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Reader Michelle Fournier sent in this photo of a friendly snow dragon resting on a porch after last week's big storm.

County suspends CSA 38 meetings

Supervisor wants to wait until summer

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

County Service Area 38 is shut down until summer, according to 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone's office.

Riverside County's Emergency Medical Services Agency is developing a new contract for delivering emergency medical and am-

balance services. While the analysis and review is proceeding this spring, Stone has suspended the CSA 38 Advisory Committee meetings until at least July, according to Stone's Chief of Staff Verne Lauritzen.

"This is to allow Riverside County, its staff, and interested stakeholders to fully participate in the

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Kimmerle and Dravenstatt convicted

Sentenced to four years

By MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, the day the jury trial was to have commenced, Ron Kimmerle, 49, and Taylor Dravenstatt, 20, both of Idyllwild, entered guilty pleas to single counts of felony burglary, were convicted and were formally sentenced to four years in state prison.

"This was a plea agreement between both sides," said John Hall, senior public information specialist, Riverside County District Attorney's Office. "Both [were] sentenced to four years. Both pled guilty to one count of burglary and all other counts [were] dismissed in the interest of justice."

Kimmerle and Dravenstatt were convicted for a string of burglaries in the early part of 2012.

Kimmerle was first arrested in Pine Cove April 27, released and subsequently rearrested three more times. His last arrest on June 2 resulted in ongoing incarceration up through his Feb. 20 conviction. Kimmerle will receive credit for 276 actual days served, plus an additional 276 for a total of 552 days, or a year and a half credit. Dravenstatt received 100 days credit by the same calculation. As part of the plea agreement, Kimmerle and Dravenstatt were ordered to pay \$21,475 in restitution to their victims.

The court record shows See Kimmerle, page 2

Artists get sensual for annual Eye of the Artist event

By B. BAILEY
CORRESPONDENT

Springtime in Idyllwild is an impressive sight. Wildflowers push through patches of snow, emerald buds burst onto majestic oaks and young animal families make their debut.

It's also the time when local artists emerge from their winter habitats to kick off the mountain town's art season with the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Annual Eye of the Artist event.

The "Eye Opener," one of Idyllwild's most celebrated annual events, takes place from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, March 9, at the Rainbow Inn, 54420 South Circle Dr.

Proceeds help fund AAI's festive and informative gatherings from March through October. These events include the Lilac Walk and Art Show (hosted with the Idyllwild Garden Club) in May, Juried Artist Members Shows and Gallery Working Artist Tours in May and July, the Plein Air Festival in June, the Art and Treasures weekend in late August and the AAI's Annual Art Walk and Wine Tasting in October.

Besides an evening of food, wine and



Norm Dessing's "Deep Sea Movement"

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entertainment, pick up some exquisite, one-of-a-kind art at the silent auction and See Eye event, page 12

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Monday, Feb. 18 to 25, 2013:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Feb. 19 — Walk-in medical aid.

Feb. 19 — Medical aid, Highway 243, Idyllwild.

Feb. 21 — Smoke scare, Tollgate Road, Idyllwild.

Feb. 21 — Medical aid, Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

Feb. 21 — Smoke scare, Lodge Road, Idyllwild.

Feb. 22 — Cover assignment, highways 74 and 243, Idyllwild.

Feb. 23 — Medical aid, Idylbrook Drive, Idyllwild.

Feb. 24 — Chimney fire, Tollgate Road, Idyllwild.

Feb. 24 — Walk-in medical aid.

Feb. 24 — Medical aid, North Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

Feb. 25 — Medical aid, Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

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Although the highways and roads were quickly plowed and cleared after last week's snow, Tuesday night there were problems, even before most of the snow fell. A female driver lost control of her Toyota SUV slamming head on into a tree at approximately 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19. The crash took place on Highway 243 near South Circle Dr. in front of the Strawberry Creek Inn. Idyllwild Fire disabled the vehicle's battery to extinguish the threat of a fire. The driver was transported by ground to a nearby hospital by Idyllwild Fire. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

IFPD responds to three chimney fires

The Idyllwild Fire Department responded to three small chimney fires last week.

Two occurred on Thursday, Feb. 21, and the third was Sunday morning, Feb. 24.

The first chimney fire on Thursday was on Tollgate Road. Upon arrival, IFPD personnel saw intermittent flames coming from the structure's chimney.

The homeowner had emptied both an ABC dry-chemical type fire extinguisher and a carbon dioxide fire extinguisher into the fireplace in an attempt to extinguish the fire. The fire was extinguished with steam created by using a portable water fire extinguisher on the fuel in the fireplace. Within 30 minutes, IFPD units returned to the station.

That evening another fire was reported on Lodge Road. The homeowner reported an electrical smell along with sparking and popping noise from the blower assembly under her fireplace.

Responders found a faulty installation of the fireplace blower assembly.

Coals and ash accumulated, melted wires and created an electrical short. IFPD extinguished the fire with a portable fire extinguisher.

The homeowner was advised to contact a licensed electrician and to have the fireplace inspected prior to use. All units cleared the scene within approximately 40 minutes.

Three days later, IFPD sent personnel and equipment to another possible chimney fire on Tollgate Road.

Upon investigation, fire personnel located a fire smoldering in the wall of the enclosure containing a wood stove and stove-pipe. Also, the heat from the stovepipe had melted the insulation of the electrical wiring that supplied the outlets powering the TV and woodstove blower assembly.

