White Christmas.' The mountain crowd at the Post Office is always hugging, laughing, encouraging. Whata' Town! See us at B's MOUNTAIN of BOOKS. We'll autograph a copy of this joy.




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On Nov. 17, the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce hosted a mixer where the 2010 Essence of Idyllwild was announced. The winners were **Bryan Tallent** (left) and **Jon Stonitsch** (center), owners of Spruce Moose. **Hubert Halkin**, the 2009 Essence winner, presented the award. The Idyllwild Garden Club and Idy4u were runners up. PHOTO BY GRACE REED





The Idyllwild Association of Realtors Installation dinner was held at the Rainbow Inn Thursday, Nov. 18. The new board includes (from left) **Gary Tompkins**, director; **Marge Muir**, treasurer; **Lucie Stenseth**, secretary; **Jackie Wagner**, director; **Steve Taylor**, president; **Kay Jennison** director; **Bill Sperling** vice president; and **Dora Dillman**, retiring president. Not shown is **Jackie Kretsinger**, director. PHOTO BY GRACE REED



On Tuesday Nov. 16, the Idyllwild Right to Life presented the Director of Life Choice Services in Hemet a check for \$3,107.80. The money was collected from the group's recent "Baby Bottle Boomerang" fundraiser where empty baby bottles were distributed at Idyllwild Bible Church, Chapel in the Pines, and Queen of Angels Catholic Church. The people took them home and filled the bottles with spare change, and then returned them. Pictured are: **Andrea Sanborn**, **Wayne Clark**, **Jan Kunkle**, **Janet Clark**, **Deborah Freeman**, Life Choice Services director, **Kenneth Freeman**, **Barbara Maring**, **Mary Arnaiz**, **Kendall Vaughn** and **Susan Klaine**.

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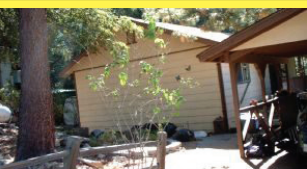


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BID

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to clear the 2/3 hurdle. The proposition language is unclear on which fees may be exempt from regulation. That decision may take written opinions from the state's Attorney General.

Several attorneys in other parts of the state have already noted the proposition's ambiguity regarding BIDs — specifically whether the law pertains to BIDs, and if it does, if the BID is eligible for one of seven delineated exceptions.

Absent a written opinion from the state Attorney

General regarding BIDs and myriad other affected entities, the question of the law's applicability will likely remain unclear.

The intent of the law is to label many fees, charges and assessments levied by any "local government" (which includes special districts) as a tax. But some lawyers are

already citing the difference between a district that surcharges a third person, and a BID, which, in some assessment models, surcharges itself. "Pass-through" BID assessments, such as an additional percentage charged to overnight lodgers, would likely be seen as a tax under the new law.

There is an exception in the new law that could apply to a BID. Excepted are: fees "imposed for a specific benefit conferred or privilege granted directly to the payor that is not provided to those not charged ..." BID fees, aimed at increasing the economic health of district businesses by increasing customer bases, benefit the payors, the busi-

nesses who pay the fee. The fee does not benefit business customers or town residents. These are distinctions already being raised by lawyers, but the final interpretation in this and other governmental jurisdictions may take some time to resolve.

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Monument

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Chamber had not yet decided how long it would maintain Roy's carving after the one year for which Roy is responsible.

The Chamber's stated motivation is to resolve the "Monument issue." They want it in place prior to the Tree Lighting Ceremony and the beginning of Winterfest. Roy has acquiesced to the move to the Village Center site, although he continues

to have doubts about the appropriateness of the site for the longevity of his carving.

And if it all comes together as scheduled, the move of "Harmony" will conclude a 3-1/2-year stalemate between Roy and previous Chamber boards.

Time will tell and hopefully, "Harmony" will become a symbol of bridging gulfs and reaching agreement through patient and persistent communication.

