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Quinn Cummings, very humorous, opens the 10 week series.

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BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Riverside Sheriff's Department Hemet Station deputies arrested Pine Cove resident Ron Kimmerle, 49, on suspicion of making criminal threats, a felony under California Penal Code 422. Hemet Station Special Investigations Supervisor Sgt. Wallace Clear confirmed the charges for which Kimmerle was arrested.

The arrest occurred around noon on Monday, May 7, at Kimmerle's Pine Cove cabin in the 25000 block of Laurel Drive. Deputies remained on the scene throughout the afternoon conducting further investigations.

Neighbor Lynette Poor summoned police over threats she said Kimmerle had made against her husband. "I'm tired of it," she said referring to Kimmerle's

threats against and abuse of neighbors. "He threatened my husband with a weapon in the street. This has got to stop. He's threatened many in the community."

This is Kimmerle's second arrest in a little more than a week. Hemet Station deputies first arrested Kimmerle on Friday, April 27, on suspicion of receiving stolen property. After a night in county jail, Kimmerle posted a bond of \$500 on \$5,000 bail and was released.

Hemet Station Special Investigations Supervisor Wallace Clear said that his department is still inventorying stolen items that were in Kimmerle's possession at the time of the April 27 arrest in ongoing efforts to return the stolen articles to their rightful owners. "Additional charges are likely

See *Kimmerle*, page 22

Kimmerle arrested again



Above, Ron Kimmerle's horse **Papo** struggled with Riverside County Sheriff's Deputy Cadenhead and Riverside County Animal Services. At left, Sheriff's vehicles outside Ronald Kimmerle's residence in Pine Cove while making arrest.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Sheriff Sniff visits Idyllwild

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In a visit to Idyllwild on Wednesday, May 2, Riverside County Sheriff Stan Sniff talked about budget constraints and the need to return staffing in Riverside County's unincorporated areas to a minimum of 1 deputy per 1,000 residents. "The strain marks [of current staffing at .9 deputies per 1,000 residents, on the way to .75] are all over the county," said Sniff. "We're down to response only. And even if additional budget is approved [by the board of supervisors], it will take 12 to 18 months to staff back up." Staffing is being



Sheriff Stan Sniff

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

reduced through normal attrition said Sniff. "We're losing [deputies] at a good rate this year," he said.

Sniff also worried that changes in retirement ben-

efits for newly hired deputies will make it harder to retain and expand staff. Sniff said recently adopted changes in employee retirement benefits may make it more difficult to remain competitive with city departments in the county and departments in surrounding counties in vying for qualified personnel. Sniff called the combination of deputy attrition, potential lack of competitiveness in new hiring, and escalation of crime that is partly a factor of reduced staffing, a "perfect storm."

But he noted it is a primary function of law enforcement to "create order

See *Sniff*, page 8

HUSD superintendent resigns — finally

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Dr. Stephen Lowder formally resigned as Superintendent of the Hemet Unified School District. The resignation, effective June 30, was tendered Tuesday, May 1, at a special HUSD board meeting preceding the board's regular meeting Tuesday evening.

At the beginning of the regular meeting, HUSD President Bill Sanborn an-

nounced that the board and Lowder had signed a mutual separation agreement. Although the district will continue to pay Lowder through June 30, his final day of work was Monday, April 30.

Last week, the Stockton Unified School District board voted to offer Lowder a contract as that district's superintendent.

The mutual separation agreement was adopted 6-0, with Director Paul Bakkom, See *HUSD*, page 23

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, April 30 to May 6, 2012:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

April 30 — Medical aid, Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

April 30 — Medical aid, Deer Springs Trail at Highway 243.

April 30 — Medical aid, Highway 371, Anza.

May 1 — Medical aid, Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

May 1 — Two walk-in medical aids.

May 2 — Rescue, Highway 243, Idyllwild.

May 2 — Medical aid, Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

May 3 — Medical aid, Hoeti Lane, Pine Cove.

May 3 — Medical aid, Crestview Drive, Idyllwild.

May 4 — Medical aid, Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

May 4 — Medical aid, Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

May 5 — Medical aid, May Valley Truck Trail at Keen Camp Road.

May 6 — Two walk-in medical aids.

May 6 — Medical aid, North Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

May 5 — Medical aid, Lake Heme Campground.

May 5 — Medical aid, May Valley Truck Trail.

May 6 — Medical aid, Lake Hemet Campground.

May 6 — Traffic collision, 53000 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Sunday, April 27 to Monday, May 7. This may not be a complete list of responses:

April 27 — Solo injury collision, Highway 74 east of Apple Canyon Road, Garner Valley.

April 29 — Solo injury collision, Highway 74 west of Palm Canyon Drive, Pinyon.

April 30 — Solo injury collision, Highway 371 west of Highway 74, Anza.

May 3 — Solo noninjury collision, Highway 74 east of Wilson Way, Valle Vista.

Weekend hiker rescued near Snow Creek

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Daniel Mackie, 31, of Palm Springs began a day hike on Saturday, May 5, from the mountain station of the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. While hiking above the community of Snow Creek, Mackie fell and became disoriented. Unsure of his location and how to return to the trail, Mackie used his cell phone to call for assistance.

Riverside County Sheriff's Department Cabazon Station began organizing a rescue, including Riverside

Mountain Rescue Unit and the Sheriff's Aviation Unit. Around 11 a.m. the aviation unit deputies spotted Mackie and were able to land with one skid down, allowing Mackie to climb into the helicopter.

Mackie was taken to the rescue command post for medical attention for minor scrapes suffered during his fall. He was later transported back to the Palm Springs tram to join friends and return home, according to the Sheriff's press release.

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

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Sunday, April 22 to Monday, May 7. This may not be a complete list of all responses:

April 22 — Felony burglary, Aurora and Bryon lanes, Anza. The case re-

mains open but suspended.

April 28 — Felony criminal threats, 58000 block of Range Lane, Anza. The case remains open but suspended.

May 1 — Unidentified suspect felony stolen vehicle in the 58000 block of Highway 371 in Anza. The case remains open but suspended.

Trivia test

Music: Who wrote the song "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds"?

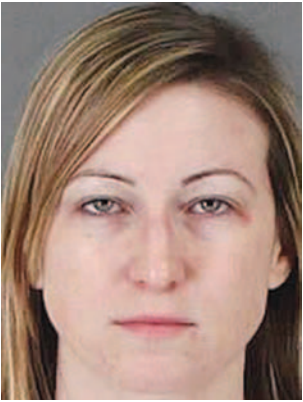
Answer: Credited to John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Teacher pleads guilty to sex with a student

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Janel Ramirez, 31, former Idyllwild School student and Hemet High School teacher, waived her right to a jury trial and pled guilty in Riverside County Superior Court to sex with a minor student on May 3, 2012. The court imposed immediate sentencing.

The charges against Ramirez, unlawful intercourse with a minor more than three years younger and oral copulation with a person under 18 years of age, could have subjected her to a prison term and classification as a sex offender. Ramirez is married and a mother of two and until this incident had been a respected teacher at Hemet High School. Ramirez resigned her position on Tuesday, May 1, according to Bill Sanborn,



Janel Ramirez

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HUSD board president.

The court accepted her guilty plea and sentenced her to five years of probation and 120 days of electronically monitored house arrest.

The court order and probation terms do not require Ramirez to register as a sex offender.

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Thursday 5/10	Friday 5/11	Saturday 5/12	Sunday 5/13	Monday 5/14
84/51 Sunny.	86/53 Sunny.	89/56 Sunny.	89/57 Sunny.	88/57 Sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
4-30	na	na			60	34		
5-1	72	45			63	35		
5-2	na	na			na	na		
5-3	na	na			77	36		
5-4	67	35			83	42		
5-5	68	35			80	45		
5-6	69	34	.01		78	44		

Moisture in inches				Snow in inches			
To date this season (Idy): 20.00				To date this season (Idy): 42.1			
To date last season (Idy): 28.83				To date last season (Idy): 44.9			
Total last season (Idy): 29.38				Total last season (Idy): 44.9			
To date this season (PC): 22.05				To date this season (PC): 73.25			
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.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

March of the PCTers ...

The annual Pacific Crest Trial hiker northern migration is now in progress. The local trails are crowded with this nomadic horde which congregates for the march northward at the Mexican border near Campo, California.



The herds begin to coalesce at Lake Morena on the last weekend of April. Then, like an overflowing river, they burst out onto the trail. The journey will take more than 2,600 miles and last nearly five months until they reach the northern terminus of their territory just across the Canadian Border.

So how does one recognize a migrating PCTer? Here are a few signs to look for:

First you can spot them by their colorful shiny nylon coat, which is but an exterior cover over their down plumage. These coats are virtually every color of the rainbow, — black, sapphire, orange, lemon yellow, ruby, sky blue and edamame — and are worn even on seventy plus degree days and indoors at the local library.

Next, PCTers can be spotted wearing rain jackets and rain pants on the way to the laundromat because all the rest of their clothing is in need of a wash. So if you see someone wearing rain gear in town on a sunny day and carrying a pack with socks dangling on the back, chances are good they are headed to do some sud busting.

Distinguishing the male from the female PCTer can be very difficult in the field. Typically the male has larger feet but that is not sure sign of gender. Neither is clothing a sure sign as some of the males wear hiking skirts and sport colorful bandannas. Sexual dimorphism is much simpler when the hikers are in town after performing their grooming rituals.

I have never seen a scientific study of the male to female ratio but after careful observation I would hazard a guess that it is about three to one in favor of the males. Scientists at the Pacific Crest Trail Hiker Institute are currently conducting research on the consequences of the male to female ratio and the mating habits of this particular species.

As to the numbers of hikers, we have a pretty accurate yearly count of the hikers by the tag and release program. First, the hiker is shot with a tranquilizer dart, the only way to get them to slow down on the trail, and then numbered ear tags are clipped in place. The count for the last three years shows a steady increase in the size of the herd and scientists at the PCTHI are hopeful that because of the biological diversity of the herd that the population will be selfsustaining.

Like all herds that must perform an annual migration there always will be an attrition rate and the PCTers are no exception. Reasons for leaving the herd vary. They run the gamut from old age, financial problems and blisters.

Towns such as Idyllwild also influence the attrition rate. Every year a small number of hikers seem to decide that they have found what they are looking for when they arrive in Idyllwild and leave the herd, never to return. They soon blend in with the local herd of hikers and become indistinguishable from the local population.

Until next week have fun, be safe.

May holidays ...

The month of May has three holidays. The Cinco de Mayo, Armed Forces Day and, of course, Memorial Day. Two of the holidays — first and last — involve lots of food.

Memorial Day

When World War II broke out, I had three uncles who immediately joined the military. One died in the war, one was OK and the other, who saw lots of action, suffered problems, which we now call post traumatic stress syndrome. My uncle Felix died before I was born.

My husband was a Marine during the occupation of Japan, helping rebuild the country. Recently I joined the American Legion and am looking forward to volunteering in its kitchen, especially the barbecues.

Cinco de Mayo

This column may be out after the holiday, but do I have stories about a Cinco de Mayo in my past. I'm not going to tell the story in my column; however if you ask, I will tell you in person.

Here's a hint: it involves a stack of one dollar bills. That ought to keep you thinking.

Now for the food, both of the following recipes can be used for either holiday. I have had both recipes for a while and cannot remember who to credit.



The last of the golden-crowned sparrows was sighted in Mountain Center, while making its way north for the breeding season.

PHOTO BY DORIS JEAN LOMBARD

LOLA'S KITCHEN

By DOLORES SIZER



Frozen lemon-lime margaritas (Recipe makes 21 drinks in batches of three)

Set up a Margarita bar. Put out a bucket of ice, 3 cups of fresh lime juice, a large bottle of tequila, a bottle of Grand Mariner, and 4 pints of frozen lemon sorbet.

To make three Margaritas, blend 12 ice cubes, six tablespoons lime juice, 1/2 cup tequila, and 2 tablespoons Grand Mariner until slushy. Then blend in 1 cup frozen sorbet.

Pour into salt-rimmed glasses. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Guacamole (12 servings)

For Salsa:

1 can (14.5 ounces) fire roasted- tomatoes, well drained
1/4 cup chopped onions
2 tablespoons fresh cilantro
1/4 teaspoon kosher or sea salt
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
1 small fresh jalapeno chili, seeded, finely chopped
In medium bowl, stir together all salsa ingredients.

For Guacamole

3 ripe avocados, pitted and peeled
2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
1/2 teaspoon kosher or sea salt
1/2 teaspoon red pepper sauce
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
In another medium bowl, place avocados; coarsely mash. Stir in remaining guacamole ingredients. Spoon guacamole into shallow serving bowl; top with salsa. I drained the salsa slightly or the guacamole will get watery. Serve with tortilla chips.

You can contact Lola at dolores.sizer@gmail.com.

