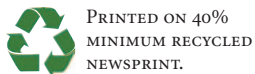




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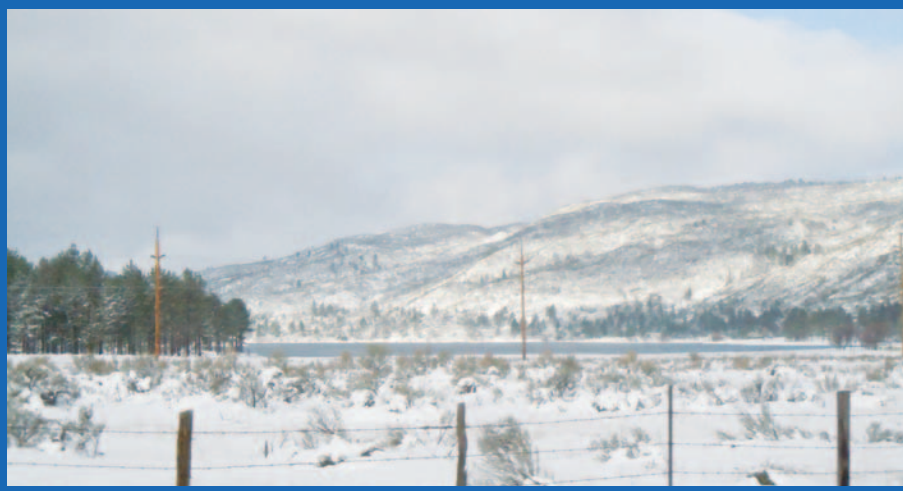
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Heavy drop, but still no snow day



The school bus makes its rounds Tuesday morning, bringing children to Idyllwild School. About a foot of snow fell on Idyllwild the night before, but the plows had cleared the roads by morning. Below, Lake Hemet shown Tuesday morning. Garner Valley got about 6 inches.

PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE AND HALIE JOHNSON



Hemet soccer heads to finals

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Hemet High School girls varsity soccer team beat South Pasadena Tuesday 2-1 in the last semifinal game before the 2012 California Interscholastic Federation Southern California Tournament. The Bulldogs went into half-time with a 2-0 lead and held on through the end. They head into final play this weekend. Check out idyllwildtowncrier.com for game details.

The team defeated La Cañada 4-0 Friday and advanced to the semi-finals.

Hemet's soccer team won two games last week and has returned to the Southern Section semi-finals where



Idyllwild's **Danika Hitchcock** awaits a pass during the La Cañada game Friday.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

they stalled in 2011. Both Athletic Director Dave Anderson and Coach Craig Dwinell say speed makes the current Bulldog team different and stronger than a year ago.

Both victories, Friday's over La Cañada and Wednesday's over Garden Grove,

were similar. The first halves were close. Then Hemet essentially dominated the second half and went on a scoring spree — five goals in Tuesday's game against Garden Grove and three in Friday's against La Cañada. During the league season,

[See Soccer, page 15](#)

Liquor store robbed Sunday

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Riverside County Sheriff's Department confirmed that a man carrying a weapon robbed the Mountain Top Liquor store, at 26005 Highway 243 in Idyllwild, around 11:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26.

The robber, described as 6 feet tall, 180 pounds, wearing a long tan coat, brown T-shirt, blue jeans with a red scarf and red bandana covering his face, entered the business late Sunday night, brandished a handgun and demanded money. The suspect fled on foot with an unspecified amount of money before deputies

arrived. No employees were injured during the incident and the investigation is ongoing according to the Sheriff's report.

Richard Lengyel, clerk on duty at the time of the incident, said the robber was not nervous, seemed sure of himself and apparently knew how to handle the large caliber pistol he used in the robbery.

Lengyel said he was behind the counter leaning in to catch a replay of part of the Oscars when he heard something drop behind the counter. Lengyel turned around to see the robber, about two feet away, with the gun pointed at his face. What

[See Robbery, page 2](#)

Application for recycled water plant nearly ready

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District Board of Directors approved the next step in their quest for a water recycling facility. The Title 22 Engineering Report has been submitted to the California Department of Public Health and the draft Facility Planning report for the State Water Resources Control Board will be completed this week, according to Anders Wistrom, one of IWD's two consultants.

Once the state has reviewed the Facility Planning Report, IWD expects approval to begin submit-

ting reimbursements for the planning costs which have been accumulating. Currently they are about \$75,000.

The board approved \$40,000 to proceed with the detailed Clean Water State Revolving Fund application. Since federal funding is involved, more will be expected from environmental analyses and greater breadth including potential historic resource data and endangered species status.

Ascending Engineering of South Carolina, headed by Anuj Saha, will prepare these documents. Saha participated in the meeting via

[See Plant, page 8](#)

Burglaries surpass prior years

More property crime incidents last week

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, sometime after 11 p.m. and before 7 a.m., burglars struck two more locations in Idyllwild, adding to a significant recent increase in felony crimes against property in the Idyllwild area. On Sunday, the crime spree rose to include armed robbery (see story page 1).

Wednesday's incidents were less threatening than the liquor store robbery. Three of the Town Crier's coin-operated newspaper vending racks were vandalized and robbed and five ve-

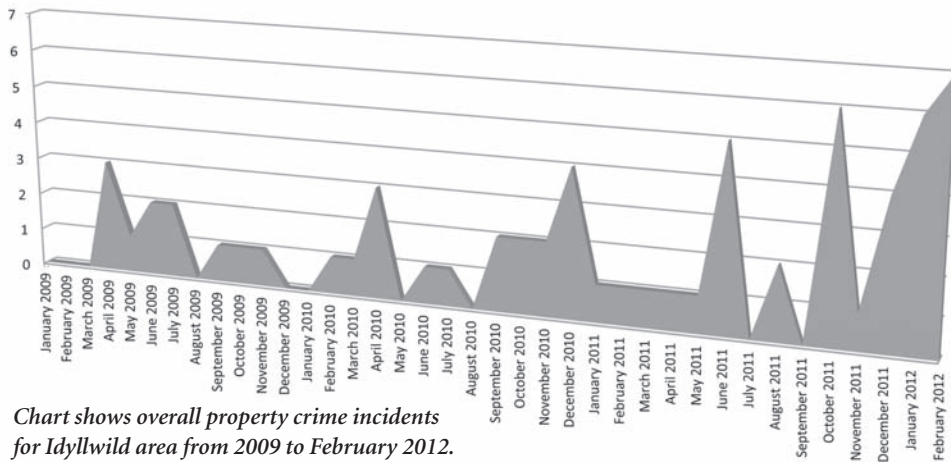


Chart shows overall property crime incidents for Idyllwild area from 2009 to February 2012.

hicles at the Idyllwild Trailer Park in the 25900 block of Highway 243 were vandalized. One was reported as having been robbed.

Perpetrators, numbering at least two, cut chains and removed newspaper vending racks from in front of the Town Crier, the Post Office,

and the Red Kettle. A deputy from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded

See [Crime](#), page 23

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

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

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Feb. 20 — Four walk-in medical aids.

Feb. 21 — Medical aid, Deerfoot Lane, Idyllwild.

Feb. 21 — Traffic collision, Highway 243 and Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

Feb. 22 — Medical aid, Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

Feb. 24 — Dispatched and canceled en route, Marion Ridge Drive, Idyllwild.

Feb. 24 — Walk-in medical aid.

Feb. 25 — Medical aid, Acorn Lane, Idyllwild.

Feb. 25 — Two walk-in medical aids.

Feb. 26 — Walk-in medical aid.

Feb. 26 — Medical aid,

Marion Ridge Drive.

Feb. 26 — Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the

California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Saturday, Feb. 25 to Monday Feb. 27. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Feb. 25 — Solo injury collision, Highway 371, west of Burnt Valley Road, Anza.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station reported the following calls from Friday, Jan. 20

See [Record](#), page 19

Robbery

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the robber had dropped was a black gym bag with red piping.

"Empty the f---ing cash register, put it in the bag. I ain't f---ing kidding and I'm in a f---ing hurry," Lengyel recounted the robber saying. Lengyel said he did not recognize the voice, since the heavy masking muffled the sound of the voice.

"He wasn't shaking," said Lengyel. "I was looking right at him." Lengyel said the robber's head was covered and his face completely masked.

Lengyel said another employee came from the back of the store during the encounter. The robber demanded the other employee drop to the floor. He refused. Lengyel said there was a moment when he thought the distraction caused by the other employee might have given them an opportunity to take the robber down. But



Mountain Top Liquor

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

the robber grabbed the bag and quickly exited.

"I watched him go toward the Fort. He disappeared behind the Fort. Maybe he had a car parked there, The clothes were not tacky," he observed. "This was no homeless-type." Lengyel called the Sheriff. A deputy was at Paradise Corners and was there within 20 minutes.

See [Holdup](#), page 8

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 3/1	Friday 3/2	Saturday 3/3	Sunday 3/4	Monday 3/5
48/32 Chance of showers.	54/35 Sunny.	60/38 Sunny.	63/39 Sunny.	63/39 Sunny.

Date	Idyllwild this year		Idyllwild last year	
	High	Low	High	Low
2-20	48	25	37	24
2-21	55	30	44	15
2-22	67	33	46	15
2-23	70	39	39	21
2-24	67	35	na	na
2-25	64	35	45	24
2-26	na	na	34	21

Moisture in inches		Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	13.35	To date this season (Idy):	17.1
To date last season (Idy):	27.87	To date last season (Idy):	41.9
Total last season (Idy):	29.38	Total last season (Idy):	44.9
To date this season (PC):	12.58	To date this season (PC):	37.25
Total last season (PC):	36.11	Total last season (PC):	78.5

TEMPERATURES AND 24-HOUR moisture and snow totals for Idyllwild are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at the Idyllwild Fire Station. Pine Cove totals are measured by resident George Tate, also at 4 p.m. Moisture inches include all precipitation such as rain, melted hail and melted snow.