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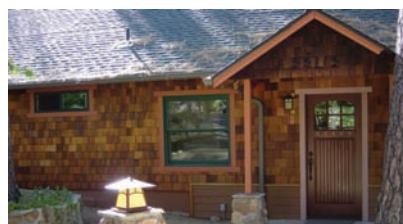
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SPORTS

Town Hall sports

Bob Lewis gave this report on Town Hall Soccer for Tuesday, Nov. 16 and Youth Coed Flag Football League for Thursday, Nov. 18.

An awards ceremony took place after the Minors and Majors final games. Town Hall thanks all the Sponsors, AYSO players who served as referees, Claudia Posey and Danny Richardson, the parents, coaches and the players with their sportsmanship that made this another great year.



The Chargers quarterback, second from right, hands off the ball to his fullback as a defensive Saints' guard is double teamed at far left during the first flag football game of the season last week.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

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

The Idyllwild Fire Employee Association Hurricanes hosted the Idyllwild Arts Blue Jays. **Brody Posey** was in the middle of the action for the Blue Jays, while **Reese Whitney** played great at both ends of the field for the Hurricanes.

The Suburbane Propane T-Rexes battled Muir's Mountain Realty Bobcats. **Seth White** played great in goal for the Bobcats and **Michael Stroud** really hustled and played good defense for the T-Rexes.

Majors Ages 6-8 years old league

The playoffs started with the American Legion Lil' Devils battling Jo'An's Tornados.

The Tornados' **Aly Fogle** played a great game — goal tending and hustling at both ends of the field. But the Lil' Devils shut out the Tornados 3-0. Two goals from **Kevin Posey** led the Lil' Devils to victory and his brother **Tobey** scored the team's third goal. The win sent the Lil' Devils into the championship game.

Arriba's Tidal Waves played the Rotary Lava Storm in the other playoff game. It was a defensive battle throughout the game. **Pierce Pramuka** played a strong game with his dribbling skills for the Tidal Waves, but **Dilyn Reinhart** broke the scoreless tie with

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Missett sets new record in San Diego triathlon

BY JIM CRANDALL
CHIEF OPERATIONS
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Jack Missett, 65, of Idyllwild and Oceanside swept all six races in his age group (65 to 69 years old) during the 2010 San Diego Triathlon Series — six races, six first places.

Missett's 70 points set a new overall record for the series, breaking the old record by 10 points. This is the record for all age groups combined.

Points are garnered at each event and totaled at the end of the series. Each regular win earns 11 points, but longer international races, such as the one Missett won at the San Diego International Race, earn four bonus points.

While many of the races consisted of a 1/4-mile ocean swim, 9-mile bike trek



Jack Missett

and 3-mile run, two of the six races were longer. One used international distances, 1 kilometer (K) swim, 30K bike, 10K run. The other employed Olympic distances of a 1.5K swim, 40K bike and 10K run.

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While traveling to Tennessee, **Trish Tuley** (left) and **Dore Capitani** check the Idyllwild Town Crier, "Looking for a place we could call home - for the night," Tuley wrote.

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Janice Mulligan and **Harvey Berger** needed the Town Crier while teaching American law to Latvian law students. They were at the Center for International Legal Studies in Riga, Latvia. The Center is a nonprofit organization that sends American lawyers to former Soviet and other less developed countries to teach their law students about American law and culture. (Which explains why they needed to refer to the Town Crier.)

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Idyllwild part-timers **Dennis** and **Elaine Shives** enjoyed reading the Town Crier while overlooking the Mississippi River in Alma, Wisc. "The river was the widest and biggest I had ever seen because they had a lot of rain and flooding in September," Shives, a native of Wisconsin, wrote.

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"Last week, **Kathy Luber** visited her friend **Helene Diener** in Mazatlan, Mexico and **Helene** snapped this photo from her balcony overlooking the sea." PHOTO BY HELENE DIENER



The Town Crier is popular in Mexico. Here, **Rick Anderson** of Fairway market and **Barb Seidel**, his fiancé, were reading the paper while on an October Carnival cruise in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. From their balcony, the Cabo San Lucas arch can be seen in the background. PHOTO COURTESY OF BARB SEIDEL

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Long-distance swimming in Medicare's waters

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Editor's note: This is a first person account of navigating Medicare, the last of our three articles on the annual open enrollment period which begins Nov. 15.