The fire was extinguished using portable water fire extinguishers.

Damage was contained to the exterior of the house and was estimated at approximately \$8,000 to \$12,000. Units were on scene approximately one hour.



Idyllwild Fire Protection District Chief Patrick Reitz asks and reminds businesses, residents and commercial snow removal operators to be aware of the location of fire hydrants. Please do not pile snow on or around fire hydrants. If you have a hydrant adjacent to your property, the IFPD asks you to help locate it and remove the snow from around it. Obstructed or covered fire hydrants may cause an unnecessary delay in getting much needed water to a fire. PHOTO BY IFPD CAPTAIN MARK LAMONT

Kimmerle

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denial of a motion by Kimmerle's lawyer to suppress evidence of guns found in a CHP inventory search of Kimmerle's vehicle after it was stopped and cited for various California Vehicle Code infractions. The defense claimed that the improper search of Kimmerle's vehicle, along with statements Kimmerle made

at the time of the traffic stop, tainted subsequent warrant searches that were instrumental in Kimmerle's conviction. Denial of the motion by the court rendered all evidence obtained in the searches admissible.

Dravenstatt had been released on bail, but with his plea and burglary conviction last week, he is now incarcerated at Southwest Detention Center in Murrieta.

Email Marshall Smith at marshall@towncrier.com.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 2/28	Friday 3/1	Saturday 3/2	Sunday 3/3	Monday 3/4
 63/38 Sunny and breezy.	 69/40 Mostly sunny.	 72/41 Sunny.	 70/39 Sunny.	 69/39 Sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
2-18	59	22			54	25		
2-19	57	21			49	24		
2-20	58	21	1.28	11.8	48	25		
2-21	na	na			55	30		
2-22	58	16			67	33		
2-23	51	37			70	39		
2-24	na	na			67	35		

Moisture in inches	Snow in inches
To date this season (Idy): 11.39	To date this season (Idy): 28.9
To date last season (Idy): 13.18	To date last season (Idy): 7.1
Total last season (Idy): 20.01	Total last season (Idy): 42.1
To date this season (PC): 15.11	To date this season (PC): 29
Total last season (PC): 22.06	Total last season (PC): 73.25

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

A love letter to Idyllwild: Part 2 ...

As the summer moves forward, the San Jacinto mountains are inundated with birds of every size, shape and color.



Orange breasted robins search the ground for insects and worms. Adult California quail act as crossing guards while their young scurry across the street. Stellar's jays are everywhere, wearing their snappy uniforms of royal blue and black and causing a ruckus whenever possible.

Anna's hummingbirds look like emerald gems as they hover and swoop on their never-ending search for nectar and insects to fuel the animal kingdom's highest body temperature. Acorn woodpeckers live up to their names as they store their nuts for winter, using tall pine and cedar trees for pantries.

Bluebirds, hawks, jays, grosbeaks, ravens, chickadees, nuthatches, finches, swallows and eagles all seem to be avoiding my camera but that does not stop me from stalking them. Every once in a while, I get lucky and capture an image of one of my avian friends.

August and September bring new legions of wildflowers with feverfew, American speedwell, columbine, wild peas, stream orchids, wild strawberries, broad-leafed lotus, wild rose, yellow and scarlet monkeyflowers, western azaleas and thimbleberries all thriving in stream beds and wet places.

Each and every day out in nature I seem to find a new wildflower, a different butterfly or moth, a new bird or mammal to add to my photo collection. The search keeps me outside and on the trails, which is definitely my favorite form of exercise. That is, working out without knowing that you are because it's fun.

October seemed to bring all my summer fun to an end, but the truth is that I was in for a big surprise when the leaves started turning.

Suddenly the trees in my neighborhood were awash in colors. Golden-crowned black oaks, maples that turned yellow-orange then deep red, purple, red and green dogwoods, towers of golden boxwoods were all mere steps from my front door.

As November came along and the leaves were dropping



The meadow in Idyllwild County Park is covered with a blanket of snow last Wednesday. PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS

I discovered the willows had changed from spear-shaped leaves of green to lovely, warm gold. They formed golden thickets of bushes and large clumps of taller trees that held their leaves until winter finally weakened their grip.

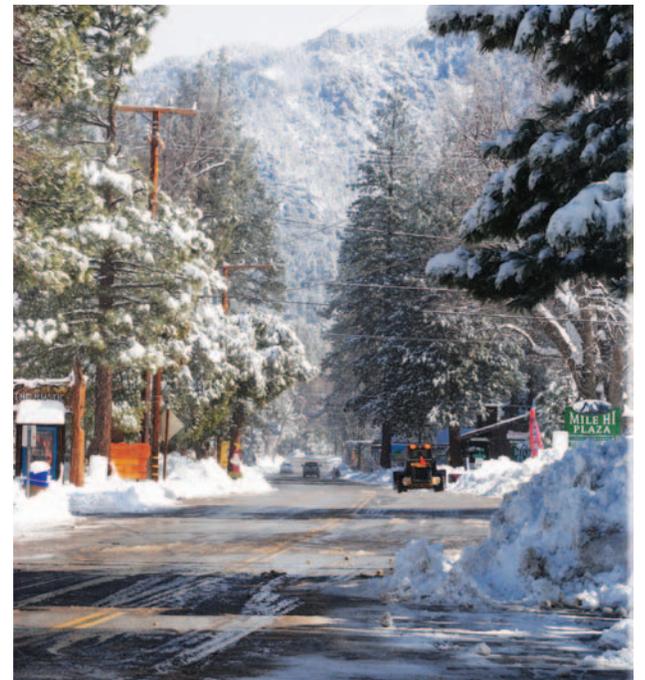
The cottonwoods also turned from green to gold late in the fall. The tall stately trees with round leaves that seemed to be like golden wind chimes as the fall breeze rustled through their branches. Like the willows they held onto their fall colors until the bitter end of fall.