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

Editor's note: The "To date this season (Idy)" moisture and snow totals have been updated to reflect an error reported last week. Moisture and snow measurements for Feb. 14 were not reported and a snow measurement on Feb. 15 was incorrect.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS



Panoramic photograph from Pine Cove.

PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS

Time to work out the kinks ...

My plan for springtime was to hike the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mexican border to Idyllwild. This is a 180-mile section of the PCT and it will take money, planning and good physical shape to pull it off. I plan to do it in 10 days, if I can get my act together.



Even though the weather has been mild this winter, it always takes me a while to shake off the inertia that winter always seems to bring out in yours truly. To put it succinctly, I have been lazy. Now that I am officially

a retiree, I have become even more sedentary. Time to wake up.

When I was working down in the city, I was doing hard labor. My two co-workers were both 67 years old. When I asked them how they could still work construction at 67, their answer came as no surprise. They both said the same thing. They have been doing this type of work for decades and have never stopped.

If you are in your 60s, you can't stop and sit on the couch for a year or two and come back. Once you stop, you lose the edge quickly and there is no going back. So this is what I want to avoid and I am coming close to degenerating into a nonhiker once again like I do every winter.

May is only two months away. Now is the time to get my act together and return to the trails. I hope the new gym opens soon so I can start working out and get out on the trail in a two pronged attack on my laziness.

If only I had a place to swim, I could get back into tiptop shape again. The summer of 1999, when I was a lifeguard at Idyllwild Arts Academy, was probably the peak of my physical conditioning. I was 49 and felt

great all the time.

It is also time to prepare my gear as I never really concentrated on thru hiking gear when I was working at the local outfitter. I will need a new ultralite pack, tent and sleeping bag and I would like to keep my base weight in the low teens. Base weight is the total weight of all your gear before food and water are added.

Water is about eight pounds per gallon and there is nothing that can be done about it except keep the container as light as possible. The water bladder is the lightest thing going that will store your water without exploding. Sometimes that happens anyway, so it is best to get a new one before going on a long hike.

Planning your food supply is also a little tricky. The best strategy is to mail food items ahead. On the trail, just carry enough food to make it to the next town with a post office. Luckily southern California offers plenty of small towns with restaurants so you can supplement your hiking rations.

Anyway, time is short. If I am going to hike this year, I will have to get my act together pretty quickly. I know I can't sit on the couch for another year.

Until next week have fun, be safe.



Two red tail hawks visited Mountain Center last week.

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Forest Folk explore community garden sites

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

About 10 members of the Forest Folk, a group of Idyllwild active older adults, conducted a field trip to two sites that could host a greater-Idyllwild community garden in the future. A suitable site would give residents of all ages a chance to garden and share in the provenance. Both 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone and Bill Brown of the county Economic Development Agency have pledged support for the endeavor.

On Saturday morning, Feb. 25, the group first visited the Mountain Center site of Chapel in the Pines. Pastor Wally Boer and his dog Brinkley met the group and hosted a tour of a large, mostly flat site near the intersection of highways 243 and 74.

The group noted that with any site, there would be issues of water, electricity and security that would have to be solved before any infrastructure could be built. Those issues are present at the Mountain Center property. An unused existing well at the property would have to be made operable at a decent rate of flow to provide water for agricultural purposes. The well would need electricity and the site would need security, likely in the form of fencing. And

there are expenses involved with getting those elements in place.

Pastor Boer expressed a willingness to consider the possibility of hosting the garden and expressed enthusiasm for the concept, especially in that it would expand the church's existing outreach program. Already the church provides a clothing exchange and a food program to help those in need. A community garden could also provide both sustenance and participation by community members currently served by the church's outreach. "We've loved serving the community on the food program and would welcome the opportunity to serve more [with a community garden]," said Boer.

Nevertheless, there are many infrastructure issues to solve before a garden to serve the Pine Cove, Idyllwild and Mountain Center communities could be hoed and planted. "It would take a miracle to get it in place by this growing season," said Boer.

At the second site, Pine Cove Water District General Manager Jerry Holldber hosted the group and likewise stated there would be a number of hurdles to cross before a garden could be started on any land in the Pine Cove area.

Although in general sup-



Pastor Wally Boer (right), Chapel in the Pines, and Forest Folk's **Reba Coulter** view the Mountain Center property that could one day accommodate a community garden.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

port of the concept, and of the mission to serve the needs of the wider Idyllwild community, Holldber noted there are both procedural and infrastructure hurdles that would have to be addressed and cleared before any seeds could be planted. "I like the idea of a community garden," said Holldber,

while noting that issues of liability, a clear definition of the project, the area needed for a garden and assurances provided that the project would not negatively impact the water table would all have to be addressed.

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Donald Godbey of Hemet was "very impressed" to meet the "talking hairy beast" that staffed the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce booth at this year's Riverside County Fair and National Date Festival. The Idyll-Beast, a.k.a. **David Jerome**, hosted the Idyllwild booth for the entire Date Festival, which set record breaking attendance marks this year. The Idyllwild Chamber Booth was virtually near pandemonium with the availability of the popular Visitor Guides and multiple photo-ops for families and school groups with Idyll-Beast, according to Jerome. "Idyllwild is the only resort community represented at the fair this year," the Beast reported.

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 29

- 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).
- 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. Jo'An's, 26600 Highway 243.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- IWD Special Meeting of the Finance Committee, 2:30 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- 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, MARCH 1

- Raul Ruiz for Congress Listening Tour, 10 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Idyllwild Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 852-2306 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 6 p.m., The Creek

FRIDAY, MARCH 2

- IWD Special Meeting of the Public Relations Committee, 9 a.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Cancer Support Group for women and men, 9:30 a.m. to

11:30 a.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr., For information, call Deanna (951) 659-8104.

• Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or e-mail jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.

• 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.

• Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243.

• 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, MARCH 3

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr., Pine Cove.
- Occupy Idyllwild for Peace, Justice and Nonviolence "teach-in" 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town center at "Harmony" monument. (909) 228-6710
- 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, MARCH 4

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study (closed) meeting, noon, Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flat, across from CAL FIRE Station 6.
- Teen Group, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard

Building).
• Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

MONDAY, MARCH 5

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Call (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, mediation from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction available by appointment. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

- Low Income Commodity Distribution (all ages, low income) & Senior Food sharing (anyone over age 60 qualifies), 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mormon Church, 53830 Tollgate Rd. Bring box for food.
- Idyllwild Garden Club, noon. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries,

54960 Pine Crest Ave.
• Anza Valley Citizens Patrol, 6 p.m. Call Brian, (951) 763-5324.

• Hilltop Horsemen, 6 p.m. Call Chuck Streeter, 659-2167.
• Alcoholics Anonymous men's meeting (open), 6 to 7 p.m. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243

• Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

• 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).

• Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.

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

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At its Feb 22 meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President **Chuck Streeter** (left) presents a gift to **GeGe Beagle**, Idyllwild Recreation manager, for being the group's guest speaker.

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

Every tree isn't a forest ...



This year — 2012 — has special significance, as does every year divisible by four.

First, yesterday, Feb. 29, only arrives every four years. I believe the gradual diminishment of the tradition associated with Sadie Hawkins Day is further proof of the advancing maturity of our species.

Why was Sadie Hawkins Day, when women invited men to the dance, only once nearly every 1,500 days? Too bad it wasn't more frequent.

But the other relevance of the divisible-by-four years is the American election process. The Presidential election is this year.

Many pages wouldn't contain my opinion about the primary and the future presidential campaign. Nevertheless, I have one rant (maybe only my first) to share with you.

Not only is the presidential office up for election, but two Riverside County Supervisors' terms end in December 2012.

Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone has already filed for his third term. So far he has one possible opponent — Joe Scarafone. He has until Friday to confirm his entry in the race.

But First District Supervisor Bob Buster has two opponents — Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries and Mike Soubirous — whom I'm glad aren't planning to campaign in the third district.

Both Jeffries and Soubirous are advocating term limits for supervisors, lowering their salaries and eliminating their pensions.

While these might be bona fide issues to debate, I don't think 2012 is the year. The county is facing its fourth consecutive year of major deficits. The interim County Executive Larry Parrish is estimating Riverside County could be bleeding \$80 million next year unless action is taken to balance the budget.

These two candidates think a nickel is sufficient to address the county's major fiscal crisis. Expenses for supervisors are insignificant within the total \$500 million county budget. Revenues have fallen nearly \$200 million in four years. Five supervisors' salaries are barely \$700,000.

The candidates are simply playing to the anger among voters. If you're frustrated, get even by cutting their salaries.

Even if you eliminate all compensation — salary and benefits — for the five supervisors, the county's deficit would still be nearly \$78 million.

But what are their plans for public safety which consumes the vast majority of the county's revenues? Read about the recent growth of crime on the Hill on pages 1 and 2.

Now you'll argue, don't cut the Sheriff's Department any more. The unincorporated area is already feeling the effects of fewer deputies.

So where do you turn? The nonpublic safety agencies are planning for a 28 percent cut this year, which is in addition to cuts totaling more than 50 percent in the past few years.