This is year three for me, swimming annually, as a right of passage, through the eddies and shifting currents of Medicare choices. In the first year, after having gotten bogged down in the sticky sand of "do I need a supplement," the many different available supplement plans, and then the even more daunting prescription drug plan (PDP) choices, I decided to use an insurance broker consultant.

The man I turned to, Bill Robinson, previously had his offices in Los Angeles when I lived in the South Bay. Over the years, he had given me insurance advice without ever having written a policy for me. I had come to trust his advice, thoroughness and generous availability when I had questions. I knew he would crunch the numbers and guide me in appropriate and cost-effective directions.

I have an advanced college degree, but I threw my hands up trying to make Medicare decisions — too many caveats, too many exclusions, and, to my way of thinking, too much manipulation of the system by the insurance carriers offering the supplements and prescription drug plans.

Each year, I have had to change my PDP. This year, Blue Shield discontinued the PDP I had last year. Caveat: if your plan is discontinued, you will automatically be placed in another of your issuing company's plans and

it may cost you substantially more. Be proactive and review your drug regimen and choose the most cost-effective plan.

On Nov. 8, I received a packet from Robinson, detailing my PDP options, comparing monthly premiums and deductibles. The drug regimen profile Robinson ran on the Medicare.gov website included estimated annual cost ranges for all available plans (including Medicare B premiums/deductibles, supplement premiums and deductibles, and PDP premiums and deductibles). The spread from low to high was \$19,000. Caveat: the range also included having no PDP plan, but because of the range, close examination of each plan offering was critical.

The plans were ordered from least out-of-pocket to most and only two of the 22 PDP plans offered any gap (donut hole) coverage. These two promised to cover "some generics," but that coverage, on closer examination, was minimal. Looking at my PDP cost comparisons, the one generic drug in my regimen (an antacid), came with "quantity limits," and carried the advisement, "Any amount you spend for this nonformulary drug is not counted toward any deductibles, initial coverage or out-of-pocket limits. The drug cost displayed is only an estimate and actual cost may vary." I'm not sure what that means and will ask Robinson to translate.

The plans did not show, in finalized version, the promised 50 percent reduction of drug costs while in the donut hole (a promised year two step in the national health care law's requirement for manufacturers to phase out the donut hole by 2020).

As of press time, not all drug manufacturers had signed an agreement with the government to offer these discounts, even though they had agreed to do so in exchange for a government promise not to further regulate their prices. Closer examination of the Medicare booklet clarifies that "covered" drugs will receive the discount, even though government spokespersons had previously stated all drugs would be covered. Caveat: look into which of your drugs are scheduled to receive the discount from manufacturers. That information should begin to become available after Nov. 15.

Robinson provided 41 pages of PDP cost comparisons, among four plans he recommends, including month-by-month comparisons of out-of-pocket expenses. Be sure to run the numbers of month-by-month personal out-of-pocket expenses as part of your yearly budget.

Having just reviewed those comparisons, I conclude that the perfect PDP plan for me is ... well, actually, I have to go back and look again, and tabulate how I can manage

the monthly out-of-pockets, especially since the highest monthly out-of-pocket occurs in April, when income taxes are also due.

The booklet covering my current Blue Shield PDP plan and the changes for 2011 runs 120 pages. The explanatory "Medicare & You" 2011 booklet is 138 pages long. Robinson's information totals an additional 41. Medicare open enrollment ends Friday, Dec. 31.

On Monday, Nov. 22, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced imposed sanctions on three companies for violations of Medicare rules and regulations — Health Net of Woodland Hills; Arcadian Management Services of Oakland, Calif.; and Universal American Corporation of Houston, Texas. The three companies cannot market or enroll new beneficiaries until they correct their violations.