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Idyllwild Community Playground fundraiser



Clockwise from top left, **Kelly Wills** and **Kristin Goffman** sing with "Unwound" during the fundraiser for the Idyllwild Community Center Playground on Saturday afternoon. **Deanna Glowers**, 9, paints a tile for the Idyllwild Community Center Playground site. The masterminds and drive behind the Idyllwild Community Center Playground, **Dawn Sonnier** and **Claudia Posey**, dance to the music of Change Required.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

MOUNTAIN FOLK

Idyllwild resident **Don Lenik**, 84, passed away at his residence in Idyllwild on Tuesday, May 1, said friends Bob and Pat Parish. According to Pat, Lenik died alone from apparent natural causes and his body was discovered several days after his passing. A frequent attendee at Town Crier story meetings, a devotee of the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, a flower lover and Garden Club participant, and a good dancer, Lenik always had a ready smile.



Don Lenik giving a tour in 2008 of the garden he helped create at Idyllwild School. FILE PHOTO

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Adam Smith and **Bryan Vasquez**, both third graders, were chosen as Students of the Week for the week of May 7th at Idyllwild School. They were chosen by **Cheri Mack**, substitute supervision aide, for helping to keep the campus clean during lunch hours.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

Forestry board policy to control oak borer

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Last month, the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection adopted a policy that allows CALFIRE to enter into agreements with both public and private landowners and governmental agencies, including the federal government, for controlling the spread of the goldspotted oak borer.

This is a first step in adopting interdiction policies and regulations that could restrict the flow of firewood from infected areas (currently many areas of San Diego County) to uninfected areas such as Riverside County.

GSOB, non-native to California, is especially deadly because it has no natural predators in this state. It originally came from parts of eastern Ari-

zona and from Guatemala and Mexico. Authorities believe GSOB hitchhiked into San Diego County by means of infected firewood. The damage in San Diego County has been extensive, with mortality rates reaching 100 percent for coast live oak, canyon live oak, and California black oak in infected areas. To date, GSOB is responsible for killing 80,000 trees throughout San Diego

County said George Gentry, executive officer of the board. "If it continues to spread beyond the county, mortality rates will increase," he said. "The implications for financial loss are quite high."

For more information on this action and subsequent follow up, see www.bof.fire.ca.gov.

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



A group of Idyllwild residents visited New York City and walked the Brooklyn Bridge. Here (from left) with their copy of the Town Crier are **Lily Geoli**, **Kelly Kirk**, **Caleb Kirk**, **Eva Geoli**, **Isabella Geoli** and **Kenny Geoli**.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

- 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. Quiet Creek Gallery, N. Circle Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST), 1:30 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.
- Hemet Unified School District special board meeting, 4 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- CSA 38, 5:30 p.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- "This is This conversation" 6 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

THURSDAY, MAY 10

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty

- MEMSCOMM, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), noon. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP. Call Francoise Frigola, 659-4146 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- CSA 36 Advisory Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.,
- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- RACES, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

FRIDAY, MAY 11

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or e-mail jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
- Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. BBQ 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

- "Mirror Neurons: How we are deeply and unconsciously influenced by one another," 10 a.m. to noon, Caine Learning Center
- 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, MAY 13

- 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, MAY 14

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation 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, MAY 15

- Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge Rd.
- 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.
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.
- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 659-5228 for location.
- Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 7 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Robert Corbin speaking at 7 p.m., Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

- 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. Quiet Creek Gallery, N. Circle Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m., Call 659-6049 for location.
- 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).
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Lake Hemet Municipal Water District meeting, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet (moved this month from Thursday, May 17)
- 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.



At its May 2 meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President **Chuck Streeter** (right) presents a gift to **Julie Roy**, owner of *Alpacas of Anza Valley*, for being the group's guest speaker.

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- Idyllwild Historic Preservation District, 7 to 8:30 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- 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.
- 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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READERS WRITE

Noise and music

EDITOR:

Here's my first and maybe last letter. I've read similar letters on the same topic and it's clear the complaints have been blown off.

Presumably it doesn't matter to the owners, but this doesn't lessen the unhappiness and ill will it creates in the community toward this restaurant.

So, today is Saturday, May 5, and I'm manning our village business for the weekend as I have for the last few weeks.

I have some nice music playing in the gallery and just outside the front door, but from inside and outside the front doors, and from anywhere else in the village I hear loudly — not just a little, but LOUDLY — the live music from JoAn's patio.

I like all kinds of music, JoAn's included, but really, this is obnoxious. It imposes upon every other business, their customers, and any other town visitors, the particular music and volume that JoAn's chooses to impose on the rest of us.

I'm not a complainer and I'm pretty friendly with everyone I know, but it's becoming personal and a detriment to my business.

I've never had an interest in contacting the county to issue complaints on the routine ordinance infraction but I'm new to spending time in the village on weekends. Starting next week I will ... regularly.

Come on, JoAn's, please stop disrespecting or, if you will, blowing off a good part of the town of which you're a member. You are, aren't you? You're not the only ones who are trying to make a living here and are trying to enjoy parts of Idyllwild that do not include your restaurant and patio.

MIKE AHERN
IDYLLWILD

Response: Music and noise

EDITOR:

Now come on, surely you could have come in and talked to me. I am truly sorry you didn't, as I have always had great respect for this town and the businesses in it. I have spent sixteen years of my life caring about it. I do not like the music

too loud myself, I do go out and talk to the bands, asking them to turn it down because of the stores, and they do, then some of the songs are loud and it seems to go up again, so I am out there again. There are bands that I do not have back because of that very reason. It is monitored, and the decimal point does not exceed the required code.

I apologize to anyone it offends, that is not my intent. My intent is to help bring more people up so everyone can survive and be able to put some away for the slow winters. I know my customers patronize your shops because I see them and I also see the packages they bring back with them. There are shop owners that are happy the barbecue is open because it brings them a lot of business. I am able to hire about ten more workers because of it, also. That helps many that need a job.

I will post your letter for the bands to see, so maybe they also will understand your feelings. I am truly sorry.

JOAN LACKEY
OWNER OF JOAN'S

ICRC use policy

Editor's note: Mr. Rahman wrote a letter published in the May 3 Town Crier issue regarding the ICRC's policies.

Acting ICRC Chair Dawn Sonnier responded online and in this letter.

EDITOR:

Since [Mr. Rahman thinks] that our board's decision to create a policy to ask for "suggested donations" for the use of the ICC property is "an embarrassment to ICRC and slap in the face to Mr. Dahleen," I would like to encourage him to come to our monthly meetings so that he may know firsthand what is being discussed and why we implement the policies that we do. This way he does not have a construed or uneducated opinion to what is happening in his community concerning the community property.

I would like to inform the community why we, ICRC, are asking all parties who reserve the site to give a "suggested donation."

ICRC pays property insurance (\$3,000 per year), property taxes (\$516 per year), water bill (\$517 per

year), electricity (\$360 per year) and has a handicapped accessible public restroom (\$1,214 per year) totaling \$5,607 per year. We wholeheartedly agree that this community owns the park and should be able to use the park, but ICRC holds the deed and therefore must pay the bills.

We too are a nonprofit organization (like Ken Dahleen and have also "donated countless hours"), and we have to accumulate the funding to cover the costs of the community owning a park. Without the funding, the property would not be insured and no public access would be allowed.

I would also like to comment on the question of "why the concert series is treated as an afterthought instead of the very first priority of the ICRC." It is not an afterthought; it is a priority on our large list of items we oversee.

When we discussed the policy with Mr. Dahleen about the "suggested donation" (which is only \$10 per concert for a total of \$70) his response was, "All is OK." May I assure all that the Summer Concerts are on the ICRC calendar and are still going to be held at the site this year.

Also, last year ICRC spent over \$500, as a request from Mr. Dahleen, to remove concrete so that he can have easier access to install his stage and equipment for the concert series. This only shows the positive partnership we have with Mr. Dahleen and his event.

My last response is about the playground issues. Currently we have three playgrounds in our area. The first playground is at the elementary school, only available during school hours for the children who attend the school.

The second is at Town Hall, not available at this time. And the third is a 20-minute drive to Hurkey Creek and everyone must pay a fee to use it.

Where are the other one or two to which you refer? I'm only curious as I have three kids and would love to take a look at them.

Also, the concern about the other playgrounds is one of the main reasons why I am spearheading the future Idyllwild Community Playground. Our community

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



Matter of fact

In the May 3 article about the annual reports regarding the leaking underground fuel tanks, the responsible party for the Village Food and Fuel is Sanden and Sons, Inc., of Mountain Center, not Sandlin and Sons as reported.

In our last edition we reported that the Wednesday, May 16 meeting for county representatives to present the final draft guidelines for the Idyllwild Historic Preservation District was at 7 p.m. at Town Hall. That is not correct. The meeting will be at the Idyllwild Nature Center on Highway 243.

Please see this week's story about the meeting on page 15.

Town Crier regrets the errors.

does not have access to any local playgrounds and I want to make sure we have a safe, free and insured place to go and play.

Also, this is not just a playground for the children (with three climbing walls, I might add) but it is a park for all, including Mr. Rahman, to enjoy. We will have a gazebo with picnic tables, park benches, game tables

to play chess or checkers, and unique pieces of art to admire. This is a community-built playground that begins on June 13 and I hope to see you there!

DAWN SONNIER
ACTING CHAIR OF ICRC,
GENERAL COORDINATOR
OF IDYLLWILD COMMUNITY
PLAYGROUND

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New virtual community watch



By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Watch Network is now available for community comments, ideas and suggestions relating to the recent spate of crime incidents on the Hill.

At Capt. Scott Collins', Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station commander, community meeting in March, Don Raridon heard some comments that suggested the community wanted a virtual site where it could collect and discuss what has happened and what actions could be taken to address this criminal activity.

"It's frustrating because the sheriffs can't get here quickly and short of everyone getting a gun, what action can we take?" said Dora Dillman, local real estate agent. "It would be nice to have a community base where we can report these things."

Raridon researched other cities and websites. Many are

larger communities and the sheriff or police sponsor the site. Nevertheless, Raridon decided to initiate the action himself for the whole community.

"It's intended to be a place for people to post about situations where they wouldn't necessarily possess enough to contact the Sheriff's Department," Raridon said. "They may not have definitive information it's a crime. It'll be a place where people can put two and two together."

So if you want to say or read more about the activities and actions, visit <http://idyllwildnetwork.com>. To post comments, you will have to register and leave your email address with Raridon.

While he will not review nor edit comments before they are posted, he does expect civil and relevant discourse. And he stressed it will not be a forum for individual soapbox rants.

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OFF THE MAIN ROADS

By HELENE LOHR, RMRU MEMBER

How to save your own bacon ...

Planning on heading out on a hike? Great!

Just one thing I'd like you to do first. Look in the mirror. You are looking at the person responsible for your own safety. Got it? Good.

Any good Girl Scout knows that the hike starts before leaving the house. Whether it's a quick trail run, bagging one of the local peaks or a multi-day backpacking trip, preparation is the key to having a safe and fun time in the wilderness.

Here's what you should have before stepping onto the trail:

Common sense — Most often, it's not a person's equipment that saves their bacon. It's their experience and good judgment in the use of their equipment and training. Having the right gear is one thing, knowing how and when to use it is quite another. Get the training and information you need before you go.

Wilderness first aid training — That moldy prepackaged first aid kit from REI stuffed in a crevice in the bottom of your pack won't magically ward off bad luck. Carry the basics and know what you have; then make sure you know how to use everything you carry.

If you're going to routinely be doing anything more than casual strolls, it's very a good idea to take a wilderness first aid course. (Check out wildernessoutings.com right here in Idyllwild).

Map and navigation experience — Always bring a map of the region. Even if you don't need it for yourself, you can use it to point lost PC'ers in the right direction. Make sure you know how to read and orient the map. At the very least pick up a map from the local ranger station to familiarize yourself with the route you're taking.

Pre-pack your backpack with the ten essentials — If it's already packed, you can't forget it! I know you've heard it over and over, but it bears repeating. Say it with me now: Map and compass, sun protection, extra food, extra water, extra clothes, light source, first aid kit, fire starter, knife.

Overnight options — Contrary to what you see on TV, rescues usually take multiple hours to coordinate, even when one is lucky enough to have a helicopter available. If you're injured, you might be stuck in one place for a long time through nasty weather extremes. Bring the bare minimum for staying safely (if uncomfortably) overnight in the wilderness. The right gear can make the difference between a merely unpleasant night and a deadly one.

A hiking partner — A cell phone does not replace a hiking partner. Hiking into the back country alone, especially in winter, can be dangerous. Batteries can go out, certain areas do not get reception, and you may drop, damage or lose your phone. Keep a list of your favorite

See [Off the road](#), page 22



RENATE'S THOUGHTS

By RENATE CAINE, PH.D., DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, NATURAL LEARNING RESEARCH INSTITUTE, IDYLLWILD

Writing as a joyful process ...

Usually my comments are about education, or learning more generally, but this time I want to address writing and how it is taught.

I still defend "Whole Language" [an educational philosophy based on the meaning of the piece, not just the phonics] because it was so well researched and an outstanding writing program. Unfortunately, it needed precise and special training of the teacher, and required close and continuous interaction between the teacher and learning reader. If those two things did not happen, then Whole Language could end up being a disaster. Let me explain.

Imagine two writing samples. In one sample a second grade boy is writing about his dad who is fighting in Afghanistan. His writing is very exciting as he describes the use of drones and gunfire and possible explosions and how his father is rescuing people.

Our young writer is obviously motivated to write and involved in his topic. But here is the problem. His grammar is far from perfect and he uses what some educators call "invented spelling." He approximates the spelling of words but would not pass any spelling test.