My love for black oak trees is well known to my readers and every year I look forward to seeing their fall colors. Their massive trunks, black bark and golden crown of leaves makes for an impressive sight. I have always wanted to paint a black oak in all its fall glory but I am no artist. So instead I have to use a camera to capture its beauty.

Finally winter came to our mountain home and once again I lamented the passing seasons. All that changed after the last snowstorm.

With about a foot of snow on the ground, I was on the move once again to County Park. The meadow was white, pristine and without footprints of any kind. It wasn't long before I changed all that as I gave the meadow a quick tour on foot.

To be continued.



By Wednesday morning, the roads had been plowed and cleared only hours after the snowfall stopped. PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Garden season beginning

Kicking off Idyllwild's gardening season (Yes! ... It is time to think tomatoes) the Idyllwild Garden Club invites everyone to their annual March Soup-er meeting, noon, Tuesday, March 5 at the Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 N. Circle Dr., door on lower level.

A hot buffet of soups, breads and desserts will be followed by our March program. Pat Hughes and Sophia Dean will speak about the Riverside Master Garden Program and how you can become a Master Gardener.

This year's fun and educational programs will be announced, so come and share your gardening interests with this lively group!

There is no fee to attend, although donations are greatly appreciated. Everyone is invited to join us for a cozy, fun and educational event, but come early as seating is limited.

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County budget problems lessen, but continue

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Riverside County's balanced budgets for 2012-13 and next fiscal year are in jeopardy, according to County Executive Jay Orr. In a mid-year budget report to the board of supervisors, Orr wrote, "Several issues burdened by multi-million deficits or unexpected costs threaten that delicate balance and make next year's budget a challenge."

Among those issues are a continuing operating deficit at the county's Regional Medical Center in Moreno Valley and the Sheriff's Department, although both organizations have reduced their estimated budget deficits since this fall. The county fire department estimates its budget overrun will still be about \$5.7 million.

The medical center is projecting an \$11 million shortfall, which is nearly \$20

million less than its initial projection. The sheriff's department has also reduced its initial estimate by one-third. The current \$6.2 million excess is a result of increased labor costs and the board's approval last year of hiring an additional 50 deputies.

Many of these budget problems will continue in the future, so efforts to balance the budget for 2013-14 (starting July 1, 2013) remain difficult. For example, labor costs will increase by \$64 million and PERS contributions will increase one percent for all employees.

The hospital issues are complicated by the impending implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act. Orr plans to bring a special medical care consultant to "increase RRM's efficiency and effectiveness, develop a strategy for implementing the Affordable Care Act, and strengthen the medical center's fiscal footing."

In developing the 2014 budget, Orr has already instructed county department heads to plan on absorbing negotiated labor cost increases and pension obligations.

Additional funds will be needed to operate the county's new public safety enterprise communication system and planning for a new correctional facility. Orr made it clear that "the board's top priority for capital projects remains the 1,250-bed East County Detention Center expansion in Indio." Later this spring, Orr and County Sheriff Stan Sniff plan to present a jail strategic plan to the board.

Beginning July 11, Orr also recommended that the County discontinue Friday office closings. He wants to improve the county's customer service through a full five-day week. The county saved nearly \$900,000 on utilities in the two years between September 2009 and August 2011 with a four-day work-week.

Riverside County's revenue forecast is no longer catastrophic. Both sales and use tax receipts are beginning to grow. Consequently Orr is optimistic that no changes in revenue projections for this year will be needed. Property tax revenue, which has fallen drastically in the past four years, may increase two percent next year, Orr told the board.

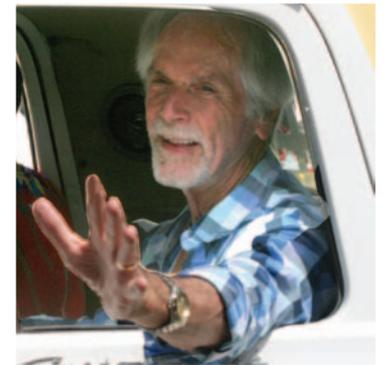
The number of property recordings has increased about 10 percent in the second quarter and default notices declined about 40 percent from the same quarter last year. This fiscal year, building permits have also increased 19 percent compared to the first two months of fiscal 2011-12.

County department budgets are to be submitted to Orr by March 14. He will schedule budget workshops in April and submit a recommended county budget to the Supervisors on June 17.

Obituary

Richard Lewis "Wayne" Parker

A warm and open-hearted full-of-life person who found enjoyment in everyone he met. Building lasting friendships all over the world, Wayne loved to travel and hang out with the locals armed with a video camera and putting together his own travel log.