Make certain the supplement and PDP you select is currently available, is cost effective, and best meets your needs.

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Board reviews ICRC performance

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Sitting for the first time with new members Carol McClintic and Bob Schraff, the County Service Area 36 (CSA) Advisory Committee continued its review of recreation contract holder Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's (ICRC) 2011 performance. At issue are 15 contract points or conditions laid down by the county. Evaluation of completion would determine whether ICRC's current month-to-month contract would be extended.

Of the 15 conditions, ICRC has completed 13. The remaining two are a revision of Town Hall employee salaries to match comparable pay for these positions in other county recreation positions and negotiation of a new lease for Town Hall that would transfer the lease to the county should it terminate ICRC's contact. These have not been completed.

The first has been tabled until the January meeting and ICRC is working on the second. A meeting between ICRC, the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce (title holder for Town Hall) and the county to discuss revising current contract terms has not yet been scheduled.

In another contract condition, the county specified that Town Hall Director Bob Lewis was to post a suggestion box at Town Hall for residents to submit sealed suggestions. Advisory Committee Chair Steve Kunkle opened the first at the meeting. It was from a senior couple who wanted more activities for people in their age group. They specifically requested that the county-purchased big screen television be installed so that a Wii bowling league

could be formed. They also mentioned in the letter that they had seen their children and grandchildren go through Town Hall recreation programs, but now wanted activities for their age group as part of the recreation program.

Advisory Committee member Mike Frietas questioned why, in budget line items, there had been no allocation for "new programs," specifically those to serve older adults. Lewis said that budget cuts, including his own 5-percent salary cut, had been made and there was no money to fund new programs.

"If the county is forcing you to offer more programs, you have to spend money," said Frietas.

In an effort to expand current offerings, Lewis announced the first senior/adult social dance would be Thursday, Dec. 16.

Former ICRC Chair Chris Singer said there were many activities, which are not part of Town Hall recreation, for seniors to do in Idyllwild. She stressed that previous senior offerings through Town Hall recreation had had low response. Others have stressed that response to past offerings has a lot to do with the quality of the offering and the time it is offered.

Frietas quizzed Lewis on whether he or ICRC had done an inventory of equipment and materials that are part of Town Hall's recreation program. When Lewis responded "No," Frietas commented, "I don't know any business that does not have an inventory list. It needs to be recorded because it belongs to the community." Lewis agreed to begin an inventory.

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ARF maxed out

By JENNA HUNT
CORRESPONDENT

The Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild (ARF) needs community support to help the many local cats and dogs in need. This can't be done without a new team of dedicated volunteers and donations.

ARF, a nonprofit organization, has been helping unwanted, lost and abandoned animals for the past 15 years. But it has reached its capacity with 15 cats (the maximum is 10) and seven dogs. All have been placed in foster homes in the community and are awaiting adoption from a caring family, officials said.

ARF is running on a barebones budget with only two steady volunteers and four board members who volunteer their time and talents, said Maria Lehman, the current president.

"We need a good core of volunteers," Lehman said.

Hours have been limited to Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. until they can find and train more volunteers, Lehman said. Fewer days of operation means animals in ARF's care have less opportunity to be adopted. An average of 15 to 20 people visit the cats and dogs during Saturday hours. An equal number of people used to visit on Sundays before the facility closed on that day, Lehman said.

Volunteers are needed to staff the office (answer phones, return calls and for basic paperwork), walk dogs, brush cats, help feed the animals, clean the cattery, help with yard work, shovel snow and do general cleaning, Lehman said. The cats that live on-site and the dogs visiting from foster families need lots of attention and petting to socialize them for future owners and new homes, she said.

ARF officials said they need dedicated volunteers who are reliable and can spend regular time with the animals and get to know them personally.

"It has to come from the heart to volunteer with animals," said Mary Lou Prosin, ARF treasurer. "Animals have a soul and a heart and they have needs and they bond with you like a baby. They are loyal friends forever, but some people don't get it."