In the other sample, a student of the same age (in another class) writes "Jack and Jill went up the hill to get a pail of water" as directed by the teacher. His grammar is correct and his spelling is perfect.

Most parents and teachers would say that the second sample is superior, but not so fast. Both samples leave a lot to be desired.

In the first example, the student is writing about something he passionately cares about — his father. In the second example, the student is writing something the teacher dictated. His own ideas are left out.

Much of the controversy over Whole Language revolve around when to teach specific skills, not whether they should be addressed. Should core skills be taught in isolation or should they be taught in the context of writing on topics about which a student is passionate?

Before I go on, let me pose a few questions. When have you yourself started a new project or hobby that began with a sense of excitement and personal initiative? How was that different from practicing a set of isolated skills, mostly independent of meaning or whose purpose wasn't clear to you? And did this difference affect how often and how persistently you continued to practice and develop new skills that deepened your understanding of that project or hobby?

One of my biggest puzzles has revolved around how frequently teachers and educated individuals freeze when asked to write in depth about matters that are personally

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Sniff

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out of chaos,” and that his department is still getting the job done even given present exigencies. “We shift resources to where the threat is,” he said. “All deputies are now part of patrol staffing,” a change from when some deputies had specialized functions that did not regularly put them on patrol.

The sheriff’s department has suffered a disproportionate amount of the staffing reductions in the county, Sniff believes. He said this is especially true because of how much investment of county money it takes to prepare a deputy to be fully in service. His issue with staffing in other county departments, specifically growth of staffing

in some departments such as code enforcement, is based on their diminished workload as a result of the economy’s meltdown and that their recently expanded ranks were not reduced as the economy changed.

“There’s been no reengineering of the county [numbers of employees], no choices made to combine departments,” he observed. “Why haven’t there been some programs shut down? Jeff [Stone, 3rd District supervisor] is right, there’ve been too few layoffs [in county bureaucracy] with a 20 percent loss of revenue and only a 9 percent reduction in county staffing?”

AB 109, the state legislation that is putting more state prisoners into county jails not designed to accommodate inmates for extended sentences, is placing another

Hemet Station’s Sgt. Jim Wilson dropped off Neighborhood Watch informational packets at the Town Crier and at the homes of several residents who are in the process of forming watch groups.

stress on Sniff’s limited budget. Ultimately AB 109 will also affect staffing in unincorporated areas because of expanding jail staffing needs at the expense of unincorporated staffing. “County jails are already at capacity and the expansion of the Indio jail won’t make new beds available until 2017,” he said. “And we’re seeing prisoners coming in that are required to serve out nine-year sentences in our jails, jails without the facilities, like exercise yards, that state prisons have. We had one sentenced to 14 years.”

In a report given to the

board of supervisors in March, Sniff showed that if the county’s jail expansion could produce the estimated necessary 4,000 additional beds by 2020, that would bring the county to a level that San Bernardino, a smaller county, will meet in 2014.

When asked how the ongoing need to increase jail staffing would affect deputy staffing and response in the unincorporated areas, Sniff was realistic, saying it would, and there was no way around that. He noted it is not possible to make further reductions in staffing in the

unincorporated areas. “Any savings we got in the unincorporated areas [from staff attrition] are gone, there’s no place to go, overtime will be the only way to maintain minimum staffing and that will increase overall costs. Some decisions the board of supervisors are making are contributing to the overall cost problem.”

What does all this mean for the Idyllwild area and what can residents do to help ensure public safety? “Support Stone in priori-

tizing staffing up in the unincorporated,” said Sniff. “That would be helpful. Also, form community and neighborhood watch groups. Volunteer for the Mountain Community Patrol.” He suggested talking to Supervisor Stone about using some discretionary money to install public surveillance cameras in the business core. “Jeff could probably do something about this.”

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Assemblyman wants to amend state fire fee

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

State Assemblyman Wesley Chesbro (D, Assembly District 1, North Coast) has submitted a bill to modify the state’s recently enacted fire prevention fee. Assembly Bill 2474 won approval from the Natural Resources Committee Monday, May 7. The bill is intended to make fire protection fees assessed to property owners in State Responsibility Areas more equitable, while continuing

to ensure funding for local fire departments and CALFIRE, Chesbro’s bill would amend the July legislation to provide a credit for fees paid to a local agency that provides fire protection services.

“Many property owners in SRAs have already agreed to assess themselves for fire protection and prevention services,” Chesbro said in a press release. “Imposing a \$150 state fee on top of this means they pay double or triple for fire protection and

prevention services without any additional benefit. It’s unfair to these property owners and it threatens the financial security of local rural fire departments, which in most cases are the first responders to a structure fire in rural areas.”


The current regulations authorize a \$35 reduction in the \$150 fee, if the property owner also pays fees to a local fire district. Chesbro’s amendment would authorize a credit up to the full amount paid

to the local fire protection agency.

For example, residents of Idyllwild Fire Protection District pay a special fee of \$65 annually, in addition, to a portion of their county property tax fees.

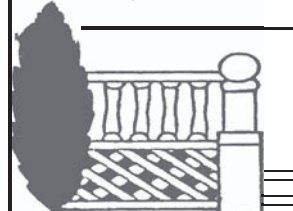
AB 2474 would also require CALFIRE to develop a fee based on fire history and severity of past fires to ensure the fee is equitable for the fire protection and prevention services received.

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IWD approves Well 23 repairs

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

At a special meeting, May 3, the Idyllwild Water District set June 19 for a public hearing to discuss stand-by assessment fees for the water and sewer districts.

IWD's proposed \$30 fee per acre for each acre of unimproved land or each unimproved parcel has remained unchanged for more than 20 years. A list of the parcels and the proposed fee will be available at the hearing.

In other business, the board unanimously approved an additional \$33,000 for repair of Well No. 23. After it is re-drilled and a new well casing installed, General Manager Terry Lyons plans to install a new pump at a cost of about \$7,500. Previously, this backup well, which was originally drilled in 1990, could provide the district with 55 gallons per minute.

"This is a good location for a well, which is why I recommend the repair," Lyons advised the board.

The board reviewed and tabled until the May regular meeting adoption of a job description for a new position of district financial officer. IWD currently has an

auditor and controller position and the job description has not been modified in 16 years, according to Lyons.

Director John Cook expressed the need for greater financial planning moving forward. "These are unusual financial times and maybe permanent," he said. "What transpired in the past may not be what to expect."

For example, he pointed out that the district is selling less water now than in the previous drought years.

Director Warren Monroe suggested the board consider two positions, a financial officer and a bookkeeper so that "more than one set of eyes reviews the finances."

The board did approve funds for their auditor, Rogers, Anderson, Malody and Scott, LLP of San Bernardino, to conduct an examination of its current financial condition.

The firm will provide a statement of net assets, revenues, expenses and changes to net assets and cash flows for the nine months from July 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012. The 2011 audit completed this fall did not indicate any problems.

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Frog restoration slows, but positive signs show

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The restoration of the Hill's mountain yellow-legged frog population is continuing although no new releases of eggs are planned for 2012, according to Adam R. Backlin, ecologist at the U.S. Geological Survey's Western Ecological Research Center in Irvine.

"It looks like our captive breeding program this year did not produce as many new frogs as we had hoped. So we will not be releasing any frogs in 2012," Backlin wrote in an email last week.

"Instead we will be head starting the 200 to 300 new frogs to an older life stage in captivity and releasing them in 2013 as juvenile frogs."

The team continues to monitor frog releases from 2011 and did detect tadpoles in the creek as recently as February 2012, he added.

They are hoping some of tadpoles released in 2011 will have survived this winter and metamorphose into frogs this summer.

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Fire Fee

Continued from previous page

In April the committee approved Assemblyman Kevin Jeffries (R, Lake Elsinore) bill, which would repeal the fee, and Chesbro supported that action. Today he explained the reasons for submitting his own bill.

"As I stated then, I only

voted for Mr. Jeffries' bill because I believe the SRA fee is so unfair," Chesbro said. "I also stated that given the budget situation, and especially now that the May revise will show that revenues are down, Mr. Jeffries' proposal has no chance of succeeding. The approach in my bill promotes fairness and equity in how the fee is implemented."

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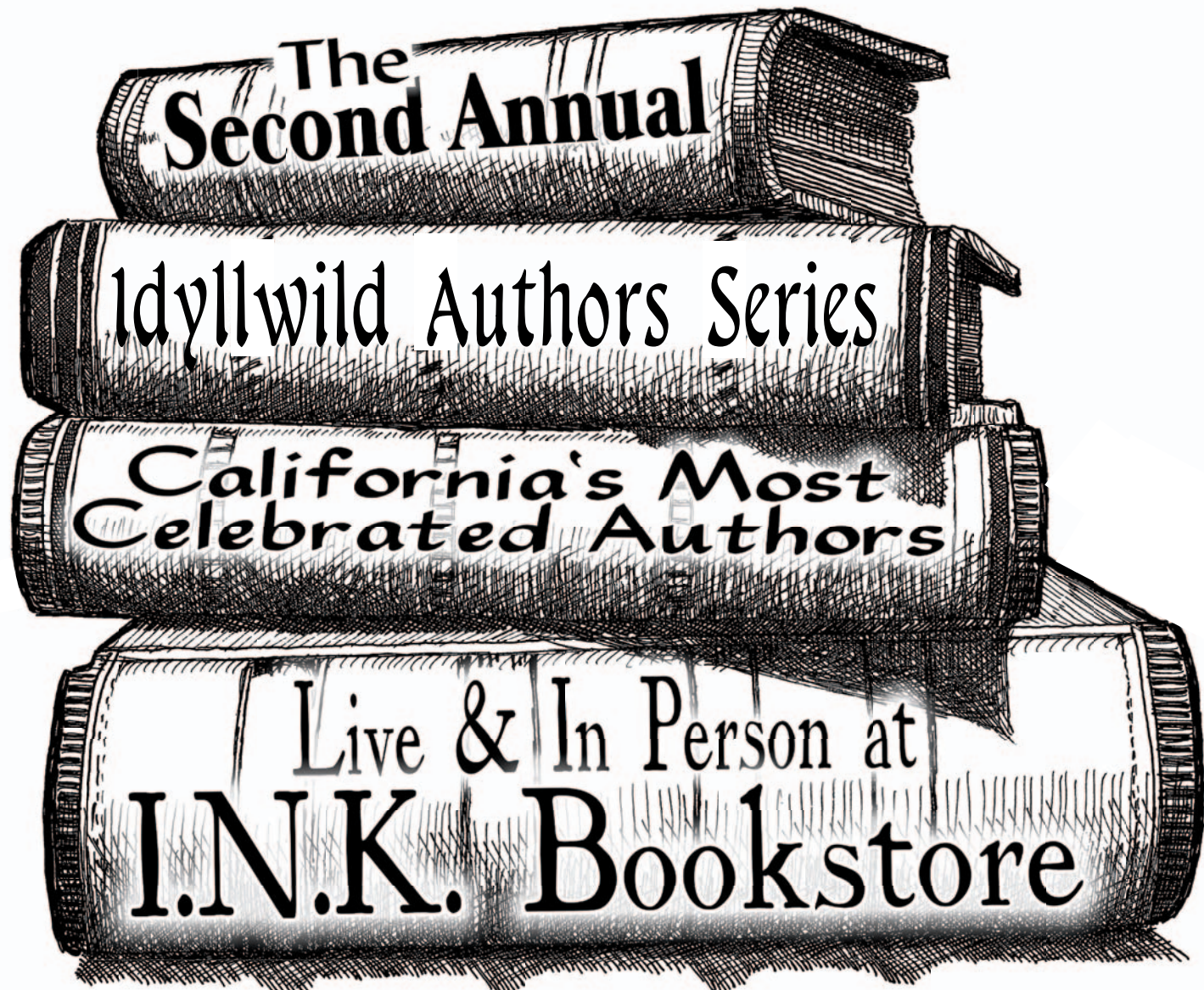
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July 15	Steve Heller	(<u>The Automotive History Of Lucky Kellerman</u>)
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Robert Corbin comes to Idyllwild May 15th at the Caine Learning Center where he will present a deeply inspirational and touching message certain to impact those attending.

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Robert identifies our greatest, yet most underutilized resource as well as understanding our true mission while we are here on this Earth.

Topics Robert will discuss include "Our Inner Child" and the emotional wounds and shadows many of us needlessly carry on our shoulders. He discusses how to identify, recognize and confront these shadows and wounds.

One of the core areas of his presentation will be on the subject of "Relationships without Regrets," and how to break through certain barriers and walls with those you love, leaving no regrets behind.

Where: **Caine Learning Center
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Time & Date: **7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15th**



Robert Corbin

Robert openly shares the events of that tragic day in June of 2008 that forever changed his life, when he lost his father to suicide.

He talks about his emotional journey from numbness, to profound grief and despair, and what he has since done to deal with his loss.

His deeply moving story includes his final goodbye and the discovery of lessons he learned to better relationships with those we care so much about.

Robert will share the discovery of life's gifts that were born from his experience and how each one of us can use these gifts in our own lives when confronting our own grief and loss of a loved one.

Plan on attending this powerful and inspirational program that will certainly touch your heart and open the path to better relationships with those whom you deeply care about.