At the state level, recent polls indicate voters may be willing to support temporary tax increases to fund schools. But what about the local level? Animal Services has closed compounds and reduced officers. If we protect fire and deputies, where do we turn?

Of course, no need to cut anything else once we reduce the fat in the supervisors' wallets, right? That's my point, these guys focus on inflammatory issues without addressing their constituents' needs.

If one is elected, he'll be making decisions affecting us too.

Letters to the Editor

I've gotten two letters and the promise of a third about the letters to the editor criteria. I'll publish them all next week.

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Genetically modified corn

EDITOR:

It's hard to imagine the nutrition-savvy people of Idyllwild buying fresh corn at Wal Mart, but just in case you thought you might—Don't!

This summer Wal Mart will be carrying genetically engineered fresh corn. Monsanto Bt [biotechcorn] will have three genetically engineered traits that have never been consumed directly by humans.

It is not known what effects the eating of this genetically engineered corn will have on people. Lab rats fed the Monsanto Bt corn suffered from organ failure. No labeling will alert buyers to the effect that this corn is a genetically modified product.

Monsanto was a major financial beneficiary of the herbicide Agent Orange, used to defoliate the jungles of Vietnam during the war. Those of you who were here in the late 70s may remember my campaign to stop the Forest Service from using 2,4-D, a component of Agent Orange, to defoliate the fuel breaks around the Hill.

The Forest Service stopped using it up here four years before it was totally banned by the U.S. government.

As more and more weeds become resistant to herbicides, more powerful chemicals are needed to subdue them. Dow Chemical is now seeking government approval for a type of genetically engineered corn that will be resistant to 2,4-D. This way, the weeds will be killed, but not the corn.

Still, the corn will be exposed to the 2,4-D, which is known to cause cancer and birth defects. This is insane.

Please contact your local representatives, President Obama, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture and demand that they do not allow this killer corn to be approved.

And, this summer, boycott Wal Mart until they discontinue selling unlabeled, genetically engineered corn.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

KRISTY BAKER
IDYLLWILD

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



Label genetically modified food

EDITOR:

As a follow-up to the Idyllwild Conversation group's activities regarding food sources, production and distribution in the area, our group has allied itself with the Coachella Valley branch of Organic Consumers Association in collecting signatures for a potential initiative on the California ballot this coming November regarding the mandatory labeling of

genetically modified food products.

The Label GMO initiative is an important measure for all consumers because, as of now, no such labeling is present. It also will serve as a reminder to them to be aware of the possible risks involved in the indiscriminate and unknowing usages of such products.

Whether willing to sign on or not, please remember your right to know.

ARTHUR CONNOR
IDYLLWILD

Thank you, Caltrans and county transportation department!

For clearing the roads so early for us Hillfolk who had someplace to be early Tuesday morning. From the locals we shout a hearty "hoorah" to your crews, who were out there throughout the night making sure our local highways and streets were passable, where possible, and helping those of us stranded make our way home.

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BEFORE OUR TIME

By ROBERT B. SMITH

Fore! BeFore! ...

Brendan Steele's recent success has made golf newsworthy in Idyllwild once again. News media around the country love to highlight the odd fact that he grew up in a town without a golf course. But Idyllwild has not always been a golf-free zone.



There's a reason for street names like Fairway Drive and Green Avenue near Astrocamp or Country Club Drive just beyond the Idyllwild School. In fact, golf in Idyllwild can be traced back to 1901, when the Idyllwild Sanatorium proclaimed "golf links unequaled" in its first publicity. In 1914, the Idyllwild Inn also built a course, but the heyday for local golfers came between 1925 and World War II.

Once Claudius Emerson bought the Inn in 1917, he touted golf to attract both tourists and lot buyers. He also promised to upgrade the existing course, but did not follow through until he got into an economic arms race with rival developers Frank Strong and George Dickinson:

- 1923 — Strong & Dickinson, who had retained Fern Valley and the heights above Marion View Drive when they sold Emerson the lower valley, hired Pine Cove developer Walter Wood to begin subdividing and marketing lots.

- 1924 — Emerson countered by opening his Country Club Subdivision between Marion View Drive and Tollgate Road, which overlooked a planned 9-hole golf course between Tollgate and Strawberry Creek above Camp Emerson.

- 1925 — Wood retaliated by hiring away Emerson's resident manager of the Idyllwild Inn to help create a competing course on Saunders Meadow. Hastily opened, this new Idyllwild Golf Club offered life memberships for \$250 including a free building lot nearby.

- 1926 — Wood, vying for members, built an elegant clubhouse, furnished by Idyllwild's pioneer furniture craftsman Hal Holcomb and featuring a swimming pool. Upon opening early in 1927, it immediately became a social center rivaling Emerson's Idyllwild Inn.

- 1927 — Emerson quickly built the Idyllwild Plunge, for both tourist and resident swimmers, and raised the ante by announcing plans to expand his course to 18 holes, dam Strawberry Creek for a lake, and add an aircraft landing field.

- 1928 — Wood renamed his enterprise the Mount San Jacinto Golf Club and staged another grand opening. But it was a losing struggle against Emerson's established presence, as mounting bills drained his bank account and deer munched his greens.

- 1929 — Emerson staged a gala celebration for his newly upgraded country club, which became widely known as "The Mile-High Golf Course." He hired a golf pro to run tournaments to attract the state's best talent.

See [Before](#), page 22

FIRE AND FOREST

By MIKE ESNARD,
MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

Fire safe lessons from 2011 ...

We have gotten a bit of winter recently, but we should not forget that this has been a relatively dry season, and that will have consequences. Without much moisture in plants, we can expect an early start of fire season. The Forest Service and CAL FIRE have already arranged their staffing to cope with drier conditions and earlier fires.



Southern California was quiet in terms of fire last year, which only obscures the fact that it was a terrible year for our southwest neighbors. Arizona's Wallow Fire, which began in late May and burned over half a million acres, was the largest in state history. New Mexico's Las Conchas Fire began in late June. When it was done in August, it had briefly shut down the Los Alamos National Lab and also set a record for acreage burned (156,000) in New Mexico.

Unfortunately for Texas, their year was worst of all. Suffering from record temperatures and drought, Texas recorded a staggering 3,959,000 acres destroyed, along with 2,862 homes. Virtually every Texas record concerning fire was broken during 2011.

Probably the worst fire within Texas was in Bastrop County, east of Dallas, where about 1,900 homes burned over the Labor Day weekend. It is important to note that even within catastrophic fire areas, homes survive. Why these homes survive when most around them burn always tells us something useful about fire prevention.

One such home in Bastrop was bought as a retirement home by a couple who had been living in Houston. By their own account, they knew nothing about fire or fire abatement. But also they recognized that since they had bought a heavily wooded lot, they'd better learn. So they asked a Texas Forest Service friend for advice on how to make their home fire safe. Over the course of two years, they implemented his advice about clearing out dead vegetation, thinning the woods, and generally creating defensible space.

So when the fire hit over Labor Day, they were ready. Their home was spared, though most homes in their area were not. One of the most interesting things to me is that the owners created walking paths around their house and within the woods nearby. They had swept the pine needles off these paths and lined them with rocks. When the fire came, these paths proved to be extraordinarily effective fuel breaks, stopping the ground fire from moving over the rocks. Since they had removed the fuel ladders (shrubs under trees, unlimbed trees), there was no way for the fire to climb into the trees once it had gone to the surface, and with the paths stopping the ground fire, there was nowhere for the fire to go but out.

A contrasting scenario played out west of Dallas at

See [Fire and forest](#), page 22

TOWN TALK

By ISAAC DWYER AND RUTH RUIZ, INTERNS
*What is happening in the community
that interests you?*



Marilyn Baker
Idyllwild

"I really enjoy the Idyllwild County Park. It's great. I used to work there and I think everyone should go there."



Julie McLaughlin
Idyllwild

"I do face painting and the children really love it. I enjoy the musicians and art. This man just asked me to display my art in his gallery."



John Cook
Idyllwild

"The speakers series. They have a lot of interesting topics. ICRC"



Denise Whitney
Idyllwild

"When my friends play music at Aroma and places like that. When my friends have an art opening and a lot of the events that take place in the high school. My friend recently had an art shown at Aroma and there was music and it was wonderful."

Strange but true

The next time you're at a dance in Utah, remember not to get too close to your partner; in that state, by law, daylight must be visible between partners.

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teleconference and Wistrom was able to physically attend.

“The availability of recycled water for landscape irrigation provides a nearly 100 percent drought proof water supply — recycled water will always be available, even in drought years when groundwater for potable uses may be restricted,” Wistrom told the board.

Wistrom’s draft report identifies three project alternatives, which differ only on the length and pipeline route from the wastewater treatment plant to a water storage tank. Basic common assumptions include the fact that recycled water will be available for irrigation, the four principal customers are Idyllwild Arts campus, Idyllwild Pines Camp, the Royal Pines Trailer Park, and individuals with green tanks, and that overall demand will approach 17.5 acre-feet (5.7 million gallons).

This water volume is equivalent to one or two

wells in a drought, noted Director Warren Monroe.

All three alternatives have the pipeline beginning at IWD wastewater treatment facility. The first alternative crosses Strawberry Creek near Idyllwild Arts and constructs the main line along Idyllbrook Drive. It terminates at an existing water tank at Idyllwild Pines Camp after recrossing Strawberry Creek.

The second alternative follows Tollgate Road to Delano Drive. It crosses over Strawberry Creek at the Delano Bridge. From there it passes along the north side of Strawberry Creek to the existing Idyllwild Pines tank.