After the Army and UCLA, Wayne did freelance work as a standup bass player and singer with several different musical groups. He played guitar in one of the first beach movies, "For Those Who Think Young." He moved into independent music production, producing musical artists or groups such as "Children of the Mushroom," and marketing them to major music companies. Eventually he started composing and publishing his own works. He had three of his songs performed by major artists, and two albums of his own: "Boys in the Bunkhouse" and "Oklahoma Twilight." He did two Clint Eastwood movies: "Every Which Way But Loose" and "Any Which Way You Can," in which he played guitar and sang in the bar scenes.

Wayne worked with known performers, producers, filmmakers, comedians and some very talented people, but his greatest pleasure was composing music and creating music videos, especially for his daughter Robin Leigh, who passed at the age of 27.

Semi-retired, he worked for the Town Crier and drove for Idyllwild Arts where he had the opportunity to meet amazingly talented youth. Always youthful himself, he joined Facebook and today has 517 friends. That's only those on Facebook. He's posted some of his latest music on Reverb Nation which he was working on building his music catalog when he became ill. Wayne will always be remembered and loved by his wife Lori, his family and friends. Wayne raised four daughters and a son, has eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Idyllwild Arts Academy in Stephens Recital Hall at 4 p.m. Friday, March 8, followed by a dinner reception of his favorite foods at Nelson Dining Hall at 6 p.m.

Wayne's only request is that you wear something red on that day.

Chamber and Roy continue negotiations

By MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR
AND J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce board of directors continues to try to reach some settlement with David Roy, according to President Chris Titus. After announcing they were considering dismantling and auctioning the monument, which the chamber had commissioned from Roy, Roy has made two separate settlement offers to the chamber, he said.

In the first, he was willing to release the chamber from any further lawsuits if the they "promise ... to preserve the monument and to do no harm."

He also offered to drop his claim for work preparing the sculpture for the dedication in July 2012.

However, he wanted a specific contract of equal value (\$1,500) to do some current repairs, for example "to replace the red-tail hawk, the hiking stick and finish the fingers."

"I needed to find a way to end the feud," he said. "I wanted to sign but they weren't. I felt I was bending but they weren't."

The chamber's attorney is attempting to reach Roy to discuss resolution of the issues involved. Should no resolution be reached before Thursday, chamber directors would again have to pay court filing fees in response to Roy's

latest lawsuit.

Roy has not heard from the other side and considers the offer dismissed.

"It's [the monument] what I wanted for Idyllwild," Roy explained. "I'm not asking for any money."

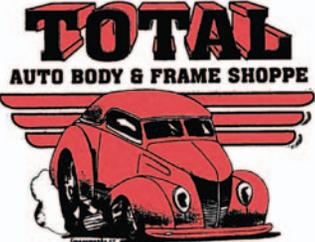
Roy has circulated "David Roy and the Monument, My Side of the Story," which the Town Crier has posted in its entirety on its website (www.idyllwildtowncrier.com) with this article.

Roy claims he can provide evidence of the truth of all claims in his written statement — that the monument fund accounting, as claimed

by the chamber board, does not add up and could be off by as much as \$5,000, that the chamber misappropriated or embezzled monument funds and that Director David Jerome explicitly agreed, on behalf of the chamber board, to pay Roy to apply a sealant to the monument.

The chamber also claims they can provide full records and proof of their central claims — that the monument maintenance financial records account for all monies dispersed from the time of former director Ken Carlson's presidency until the present

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m., Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Prostate Cancer Support Group, 5:30 p.m. Restaurant Gastrognome, 54381 Ridgeview Dr.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.

• 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).

• "This is This conversation" 6 p.m., Oma's European Bakery & Restaurant 54241 Ridgeview Dr.

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

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

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

• Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

• Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Av., Persons interested may show up or phone (951) 659-4910.

• Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

• ICRC Book Club, 7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

• Cancer Support Group for women and men, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr., For information, call Deanna (951) 659-8104.

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

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

• Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. BBQ 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

• Idyllwild Community Meditation, Zen-style from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Contact Val-

erie Kyoshin Velez for more information at (951) 392-6507 or kyoshinvelez@gmail.com.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

• Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.

• Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town center at Harmony monument. Call Sue at (909) 228-6710.

• Alcoholics Anonymous Book Study (closed) meeting, noon, Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flat, across from CAL FIRE Station 6.

• Teen Group, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

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

MONDAY, MARCH 4

• 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 & 7 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

• Idyllwild Fire Auxiliary initial and organizational meeting, 6 p.m., Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

• Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

• Mountain Non-fiction Writers Group, 7 p.m., for information and address, call Larry Kueneman (951) 659-2567.

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• Idyllwild Garden Club, noon. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

• International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.

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

• Hilltop Horsemen, 6 p.m. Call Chuck Streeter, 659-2167.

• 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

• 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., Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.

• Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.

• Garner Valley Women's Club, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

• Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

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

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• Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.

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READERS WRITE

Emergency medical services' cost

EDITOR:

I don't pay much attention to what goes on at the [Idyllwild] Fire Department because it seems to be too complicated.

From some stories I've heard, I'm trying to understand what our taxes are paying for. Is there something provided that tells us what the fire department is supposed to do for us?

In the past you could stop into the fire department and they would check your blood pressure or things like that. Now I heard they charge \$70 for the same thing.

One story I heard there was an accident and some neighbors called the fire department. [They] came out and charged that person to be checked \$150. He said I didn't call the fire department. Why didn't they charge the people that called?