There is no charge to attend this event.

For those wishing to attend, please call 1-800-490-6236 or email the reservation line at rcorbin200@aol.com so that we can ensure seating for everyone. Thank you.

On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

Arts & Entertainment Calendar



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

Wednesday, May 9

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Ballet & Tap Dancing K-grade 4 with Annika Kay, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fox Trot with Connie Wolfe, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.

Celtic Night Open Music Session, 5:30 p.m. The Creek House.

Don "Jac" Jacaruso, 6-8 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

"The Avengers," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Student Choreography, 7:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.

Thursday, May 10

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 p.m. The Creek House.

Folk Music by John King, Elaine Latimer & Bill Shepard, 6-9 p.m. Jo'an's.

"The Avengers," 7 p.m. The



In First Fridays Reader's Theater, Isis Theater Company performed a series of vignettes from "Motherhood Out Loud" at the Quiet Creek Gallery. The whole company performed in the last vignette of the night, "My Baby" by Annie Weisman. Sitting in the front row (from left) are **Betty Anderson, Suzanne Avalon, and Alicia Dufour**. Sitting in the back row (from left) are **Jeri Greene, Diane Burt, and Howard Shangraw**. A repeat performance is scheduled for Sat. May 12.

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Rustic Theatre.

Senior Recitals, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Student Choreography, 7:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.

Friday, May 11

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m.; Teen Dance, 6-9

p.m. Town Hall.

Skeleton Crew, 6 p.m. The Creek House.

Sandii Castleberry, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Change Required, 7-11 Jo'an's Restaurant.

"The Avengers," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Student Choreography, 7:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, May 12

Intuitive/Holistic Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Merkaba.

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

The Fabulous Woodies, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jo'an's Restaurant.

"The Avengers," 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

51st Annual Benefit Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.

Art Installation: Phantasmagoria, 5 p.m. Behind Meadow 9, Idyllwild Arts.

Sandii Castleberry with Anne & Barnaby Finch, 6 p.m. The Creek House.

Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Mother Out Loud Presented by Isis Theatre Co., 7:30 p.m. Quiet Creek Gallery.

Electronic Music, 7:30 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

Sunday, May 13

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



David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Greg Jones Band, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jo'an's Restaurant.

"The Avengers," 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Swift Pony, 5:30 p.m. The Creek House.

Monday, May 14

Children's Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbreetsen, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.

"The Avengers," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Senior Recital, 7:30 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall.

Tuesday, May 15

Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m.; Beginning/Intermediate

Lorraine Hardy, co-owner of the Creekhous Restaurant, pours as **George Gee** from The Wine Warehouse, in the City of Commerce, looks on. Gee brought the Tequila for the Tequila Pairing event on Thursday evening.

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Tap with Annika Kay, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.

Wine Tasting with Hawk Watch Winery, 6:30-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

"The Avengers," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, May 16

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Ballet & Tap Dancing K-4 grade with Annika Kay, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fox Trot with Connie Wolfe, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.

ICRC Speaker Series: "Astro Mythbuster," 5:30 p.m. Silver Pines Lodge.

"The Avengers," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Dance: anatomy & Espiritu, 7:30 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.

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The mysteries of the cosmos revealed at Speaker Series

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Larry Kawano will unlock and update popular myths and misconceptions about the universe, or to be more specific, our universe as presenter for the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's very popular Speaker Series.

Many know Larry, or more properly, Dr. Kawano — doctorate in cosmology from the University of Chicago, bachelor of science in physics from Cornell University and postgraduate study at CalTech — as a member of the Idyllwild Master Chorale and as a gifted and extraordinarily funny actor in IMC's summer theater offerings. Larry may seem unassuming but his academic pedigree and wealth of knowledge about all things astronomical and cosmological is very impressive indeed.

Ask him a simple question such as "What was there before the Big Bang?" and he will give you nuanced answers, analogies and explanations that even the most unschooled layperson can grasp. And he'll do it in a way that leaves you thinking and smiling, informed, in-



Larry Kawano

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trigued and wanting to know more. "We at Astrocamp are all about fun," said Kawano, who is curriculum director and science interpretives creator at Idyllwild's Astrocamp, explaining why he mixes smiles with substance and comedy with cosmology.

"I'll be discussing six topics covering the span of the universe about which people might have misconceptions: planets, our sun (Sol), black holes, the Milky Way, the Big Bang, and [our] universe. I'll ask a question of the audience to see what their current perceptions are about that subject and then discuss how, in science, things and concepts are always chang-

ing. That's the nature of things. In science, things are always changing."

When prodded for an example, using the Big Bang, Kawano answered, "Many think about the Big Bang as an explosion, hence the outward expansion of the universe. But that's not so." Come to the presentation to hear his metaphoric explanation comparing the universe to a gigantic dance floor with tiles on the dance floor, too close together with dancers standing on the tiles, and then, over time, the tiles with the dancers begin slowly and inexorably moving farther and farther away from each other. The question is why, what started it, and what preceded it.

Kawano compares the most efficient way to ex-

plore space and other star systems and galaxies (using self replicating machines) with the challenge of visiting the unexplored depths of our own planet's seas (James Cameron's recent dive makes him the third person to have dived that deep and seen the landscape Cameron described as "very lunar, very desolate.") "Both space and deep sea exploration are better ways to understand what our home [the Earth] is like," said Kawano.

Kawano's presentation, "Astro Mythbusters" will be 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, at Silver Pines Lodge. There will be a wine and cheese reception before his talk. Both are free to the public.

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Quinn Cummings leads second author series

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Quinn Cummings, author of "Notes from the Underwire: Adventures from my Awkward and Lovely Life" (Harper Collins Hyperion Books, 2009), leads off the second Idyllwild Authors Series. Once again, presenter Eduardo Sanitago has booked 10 A-list Los Angeles authors for his weekly series that begins with Cummings at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20 at the Ink bookstore on North Circle.

There are many things to know about Cummings, but the first is that she is an obsessively self-deprecating



Quinn Cummings

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QUINN CUMMINGS.

writer and very, very funny — the kind of laugh-out-loud funny a reader seldom encounters on the written page, as evidenced by the many fan comments on her [See Author, page 20](#)

April is for lilacs

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

The weather is cooperating. No late spring snows are in the forecast. And lilacs are blooming at Gary Parton's Alpenglou Botanical Lilac Garden at 25025

Fern Valley Road.

And Parton, indefatigable in his devotion to and propagation of lilacs in Idyllwild, plans to accommodate an expanding event schedule at his graciously groomed garden grounds. The gardens are currently

open for walk-throughs and although not all lilacs throughout Parton's one-acre venue are now in bloom, more of the 300 permanent plants begin to flower each day of full sunlight.

Parton's April events

and his ever-expanding garden are homages to Reva Baldreich, Idyllwild's "Lilac Lady," widely known for the annual tours of her lilac garden. Baldreich died in 2009. Parton started his garden tours in 2010.

[See Lilacs, page 20](#)



IdyllwildARTS EVENTS

Wednesday, May 9

Student Choreography. 7:30 PM, Fisher Dance Studio.

Thursday, May 10

Senior Recitals: Bohan, piano, Jasmine, piano. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Student Choreography. 7:30 PM, Fisher Dance Studio.

Friday, May 11

Student Choreography. 7:30 PM, Fisher Dance Studio.

Saturday, May 12

Art Installation: Phantasmagoria. 5 PM, Behind Meadows 9. (Sponsored by the Arts Enterprise Laboratory).

Electronic Music. 7:30 PM, Rush Hall. (Sponsored by the Arts Enterprise Laboratory).

Monday, May 14

Senior Recitals: Lake, Walker, Jazz guitar. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

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Wednesday, May 16

Dance: Anatomia and Espiritu. 7:30 PM, Fisher Dance Studio. (Sponsored by the Arts Enterprise Laboratory).

Thursday, May 17

Dance: Anatomia and Espiritu. 7:30 PM, Fisher Dance Studio. (Sponsored by the Arts Enterprise Laboratory).

Senior Recitals: Jo bass, Alexandre, viola. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Friday, May 18

Visual Art Final Show. Opening reception, 6 PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through May 30.

Theatre Production: Berlin to Broadway: A Musical Voyage with Kurt Weill. 7:30 PM, IAF Theatre.

Saturday May 19 & Sunday, May 20

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Scott Fisher prepared and served a 7-course meal for the Lemon Lily Fundraiser at the Nature Center on Saturday.

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At the Fire Station on Saturday afternoon, Mountain Disaster Preparedness held a medical training exercise for all members. Here Nurse **Maggie DiZinno** (center) discusses the process for helping a survivor. **Dr. Dick Goldberg** headed the training along with **Don Patterson** and **Gigi Kramer** (far left).

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Mary Ann E. Miller, displaying her newly purchased book "More Than a Place to Pitch a Tent, the stories behind Riverside County's Regional Parks" and author **Steve Lech** were at the Nature Center Saturday, Lech presented a slide show Saturday on the history of Riverside's Regional County Parks including: Idyllwild Tent Camp from the 1890s, Idyllwild County Park, Hurkey Creek Park, McCall Park, natural reserves, and nature centers in the region. Steve is a Park Planner for the Riverside County Park District.

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Two Idyllwild residents, **Nicky Martin** and **Alex Keller**, are among the 10 finalists in the Voice of the Valley competition. They are front from left, Martin, **Beth Jimenez**, **Justin Critz** and **Aurelia Pagan**; back from left **Brianna McBride**, **Keller**, **Christiana Espenoza**, **Melanie Tierce**, **Carmina Manley** and **Sheila Diggs**.

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Trivia test

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Town Crier receives awards

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

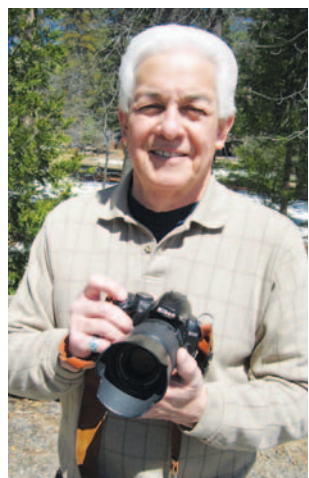
The Idyllwild Town Crier has again been recognized as an award-winning newspaper. On Saturday, the California Newspaper Publisher's Association honored the Town Crier with four awards for the period from Nov. 1, 2010 through Oct. 30, 2011.

Two were in the photography categories and the others were in writing and website.

Cid Castillo earned a second place photo award in the Art or Nature category when he captured a rainbow over the town last October. This was Castillo's first statewide honor.

Judges also awarded guest photographer Doris Jean Lombard a second place for her photo essay of birds in a late spring snow. The Town Crier published a set of six photos that Lombard took of birds playing and eating after last March's snowstorm.

Reporter Marshall Smith



Cid Castillo with his camera and lens.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

was once again honored for his writing. This recognition was for his June 2011 story about the dedication of David Reid-Marr's sculpture installation of a progression of nine cairns in Idyllwild Arts' Memorial Grove. CNPA gave Smith an honorable mention in the Best Writing category.

In order to be honored, the judges grade the use of language, clarity and the story's dramatic effect. Smith's article was in the top 10 percent of the state in terms of overall writing quality.

"To be recognized by one's peers in one of the best professional fields is always an honor. Having served as a judge along with my editor J.P. Crumrine, reviewing the work of other journalists in this contest, I know the serious scrutiny and high standards used in evaluating submissions," Smith said. "That makes the honor even more meaningful. And to be recognized for something one love's doing — writing — is as good as it gets."

Finally, the Town Crier production team, led by Halie Johnson, relaunched the paper's website and this effort also was recognized. The new site was launched in July and the state organization has already bestowed an honorable mention on the work.

"It was very exciting to be honored by our peers," said Johnson. "The new Town Crier site is not yet a year old and continues to grow and evolve. We are glad we are on the right track. Getting honorable mention was very encouraging."

"It's an honor to work



Doris Jean Lombard (left), who was awarded the second place honor, for a photo essay in the 2012 California Newspaper Publisher's Association annual Better Newspaper Contest, attend the awards luncheon Saturday with Town Crier Publisher **Grace Reed**.

with so much talent," said J.P. Crumrine, Town Crier editor. "I'm proud of everyone's contribution, but the website which involves the whole staff, is particularly rewarding. The competi-

tion was greater this year and four awards in our publishing category is quite a coup."

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

Historic district guidelines available online

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Design guidelines for the Idyllwild Historic Preservation District are available online at www.rivcoparks.org/2012/05/01/idyllwild-historic-preservation-district-design-guidelines-drafts. This is the final draft of design guidelines that will govern maintenance, additions and remodels of historic district structures within the Idyllwild North Circle business core that forms the major part of the district.

A meeting to present those guidelines and explain the function of the five-member appointed oversight board is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at the Nature Center on Highway 243.

For anyone interested in serving on the board (members must live within

3 miles of the district), the guidelines provide a road-map of board and property owner responsibilities.

Covered in the guidelines drawn up by LSA Associates of Riverside, the same firm that conducted the initial survey of the district, are procedures for obtaining an alteration permit, and design guidelines covering roofs, exterior wall siding, windows, doors and storefronts, porches, decks and balconies, fences and walls, signs, lighting, driveways and off-street parking, landscaping, public rights of way, garages and accessory structures.