The third alternative assumes the recycled water project would be built in two phases. Thus the main line terminates at the Royal Pines Trailer Park.

The estimated cost for recycled water will be about \$6.50 per thousand cubic feet, which is about \$2 less than tier 3 potable water costs.

Wistrom recommended the district designate alter-

native two as its preferred alternative. He felt its construction was simpler and less costly. The preliminary cost estimate is about \$1.2 million and the cost difference between the alternatives is primarily the length of the pipeline route, Wistrom said.

“The current construction costs have been dropping and by this time next year the cost of the material and labor will be lower,” General Manager Terry Lyons wrote in an email. The board plans to seek grant funding and state loan funds to finance the project. Lyons said it may be a year or longer before the state grants final approval for the project and its construction.

“I am trying to use existing roadway as much as possible,” Wistrom told the board.

The board also agreed to table a request for forgiveness of half of a customer water bill amount. Director Jim Billman recommended further investigation before the board made a decision.

The request was made to

forgive nearly \$4,800 of the customer’s December bill. A sprinkler system apparently malfunctioned and the customer used more than 100,000 cubic feet (more than 700,000 gallons) of water. The bill total was \$9,677 of which the customer agreed to pay \$4,860 of the bill.

“I didn’t feel I could grant the partial forgiveness,” said Lyons. “The leak went on for about a week.” The customer appealed to the board, which is investigating the problem further.

IWD Resolution 451, enacted October 1993, authorizes the district’s General Manager to forgive a portion of bill. A customer may only receive this grant once. The criteria read, “The water loss was not the result of the customer’s reasonable control.” This includes maintenance of equipment to shut flow off if the premise was empty for a period of time.

Since the same customer had incurred other significant problems, including usage of more than 10,000

cubic feet in September, Lyons did not feel the problem was outside the customer’s control.

In other water business, Auditor Controller Jim Ludy reported the district’s budget through January was slightly below his projections, but still revenues are \$33,300 more than costs. Water sales are about equal with his projections. He noted commercial sales were slightly ahead while residential sales had declined slightly.

District customers still

are trying to conserve water. Requests for rebates for water-efficient clothes washers and toilets continued in January. Nearly 40 requests have been reimbursed this fiscal year, for a total cost of \$6,250.

January usage was about 10 percent less than a year ago. For the fiscal year (since July 1), usage is about 1.6 million gallons (3 percent) less than the prior year.

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Holdup

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“I’ve been here 22 years and we’ve never been robbed,” said owner Dean Muhyieddeen.

Anyone with information about this incident, or possible identification of the


robber, should call Hemet Station at (951) 791-3400.

This is the latest incident in an escalation of criminal activity in the Idyllwild area. See story on page 2 for additional statistics documenting an uptick in crimes to property in the last five months.

Email Marshall Smith at marshall@towncrier.com.


Strange but true

It was Savielly Grigorievitch Tartakower, a Polish-born chess grandmaster who was known as the king of chess journalism in the 1920s and ’30s, who made the following sage observation: “Victory goes to the player who makes the next-to-last mistake.”




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Ruiz in Idyllwild on 'Listening Tour'

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Dr. Raul Ruiz, Democrat challenger for Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack's seat for the new 36th Congressional District that includes Idyllwild, will be in town on Thursday, March 1. Part of Ruiz's district-wide "Listening Tour," the Idyllwild visit gives the doctor an opportunity to hear what issues are important to Hill residents. The first, in what Ruiz said are many visits to the Hill, will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday at Town Hall.

Ruiz's campaign recently replaced his locally based campaign manager, Tizoc DeAzatlan, with Kyle Layman, an East Coast operative with experience running campaigns in New Jersey, Virginia and North Carolina. The switch is part of what Layman maintains had always been the campaign's intention to move to the next level as part of a national effort by the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee to raise the profile of this race. The switch in campaign managers, Layman said, was a Ruiz team decision and not one engineered by the DCCC.

Layman said he made the commitment to manage this campaign because he believes Ruiz is the right candidate for this district at this time.

Although Bono Mack is a popular incumbent who has not previously faced a serious challenge, her 45th District has been redrawn to a district (the 36th) with a 47 percent Latino population. Also, Republican voter registration advantage in the new district is now only 1.6 percent, compared to a 6 percent advantage in the old 45th. These demographic changes help Ruiz, according to Layman,

More importantly, Layman said Ruiz is helped because he is running as a nonpolitician at a time when most voters hold politicians in low regard, as evidenced by polls showing voter approval for Congress running at historic lows.

"This is a time when not being a politician is a strength," Layman said. "He's an outsider with a



Dr. Raul Ruiz visits the Town Crier in early January.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

unique perspective as an emergency doctor. He's a professional who is used to diagnosing a problem and moving to solve it. Also, this candidate is thoroughly community-focused. He has the capacity to engage new people in the process."

Born in the Coachella Valley to farmworker parents, Ruiz said he credited his parents with instilling in him the notion that hard work, a solid education and community service are the keys to building a better life. After graduating from Harvard Medical School, Ruiz returned to the Coachella Valley and launched a Future Physician Leaders program to help local youth do what he had done — become doctors and return home to serve their own communities.

Even with all the demographic and registration changes from the 45th to 36th District, Congresswoman Bono Mack retains a formidable fundraising advantage. Nevertheless, Ruiz's campaign reported raising \$153,186 from 1,100 donors in the fourth quar-

ter of 2011, compared to \$215,077 Bono Mack raised in the same period.

Information about Ruiz's candidacy can be found on his website: www.drraulruiz.com.

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

Democratic congressional candidate in Idyllwild Thursday

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Local Business Update

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Trivia test

U.S. Presidents: Who was the first president to fly in an airplane (while in office)?

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Colliers organize 400-mile bike ride through southwest

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Brendan and Mary Collier, inveterate cyclists and owners of Idyllwild Hub Cyclery, are planning and GPS mapping a 400-mile mountain to desert bicycle course for an end of April event. "It's a ride, not a race," Brendan stressed. "No prizes, no fees, just a group of friends getting together for a ride." Both Mary and Brendan will ride.

The Stagecoach 400, as it is called, is another in what are dubbed the Southern California Enduro Series of self-supported rides, with the San Jacinto Enduro already going into its fourth year. Both Brendan and Mary have ridden parts of the 400-mile course in order to complete GPS mapping that will enable participants

to stay on course.

Start times and routes are provided, but it's up to each rider to understand and take responsibility for the ride they are undertaking, Collier emphasized. The Enduro Series is intended for experienced backcountry cyclists, who must also determine what supplies to carry on a course that often winds through very remote areas.

Mary Collier is the first woman to complete the Tour Divide ride, a 2700-mile course along the spine of the Rockies from Banff, Alberta, Canada to the Mexico border. For her, and for many of those already listed as starters for the Stagecoach 400, this should be less arduous than some of the events in which she and other of these accomplished riders have participated. Over

50 riders, from California, Alaska, Kansas, Georgia, Arizona, Missouri and Vancouver, Canada have already indicated an intention to take part.

"I anticipate it would take four or five days to complete the course," said Brendan who in addition to mapping the course for GPS coordinates, sets the start time and provides a web-site interface for satellite tracking so that riders' friends and families can follow them. Jill Homer, who also completed the Tour Divide ride in 2010, has signed on to participate.

Rules include: riding your own bike, self-supported, under only your own power along the entire route; no prearranged support or assistance of any kind; don't break any law;

See [Ride](#), next page



Mary Collier mapping a section of the Stagecoach 400 last week.

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Animal Rescue Friends sponsored CPR and First Aid classes for pet owners at the Nature Center on Saturday, Feb. 25. Shown here, Pet Tech instructor **Christina Dunlap** reviews **Ron and Lisa Draper's** application bandages. PHOTO BY GRACE REED



Brendan Collier at work at *The Hub Cyclery* in Idyllwild.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Calendar

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COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (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 & 1-3:30 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, Wednesday & Friday, 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 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.

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Ride

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and be aware that there are long stretches of wilderness where food, water and medical assistance can be very hard to come by. The route itself is 70 to 75 percent dirt. A leaderboard will be available on trackleaders.com. “Our inspiration for doing this is to provide a

mountain to desert ride through some extraordinary country,” said Brendan. The race begins and ends in Idyllwild, part of the Colliers commitment to promoting Idyllwild as a cycling destination and a bike-friendly town. For more information see <http://socalenduro.wordpress.com/>.

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The Town Hall team and nine Forest Friends preschoolers went to the Riverside County Date Festival in Indio on Thursday, Feb. 23. Here the children are pictured enjoying the seals.

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Trivia test

Ancient World: What figure is depicted by the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the World?

Answer: The Greek sun god Helios

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Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

Arts & Entertainment Calendar



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

Wednesday, Feb. 29
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; **Senior Stretch/Exercise**, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; **Ballet & Tap Dancing K-grade 4 with Annika Kay**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
ICRC Speaker Series, "Idyllwild: Past & Present," with Bob Smith, 5:30 p.m. Silver Pines Lodge.
Searl Brothers, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.
"Safe House" 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Theatre Lab Work, 7:30 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts Campus.
Visual Art Alumni Show, Parks Exhibition Center; Idyllwild Arts Campus. Show Runs Through March 2.
Thursday, March 1
1/2 Price Bottles of Wine, The Creek House.
Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4:15-5 p.m.; **Wii games for all ages**, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Sandii Castleberry & Friends, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.
Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
7 Course Wine & Food Pairing Dinner, 6 p.m. The Creek House.
"Safe House" 7 p.m. The Rustic

Theatre.
Theatre Lab Work, 7:30 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts Campus.
Friday, March 2
"Journey 2: The Mysterious Island," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Prime Rib Dinner, 5-7 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Skeleton Crew, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
The Eros Trilogy, Presented by Isis Theatre Company, 7:30 p.m. Quiet Creek Gallery.