Another person went to the fire department had his blood pressure checked and they said it was high. They scared him into going down to Hemet to be checked, but he didn't think it was needed, then he was charged \$1,500 for a trip down. To him, I told him [I'd] do it for half-price.

I don't know what's going on anymore, maybe they are doing it for free before because they just wanted to; but I need to see what they're supposed to supply to us for the taxes we pay.

[If] you don't have medical insurance, these prices will stop people from using them and someone could die because they can't afford it.

MICHAEL FREITAS
IDYLLWILD

Re: EMS costs

EDITOR:

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District is a public agency that has regular publicly posted and open to the public board meetings at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the training room at the fire station.

Additionally, the district maintains regular office hours for the public to

attend to business with the district.

The board of commissioners and the fire chief welcome the public to attend the board meetings; or schedule a meeting with the individual board members or the chief to discuss their concerns or questions about the IFPD.

The dry-run fee referenced in the letter above has been in place since 2009 and is regularly revisited and discussed by the IFPD board.

It is anticipated that the fee will again be considered at the time the proposed fiscal year 2013-2014 budget will be discussed in the coming months.

Please note that dry-run fees are not unique to IFPD and are utilized by many of the emergency medical service and ambulance providers in Riverside County and throughout California as well as nationally.

PATRICK REITZ
FIRE CHIEF

HELP Center

EDITOR:

If there's anything that grips my soul, it's to hear someone complain about those less fortunate than themselves, "just not trying hard enough," or "taking advantage of the system."

Then there are those who say giving to the poor just enables them to stay poor, or to take advantage of those who would help them. I won't deny that that happens.

There are people in every walk of life, rich and poor, who game the system. But that doesn't mean that they all do. The vast majority of rich people and poor people alike are honest citizens just trying to do their best.

Our Declaration of Independence says "All men are created equal," and with respect to the law, that is the foundation of our society.

But in reality we are not all created equal in terms of our physical and mental abilities, or as some would say, "our God-given physical and mental abilities." Some are stronger than others, some are more intelligent than others, and that's just the way it is, whatever the reason.

This means that some can achieve more than others, especially in particular areas.

But those who have the ability to achieve more should thank their lucky stars instead of looking down on those less fortunate, and they should be willing to help the less fortunate.

For one thing, luck plays a big role in many aspects of our lives. For example, you can come into this world with all of the financial and emotional support you'll ever need or you could begin life as the child of a single mother addicted to drugs.

You can land a job with a company that goes gang-busters or with one that goes belly-up, taking all of your retirement savings with it.

We have always been a society of people willing to help each other with money or deed. We have the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the United Way, Rotary International, and dozens of other organizations dedicated to helping those in need.

Here, in Idyllwild, we also have the HELP Center, now serving some of the needs of about 500 local families and individuals. That represents between 20 and 25 percent of our full-time residents!

A year ago the HELP Center was serving about 600 families and individuals. The number didn't go down because things got better, it went down because things got so bad that many were forced to leave the Hill and move in with friends and relatives.

Before the recession began, about 175 local families and individuals were being served by the HELP Center, which goes to show that about two-thirds of the people currently in need of help were at least getting by before the recession began.

And let me add that if you aren't shopping at the HELP Center, you're passing up some of the greatest bargains you'll ever find. And it's not junk — far from it — especially the clothing that's for sale.

BEN KILLINGSWORTH
IDYLLWILD

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



Proposed Harmony dismemberment

EDITOR:

It is with sadness and dismay that I read of the latest proposal or "threat" by the [Idyllwild] Chamber [of Commerce] to cut up and auction "Harmony" in pieces.

Is this really true or a ploy to raise public ire to force David Roy and his "shadow" to reconsider their demands and come to the mediation table?

Without knowing both sides of the story, I cannot pass judgment on Mr. Roy or the Chamber.

However, this proposal immediately brought to mind the Old Testament account of the dispute between two women. (See 1 Kings 3:16-28.)

The women came to the king, fighting over the same baby. The king made his judgment for the mother, who would choose to have her baby given away to the other woman rather than have "the living child cut in two, with one half given to each woman."

PATRICIA LUNDEEN
IDYLLWILD

Rustic Theatre

EDITOR:

Shane Stewart did not establish first run movies at the Rustic Theatre, as reported in the Town Crier's story last week.

It went from double features to first-run movies when Morrie and Sara Bronson owned the theater.

BONNIE WOLF
IDYLLWILD

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SCIENCE & REALITY TODAY

By HECTOR TRUJILLO, SAN DIEGO

The best free entertainment online ...

In our hectic everyday lives, we always try to find entertaining sources of distraction. Recently, my distractions have become Facebook (to the annoyance of some) and YouTube.



If you are like me, then you have probably also come across debates between scientists from various disciplines and religious leaders of different denominations.

While many of us already have an opinion on issues such as whether there is a God, what happens when we die, and if we can live moral lives without religious doctrine, there is still something about watching a good debate that gets your juices flowing.

If you have read my previous columns you already know where I fall. I do not believe in God but that does not mean one or many may not exist; no one truly knows what happens when you die. And yes, we can live moral lives without religious dogma.

Among the names that will pop up when you do your search is that of theoretical physicist Sean Carroll. Unlike many of his colleagues on the pro-science side, Carroll is successful in making his arguments because he does not come across as condescending. He also talks to the audience as opposed to at them.