The final draft guidelines represent the next step in the process to "identify, designate, and preserve the unique character of Idyllwild's commercial core."

The guidelines acknowledge inherent grid-based

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Smart art: Who can ask the value?

Idyllwild school benefits from activist artists

BY J.P. CRUMRINE, EDITOR
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Those aware of the academic progress at Idyllwild School, might think “smARTS” is also a double entendre. Not only is Idyllwild School the only HUSD school subject to snow days, Idyllwild is one of few schools in the district or county that now scores more than 800 in annual statewide testing programs. Besides the faculty’s efforts, some attribute this achieve-

ment to the persistent intervention of a bunch of art devotees.

For 10 years, the state and the Hemet School District have responded to federal and even state criteria for academic achievement by focusing more and more on the subjects which are part of the statewide testing program. In order to try to obtain improvement in the three "R's" — reading, ritin' and 'rithmitic — local districts have essentially abandoned the arts curriculum.

These subjects are not tested and funding does not depend upon a school's or district's successes in these areas. But Idyllwild is different. Here parents have invested time and money to ensure local students have an opportunity to express themselves and learn about art — all forms of it.

"It's a good program. It's a great way to see

parents step in and say, 'We don't like what's happening here and we're going to change it,'" said HUSD

President Bill Sanborn.

“But smARTS is also what makes Idyllwild unique,” said former Prin-

principal Dr. Emily Shaw, who is now principal at Hemet High School. She was a big supporter of smARTS. She even encouraged her mother to drive from Corona to participate in the program.

The smARTS program is now finishing its tenth year of instilling and teaching the arts to local students. What started as a small program with classes for only four grades now serves all Idyllwild grades from kindergarten through eighth. Nearly every Friday, teachers find time to accommodate the arts in

the school's curriculum.

“Its positive impact on students’ performance provides a well-rounded education,” says current Principal Matt Kraemer. “I see the artistic talent develop through smARTS especially when the students get to Middle School. I’m blown away every year by the Middle School art show.”

Teachers and smARTS participants work together so that students can see and feel the application of art to academic subjects. History, for example, is a good overlap.

This year, as the students studied Egypt, the smARTS



Lori Maxwell (center) helps students create works of art during the Friday, April 20, smARTS program.



Ali Pfeffer (left), 7, supports a fellow classmate who had an artist crisis; her beads wouldn't stay on her board.



First grader, **Luca Odum**, 7, creates a “spring creature” during the smARTS program.

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program had students design and develop sarcophagi to accompany their academic work. "[The students] didn't just see photos and turn the page in the text," said parent Heather Mello, and a member of the smARTS committee and current PTA president. "They had to make a sarcophagus like the Egyptians did."

"Art keeps echoing across the curriculum," said parent and photographer Mallory Cremin. "How much better do the students do when they think creatively."

Joann Tomsche, who is credited with founding the program, observed several classes and saw that students were familiar with art. They understood the vocabulary and its history. She could only attribute this learning to availability of smARTS.

Its success is based on the approach implemented from the very beginning, according to Dianne Suechika. She had two children pass through smARTS and served as paid staff for several years.

"With the extracurriculars offered, there's a lot of competition and academics is very much achievement oriented," she explained smARTS unique attraction for students. "The thing about smARTS is that there are no contests, no grades and no one is better or worse than the next child. We walked in and said 'There's no right or wrong



Ruby McKellar, 6, admires her hard work.



Karen Smith and Joann Tomsche at a smARTS committee meeting.

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today.' I think that's why it was so enjoyable for many kids — a break in their days."

Every year, since 2003, parents have been involved in bringing arts into the Idyllwild classroom. And

ist, she was shocked her sons would not have an opportunity to learn, study and practice art. Her reaction was to reach out to other parents and the result is smARTS.

As the program has expanded, the school has found the space to devote an entire classroom to house the supplies and program. In 2003, the program was launched with a grant from the Dinah Shore Foundation and PTA support. Between 2004 and 2011, the Idyllwild Community Fund has awarded the program more than \$25,000 — a sign of continuing success and local support.

With this growth has



In 2003, Carla Gray helped the third grade class make stained glass.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

come more involvement. A mix of experiences allows students to discover many artistic outlets, according to Tomsche.

In Sanborn's opinion, smARTS has had big impact on the success of Idyllwild students and "validates who we are in Idyllwild."

Not only did parents create and build the smARTS program, but former teachers such as Lori Maxwell and Karen Smith, who retired from HUSD, are actively involved on a weekly basis now.

"Art was always an important part of Idyllwild School," Maxwell said. But now she takes special pride when the young students run up and hug her and call her the art teacher. She was my teacher," Mello said with a smile.

"Kids in music, arts, the theater, sports, volleyball, track — this little school provides a lot of character to Hemet High School," Sanborn stated proudly.

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Also in 2003, Mallory Cremin taught the fourth grade how to make sun prints.

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Wolfgang Hannah-Diaz, 7, proudly shows his completed masterpiece.



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SPORTS

Town Hall Youth Volleyball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teegarden** reported on Town Hall Youth Volleyball for the week of April 30, including the the previous Friday, April 27.

On Friday, April 27, the last two regular season games were played. The first game pitted Muirs Mountain Realty Green Dragons and the CVC Contractors Hot Shots. The teams split the first two games. **Rylan Hardy** for the Green Dragons and **Stephan Carmen** for the Hot Shots played great for their teams. The Hot Shots got off to a good start in the third and final game and went on to win the match. (13-25, 25-22 and 15-8)

The second game was between the Rotary Silver Strikers and Tee's Tiger Sharks. The Silver Strikers won the first game. **Nicole Cochran** served great for the Tiger Sharks and **Payton Priefer** was diving all over the court for the Silver Strikers. Game two was close the whole way as the teams played extra time. The Silver Strikers got some key points and went on to win the match. (25-22, 28-26 and 10-15)

On Monday, April 30, the playoffs started. The first match saw the Rotary Silver Strikers take on Muirs Mountain Realty Green Dragons. The Green Dragons played great at the right time as they won the first game. **Mei Jing Hunt** played great for the Green Dragons. The Silver Strikers were close the whole second game as **Emma Johnston** and **Miren Pino** had nice bumps for the Silver Strikers. In the end though, the Green Dragons held on to win the match. (25-15 and 25-23)

The second playoff game was between the CVC Contractors Hot Shots and Tee's Tiger Sharks. The Hot Shots started hot early as they won a close first game. **Rene Hernandez** had nice hits for the Tiger Sharks. **Fernando Lopez** led the way with some big serves in game two as the Hot Shots went on to win the match. (26-24, 25-21)

On Friday, May 5, the third place and championship games were held.

The game for third place matched the Rotary Silver Strikers and Tee's Tiger Sharks. Both teams played well as they split the first two games. **Lainie Wilke** hustled all over the court for the Silver Strikers. In game three, **Aaron Potter's** big serves led the Tiger Sharks to victory, (25-16, 20-25 and 15-8).

The championship game pitted Muirs Mountain Realty Green Dragons and the CVC Contractors Hot Shots. The Green Dragons won only one game during the regular season but improved throughout the year and played great in the playoffs. **Lauren Badger** led the Green Dragons' charge with good bumping and serving. The Hot Shots played hard all match but in the end the Green Dragons were too tough and won the championship match in two games. (25-19 and 25-21)

Thanks to all the sponsors, coaches, parents, and most of all the players on a fantastic first youth volleyball season. We can't wait to see you all out on the court next year.

Send sports reports about locals to itc@towncrier.com or drop them off at the Town Crier by 10 a.m. Mondays. Photos are also welcome. If sending by email, resolution must be at least 300 dpi.



Muir's Mountain Realty Green Dragons were the champions of the first Town Hall Youth Volleyball season. Seen here in the first row (from left) are **Katelyn Sonnier, Lauren Badger, Meijing Hunt, Adam Smith and Grace McKimson**. In the back row (from left) are Coach **Jason Sonnier, Deanna Clowers, Maggie McKimson, Rylan Hardy, Seth Clowers, and Coach Dawn Sonnier**.

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CVC contractors Hot Shots were all over the floor in their effort to win the Town Hall Youth Volleyball championship.

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Idyllwild played the San Jacinto Leadership Academy in a volleyball match last Wednesday, May 2. Despite hard play and extreme effort, the boys team lost in three games.

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Idyllwild girls softball team played San Jacinto Leadership Academy on Wednesday, May 2, and won the game by one run.

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Steele earns at Wells Fargo

BY JACK CLARK
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele made a second consecutive cut last week posting a two-under-par 71-72-71-72 — 286 that tied for 48th in the Wells Fargo Championship at Charlotte, N.C. In the process he added more than \$16,000 to his official winnings and moved up slightly on the FedEx Points list.

The Idyllwild native's stats suggest that he hit a fair number of greens in regulation and putted well, but that playing too many second shots from the rough led to long putts that made it difficult to score.

This week Steele will take on "Golf's Greatest Stadium" in The Players Championship on the TPC Sawgrass course at Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. The tournament boasts a huge purse of \$9.5 million, with

about \$1.7 million going to the winner.

Just making the cut and finishing last is worth about \$18,000. The course is also home to the famous "Island Green," the 137-yard par three 17th hole with no fairway, just a green surrounded by water that makes for great television.

An opening-round 78 took Steele out of The Players last year, the first time he played the tournament. But with more experience under his belt, he aims for a much better result this time.

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Competitors make their way up and down inclines during the Idyllwild Spring Challenge. Above, racers take to the trails and the end of the countdown. Results and race information can be found at idyllwildcycling.com.

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District

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difficulties such as available downtown parking that could be ameliorated by allocating space for and creating a downtown parking lot.

Functions specifically excluded from the requirement of obtaining an alteration permit are addressed in the guidelines: "Alteration does not include maintenance of gardens or ordinary maintenance and repair of an existing building, structure or façade within the boundaries of a historic district needed to correct any deterioration, decay of, or damage to a building." Projects that do not affect non-contributing resources (not historically significant) are also exempt from review.

In prefatory comments, the report acknowledges

the initial reason for investigation the feasibility of an Idyllwild district. "In 2008, County Supervisor Jeff Stone became concerned about the burden of blanket code requirements and strict Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA] compliance on the character of the Idyllwild community." The resulting LSA survey identified 57 structures that contribute to the significance of the historic district, qualifying for various historical registers. The period covered ranges from 1915 to 1965. An existing county ordinance was revised to pave the way for an Idyllwild district, adopted on Jan. 11, 2011, and became effective on Feb. 10, 2011. On July 12, 2011, the county Board of Supervisors adopted resolution 2011-178 creating the Idyllwild Downtown Historic District.

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HHS boys volleyball in CIF battle

By J.P. Crumrine
Editor

The Hemet High School boys volleyball team is in

the California Interscholastic Federation — Southern Section tournament.

Hemet faced Saddleback High School (13-16)

and number three from the Orange Coast League, Tuesday, May 8. The winner will face the Division 2 number one seed, Oak Park High School (26-6).

Hemet finished the year with a 19-7-1 record, in-

cluding second place in the Sunbelt League with a 7-3 league record. Paloma Valley is the number one team from the Sunbelt League.

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Trivia test

Theater: Who played the lead role in "Hello, Dolly!" when the play first started on Broadway?

Answer: Carol Channing

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Author

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blog The QC Report (www.qcreport.com).

Other milestones along Cummings' journey recounted in her book include a nomination for Best Supporting Actress at the age of nine (when the female nominee was still called "actress") for "The Goodbye Girl" with Richard Dreyfuss and Marsha Mason), a recurring role on the popular television show "Family" and her invention of the HipHugger child-carrying device produced by a company she headed until she sold it.

And although grateful that people are interested in her past, she said it is the "now" she is focused on and wishes that others interested in her would also be interested in that. She recalls, with weary humor, the many "where are they now" interviews she has had to endure, including one in which the interviewer asked her, "Do you wish you'd been one of those child actors who actually made it as an adult?" and "How are you making a living now?"

She riffed about what she sees as the intrusiveness of those kinds of questions. "People don't actually think before they ask questions of people they have seen on television in their childhood ... So now I'm going to answer the question that underlies the same intrusive questions I've been asked for two decades: 'Quinn, why aren't you nuts? Why aren't you squatting seminaked on some street corner, having a weave-pulling battle with a transsexual and huffing Febreze?'" She also writes that along the way she acquired a significant other, "consort" and gave birth to a daughter "daughter."

In her books (her second one, "The Year of Learning

Dangerously," is due out in September 2012) and blog Cummings proffers her self-deprecating and excruciatingly funny anecdotal moments and insights. When asked how to characterize her writing, Cummings said, "I'm a miniaturist specializing in personal discomfort." The personal discomfort is always her own.

"If I am in the middle of something going badly, that's when I turn on my personal [interior] tape recorder." She explains it is the small things she sees or experiences that intrigue her. "I don't have the long overview," she said. "I'll leave that to authors like Shelby Foote. If I were writing about the Civil War I'd be writing about myself in the war describing the fungal infection in my foot."

She said metaphors are a key component in her writing. "Remember our SAT tests, the metaphor section? I loved those," she said. "I did not get a lot of gifts, but I think in metaphors. I can't rest until I figure out what something is like. I don't like anything where there is only one answer. It's mildly obsessive. I won't write until I figure out what the metaphor is."