Saturday, March 3
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
"Journey 2: The Mysterious Island," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Don Reed & Barnaby Finch, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Karaoke with Kathy, 7-11 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

Sunday, March 4
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," His-

torical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
"Journey 2: The Mysterious Island," 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
ACT (A Community Together) "El Norte," 4 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Monday, March 5
Childrens Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbreten, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"Journey 2: The Mysterious Island," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Songwriting Recital, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, March 6
Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m.; **Beginning/Intermediate Tap with Annika Kay**, 4-5 p.m.; **Adult Dance with Annika Kay**, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.
Idyllwild Garden Club March Souper, 12-2 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church.
Wine Tasting with Lapis Luna Wines, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Wine Shop Bistro.
"Journey 2: The Mysterious Is-

land," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Musical Theatre Recital, 7:30 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts Campus.

Wednesday, March 7
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; **Senior Stretch/Exercise**, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; **Ballet & Tap Dancing K-grade 4 with Annika Kay**, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Paul Carman & Marshall Hawkins, 5:30-8:00 p.m. The Creek House.
"Journey 2: The Mysterious Island," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, March 8
1/2 Price Bottles of Wine, The Creek House.
Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4:15-5 p.m.; **Wii games for all ages**, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Tom McNeary, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.
Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
"Journey 2: The Mysterious Island," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
IAM: New Media Salon, 7:30 p.m. Weston Room, Krone Library, Idyllwild Arts.

Friday, March 9
"Journey 2: The Mysterious Island," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m.; **Parents' Date Night**, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
Hojo & Friends, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
Visual Art smARTS Bi-Annual Show, Opening Reception, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Idyllwild Arts. Show runs through March 16.

Saturday, March 10
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Sandii Castleberry & Friends, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
The Eye of the Artist, 7-9 p.m.

The Rainbow Inn.
Karaoke with Kathy, 7-11 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

Sunday, March 11
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Swift Pony, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.

Monday, March 12
Childrens Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbreten, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Music in the Meadow, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, March 13
Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m.; **Beginning/Intermediate Tap with Annika Kay**, 4-5 p.m.; **Adult Dance with Annika Kay**, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.

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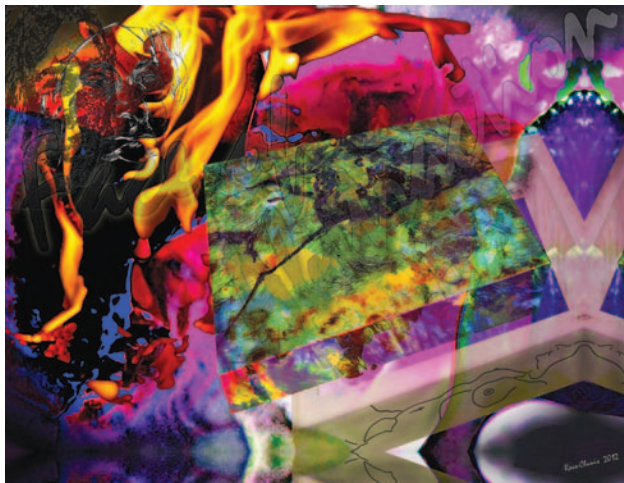
AAI season starts with 'Eye of the Artist'

By B. BAILEY
CORRESPONDENT

This year, the Art Alliance of Idyllwild is challenging its artists to weave their own sense of the "Spirit of Idyllwild" into creations for its annual kickoff event "The Eye of the Artist." The "eye opener" takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Rainbow Inn, 54420 South Circle Dr.

With outstanding original art, good wine and tasty appetizers, the annual event is one of the liveliest events of the year. It also marks the official opening of the AAI's "Second Saturdays" season, in which the AAI presents a unique art event on the second Saturday of selected months from March through October.

"The Eye of the Artist" offers something for every taste: paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, furniture, three-dimensional pieces, baskets and metal art. Artists donate their creations to the evening's "opportunity drawing" in which art lovers have a chance to add to their collections for the low price of a ticket. Tickets sell for \$2 each, \$5 for 3, \$10 for 7 and \$20 for 25. Additional



Ross Clunis' "Face of Abstraction 8-B," above, Norm Deesing's "Spirit of Lily Rock," above right



works will be sold during a spirited live auction.

"To me, the Spirit of Idyllwild is whimsical fun, a bit of adventure and lovely peace and quiet," said artist Kate Humphrey. "My donation for the show is a little different this year. It is an original designed and handcrafted snow doll. My absolute favorite days in Idyllwild are the snowy days. This doll represents those days."

Artist Norm Deesing's submission is titled "Spirit of Lily Rock," named for the distinctive mountain peak that overlooks the town. "I wanted to put a face on the it; a generic,

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nondescript face which expresses my feeling that the beauty and danger of 'the rock' never looks away."

"I think of the 'Spirit of Idyllwild' in relation to the concept of an artist community," said painter

Ross Clunis. "My piece for the 'Eye of the Artist' show represents my notion of artists' eyes looking on and being immersed in this abstraction."

Below is a sampling of future AAI Second Saturday events:

- Lilac Walk & Art



Larry Fina's "Idyllwild Rivulet"

Show, May 19 and 20;

• Plein Air Festival, June 8 to 10;

• Judged Artist Member's Show & Gallery Working Artist Tour, July 14 and 15; and

• 2012 Art Walk and Wine Tasting, Oct. 13.

The AAI also helps support art in local schools. For more information about the Eye of the Artist event, or other AAI functions, please visit the Web site at www.artallianceofidyllwild.memberlodge.org or call at (877) 439-5278.

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Spring Dance Concert

Wednesday, February 29 & Thursday, March 1
Theatre LabWork. 7:30 PM, Rush Hall.

Monday, March 5
Songwriting Recital. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Tuesday, March 6
Musical Theatre Recital. 7:30 PM, Rush Hall.

Thursday, March 8
IAM: New Media Salon. 7:30 PM, Weston Room, Krone Library.

Friday, March 9
Visual Art smARTS Bi-Annual Show. Opening reception, 6 PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through March 16.

Creative Writing Guest Artist Poetry Reading:
Alba Cruz Hacker. 7:30 PM, Fireside Room, Nelson Hall.

Monday, March 12
Music in the Meadow. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, March 14, 15 & 16
Spring Dance Concert. 7:30 PM, IAF Theatre.

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Cast: Dwayne Johnson, Michael Caine, Josh Hutcherson, Luis Guzman, Vanessa Hudgens; **Director:** Brad Peyton;
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SPORTS

Town Hall Adult Volleyball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on Town Hall Adult volleyball for the week of Feb. 13.

On Monday night Feb. 13, the Idyllwild Garage took on Silver Pines Lodge. Both sides played great the entire night. After the Garage took the first game, Silver Pines came back to win the next two games. Idyllwild Garage recovered and won the fourth game to force a fifth and deciding game.

The final game went back and forth. Silver Pines finally took the lead late and won the game 15-11 and the match (15-25, 25-23, 25-14, 22-25, and 15-11). It was the Garage's first loss since their first game of the season.

The Wednesday game between Idyllwild Inn and Forest Lumber was postponed due to snow.

On Thursday night, Pacific Slope forfeited its match to Idyllwild Chevron.

Volleyball Standings (as of Feb. 26)

Team	Wins	Losses
Idyllwild Garage	11	2
Silver Pines Lodge	9	4
Idyllwild Chevron	8	5
Idyllwild Inn	7	5
Pacific Slope	2	11
Forest Lumber	1	11

Town Hall Youth Basketball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on youth basketball for both the College League (kindergarten through third-grade) and the Pro League (third- through sixth-grade) for the week of Feb. 13.

College League (Kindergarten through third-grade)

On Friday, Feb. 17, the College League games started with a match between the Village Hardware Blue Devils and the Rotary Wildcats. The Wildcats built an early lead as they shared the ball great and three different players (**Cody, Ellie, Gracie**) scored in the first quarter. The Blue Devils got hot shooting in the third quarter as **Fiona McMullen** scored a couple of baskets to the lead the Blue Devils to a 22-14 win.

In the next game, the Gastrognome Gators and the Idyllwild Vacation Rentals Wolverines met. Both teams played a great game. The Wolverines' **Layton** and **Ethan Teeguarden** were hot early as they took a lead into half-time. **Preston Pino** scored a bunch to keep the Gators close.

In the third quarter the Wolverines extended their lead and then had to play tough defense the rest of the game. The Gators came back but couldn't wrest the lead from the Wolverines, who held on to win their first game of the year 20-19.

Team	Wins	Losses
Gastrognome Gators	7	2
Rotary Wildcats	6	3
Village Hardware Blue Devils	4	5
Idyllwild Vacation Wolverines	1	8



The Fairway Market Lakers battled the Town Crier Clippers two weeks ago.

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Pro League (Third- through sixth-grade)

The Pro League games began Tuesday night Feb. 14. The first game was between the Town Hall Clippers and the Roby Gray Construction Cavs. **Vinny Parillo** scored a couple early baskets to help give the Clippers an early lead. The Cavs **Payton Priefer** got hot in the fourth quarter scoring 6 quick points to help get the Cavs close, but in the end the Clippers went on to win 18-14.