Several Idyllwild Arts Academy students and local teens are volunteering when they are available, Lehman said. Hannah Olsen, a teen from Los Alamitos, said she comes to ARF when her family visits their Idyllwild cabin. Olsen said she has her eye on a medium-sized black dog named Georgia, that Olsen would eventually like to adopt.

"I love coming to ARF," said Olsen, who, along with friends, donated food on a recent Saturday visit.

ARF is a rescue operation and not part of animal control, so the staff can't respond on-site to calls about animals wandering around neighborhoods, Lehman stressed. ARF officials said they would like pet owners to be diligent about taking advantage of technology by using a microchip and always having collars with identification on dogs and cats.

Caring for animals can be very expensive, such as a \$3,500 dog operation for one of the foster dogs at ARF named Rosie, Lehman said. They receive money donations and \$150 adoption fees for dogs and \$75 for cats (50 percent off for senior pets ages 7 or older), but Lehman explained that the donations just barely cover the veterinarian bills they pay for shots and spaying

See ARF, page 27

Veterinarian search brings possibilities

By CAREY POWERS
NEWS INTERN

Since Animal Rescue Friends (ARF) sent out those first letters and advertisements requesting veterinary aid for the mountain community of Idyllwild, the organization has begun narrowing its list of possible candidates. The search that started out as a wishful thought has now turned into a realizable undertaking.

The tireless ARF volunteers are also negotiating the lease of a workable space for "Sadie's Clinic for Pet Wellness." Intending to lease space for one year, ARF members visited the Oakwood Village location of the clinic last weekend and received a premises permit.

At a Nov. 11 meeting, ARF members discussed the importance of this project.

Some expressed concern that it will direct energies away from the strengthening of ARF's foundation, which has seen difficult times, and the rebuilding of its core, all-local volunteer group. Others argued that the new clinic may trigger more community support and volunteerism through provision of a necessary service to the community that reinforces the personnel and mission of its creators.

After the Thursday meeting, members decided on the most promising candidate and will be interviewing him on Dec. 4. With a background in holistic, preventative care, he will furnish his own supplies and provide an assistant if needed.

Volunteer Shela Boynton writes, "We hope to present the community with a consistent schedule with a vet on board one day a week," though "the amount of work we have for him would dictate how often he comes."

As soon as the inter-

viewing process concludes, ARF will share with the community his background and training. Next will be an open house to introduce the new veterinarian to Idyllwild pet owners. The grand opening of the clinic is predicted to be in January. "Clinic services could expand if the need existed," writes Boynton.

If anyone in the community wishes to donate for rental and utility costs, a BBVA Compass bank account has been opened under the name "ARF/Sadie's Clinic." Helpful donations may also include a few simple furnishings, such as chairs, a small filing cabinet, and two exam tables, preferably stainless steel.

ARF would eagerly love to hear feedback from the community. Contact Shela Boynton at shelab@greencafe.com or call 659-4772 or Maria Lehman at doorman9@verizon.net or call 663-6466.

Carey Powers can be reached at carey@towncrier.com.



Teens (from left) who donate time and money to ARF include Hannah Olsen, Olivia Schmidt, both of Los Alamitos, Andrea Smith of Temecula, ARF Treasurer Mary Lou Prosin holding Digby and Nichole Carfi of Los Alamitos. Olsen may adopt Georgia the dog, sitting on the floor. PHOTO BY JENNA HUNT



Mary Lou Prosin (left), ARF treasurer, sits with Georgia, the dog, and Maria Lehman, ARF president, at the Idyllwild office. PHOTO BY JENNA HUNT

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Fire restrictions reduced on the San Bernardino National Forest

With recent rain across the southland, forest officials on the San Bernardino National Forest reduced fire restrictions Monday, Nov. 22.

Recreational target shooting is permitted within designated sites in the Big Bear area and San Jacinto Ranger District.

"With the recent storms and snow across the mountains, the fire danger has lowered; however, I want to remind folks to continue to be firesafe and vigilant year-round," said acting Forest Supervisor Tom Gillett.