As an example from her blog: "Being interviewed is an inherently weird social interaction. It's like a blind date. A blind date where only one person gets to ask questions, can ask whatever questions he likes, and the other person can't sneak out the back door if things get too uncomfortable." In writing about volunteering with her daughter in Kanab, Utah at Best Friends Animal Society and Sanctuary, taking a dying cat out into the sun for her sedentary "walk", Cummings moves deftly from humorous to touching with her use of metaphor: "Dying is hard, but dying also means sitting on the sand, feeling the sun on

Lilacs

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Events begin on Friday, May 11, with an Idyllwild School private tea honoring school volunteers. Then the next weekend, a public event co-hosted by the Idyllwild Garden Club with participation by the Art Alliance of Idyllwild begins at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 19. This year the popular Victorian Tea and docent-guided walk features orchestral entertainment by Buzz Holmes and his Idyllwild School Orchestra. Last year's event was noteworthy for the lavishness of the tea service, the variety and beauty of Parton's many different lilac varietals, and the opportunity to watch working artists in the process of creation. This year, all those elements are again in place. The tea will only be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

AAI's Gary Kuscher anticipates having at least 26 artists over the two days at this year's event. Some will be painting and many others displaying their work at strategic places throughout Parton's garden. "A majority of the artists featured last year are returning," said Kuscher. Three-dimensional art will be displayed in the garden's front entry circle. Tickets for the guided garden walk are \$5 and \$15 additional for the tea. Any patron who attends on Saturday will also receive admission to a new Sunday extension of the docent-guided walks.

The May 20 event runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and features a wine bar and musical entertainment with award-winning Idyllwild Arts pianist Luca Jacaruso, and his guitarist father Don 'Jac' Jacaruso. The ticket price for Sunday is \$5. Wine pourings from the wine bar, provided by Idyll Awhile, are available for a fee.

Tickets for the May 19 and 20 events can be purchased at the entry, Idyllwild Pharmacy, INK Gathering Bookstore, or online at www.idyllwildgardenclub.net.

Parton said he is also planning for an event in July The gardens will host an evening of bagpipes on Tuesday, July 3, featuring a proper Highlands dinner and a "Ceremony of the Haggis" to help fund the University of California Riverside Pipe Band, current

your face ... Because while she was dying, she was still a cat, once we situated her blanket in the shade, she immediately stood up, tottered off the blanket, and sprawled in the sun."

Asked what else she'd like people to know about her Cummings said, "If a person reading this has appreciated anything I've done or has supported my work, I want to say thank



Gary Parton escorts guests through his lilac garden.

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A path of lilacs at Parton's Alpenglow Botanical Lilac Garden.

Grade 4 Western United States Pipe Band Association Champions. The next day the Pipe Band marches in the annual Idyllwild Fourth of July Parade.

Then in October, Parton and volunteers begin planting 300 more lilacs in the town center, leaving 300 to be planted next year, bringing the total to 1,000 in 2013.

Parton hopes to launch a Lilac Festival in 2014 with the support of a number of local nonprofit organizations. He notes that flower festivals are popular tourist draws in the United States.

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you. I love hearing from others." About her writing and her journey, Cummings noted, "It's daunting and nice to be continuing to learn like this."

Santiago's series is free

to attendees. Copies of Cummings' book will be available at INK prior to her talk.

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Dennis versus Gould for board of education

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

We begin our June primary election coverage with the race for the 4th trustee district for the Riverside County Board of Education, which includes the Idyllwild area.

Contending for a full four-year term are Bruce Dennis, appointed last June to the board, and challenger Bill Gould. Dennis is postmaster for the city of Walnut and lives in Nuevo. Gould owns a property management company and lives in Menifee.

Both have extensive volunteer experience. Incumbent Dennis served previously on the Nuvew Union School District Board of Education, on the Board of Directors of the Riverside County School Boards Association, the California School Boards Delegate Assembly representing Riverside and Imperial counties, the Federal Government Relations Chair for the National School Boards Association and is a past Rotary Club president and is a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary International.

Gould served for four

years on the Romoland School Board, is a current member of the City of Menifee Trails Commission and president of Hans Christensen Middle School Site Council, holds a California School Board Association Masters in Governance certificate, served on the committee that authored the City of Temecula's Youth Master Plan and was the founder and director of the Temecula Music Fest, a youth-oriented music festival.

The seven-member BOE board, one for each trustee area, is not specifically an educational policy-making board, as Dennis was quick to point out, but one that conducts administrative and review functions, specifically: approves the annual county office of education budget, acts as an appeal board for student expulsions, inter-district transfers and district charter school petitions, sets the salary for the county superintendent of schools, and acquires property to house the office of the county superintendent. As such, business and financial experience are helpful qualifications for board membership, as are familiarity with issues



Bruce Dennis
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surrounding educational policy within the district.

Dennis said he is running because all his public service interest is around children. "There's been a natural progression and concentration on education in my life, from PTA and so on," said Dennis. "My wife is a teacher so education has always been a priority." He said he specifically wants to serve on this board because board service expands the public advocacy aspect of education and opens doors to state legislators. "That gives us a chance to discuss with legislators how the [state budget] money is allocated. It's a matter of setting priorities, with



Bill Gould
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BILL GOULD

education and the future of our children and country, being the most important. Something has to come first."

Dennis fretted that we are in a world market and yet we teach math much as we did generations ago and that other countries are way ahead of us in developing mastering concepts and approaches for students to learn in ways that make them both more knowledgeable and competitive in the world market. Dennis says that education is his passion and that he can "give this job what it needs. He questions whether Gould has the time to devote to this position having recently re-

signed from the Romoland board for "family reasons." In response, Gould said he had untimely deaths in his family and health issues that required his full attention; that his decision to resign from the Romoland board was a tough one, but that he had to put family first and he is now ready to move forward.

Gould said that as a parent of a child in Riverside County schools, he has a personal interest in seeing that all county schools are properly funded and safe for children leading to a time when Riverside County becomes a leader in the field of education. He would like to see more county emphasis on Regional Occupational and Career Technical Programs in cooperation with local businesses to diversify the educational menu. Gould is an advocate of more local control. "School districts know their needs and know their kids better than the folks in Sacramento and DC do," he said.

Gould said he is familiar with most parts of trustee

district four because his job as property manager takes him throughout the district. "If you are looking for an active parent who is involved in our schools, who will listen to all sides of a situation and make thoughtful fiscally conservative choices, then I am your candidate," he said.

To learn more about the candidates see: www.votebillgould.com and www.electbrucedennis.com. Incumbent Dennis is endorsed by the Riverside County Teachers Association, Tom Torlakson, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Senator Bill Emmerson and Assemblyman Brian Nestande, Riverside County Supervisors Marion Ashley and Jeff Stone and Kenneth Young, Riverside County Superintendent of Schools. Gould did not list any endorsements on his website. "That's not the kind of campaign I'm running," he said.

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Propositions 28 and 29 seem familiar

Term limits and tobacco sales tax

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Once again California voters are being asked to use their collective wisdom to address what some see as problems in the terms California legislators serve and how to raise money through what is sometimes called a "sin" tax.

Proposition 28 addresses term limits, which California embraced 22 years ago, and which voters had previously considered twice since. The initiative reduces the total time a California legislator can serve from 14 to 12 years and also allows the legislator to serve that entire time in one house or another. The intent, according to proponents, is to prevent the kind of chamber jumping that has occurred under the existing laws, in which

a termed-out Assemblyman seeks a Senate seat in order to remain within the state government. Proponents also add that this initiative will not benefit any serving legislator, unlike previous proffered legislation. The changes would not apply to any currently serving legislator at the time of passage.

Proponents say the reduction in total length of service is good for the state since it helps to lessen the time career politicians can serve. They also say it is good for the system since it allows a serving legislator to develop and use "institutional memory," becoming more knowledgeable and adept about the rules of the chamber in which they serve and learning more about pending bills and how to pass legislation. Proponents, including the League of

Women Voters, say the extra time in one chamber allows the legislator to learn how better to resist the influence of special interests.

The current law allows a legislator to serve 6 years in the lower house and 8 in the upper. This initiative would change that, allowing service for a total of 12 years in one house or part of the 12 in both houses.

The Republican Party, which opposes the initiative, says the public gains nothing from lengthening service in one house. Jon Fleischman, who publishes the FlashReport political website, himself a previous party official, said this initiative weakens term limits.

So far, proponents have raised more money than opponents and seem to be carrying the day. The Legislative Analyst's Office

calculates no fiscal effect would ensue from passage. Donors for Prop. 28 include the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, Pacific Gas and Electric, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the United Nurses Association of California.

Donors against include the Liberty Initiative Fund and Howard Rich. Editorial opinion throughout the state is mixed, with a lean toward tepid support.

Proposition 29 offers to increase taxes on tobacco to fund cancer research. If approved by voters, tax on cigarettes would increase by \$1 a pack. The current tax is 87 cents a pack, so the new tax would be \$1.87 a pack. According to the Legislative Analyst's evaluation, the measure, if passed, would generate \$735 million a year

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Verizon to discontinue stand-alone Internet

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In a nationwide move that took effect on Sunday, May 6, Verizon will discontinue stand-alone Internet DSL for new customers and existing customers who make changes to their accounts or move to a new location.

From the effective date forward, all Verizon Internet must be coupled or bundled with a Verizon landline, except for current standalone Internet customers who make no changes to their service. In the past, Verizon customers could purchase

stand-alone Internet, but no longer. Verizon estimates that 10 percent of its customer base currently uses stand-alone DSL.

The move is seen by media commentators as a way for Verizon to preserve its shrinking landline business as more and more people nationally are switching to cell phones for all telephone uses, an industry term called "cord-cutting."

At the same time, Verizon is rapidly expanding its mobile LTE/4G (long term evolution) mobile technology and service. Verizon's LTE/4g is advertised as able to handle 100 megabits per

second for every 20 megahertz of spectrum used. Verizon has about 24 million voice subscribers but has, as of Jan. 24, 2012, 108.7 million mobile subscribers, having added 1.5 million in the last reported quarter.

Verizon West Coast Media Representative Jarryd Gonzales explained the company's action. "Our decision to adjust the way we offer DSL service more accurately represents the broadband customer base at Verizon," he said. "By discontinuing a stand-alone DSL offer after May 6, we can control our cost structure more effectively,

enabling us to continue providing competitively priced services to existing and new customers. New DSL customers going forward will be getting the best value we can offer for the service even with voice added. Verizon has proactively provided existing customers a 30-day advance notice to make speed upgrades or downgrades to their existing service if they choose to do so, but the vast majority of Verizon DSL customers enjoy it as part of a bundle."

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Off the road

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hiking partners on speed dial for any of your more ambitious hikes.

Personal necessities — Rely on a medication prescription? Throw a few extra pills in a Ziplock baggie in your daypack. Wear contacts? Make sure and bring extra contacts and a set of glasses. I've had contacts tear and glasses break. Trust me, it's not fun trying to make your way down the mountain while only seeing a vague blur of the trail ahead of you.

Know the conditions and bring the right gear — Check in with the weather reports, other hikers and the ranger station. The front desk of the U.S. Forest Service ranger station usually has the scoop on the most recent trail reports from your friendly Forest Service Volunteer Association wilderness rangers and equestrians.

Know when to turn back — The peak will not wash away in a rain storm, but you might not fare so well. There's nothing more risky than continuing in conditions for which you're not prepared, even if it doesn't seem "that bad" at the time. Set realistic goals, for example a five-hour round trip to San Jacinto Peak from Humber Park is not likely.

Let someone know before you go — No one will know you're missing if they don't know you ever left. Even for trail runs, I always text a friend what trailhead I'm heading up and my approximate ETA. A twisted ankle doesn't have to turn into a night alone in the wilderness.

Remember, others may come out to help you save your bacon, but ultimately, you are the one responsible for your own safety. Have a safe and fun time in the wilderness!

Kimmerle

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to be filed as the inventory is completed," said Clear.

One of the arresting officers in Monday's arrest, Sgt. Jim Wilson, said residents of Pine Cove have been very helpful in providing the Sheriff's Department with information that has assisted these arrests. Wilson stressed that it is the constitutional

right of an arrestee to post bail if they can, unless the severity of the charges precludes bail, and that this is a matter over which the Sheriff's Department has no direct control.

Officers from Riverside County Animal Control arrived around 3:15 p.m. to take Kimmerle's horse and dogs to a shelter for safekeeping. Animal Control Public Information Officer John Welsh said he believed the



Riverside County Animal Services arrives in Pine Cove Monday afternoon to rescue **Papo**.
PHOTO BY
JENNY KIRCHNER

animals would be taken to the department's shelter in the Coachella Valley.

No information is yet available on the Superior

Court website regarding this latest arrest of Kimmerle.

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in new tax revenues. Earlier estimates had been higher but reduced consumption has reduced the estimates. In 2006, the last time a tobacco tax was on the ballot, it proposed to levy an additional tax of \$2.60 per pack and was narrowly defeated.