To win a debate, you have get your message across effectively and knock off your opponents arguments using facts and, even in the case of religion, their own statements which sometimes contradict themselves — look up William Lane Craig.

Hence, the most successful debater is the one whom you trust the most when the debate is over and the question-and-answer session has ended. But, no matter whom you agree with or whom you think won, what is always clear is that science (like humans) evolves and adapts to the new conditions imposed by nature while religious doctrine always remains static.

For example, Carroll will be the first to admit that science only understands about four percent of the universe,

since 96 percent is made up of dark energy and dark matter, with science not currently equipped to answer what makes that stuff tick.

On the other side we have those who argue that we know all we need to know because it was handed down from books that were written 3,000 and 1,500 years ago — just ignore the slavery, infidel, and kill the gays parts.

As you can probably tell, I would never be a good debater because of my genetic prowess for sarcasm. But when you have states such as Kansas once again attacking the science behind such things as evolution and climate change (not to be confused with global warming), you wish Carroll, Lawrence Maxwell Krauss, a theoretical physicist and cosmologist who is a professor of physics at Arizona State University, or Sam Harris, cofounder and the CEO of Project Reason, a nonprofit foundation devoted to spreading scientific knowledge and secular values in society, would go to their home, take their white glove off and slap them across the face as they say “I challenge you to a duel.”

SPEAKING FOR THE ANIMALS

By SHELA BOYNTON, IDYLLWILD

Food for thought ...

According to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention, at least half of this country's dog and cat populations are overweight.

The reason is pretty much the same as for their owners: taking in more calories than the body can use.

And the consequences are the same, too: increased risk for serious health problems, decreased quality of life, and shorter life span.

The answer to the problem is, of course, proper diet and exercise. However, choosing the proper food for your dog isn't as easy as it might seem. Pet food manufacturers can be pretty cagey, playing to our senses and not necessarily providing what our dogs need.

Truly nutritious food doesn't come cheap, but it's a commitment we make to the health and longevity of our pets. So, pull out your magnifying glasses and let's take an educated look at the list of ingredients in the food you give your dogs.

Dogs are carnivores, so their digestive tracts are set up to assimilate meat and fat. We can all agree that a high-quality, digestible meat-based protein should be the first ingredient listed. As a point of reference, if you look for the first source of fat, you can assume that anything listed above that is considered to be a main ingredient.

The protein in a good pet food will be a specifically named meat or meat meal. For example, it will say chicken, beef, salmon, or any of those meals. Avoid any generic



meat ingredients such as meat, meat by-products, or fish meal. Stay away from by-product meals even if the species is identified.

Your dog isn't interested in any food that contains corn as a first ingredient, or in corn gluten or soy meal as a main ingredient.

Fats are important for skin and coat health, as well as brain development. Look for specifically named fats and oils and a high percentage of omega fatty acids. Avoid nonspecifics such as animal fat, as well as mineral oil.

Carbohydrates should come in the form of whole ground grains and may also include potatoes. Avoid fragments of these, flours and unspecified grain sources.

Fiber is a carb that is not digestible by our pets. Avoid in particular corn bran, hulls from peanuts, rice, soybeans and oats.

Fruits and vegetables might sound good to us and look nice on a list of ingredients, but your pet doesn't really need them. Avoid apple or grape pomace and citrus pulp.

Other ingredients which are further down on the list might include flavorings, which aren't needed in a good dog food. Stay away from any highly rendered flavoring (digests) and those of unspecified origin such as meat broth.

Preservatives which should be avoided are BHA, BHT, Ethoxyquin, and Metabisulphite. Sweeteners and dyes are unnecessary and don't have a place in quality brands.

Supplements such as glucosamine should not be the reason you choose a dog food, as the amounts included

aren't enough to be helpful. Especially avoid K3, menadione (a synthetic version of vitamin K).

If you do the research, you should be able to find a good quality dog food that is within your budget.

Reliable websites that can help you with your selection, or rate the food you're already using, are dogfoodproject.com and petfoodadvisor.com.

The Humane Society, humanesociety.org, keeps track of recalled foods and treats. They suggest caution in buying any treats made in China. Recent recalls include Hartz Chicken Chews, Hartz Oinkies Pig Skin Twists, and Milo's Chicken Jerky and Chicken Griller Homestyle Dog Treats.

Questions for the animals can be sent to Shela Boynton at shelab@greencafe.com.

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January leaks bleeding Idyllwild Water's supply

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Water District continues to monitor its water supplies and usage. Foster Lake, the district's largest storage reservoir, showed a slight increase in January.

General Manager Terry Lyons reported to the board that the lake's water level was 6.5 feet, a half-foot improvement. The water level of the wells around the lake remained unchanged from January, which Lyons described as "not good." The lake's level is far below its capacity of 18 feet. A year ago, January 2012, the lake level was 17.5 feet.

January's cold snap caused a surprising and unexpected surge in water usage last month. Pipes throughout the district succumbed to the freezing temperatures.

IWD's production was nearly 8.4 million gallons, compared to the 4.7 million gallons produced in January 2012 and 6.6 million gallons in December. Last month's production was the greatest in more than a decade.

"The January monthly production [rate] was 215 [gallons per minute] as compared to January 2012 with 122 gpm," explained Lyons. "We had about 50 water

leaks through customers meters and some on our side of the meters throughout the month of January that increased the water pumped into the system."