Under the relaxed fire restrictions, visitors must

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Wood and charcoal campfires are allowed only in developed campgrounds, picnic areas and Yellow Post campsites within agency-provided fire rings or designated stoves;

Campfire permits are required for propane and gas stoves and lanterns used outside of developed recreation sites;

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

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And fireworks are always prohibited on the San Bernardino National Forest. Tracer, armor piercing, steel core, and Teflon ammunition are also prohibited, as is discharging a firearm at any exploding target.

ARF

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and neutering the healthy animals in their care. ARF is also raising funds for a Veterinarian Clinic in Idyllwild that will have visiting veterinarians and will be available for all cats and dogs in the

community.

ARF always needs donations including pet food (dogs and cats), litter, leashes/collars in all sizes, pet bedding and toys for the animals to play with while they are at the temporary home, Lehman said.

The upcoming Christmas holiday is a perfect time to

think of the seven dogs and 15 cats in need of toys and food/treats, Lehman said.

"The best thing we could do for the cats and dogs on Christmas is find them a forever home," Lehman said.

For more information on ARF call (951) 659-1122 or visit online at www.IdyllwildArf.org.

ICRC

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"The construction of the ICC shall commence no later than three years from today [May 22, 2008] and construction will be completed within five years."

Priefer said that the donor understands that the economic downturn has impacted

ICRC's ability to fundraise and build the facility originally planned, but he still needs to see progress made on some kind of building effort. The ICRC has discussed starting the building with a modest two-classroom and bathroom facility, but no formal plan has been drawn for a modified building project.

In response to Priefer's statement, ICRC Board Presi-

dent John Simpson said, "We need to have a separate ICC building committee developed."

In other ICRC business, it was announced that Vic Sirkin resigned, for the second time, from the board for personal reasons, which opens a seat on the ICRC board.

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This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Nov. 16, 1989.

Signed:
ROBERT LAWRENCE LIPPERT
President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 25, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-11449
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON OCT. 25, 2010. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO OCT. 25, 2010. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: L. Sibley, Deputy
Pub. TC: Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as RIVERSIDE BAIL BONDS, 45100 Yucca Ave., Lancaster, CA 93534, Los Angeles County. ABSOLUTE BONDING CORP., 45100 Yucca Ave., Lancaster, CA 93534, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 29, 2010.

Signed:
MICHAEL L. BENCH
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Absolute Bonding Corp.
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 3, 2010.

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

FILE NO.: R-2010-11240
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: L. Sibley, Deputy
Pub. TC: Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PROMOTING YOU/REGUEIRO SALES, 37146 Formby Ct., Murrieta, CA 92562, Riverside County. Mailing address: 23905 Clinton Keith, 114-368, Wildomar, CA 92595. REGUEIRO SALES, INC., 37146 Formby Ct., Murrieta, CA 92562, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on January 1994.

Signed:
IRIS REGUEIRO
Secretary
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 3, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-11848
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: L. Sibley, Deputy
Pub. TC: Nov. 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SELFISHLYBE, 1920 E. Rochelle Rd., Palm Springs, CA 92262, Riverside County. WILLIAM EDWARD LOEB II, 1920 E. Rochelle Rd., Palm Springs, CA 92262.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
WILLIAM E. LOEB II
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 3, 2010.

I-2010-02922
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. Morales, Deputy
Pub. TC: Nov. 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as WILDWOOD - IG07 GALLERY, 54245 North Circle Dr., C-1, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 613, Idyllwild, CA 92549. ISAAC GERALD OUTLAND, 25465 Tahquitz Rd., Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Oct. 27, 2010.

Signed:
ISAAC G. OUTLAND
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 27, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-11607
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: L. Siu, Deputy
Pub. TC: Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 2010.