What has gained traction

among opponents is the initiative's proposal to create a nine-member governing committee charged with administering the fund, what opponents call a new body of political appointees to oversee the spending of public money. The committee would include three University of California chancellors; three selected from Cancer Center Directors of National Cancer Institute centers in

California; one affiliated with a California Academic Medical Center who is a practicing physician; and two selected from California who are members of national disease advocacy groups focused on tobacco-related illness.

Proponent and opposition donors are about evenly matched in money raised. In support are the predictable groups such as the American Cancer Society, the American

Heart Association, the Lance Armstrong Foundation and the American Lung Foundation. Opposing donors include Altria/Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds and Californians Against Unaccountable Taxes.

Editorial opinion throughout the state is mixed, with support and opposition about evenly matched.

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Renate

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important to them. It's almost as though dealing with personal meaning was never an important part of their writing when they were in school.

Writers can always check their spelling and work at grammar. And they can readily describe something they care about or hold forth verbally in all sorts of ways. But when asked to write descriptively how they feel about something important to them they simply freeze or write very awkwardly.

Perhaps you have discovered this in your own writing? So I think you can guess what I would put first.

Let children write from their hearts and then gently show them good writing over and over as you yourself respond to them in written format or write along with them and share good writing or literature with them.

But make sure that there is lots and lots of feedback and interaction with their writing. Also check to make sure that there are no physical problems having to do with

eyesight or letter and sequence recognition. You need to be modeling respect for good spelling and grammar as you respond to their writing.

Don't scold, but entice them to write something they find interesting or fun and then discuss it and ask questions. It's important to challenge them in ways to make writing better as an ongoing adventure. Let their voices be heard and kept precious even while skills should never be ignored and high standards of writing should be a continuous goal.

Join Carol McClintic and myself Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Caine Learning Center for an exciting exploration of how our brain and body are physiologically impacted by what others do. Who we are in the presence of others all too often means much more than what we say to them.

This program is free of charge and sponsored by The Natural Learning Research Institute whose mission it is to share new knowledge, research and understanding with our community.

Share your thoughts with Renate at <http://itcenatecaine.blogspot.com>.

Vote-by-mail or early voting for June 5 primary

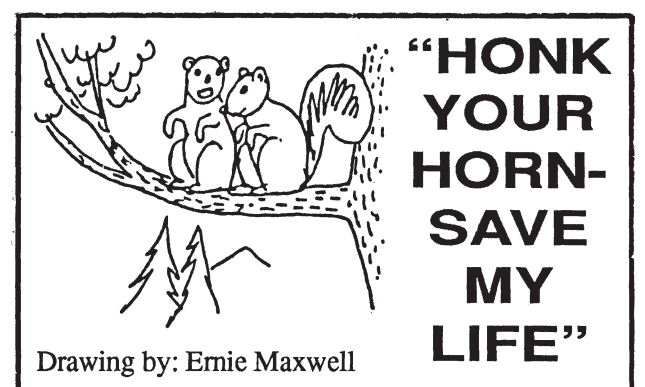
Approximately 390,000 vote-by-mail ballots were mailed to Riverside County voters starting May 7 for the consolidated primary election on June 5. Ballots should arrive in mailboxes by the end of the week. To be counted in the upcoming election, the registrar of voters office must receive the voted ballots by 8 p.m. June 5.

Vote-by-mail ballots can be returned through the postal service or deposited in vote-by-mail drop-off boxes which can be found on the registrar's website at www.voteinfo.net. A 24-hour drop box also is available outside the main entrance of the registrar's office at 2724 Gateway Drive in Riverside. Vote-by-mail ballots may also be dropped off at any polling

place within Riverside County before 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters have until May 29 to request a vote-by-mail ballot by completing the request form on the back of their sample ballot or by using the application form on the Registrar of Voters' website at www.voteinfo.net. The forms may be returned by mail or facsimile to (951) 486-7272.

Early voting at the registrar of voters office begins May 7 and runs through June 5. Early voting also will be offered June 1 through June 3 at the Galleria at Tyler, 1299 Galleria at Tyler in Riverside; Westfield Palm Desert, 72-840 Highway 111 in Palm Desert; and The Promenade in Temecula, 40820 Winchester Road.



HUSD extends contract with teachers group

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Hemet Unified School District board unanimously approved an agreement with the Hemet Teachers Association for fiscal year 2012-2013. No proposed teacher or staff reductions were part of the agreement or the district's tentative budget for the next fiscal year.

The agreement continues the 178-day school year, a six-day reduction from the normal 184 days. The reduction includes five student days and one non-student day.

This will save the district about \$3.2 million in salary and benefit costs.

"The union was very generous working with us to develop the budget," said HUSD Board President Bill Sanborn. Yet he worries, as do other district educational officials, about long-term funding for the district. Sanborn expects many California school districts will begin to announce unqualified budgets, meaning their revenues and reserves are less than annual expenses.

The new agreement includes a pilot project that will permit a weekly late start on Tuesday mornings. The time will be used for staff meetings, professional development or data team sessions.

On two Tuesdays each month, leadership and learning "data team" meetings are authorized. Another Tuesday will be for teacher-facilitated meetings for the purpose of collaboration,

vertical teaming or school improvement.

This agreement extends, but does not replace, the September 2009 and 2010 agreements between the district and the association.

"This is both new and old," said HTA president Jim Brigham. The Tuesday late starts have occurred at a few district schools. With this agreement, they will be district wide.

"Teachers will be fresh and able to do school business," Brigham said. There used to be three staff meetings per month and this agreement authorizes two.

In other business, the board received a proposal from Hemet High School Principal Dr. Emily Shaw to name the newly constructed theater after Ron and Dianna Murray. The Murrys, who are Hemet alumni, have been very active leaders in the school's theater program for nearly two decades and are retiring this year.

Also student Anakaren Chable spoke in favor of the proposal and described how much time the couple has devoted to the program.

Sanborn said the board could not take action at this meeting, but would put it on the agenda for the May 15 board meeting. But there is a general policy discouraging the naming of school facilities for people who are living.

"It a general rule of thanks after the individual has passed on," he noted.

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Cheryl and Mike Vladika (center) were the Idyllwild School volunteer parents for 2012. The Vladikas and volunteers from other HUSD schools were recognized at the board's May 1 meeting. On the right, Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer takes a photo of the Vladikas with their certificate.

New General Educational Development tests in 2014

Beginning Jan. 1, 2014, GED Testing Service will release a new version of the General Educational Development test. This new version will be administered solely on the computer. All paper testing will be eliminated as of Jan. 1, 2014.

Any applicants who have taken the GED between 2002 and Dec. 31, 2013, must complete all five sections of the GED test prior to Dec. 31, 2013. Individuals who do not complete the full GED battery by Dec. 31,

2013, will have to start over on January 1, 2014 with the new GED computer-based test. Previous GED scores will not transfer over to the 2014 testing series.

GED Testing Service will also charge a base rate fee for each of the content areas on the new 2014 GED test. The 2014 test will consist of four content areas. These content areas include literacy, mathematics, social studies, and science. The base fee for each of the content areas will be \$24.

Authorized GED testing centers may add additional fees to the base rate to cover expenses.

Applicants who have not completed the 2002 GED testing series are strongly encouraged to contact the Hemet Adult School to register for the next available at GED test. The Hemet Adult School also offers GED preparation classes to help applicants prepare and pass the 2002 GED testing series. These services are provided

for a nominal fee.

For more information visit us online at www.Hemetadultschool.org or call (951) 765-5190. The Hemet Adult School offers year-round GED testing with GED preparation classes starting in September 2012. Applicants have the option to study in the classroom or online.

For additional information about computer-based testing and the new GED 2014 Testing Series go to www.gedcbt.org.



The California Trucking Association donated \$1,000 to Idyllwild School's sports program last week. Here (from left) Principal **Matt Kraemer**, Volleyball captain **Ben Cruz** and softball captain **Lizzie Anderson** accept the check from **Mark Studevan** and **Devon Ades**, of the CTA, who sponsored a motorcycle ride through the San Jacinto Mountains and Idyllwild School was one of the stops.

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HUSD transitional kindergarten registration

Hemet Unified School District is registering students for transitional kindergarten and kindergarten now at the Centralized Registration Office.

The state's Kindergarten Readiness Act of 2010 changed the age of admission for kindergarten and first grade and established a transitional kindergarten program beginning with the

2012-13 school year.

Transitional kindergarten is the first year of a two-year kindergarten that uses a modified kindergarten curriculum. HUSD will offer transitional kindergarten in the 2012-13 school year for students whose fifth birthday falls between Nov. 2 and Dec. 2, 2012. Students who turn five-years-old on or before

Nov. 1 will be placed in the traditional kindergarten program.

Parents should register at the HUSD Centralized Registration Office, 2085 W. Acacia Avenue, Hemet, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Parents should bring their child's birth certificate, immunization record, proof of physi-

cal form, dental screening form, two forms of proof of residency, and valid parent/guardian picture ID.

Registration forms may be picked up at the Centralized Registration Office or the HUSD website at www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us.

For more information contact the Centralized Registration Office at (951) 765-5100 ext. 3580.

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who is out of the country, not voting.

Also, the board appointed Deputy Superintendent Dr. LaFaye Platter to be the temporary interim superintendent.

On Wednesday, May 9, the board met to further discuss a permanent appointment of an interim superintendent and also began the process for finding a permanent replacement for Lowder.

The process or approach for seeking a new superintendent will not change,



Dr. LaFaye Platter, interim HUSD superintendent

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

according to Sanborn, who is now involved in his fourth search process.

He also noted that several of his colleagues have been involved in prior superintendent searches.

The district will use a search firm to identify candidates. Sanborn expects much of the summer and fall will involve meetings and interviews with prospective candidates.

"I'm sorry we're going through this," he said. "I'm sure we'll be asking prospective superintendents if they will make it a long-term commitment. I know we can't make it seven or eight years, but I hope it's more than a year and a half."

Lowder remains in paid

leave status through June 30 without any assigned duties. HUSD will continue to pay his health and welfare benefits through that date, but has discontinued paying for his long-term disability, life insurance and automobile allowance.

If Lowder begins work at SUSD prior to July 1, he is supposed to inform the board and "all compensation and all fringe benefits of employment of any kind shall cease immediately," pursuant to section 2d. of the signed agreement.

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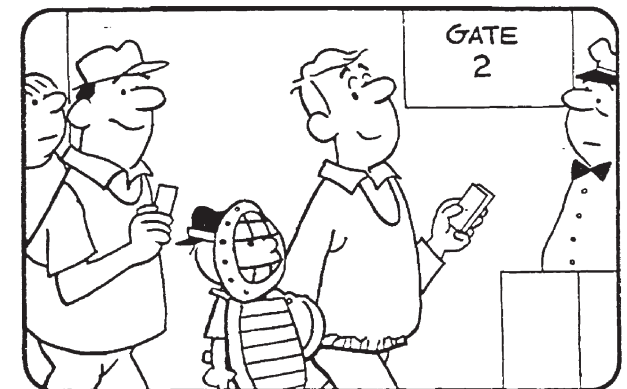
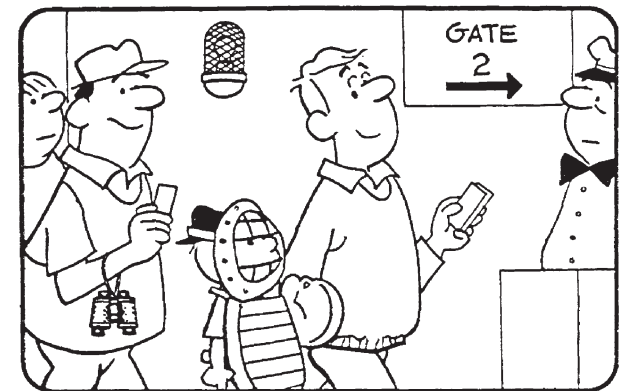
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Answers to Crossword I
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Answers to Crossword II
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) YA stubborn refusal to go ahead on a project mystifies colleagues who expected more flexibility. But once you explain your position, they'll understand and even applaud you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A relationship seems to be stuck in the same place. Now it's up to you, dear Bovine, to decide how far you want it to go and how intense you want it to be. Choose well and choose soon.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship progresses more slowly than you would prefer. Best advice: Insist on a frank and open discussion. What is learned could change minds and, maybe, hearts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's all right to be grateful to a workplace colleague who has done you a good turn. But gratitude shouldn't be a life-long obligation. The time to break this cycle is now.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's going to be especially nice to be the King of the Zodiac at this time. A recent money squeeze eases. Plans start to work out, and new friends enter Your Majesty's domain.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Before you make a commitment on any level (personal, professional, legal), get all the facts. There might be hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Personal relation-

ships improve. Professional prospects also brighten. A job offer could come through by month's end. An old friend seeks to make contact.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your senses detect that something is not quite right about a matter involving a workplace colleague. Best advice: Follow your keen instincts and don't get involved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A prospect offers rewards, but it also demands that you assume a great deal of responsibility. Knowing you, you're up to the challenge, so go for it, and good luck.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A favor you did a long time ago is repaid, as a trusted colleague steps in to help you with a suddenly expanded workload. A family member has important news.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new job offer could require moving across the country. But before you let your doubts determine your decision, learn more about the potentials involved.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your sense of fair play doesn't allow you to rush to judgment about a friend who might have betrayed you. Good! Because all the facts are not yet in.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a romantic nature that allows you to find the best in people. You would excel at poetry and drama.