The next game pitted the Pino Tree Service Heat against the Fairway Market Lakers. The Lakers took an early lead thanks in part to great play from **Bowden Tate** who played great defense all game. **Fernando Lopez** played great for the Heat all game playing strong defense. The Lakers ended up being too tough as they went on to win 18-10.

On Friday night, the Pro League teams played their second games of the week. The night started with play between the Idyllwild Automotive Grizzlies and the Roby Gray Construction Cavs. In the ultimate defensive game, both teams struggled to score baskets.

Garrett Goffman played great for the Cavs and scored their only first half basket. **Arie Reyes** scored the Grizzlies' only basket in the second half as regulation time ended in a tie. Neither teams could score in the two overtime periods and the game ended in a 5-5 tie.

The night's final game was between the Pino Tree Service Heat and the Town Crier Clippers. **Kevin Posey** played hard all game for the Heat and scored an early basket. The Heat scored a basket to take a 3 point lead with under two minutes to go.

The Clippers **Chayton Kenyon** played furious defense for the final couple minutes and scored a basket with less than a minute to get the Clippers to within a point. Then with just 5 seconds to play the Clippers **Nicole Cochrane** got a long pass and scored the winning basket. The Clippers won 17-16.

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties
Fairway Market Lakers	8	3	
Town Crier Clippers	6	5	
Pino Tree Service Heat	6	6	
Idyllwild Auto Grizzlies	5	5	1
Gray Construction Cavs	2	8	1

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Soccer

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Dwinnell noted that the team normally jumped to first half leads.

On Friday, in the quarter-finals, Hemet took a 1-0 in the first half and kept it until mid-way through the second half. Hemet's front line speed continued to pressure the La Cañada defense. Then within a span of five minutes, Hemet scored two more goals for a 3-0 lead. The final goal was scored with slightly less than seven minutes remaining in the game.

"I love a shutout," Coach Craig Dwinnell said after the game. "We only gave up 10 goals all season." Complimenting his defense,

he also paid a special compliment to Savannah Loutzenhiser, of Idyllwild.

"Savanah is excellent. She is so strong back there," he said. "She's part of a dominating defense.

On Wednesday, the half-time score was 1-1. But Hemet played a totally different game in the final 40 minutes, scoring five goals against Garden Grove to win 6-1.

Although he said his



Hemet High School junior **Savanah Loutzenhiser** intercepts a La Cañada pass during Hemet's shutout of La Cañada Friday.



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Above, four members of the Hemet High School Girls' Varsity Soccer team are from Idyllwild. Pictured above are (from left) **Ali Hitchcock**, **Savanah Loutzenhiser**, **Rosie Robinson** and **Danika Hitchcock**.

At left, **Rosie Robinson** concentrates on where she plans to move the ball during the game Friday.



Hemet Girls soccer coach **Craig Dwinnell** talks strategy with the team during halftime of Friday's quarterfinals game against La Cañada. Hemet won 4-0.



South Pasadena was ranked number four in Division 6 at the end of the season.

The top four ranked teams in Division 6 all made it to the semi-finals. Hemet is ranked number one. The San Dimas and St. Margaret's teams are playing in the other semi-final game. They are two and three

respectively.

Although Hemet's Girls Soccer team went to the CIF-SS semi-finals in 2011, Dwinnell emphasized that this year's team has eight different starters. Rosie Robinson, who attended Idyllwild School, and Savannah Loutzenhiser, Idyllwild, are returning starters.

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half-time exhortation simply implored the team to play with confidence, Dwinnell's halftime ministrations clearly had an effect on the players. "I told them to settle down. I talked and told them to calm down. They need to be confident," Dwinnell said.

The semi-final opponent is South Pasadena, which is from the same league, Rio Hondo, as La Cañada.



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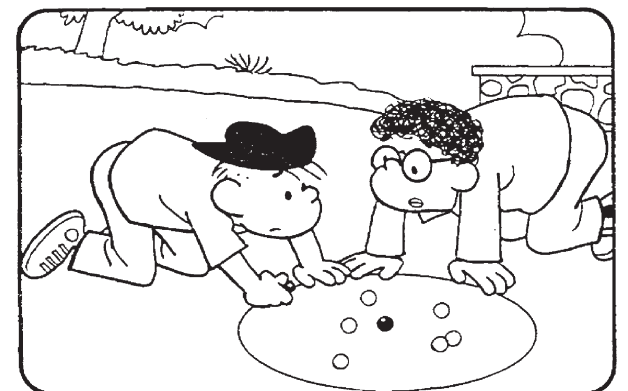
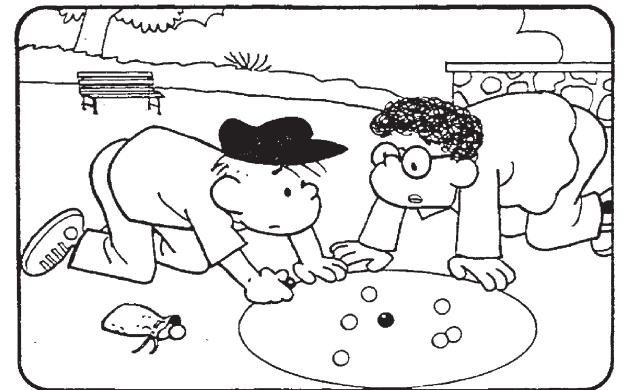
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Answers to Sudoku
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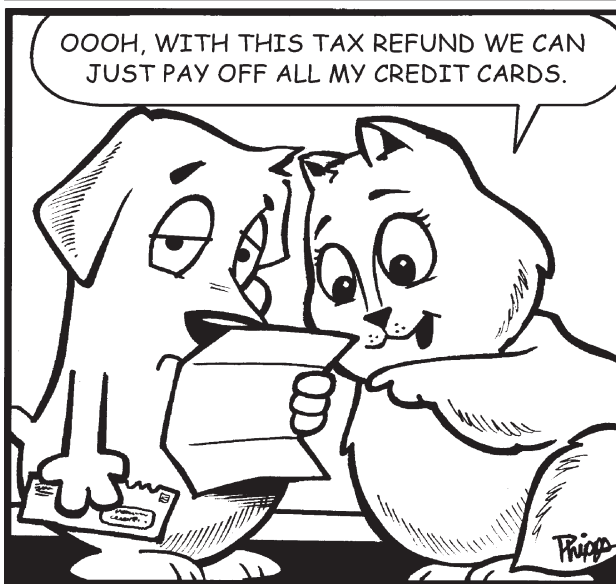
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A more positive aspect grows out of your determination to reach your immediate goals. Continue to keep your focus sharp and on target by steering clear of petty quarrels and other pesky problems.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) By acting as a voice of reason, you can avoid adding to an already turbulent situation. You might have to shout over the tumult, but your words ultimately will be heard and heeded.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The possibility of a new acquisition always makes those Leonine eyes light up. But be careful that what you see is what you want. Appearances can often be deceiving.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) No matter how much you might feel that you're in the right, resist saying anything that could reignite a still-unresolved situation. Let the matter drop, and move on.

LIBRA (September 23 to

October 22) Help with a personal problem comes from an unexpected source. You also find workplace pressures easing. Use this period of calm to restore your spent energies.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to share the credit for that project you're working on. But there'll be enough credit to go around, and your efforts will be recognized and rewarded.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Details need to be dealt with before you can move on to another area. Make sure you don't leave any loose ends that could later cause everything to unravel.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) News about a change in the workplace carries with it a challenge you could find difficult to resist. Check it out. It could be what you've been waiting for.

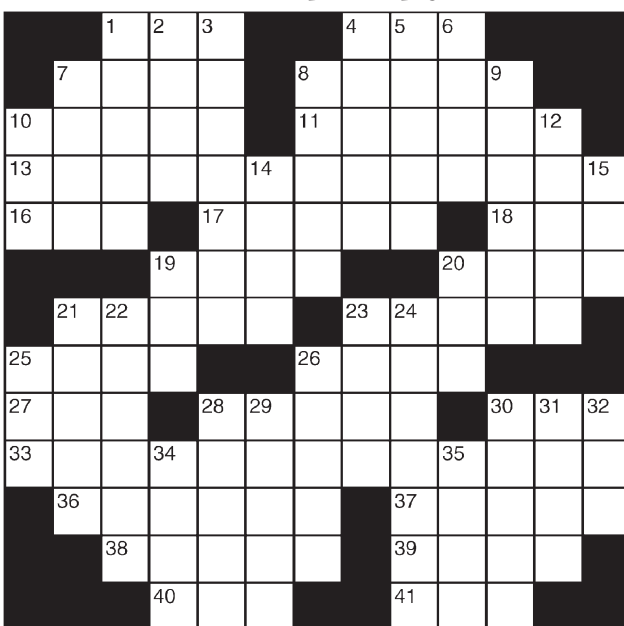
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Rotating part
 - 4 Existed
 - 7 Deep-sea predator
 - 8 Move to one side
 - 10 Adversary
 - 11 The external world
 - 13 News crew member
 - 16 Work with
 - 17 Judicial apparel
 - 18 "- was saying, ..."
 - 19 Sheepish comments
 - 20 A long time
 - 21 Choir's rendition
 - 23 Cheney's successor
 - 25 Salamander
 - 26 Sell
 - 27 Raw rocks
 - 28 Irving Berlin's "Blue -"
 - 30 Afternoon social
 - 33 13-Across' offering
 - 36 "A Streetcar Named Desire" role
 - 37 Bracelet adornment
 - 38 Short fishing line
 - 39 Slight amounts
 - 40 James Bond, e.g.
 - 41 Pigpen

- DOWN**
- 1 Minotaur's home
 - 2 Pinnacle
 - 3 Pertaining to a city election
 - 4 7-Across, e.g.
 - 5 Jam ingredients?
 - 6 A size too small, maybe
 - 7 Individuals
 - 8 Uppity sorts
 - 9 Battlefield prioritization
 - 10 Ostrich's "Paris" star cousin
 - 12 Ruhr Valley city
 - 14 Wander
 - 15 "- the season ..."
 - 19 Cudgel
 - 20 Toss in
 - 21 Shimon of Israel
 - 22 Workout garb
 - 23 Milwaukee product
 - 24 Entomologist's subjects
 - 25 Promptly
 - 26 Spreading fast on YouTube
 - 28 Drag (Var.)
 - 29 "An American in Paris" star
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Winter alleviates Forest restrictions

With recent winter weather across the southland, San Bernardino National Forest officials reduced fire restrictions Wednesday, Feb. 22, and will resume winter burning projects.