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE PURSUANT TO CIVIL CODE §798.56a AND COMMERCIAL CODE §§ 7209 AND 7210

To: Charles Santee
52791 Pine Cove Road, Space 15
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Charles Santee
Lois Santee
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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the mobilehome will be sold at 10:00 A.M. on December 13, 2010 at 52791 Pine Cove Road, Space 15, Idyllwild, CA 92549. The sale is for the mobilehome only and does not include the right to keep the mobilehome on-site. The mobilehome must be removed from the park upon cure of the lien or if sold at the lien sale. To inquire about the sale, call the Chana Law Firm at (714) 680-4080.

Pub. TC: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PALMS 2 PINES REALTY, PALMS TWO PINES REALTY, PALMS TO PINES REALTY, 53411 Sherman Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 247, Idyllwild, CA 92549. DONNA LEE VAN LEUVEN, 53411 Sherman Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
DONNA LEE VAN LEUVEN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 15, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-12134
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County Clerk
By: L. Sibley, Deputy
Pub. TC: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as THE GLASS LASS, 54425 North Circle Drive, #4, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 81, Idyllwild, CA 92549. DONNA JOYCE HICKMAN, 3737 Cedar Vale Way, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
DONNA JOYCE HICKMAN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 17, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-12285

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Pub. TC: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 2010.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as BROWN & RITNER, 1345 University Avenue, Suite G, Riverside, CA 92507, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 2008, Riverside, CA 92516. DEANNA MARIE BROWN, 5719 Old Ranch Road, Riverside, CA 92504.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
DEANNA M. BROWN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 17, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-12277
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When the raffle tickets are purchased, the individual chooses which basket they hope to win.

The Harvest Festival will take place at Town Hall on Cedar Street from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27. Admission is free.

On Saturday, Idyllwild celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in the center of town. All afternoon, starting at 1 p.m., there will be activities for the entire family. Nonprofit organizations will sell homemade goods and other items. A wood stove donated by Idyllwild Heating & Cooling to the Idyllwild School P.T.A. for a fundraiser will

be a sure hit.

For the kids, the Soroptimists will have a cookie-decorating booth. The staff of the Red Kettle baked and donated the cookies.

Santa and his helpers will be available for visits and photographs at 1:30 p.m. at the Village Centre shopping plaza and later after the Tree Lighting.

Actors from the Olde English Theatre troupe will stroll through town, dressed in Victorian clothing and spreading good cheer.

At 4:30 p.m., celebrity guest and Master of Ceremonies Fritz Coleman, KNBC News weatherman, will open the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. In addition to traditional sing-along caroling, this year's ceremony includes musical performances by Grammy-nominated vocal ensemble



Shown here is one of the booths offering hand-made items at last year's Harvest Festival. This year's event features more than 40 booths.

FILE PHOTO

The Caroling Company, the Idyllwild Master Chorale, the Children's Chorus, and several other vocalists. Doug Austin will read "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

On Sunday, and then every weekend through New Year's, a Santa's Village will be set up at the Village Centre shopping plaza for visits with Santa and holiday activities. Santa's Village is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce Winterfest committee.

For information on other events throughout the Thanksgiving weekend, check the Arts and Entertainment calendar in this newspaper and online at www.towncrier.com.

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CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Falling maple leaves mixed with falling white snow and scents of warm apple pie bring about a spirit of warmth and gratefulness this season. From all of us at ARF to Idyllwild: we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving.



Mr. Digby thanks ARF this holiday season. After being abandoned, cold, and alone, he now has a shelter. An energetic Jack Russell/Chihuahua mix, he is sure to warm someone's heart this winter. Thank you, Mr. Digby.



Duke is all about giving. A senior strawberry-blonde chow, he is still energetic and gentle with all canines. No felines, please. Thank you, Duke.

Nellie thanks ARF for loving her as Nellie. A young pit bull, she is just a loving, ball-catching, four-legged bundle of fur. Thank you, Nellie.



This Thanksgiving, share some turkey with your family, pie with your friends, and a nap with your pet. It's all about giving and receiving unconditional love and being grateful. It's about puppy kisses, curled-up cats, and walks on the leash.

Will you be willing to wrap yourself around a dog or cat's heartbeat and take that home forever? They trust your touch and would be so thankful this season to become part of your warm home.