A consequence of the large number of leaks was unaccounted for water rose to 14 percent in January, "the highest its been in a while," Lyons said. A year ago, it was 3.3 percent and averaged 6.4 percent during the past 12 months.

In other business, the board accepted a bid to construct a new water storage tank in the Golden Rod Zone. A \$221,500 bid from J. Colon Coatings of Alta Loma was accepted. The cost includes construction of a 200,000 gallon welded reservoir as well as removal and disposal of 100,000 gallon bolted tank.

The additional capacity is what Lyons believes the district will ultimately need for the zone. "It's enough capacity for complete build-out," he told the board.

The district is nearing the acceptance of two more wells into the distribution system. All that is needed is the state's approval of water quality tests, which should occur in the next few weeks, according to Lyons. Well 23 was purchased this fall and with improvements its flow rate has nearly doubled,

Pine Cove adopts standby charges

By MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The board of directors for the Pine Cove Water District adopted standby charges for 2012-2013 fiscal year. The charge remains \$30 per acre per year for each acre of land or portion of any single parcel which is not served by an active water meter.

At the Wednesday, Feb. 13, board meeting, General Manager Jerry Holldber reported a number of cold weather-related leaks, totally 300,000 gallons. One leak totaled 146,000 gallons. Water loss for the two-month billing period was 10.6 percent. As board President Tom

McCullough noted, water loss percentages should be compared to cost of leak detection services. "How much do you want to spend to investigate?" is the question McCullough said had to be answered. "If it [water loss] gets to be worse, then we must investigate."

Water production for January was 2.5 million gallons, including the 300,000 gallon leak, and roughly the same as January 2012, 2.2 million gallons but less than 2.9 million gallons produced in January 2011.

Holldber advised the board that county negotiations to purchase the district office for CAL FIRE station

23 expansion, were probably not a "go" but he would have a final answer from the county at the next board meeting.

The board toured two new district service vehicles, of three purchased through loans and grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Holldber said the three new vehicles and a remodeled fourth would be

on display at the customer appreciation luncheon on Saturday, June 8. "With these new vehicles, I think we're set up for 20 to 25 years," Holldber said. Holldber noted some of the vehicles have custom-made features that better accommodate district needs.

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



Two weeks ago, on Feb. 11, Lake Fulmor was partially frozen (see the middle of the photograph). "No matter the season, Lake Fulmor always seems to be photogenic!", said Robert Haine.

PHOTO BY ROBERT HAINE

from 28 gpm to 55 gpm. Also Well 10 will be available and its flow is estimated to be 30 gpm.

Lyons also reported on progress with Riverside County Open Space Department on the location of a new storage tank in

the Tollgate area. With the completion of a survey, he expects the agency to take the agreement to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors this spring.

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

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Leaks triple Fern Valley water demand

By MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Fern Valley Water District General Manager Steve Erler said the mid-January cold snap caused average district water demand to triple from 80 gallons per minute to a peak of 256 gpm. At the Friday, Feb. 15, district board meeting, Erler said staff conducted a system survey and found that numerous customers had failed to properly prepare their home's plumbing systems for freezing winter temperatures, which often occur on the Hill. This resulted

in many leaks occurring throughout the district.

The district also suffered major leaks from three burst water meters, and an air vacuum valve froze, broke and ran undetected for several days.

Erler also reported about the continuing problems with Tank 11 and customer complaints about its water odor and taste. J. Colon Coating, Inc. completed tank pipe retrofit, interior coating and cleaning and disinfecting in January 2009. Customer complaints regarding odor and taste began after the coating pro-

cess.

The district has tried a number of fixes but the problem continues to re-surface. Staff took the tank out of service in December 2012, the ninth time since it was coated. Customer water

quality complaints have stopped since Tank 11 came offline, according to Erler.

Erler had previously informed the board that he would have a third party "unbiased coating specialist" inspect the tank to de-

termine the cause of the objectionable water quality. If a flaw of some sort in the interior coating created the problem, Director Robert Krieger said that the tank might have to be recoated or the problem would persist. "It might not be fixable," he said. He also suggested the district might have to resort to legal action against the coating contractor given the high cost to recoat.

Krieger and Board President Charlie Wix agreed to serve on an ad hoc committee to review the Tank 11 problems and potential solutions.

In other actions, the board voted to approve prefunding employee post

employment health benefits through CalPERS. The district had been carrying those benefits as a liability on its balance sheet. The vote was three to approve, Directors Jim Rees, Trischa Clark, and Robert Krieger. Director Dana Johnson abstained and Wix as president did not vote.

Erler also reported on the District's current water supply and recommended that there was no need at this time for the district to consider going to Stage 1 conservation. The board agreed with the general manager's evaluation.

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Lake Hemet Campground extends recreation management contract

By MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Lake Hemet Municipal Water District board of directors extended its management contract for Lake Hemet Campground with The California Parks Company, Urban Parks Concessionaires. The extension, containing the same terms as the original contract, runs through Friday, Nov. 30, 2014.

The water district board had previously placed a notice of termination for UPC's contract on its Jan. 17 agenda along with a request

for other companies to submit proposals to lease and manage the campground.