"We will continue to monitor the weather and fuel conditions across the landscape and change restriction levels as conditions warrant," said Randy Unkovich, fire prevention officer.

Under the reduced fire restrictions, visitors may have wood and charcoal fires in agency-provided campfire rings at campgrounds, picnic areas and yellow post sites. Recreational target shooting is permitted within designated sites in the Big Bear area and permitted areas on the San

Jacinto Ranger District. Current fire restriction and guidelines in effect for the San Bernardino National Forest are as follows:

- 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.

- The 1N09 Recreation-

al Shooting area remains closed.

- An approved spark arrester is required for any internal combustion engine operated on designated forest routes. These include chainsaws, generators, motorcycles, and off-highway vehicles.

- Smoking is limited to enclosed vehicles, developed recreation sites and areas cleared of vegetation, three feet in diameter.

- Fireworks are always prohibited in 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.

Winter burning projects

also will resume as part of a continuing effort to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire and improve forest health, the San Bernardino National Forest has started this season's prescribed burning program. The prescribed fire program will continue through the winter months as weather and conditions permit.

The ignition of all prescribed burns is dependent on the availability of personnel and equipment, appropriate conditions, and in coordination with the National Weather Service and South Coast Air Quality Management District before and during prescribed burns in order to manage smoke production and minimize impacts as

much as possible.

Fire managers follow a burn plan that outlines the "prescription" or environmental conditions such as temperature, wind, fuel moisture, ventilation, and relative humidity that need to be present before the project begins. When the criteria are met, crews implement, monitor, and patrol each burn to ensure it meets the goals and objectives outlined by managers.

To find out where burns may be occurring, the public can call local Forest Service offices at the following numbers: Idyllwild Ranger Station, (909) 382-2922; or the Santa Rosa & San Jacinto Mountains National Monument, (760) 862-9984.

Record

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through Monday, Feb. 27. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Jan. 20 — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony grand theft, 54000 block of Strawberry Valley Drive, Idyllwild. The case remains open but suspended.

Feb. 6 — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony burglary, 52000 block of Temecula Drive, Idyllwild. The case remains open but suspended.

Feb. 9 — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony burglary, 59000 block of La Cima Road, Anza. The case remains open but suspended.

See News, page 22

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as **STONE WOOD GRANITE AND CABINETS**, 658 Kerilyn Ln., Hemet, CA 92544, Riverside County. **BENJAMIN LEE BLOOM**, 658 Kerilyn Ln., Hemet, CA 92544.

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

Signed: **BENJAMIN LEE BLOOM**

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 31, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-01223

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CERTIFICATION

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

Signed: **LARRY W. WARD**, County Clerk By: **B. Villegas**, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as **ERIC TOWNSEND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**, 54240 Strawberry Valley Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1085, Idyllwild, CA 92549. **ERIC OWEN TOWNSEND**, **CHER — TOWNSEND**, 54240 Strawberry Valley Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, and **SEAN MICHAEL TOWNSEND**, 26060 Wallace Way, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in 1978.

Signed:

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 27, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-01066

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CERTIFICATION

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Signed: **LARRY W. WARD**, County Clerk By: **N. Medina**, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as **EARTH 'N FIRE**, 54225 N. Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 252, Idyllwild, CA 92549. **EARTH & FIRE CORPORATION**, 53050 Double View Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, A California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in July 6, 1996.

Signed: **SUMMER BROWN**, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 27, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-01065

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 27, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 23, 2017. 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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Signed: **LARRY W. WARD**, County Clerk By: **A. Ribac**, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 9, 16, 23, March 1, 2012.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY (PROB. CODE § 10300) CASE NO. PSP 1100552, In the Matter of the Estate of JACK BRYSON,

Deceased.

Please take notice that the Riverside County Public Administrator, acting as Administrator of the Estate of **Jack Bryson**, deceased, will sell at private sale, under the terms and conditions specified below, on or after the 12th day of January, 2012, at the office of **TONI EGGEBRAATEN**, 77-564A Country Club Drive, Suite 191, Palm Desert, California, to the highest and best net bidder, all the right, title, and interest of said deceased at the time of death, and all the right, title, and interest that the estate of said deceased has acquired by operation of law or otherwise, other than or in addition to that of said deceased at the time of death, in and to the REAL PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF IDYLLWILD, RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Lot 12 of Tract 2507 as shown by map on file in book 46 pages 79 and 80 of maps, records of Riverside County, California, APN 565-192-014-5; more commonly known as 24471 Village View Drive, Idyllwild, California.

Terms of sale are all cash in lawful money of the United States with a deposit of \$1,000.00 to accompany the offer and the balance to be paid on close of escrow. The personal representative reserves the right to reject any bids that are less than 90% of the appraised value as determined by the Probate Referee. The property to be sold is on an "as is" basis, except for title.

All sales are subject to confirmation by the Superior Court, and no sale may be consummated and no deed may be recorded and delivered to a purchaser until court confirmation has been acquired by the personal representative.

Bids or offers are to be in writing and will be received at the aforesaid office of **TONI EGGEBRAATEN** at any time after the first publication hereof and before date of sale.

Dated: 2/7/12
Toni Eggebraaten, Esq., 77-564A Country Club Drive, #191, Palm Desert, CA 92211 (760) 772-4292
Attorney for Riverside County Public Administrator
Pub. TC: Feb. 16, 23, March 1, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as **HERITAGE HOUSE INN AND VACATION RENTALS**, 25870 Cedar Street, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3059, Idyllwild, CA 92549. **PATRICIA LOUISE TOMPkins**, 25880 Cedar Street, 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: **PATRICIA LOUISE TOMPkins**
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 7, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-01505

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 7, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 23, 2017. 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: Feb. 16, 23, March 1, 8, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as **BUTCH BAKER CONSTRUCTION**, 50-900 Jackson St., Coachella, CA 92236, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 6479, La Quinta, CA 92248. **WILLIAM ROBERT BAKER**, 50-900 Jackson St., Coachella, CA 92236.

This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April, 15, 1995.

Signed: **WILLIAM R. BAKER**

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 14, 2012.

FILE NO.: I-2012-00445

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 14, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 23, 2017. 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: **S. Romero**, Deputy

Pub. TC: Feb. 23, March 1, 8, 15, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as **STEVEN WAYNE PHOTOGRAPHY**, 77335 Missouri Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211, Riverside County. Mailing address: 42-335 Washington St., Suite F124, Palm Desert, CA 92211. **STEVEN — WAYNE** and **SHERRY ANN WAYNE**, 77335 Missouri Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92211.

This business is conducted by a Husband & Wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on April 28, 2006.

Signed: **STEVEN WAYNE**
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 7, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-01511

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CERTIFICATION

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: **N. Medina**, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as **REAL LIVING PREMIER REALTY**, 23180 Hemlock Ave., Moreno Valley, CA 92557, Riverside County. **RL PREMIER REALTY, INC.**, 23180 Hemlock Ave., Moreno Valley, CA 92557, a California corporation.

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

Signed: **CHARLES C. VAN ZEE**
CFO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 23, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-02185

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CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: **N. Medina**, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name **REAL LIVING PREMIER REALTY**, 7359 Indiana Ave., Riverside, CA 92504, Riverside County, has been abandoned by the following person: **ALPAC FUNDING, INC.**, 7359 Indiana Ave., Riverside, CA 92504, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by an individual. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on March 18, 2010.

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

Signed: **CHARLES C. VAN ZEE**
CFO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 23, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2010-03075

CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: **N. Medina**, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as **COCKTAILS SURLIE**, 27495 Diaz Road, Temecula, CA 92590, Riverside County. Mailing address: 31 Remington, Irvine CA 92620. **MIDDLE RIDGE, INC.**, 31 Remington, Irvine, CA 92620.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Feb. 1, 2012.

Signed: **CHRIS JOHNSTON**, President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 22, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-02148

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 22, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 23, 2017. 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: **S. Ranabauer**, Deputy

Pub. TC: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 880 North State Street, Hemet, CA 92543.

PETITION OF JASON A. WINDH FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: **JASON A. WINDH** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: **DUSTIN HAWK PONCE** changed to Proposed name: **DUSTIN AARON WINDH.**

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 4-16-12 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. H-1
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: Feb. 22, 2012
MAC R. FISHER
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 2012.