We are thankful at ARF for the many opportunities we have to offer a loving, forever pet to you in return for an amazing reward of unconditional love.

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

ARF is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment all other days. Phone is (951) 659-1122. We are located a half block off North Circle Drive at Cedar St. P.O. Box 719, Idyllwild, Ca. 92549. Email us at arf@greencafe.com or info@idyllwildarf.org.

Creature corner is sponsored this week by Stella, Helen and Sybil Waring. To sponsor the column, call Shane Fender at the Town Crier, 659-2145.

PAST TENSE

60 years ago - 1950

"Red" the dog was deemed a hero when his late-night barking alerted neighbors to a fire in the Cedars Café.

50 years ago - 1960

Two Idyllwild teachers were helping Japanese war brides adjust to life in the states. The brides' husbands were stationed at March Field.

45 years ago - 1965

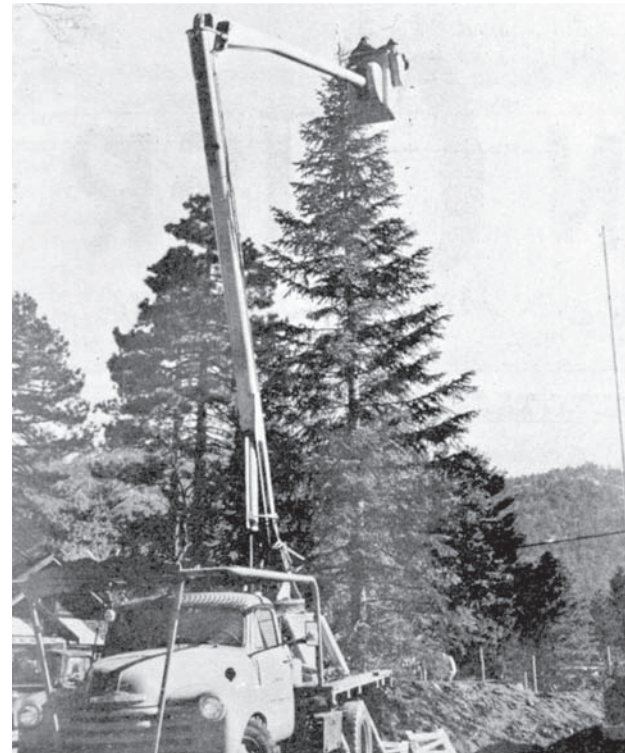
The heaviest rainstorm in more than 20 years closed the Banning-Idyllwild highway. In three days, the Forest Service recorded 7.98 inches of rain in Idyllwild.

35 years ago - 1975

The Idyllwild Inn or Shop-In, an abandoned landmark in the center of town that had become an eyesore, was going to be demolished because it was a fire safety hazard.

30 years ago - 1980

The Red Flag Patrol, a group organized by the U.S. Forest Service and the Izaak Walton League to patrol Highway 243 during Santa



In December 1960 Dean's Tree Service started to decorate Idyllwild's first Christmas tree, which had been moved to the center of the Village from Pine Cove.

FILE PHOTO

Ana winds, were called out a record of five days.

25 years ago - 1985

A good snowstorm convinced California Depart-

ment of Forestry and Fire Protection officials end the 1985 fire season.

20 years ago - 1990

Some businesses owners

were concerned that a proposed 2-week replacement of Strawberry Creek bridge would impact sales.

15 years ago - 1995

Doris Lombard's "artistic, literary, and science-savvy" third-grade class won first place in the Wildlife Art Festival for the fourth time.

10 years ago - 2000


The Hemet Unified School District cited low student enrollment at Idyllwild School as reason to lay off a teacher.

5 years ago - 2005

Posing as Riverside County Fire Department Station 23 volunteers, scammers had been calling Pine Cove residents soliciting donations. Residents were quickly notified.

1 year ago - 2009

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) approved an automatic aid agreement with Hemet City Fire Department, allowing each department to request the aid of the other during fires.




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