CROSSWORD I

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ACROSS
1 Six-pack muscles
4 "Huh?"
8 Slender
12 Speck
13 Ginormous
14 Last few notes
15 Good poker hand
17 Stead
18 Possess
19 Weapon collection
21 San Fernando, for one
24 Melody
25 Have a bug
26 Witnessed
28 Stickum
32 March 15, e.g.

DOWN
1 Billboards
2 Automaton, for short
3 Modern-day pram
4 Complains feebly
5 Embrace
6 Ottoman
7 Aquarium fish
8 Eyeball coats
9 Pork cut
10 Concept
11 Manhandle
16 Piercing tool
20 Taste
21 Futile
22 Staffer

23 Sweet potato kin
27 Puke
29 Fight
30 Go sightseeing
31 Duel tool
33 Less corpulent
35 Old man
38 Verily
40 Singer Brewer
43 Disinfectant brand
45 Chap
46 Spar
47 Wading bird
48 Antitoxins
49 Old portico
53 Spinning stat
54 Coffee break hour
55 Scuttle

CROSSWORD II

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ACROSS
1 Clumsy boats
5 Nourished
8 Casual eatery
12 Place
13 Parisian pal
14 Mimicked
15 Cutout fastened to a garment
17 Raced
18 Argument
19 Wiseacre
21 Emanation
24 Equi-
25 Family
28 Tournament format
30 Pump up the volume
33 Tear
34 Tell's target
35 Bill and -

36 "Uh-huh"
37 Repast
38 Charioteer's prop
39 Intend
41 Mascara site
43 The "Saw" series' genre
46 Hurl
50 Vicinity
51 Book end?
54 Landlord's due
55 Earth (Pref.)
56 24 cans
57 Speck
58 Football position
59 Historic periods

2 Ready for the picking
3 Retained
4 Muslim sovereign
5 Online help page
6 Ostrich's cousin
7 Conks out
8 Houses (Sp.)
9 Come near
10 Yard units
11 Whirlpool
16 Debtor's letters
20 Go for the gold?
22 Lasso
23 Shock (Var.)
25 Weep
26 Brooklyn sch.
27 Obvious

29 Singer Fitzgerald
31 Miss Piggy's pronoun
32 Old man
34 Bullets, e.g.
38 From what place?
40 Angry
42 The girl
43 Injury
44 Sandwich treat
45 Anger
47 Hebrew month
48 Passport endorsement
49 Former spouses
52 Corral
53 Spacecraft compartment

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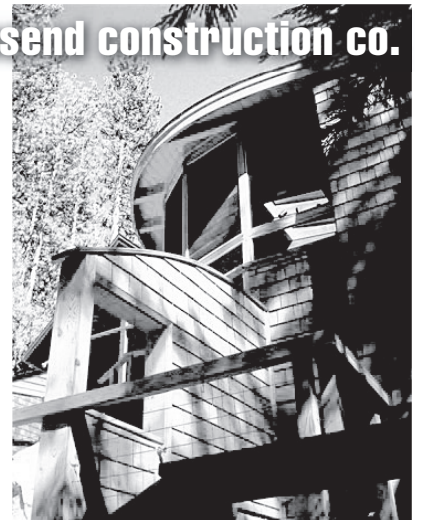
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Letters

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Permitting process burdensome

EDITOR:
This is a follow-up to Eric Townsend's letter of last week.

The entire atmosphere of services and charges from [the Riverside County Transportation and Land Management Agency which includes both] Planning and Building and Safety Departments has changed radically in recent years.

When I was a young man, these departments were there to help. Today, they are for-

profit concerns within city or county governments.

However, changing our county supervisor is not the direction in which to go. This problem is too big and too entrenched. The entire attitude of government needs to be modified.

I recall [an incident] about ten years ago. I was a member of the Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation and offered to help when the group sought a metal storage building. I compiled a list of five such building companies and sat down to contact them.

On the very first call I made, I introduced myself as being from Idyllwild, California.

The man to whom I was speaking asked, "What county are you in?" When I said Riverside, he responded, "I'm sorry, but there are five counties in the nation in which we will not bid due to problems with the county administration, and Riverside is one of them."

This was my introduction to the reality of the problems that have developed in California governments.

I certainly understand that county and city departments need to save money, but for them to charge for what they do not do (the longer they hold your paperwork the greater the charge) as well as charging exorbitantly for the services they do provide

to bring in profits for the governmental arm they work for is self-destructive. They will not guide you where to look to find the correct building codes, rather they insist on being the sole source of those requirements.

We all know that developing jobs brings in more taxes for the government. By the same token, helping people build what they want to build without financially raping them builds much taxable income for the government. That is how the expansion of the tax base is successful.

Perhaps it is time for Occupy County Government.

LARRY KUENEMAN
PINE COVE

Riverside art show accepting entrants

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Summer Arts at Dos Lagos entry forms are avail-

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This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
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President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 9, 2012.

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Signed:
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Pub. TC: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2012.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following fictitious business name THE CIGAR BOX, 54225 NORTH CIRCLE DR. #8, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County; Mailing address: P.O. Box 1423, Idyllwild, CA 92549 has been abandoned by the following person: SHANNON CLAIR GERHARD, 41224 Toledo Dr., Hemet, CA 92544.

This business is conducted by an Individual.
The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on Sept. 28, 2011.

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:
SHANNON C. GERHARD
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on May 7, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2011-10513

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: M. Llaneras, Deputy
Pub. TC: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2012.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to notify the public that there is available in the Pine Cove Water District office, for public inspection, the written report of the water standby assessments for unimproved lots for the fiscal year 2012/2013. The assessments will be \$30.00 per acre or portion thereof. A hearing on said report will be held before the Pine Cove Water District Board of Directors at 10 a.m. June 13, 2012, in the District Board Room located at 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove, CA.
Pub. TC: May 10, 2012.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
To whom it may concern:

This is to notify the public that there will be a public hearing on June 19, 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Idyllwild Water District boardroom regarding Water and Sewer Stand-By Assessments for unimproved lots for the fiscal year 2012-2013. The amount will remain unchanged - \$30.00 per acre (or portion thereof) per year within the Idyllwild Water District/Improvement District #1.

Resolution No. 652
Resolution No. 653
Idyllwild Water District Board Room
25945 Idyllwild Road
Idyllwild, CA
(951) 659-2143
Pub. TC: May 10, 17, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD PHARMACY, 54391 Village Center Drive, Unit 6, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1105, Idyllwild, CA 92549. IDYLLWILD PHARMACY INC., 8166 Branding Iron Lane, Riverside, CA 92508, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in April 2007.

Signed:
BARRY SCOTT SHAPIRO
President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 30, 2012.

FILE NO.: R-2012-05062
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APRIL 30, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO APRIL 30, 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
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: May 10, 17, 24, 31, 2012.

LIEN SALE
CIVIL CODE 3071
On 05/24/2012 at 1575 S. State Street, San Jacinto, CA 92583 a Lien Sale will be held on a 190 KAWASAKI, HULL: KAW008321889, State CF#: NONE at 9 a.m.
Pub. TC: May 10, 2012.

CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Found: Young kitten wandering around
Lodge Road and South Circle Drive in
Fern Valley. Please call ARF to identify.
(951) 659-1122.



Found in Hurkey Creek area: Female gray and white pit bull who has recently had puppies. Call ARF: (951) 659-1122.

Adopted this week were **Rockee**, the golden-Aussie mix to a loving, forever home. Paws up to you Rockee. Also adopted was **Isis/Sissy**, the Maine coon mix cat who found her forever home while visiting the INK Bookstore. Meow to you, Isis.

And meow to you too, **Lacy**. This young adult tuxedo is all about you. Those beautiful green eyes will make you fall in love as she lets you pet her. Lacy loves to play too.



Luna was rescued with the Anza gang. She is a young female, a little on the shy side. She has a clean bill of health and is keeping her eye out for a forever loving home, as are her Anza roommates, **Sydney** the mini Aussie, **Charlie Brown** and **Chip** the teacups, **Whisper** and **Lil Stevie**, the longhaired Chihuahuas.

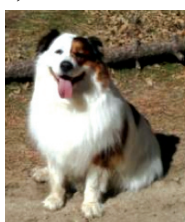


Monty
and **Mina**
have lost the
comfort of
their forever
home and
now find



themselves living in our cattery with **Mrs. Magoo** and **Twiggy**. Monty is a pure-white adult male who loves to be groomed. Mina is a senior Burmese/Siamese female who loves a little attention, but for the most part, wants to just look pretty. And you do that well, Mina.

Many of you may recognize **Girl** as the stray who wandered our streets for many years. Here she is in all of her glory, with a beautiful coat of Aussie fur, tail wagging for the walk, and a paw up to meet all humans.



ARF has many cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Go to www.idyllwildarf.org and click on Petfinder. All pets are spayed, neutered, and current on shots. ARF is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call for appointment on any other day at (951) 659-1122. Email and donation opportunities are at www.idyllwildarf.org or email arf@greencafe.com.

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

PAST TENSE

60 years ago - 1952

The Izaak Walton League agreed to spend \$20 on trees and flowering shrubs for a school landscaping program.

55 years ago - 1957

The Hemet School District Board voted to comply with local requests that the seventh- and eighth-graders remain on the Hill.

50 years ago - 1962

The Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church was released from "mission" status and recognized by the Riverside Presbytery as a church in full standing.

At a coordinating council meeting, Carl Minton declared, "Local growth is inevitable. We are going to have a water problem, so let's start intelligent planning now to find the solution."

45 years ago - 1967

"The quickest way to solve the county's waste disposal problem," declared Ernie Maxwell, "is for everyone to go on a strict diet." Emax also

suggested installing human
incinerators.

35 years ago - 1977

Garner Valley rancher Jack Garner donated 20 acres of his land to the school district for a mountain secondary school.

“We’re witches and this is our new ceremonial area,” was the reply when a State Park employee questioned four people frolicking around an open fire in Stone Creek Campground.

25 years ago - 1987

An earthquake centered near Big Bear and measuring 4.1 on the Richter scale offered the perfect opportunity for Idyllwild Elementary School students to practice an earthquake drill. No local damage was reported because of the earthquake.

20 years ago - 1992

More than 100 people showed up to express their views on proposed budget cuts at a Hemet Unified School District meeting held

5 years ago - 2007

Work on the new Idyllwild Community Center site stopped, because of concerns raised by a group of local residents about two environ-



*As part of the Earth Fair festivities in 1992, Caltrans workers and fifth grade students from Idyllwild Elementary School transplanted trees from Strawberry Creek to the school. **Brittany Sherman**, 11, carries a tree she dug out of the ground.*

FILE PHOTO



in Idyllwild.

10 years ago - 2002

Riverside County warned residents of a severe countywide shortage of antivenom and provided tips to lessen the risk of being bitten by snakes.

1 year ago - 2011

The proposed Idyllwild Community Recreation Council playground was halted because of the need for additional Riverside County planning approvals. Construction is now planned for June 13.

	<p>IDYLLWILD DENTAL BUILDING</p> <p>Serving the community's dental needs with gentle professionalism for over 20 years.</p> <p>659-5011</p> <p>After Hours Call 652-2744</p>	
<p>Heber G. Dunn, D.D.S.</p>	<p>54805 North Circle Dr.</p>	<p>Bryan L. Dunn, D.D.S.</p>

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Call Grace at the Town Crier:
(951) 659-2145

Ad Deadline: May 10
Print Date: May 24

Lemon Lily Festival Program

Not only will the program be distributed at the Festival, but also it will be inserted as a special pull-out section in the July 4 edition of the Town Crier.
(Ads start as low as \$35.)

Call Grace or Shane at the Town Crier:
(951) 659-2145



Ad Deadline: June 20
Print Date: July 4



The official Jazz in the Pines Program

Aug. 25 & 26, 2012
6,000 distributed FREE at the festival • 4,000 inserted in the Aug. 16 edition of the Town Crier.

Call Grace or Shane: 659-2145

Town Crier Photo Contest!

Deadline for entries: 5 p.m., July 13, 2012

(Received at the Town Crier)

Here's your chance for fame, glory, and a free license plate frame! Enter your best color photographs of the Idyllwild area in the Idyllwild Town Crier's 2013 Wall Calendar Photo Contest. Winning

photographs will be published in full color in the new calendar, and winning photographers will get a byline and an Idyllwild license plate frame.



The Rules

Contest is open to everyone. Submit up to three 8" x 10" glossy color images. If images are digital, they must be submitted on a CD or DVD, be at least 300 dpi when scaled to 8" x 10" and must be accompanied by high-quality glossy color prints for judging. Include your name, address, phone number, e-mail and location on the back of each print (make sure you use a pen that doesn't smear or bleed onto other prints). Also, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for safe return of your work. **New this year: Limit 3 submissions per person.**

You can drop off your entries at the Town Crier at 54295 Village Center Drive, or mail to Town Crier Photo Contest, P.O. Box 157, Idyllwild, CA 92549. Sorry, no email submissions.

While the Town Crier will reserve the right to publish the photos and use them in promotional material, photographers will still own the rights to their work. Questions? E-mail: halie@towncrier.com

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