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Body found in tent at Lake Hemet Campground

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department reported a body was found at Lake Hemet Campground on Tuesday, Feb. 21. Daniel Raridon, 48 of Hemet, was found at 7:57 a.m. in a tent

at the campsite. Authorities do not suspect foul play at this time.

Hemet Station Special Investigations Supervisor Sgt. Wallace Clear said that Raridon had been camping with two other friends, and when one of the campers went to wake Rari-

don Tuesday morning, he found him non-responsive with no pulse. Sgt. Clear said the investigative report noted that certain pre-existing health issues or medical conditions could have contributed to Raridon's death. The Sheriff's Department said an autopsy has

been scheduled.

The coroner's press release lists a "date of injury" as Monday, Feb. 20, without explaining what injury may have caused death.

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

Before

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• 1930 — Wood's creditors finally lost patience. His club sank into foreclosure and was sold to a military academy for a summer camp site. Its only trace today is the clubhouse, which serves as Astrocamp's dining hall.

Emerson's golf program remained healthy throughout the 1930s, even as he overplayed his hand by buying the Domenigoni Ranch (today's Idyllwild Arts campus) for expansion, just before the Wall Street crash ushered in the Great Depression. His finances were stretched to the

breaking point and, with his bankruptcy in 1938, Emerson left the Hill. Then the war undermined everything.

After the war, developer Jerry Johnson bought up the land and sold it to Palm Springs developers for subdivision into the Tollgate neighborhood we know today. For the first time in three decades Idyllwild had no golf course.

There was a brief effort to revive the sport in 1961, when the Tahquitz Lake Golf Club opened on Dutch Flat near Foster Lake. But its plans for full-scale resort development ran into stiff local opposition, and the club folded after a mere three-year run. By the time Brendan Steele was born, Idyllwild golf had been only a memory for nearly 20 years.

Fire and forest

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the vacation spot of Possum Kingdom Lake. There some houses had been squeezed into the trees with no clearance. Most of those houses were lost in the several fires that hit the area during the year. Mountain communities

in Arizona that faced the Wallow Fire went another way. They successfully withstood the fire because of extensive fuel reduction work they had carried out in prior years.

Examples from big fires continue to demonstrate the effectiveness of fire safe practices. If you have any questions about how to make your home more fire safe, please call us at 659-6208. We will be happy to share ideas with you.

Crime

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and dusted the machines for fingerprints.

At the Idyllwild Trailer Park, perpetrators rifled through five vehicles, but from only one did they steal items significantly valuable to categorize the crime as felony burglary of a vehicle. Investigations in both incidents are ongoing.

These most recent incidents reinforce the feeling that burglaries are becoming ever more common and unwanted local events.

Based on incident reports from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station, in the five months since October 2011, there have been 25 incidents including felony burglary, attempted burglary, vehicle burglary, vehicle theft, grand theft and vandalism with damage over \$400. Thirteen

of those incidents occurred just in Jan. and Feb. 2012.

By comparison, from Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, 2011 there were 12 incidents in 9 months. For the entire year, there were only 23 property crimes.

From 2009 to late 2011, the pattern shows incremental growth in property crime, but not the concentrated upswing that has occurred since Oct. 2011. In 2009, there were 11 incidents; in 2010, 17; and as indicated, 23 in 2011.

In the way of further comparison, in 2009 more crimes to property occurred in warm months, April through September. In 2010, the pattern shifted to include a fairly even distribution through all months with the highest number occurring in December 2010. In 2011, the months from Jan. through May had only 5 incidents, while in June there was

a burst of activity with 5 crimes in that month alone. All occurred in Idyllwild. Then, as previously stated, a strong escalation in property crimes began in Oct. 2011 and continued through the end of February 2012.

In response to this recent criminal activity, 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone, said he would convene a "Public Safety Summit" in Idyllwild to discuss this growth in criminal activity with residents and what possible solutions might be available. Although a date has not yet been set, Stone agreed there is a sense of urgency surrounding the meeting, given the recent rash of crimes. Stone said he would ask County Sheriff Stan Sniff and someone from the District Attorney's office to attend as well as a Sheriff's Department representative who could speak to residents about what steps are necessary to set

up neighborhood or community-wide watches.

The sheriff's department reminds residents to lock house and car doors and report suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. For crimes in progress call 911. For non-emergency (not in progress and no perceived risk to life), call the Sheriff's Department Dispatch number (951) 776-1099. As previously reported, Hemet Station commanders note that one can request a deputy show up in person to take the report and conduct a preliminary investigation.

The Town Crier is interested in receiving reports from residents about property crimes. Also helpful is the report number filed with the Sheriff's Department. Call Marshall Smith at (951) 659-2145 or email him at the address below.

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

News

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Feb. 10 — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony burglary, 26000 block of

Highway 243, Idyllwild. The case remains open but suspended.

Feb. 13 — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony burglary, 60000 block of Devils Ladder Road, Garner Valley. The case re-

mains open and under investigation.

Feb. 14 — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony grand theft, 24000 block of Juniper Flats Road, Anza. The case remains open but suspended.

Feb. 22 — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony burglary of a vehicle, 25000 block of Highway 243, Idyllwild. The case remains open and under investigation.

CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Polly, our polydactyl has finally found her forever home. All six toes up to you Polly. And **Boo**, the Chiweenie didn't take long to wiggle his way into the heart and arms of his new human.



It's puppy love! Wrap your heart around this bundle of fur that was rescued from the streets of Idyllwild.



Buster Brown is a 16-week-young boxer/pit mix. Along with puppy kisses upon request, this smart boy is already in clicker training class. His first report card is A+, as the basic commands were a piece of cake for him. He is learning leash rules, and is great with all other four-leggeds, cats and dogs.

Abandoned in the ARF yard, **Nellie** is our sweetheart senior papillon mix. She's had her diva day at the groomers, so get that pretty pillow ready for this pretty girl. She'll sing for her supper, and then snuggle in for a good nap. Nellie likes a slow walk, with rest areas in between, loves food, but most of all she likes to just flash those great eyes and make you fall in love.



Look what the wind blew in! Weighing in at about 5 pounds, you'll never even know she's on your lap. Introducing **Miss Feather** who was found wandering on Highway 243. Quite the agile girl, she is young, energetic, loving and full of tricks. We believe she is a powder puff Chinese crested mix. We know she is just a sweetheart.



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PAST TENSE

55 years ago - 1957

During what used to be conservation week, Izaak Walton League hosted the Junior Rangers and Girl Scouts at the town hall, where together they performed a playlet and multiple skits about conserving natural resources.



In February, 1987, to celebrate Jazzercise's first anniversary in Idyllwild, instructor **Theresa Gray**, center, offered a free class. Working out with her are **Fiona Wohlman**, left, and **Paul McAndrews**, right.

FILE PHOTO

50 years ago - 1962

Dr. Earl Herald, curator of the Steinhart Aquarium in San Francisco, showed a presentation at the town hall that told the story of his collection of cannibalistic frogs, four-eyed fish, and the Hawaiian Humuhumunukunukuapua'a. (Try saying that 10 times fast!)

40 years ago - 1972

The Idyllwild County Water District and the Idyllwild Property Owners' Association presented its report on the community water resources - the big concern was that, if it didn't rain any more for the rest of the year, "we will be in serious trouble."

35 years ago - 1977

Investigation into the death of Craig Kuhn, the 16-year-old deemed the incident accidental — the youth had been killed when he stepped in front of an auto on Tahquitz McCallum Way.

30 years ago - 1982

Brian Wilson, a 15-year-old Boy Scout from Long Beach died after being

struck by a dislodged Boulder while climbing out of a fire pit. By the time he was transported to Loma Linda hospital, he was in critical condition with head and internal injuries.

20 years ago - 1992

The Pacific Rim Design Team submitted its proposal for a school of the future to the New Ameri-

can Schools Development Corporation and was hoping to get a \$17 million grant.

15 years ago - 1997

Howard Friedman, the Pine Cove merchant who was sued for allegedly taking more than \$200,000 from the Girl Scout camp he managed for nearly two years, posted bail following his arrest on three criminal charges.

10 years ago - 2002


The Idyllwild HELP Center learned that the organization would receive a \$13,754 grant from the California Endowment.

5 Years ago - 2007

Carl Edward Eck, 61, of Hemet, died of lung cancer.

1 year ago - 2011

A Riverside County Superior Court jury convicted Jason Howard Runnels, 34, and Lucia Janet Martinez, 30, of the Dec. 31, 2008, murder in Poppet Flat of Rick Macias, 33, of Brea, Calif.




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IA Jazz Band dazzles

Lake Jiroudek, Mary Duffy, Brian Shin and Max Kazakov unite together to wow the audience during the Idyllwild Arts Academy Jazz Concert last Thursday on campus.

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Katie Perez belts out amazing jazz vocals.

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Mary Duffy and Emily Jimenez perform at the Idyllwild Arts Jazz Concert at IAF Theatre on campus last Thursday night.

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Randy Plummer on saxophone and Kat Deiter on drums perform at the concert.

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Luca Jacurusso, Lake Jiroudek, Marry Duffy and Brian Shin harmonize together to entertain the audience.

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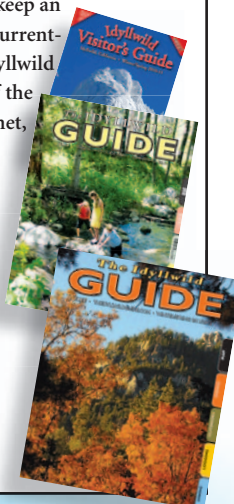
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