UPC had negotiated for different terms that the board ultimately was unwilling to accept. When UPC subsequently decided to sign under the original terms and Board Attorney Joe Wojcik presented the board with a signed agreement from the UPC with the same terms as before, the board voted to rescind their notice of termination and accept the contract extension.

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Idyllwild Rotary



At its Feb. 13 meeting, **Charlie Wix**, Idyllwild Rotary member, congratulates **Thomas Hwang** after his induction into Idyllwild Rotary.



At its Feb. 13 meeting, **Danny Richardson** (left), Idyllwild Rotary president-elect presents **Mike Symmes** of Realgoods Solar with the speakers coffee cup.

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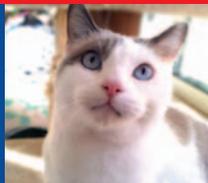
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On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

Arts & Entertainment Calendar



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

Wednesday, Feb. 27
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.
Sandii Castleberry, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
"A Good Day to Die Hard," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Feb. 28
Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck featuring "Nights in Rodanthe," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"A Good Day to Die Hard," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.



Ashley Kim (with cup) discusses her ceramic art with attendees of the opening reception of the *Unity & Diversity: Contemporary Western Ceramic Artists show* on Friday evening, Feb. 22. The reception was held at the Parks Exhibition Center on the Idyllwild Arts campus and runs through March 15.

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Friday, March 1
Krafty Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; **Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.
Artists Reception With Amanda Taylor, 4-8 p.m. Idyllwild Living Room Gallery.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.
That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jo'An's.
Bill Saitta, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Isis Theatre Company Presents "Love, Loss & What I Wore," 7:30 p.m. Rainbow Inn.

Saturday, March 2
Singerton Fine Arts Grand

Re-Opening, all day, 54245 N. Circle Dr. Ste# C-2.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock" Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Lenny Hansell, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Isis Theatre Company Presents "Love, Loss & What I Wore," 7:30 p.m. Rainbow Inn.
Karaoke with Scott Foster, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, March 3
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.

Monday, March 4
Free cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon Idyllwild Library.
Wine Wars Trivia Game, 6, 6:30, 7 & 7:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.
Student Song Writing Concert, 7:30 p.m. Stephens



The ICRC speaker series continued on Thursday evening, Feb. 21, with **Larry Kawano**, Chief Scientist and Outreach Coordinator at Idyllwild's Astrocamp. His talk was, "A Short History of Physics and Astronomy Explorations in and near Idyllwild." A crowd filled the Creekstone Inn lobby to hear him. Wine and cheese were served prior to the presentation.

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Tuesday, March 5
Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.
Wednesday, March 6
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.
Marshall Hawkins & Paul Car-

man, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Thursday, March 7
Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Friday, March 8
Krafty Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; **Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.

Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.
That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jo'An's.
Don Reed, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Saturday, March 9
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Karaoke with Scott Foster, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, March 10
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.

Monday, March 11
Free Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.
Wine Wars Trivia Game, 6, 6:30, 7 & 7:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.

Tuesday, March 12
Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.

Thought for the day

"Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters."
 — Albert Einstein

The Idyllwild Garden Club Invites You to our complimentary March Soup-er luncheon to learn more about this year's educational programs, guest speakers and fun events.

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Isis presents 'Love, Loss and What I Wore'

"Love, Loss and What I Wore" will be Isis's initial 2013 production. The Ephron sisters — well-known Nora and Delia — wrote a series of monologues based on Ilene Beckerman's 1995 book of the same title.

The subjects range from relationships to wardrobes, and women's clothing serves as a time capsule of her life.

Nora Ephron wrote the introduction to Beckerman's book and felt attached from the moment she read it. Eventually she and her sister contacted more than 100 friends and asked questions that were woven into the monologues.

Prom dresses, mini-skirts, sweaters, purses and dressing rooms are all part of the backdrop for an evening of humor and poignant thoughts about today's society from the female perspective.

The cast of five characters will be Suzanne Avalon, Ann DeWolfe, Jeri Greene, Emily Heebner and Christina Lee Nordella.

The performances will be 7:30 p.m. Friday, March



Three of the cast for Isis's production of "Love, Loss and What I Wore" (left) **Suzanne Avalon, Emily Heebner and Ann DeWolfe.** Not pictured are **Jeri Greene and Christina Lee Nordella.**

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ISIS THEATRE COMPANY

1, and Saturday, March 2, at the Rainbow Inn in Idyllwild.

Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at the door, or online at www.isistheatrecompany.com.

There is also a Dinner Theatre Package available for \$45, which includes a three-course meal at the Gastrognome Restaurant and a ticket to the play with preferred seating.

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By Marshall Smith
Assistant Editor

For the third year, Idyllwild Arts Jazz Department is sending a jazz combo to the Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival. Each year, 3,000 student jazz singers and musicians from 250 schools attend the festival in Boston, Mass., making it the country's largest high school jazz festival.

For many student players and singers, it is their induction as nascent professionals into the national jazz scene. They come from public and private high schools all over the country to perform their music, be seen and heard by their peers, be critiqued by festival judges, and for the best of the best, to take home first, second, third or fourth place laurels.

In 2011 Idyllwild Arts sent its first combo to Berklee, a sextet called "Eagle's Nest." Idyllwild Arts was the upstart West Coast school that few had heard of. "You play in a room the size of one of our rehearsal classrooms, with the combo set up at one end and a panel



Idyllwild Arts jazz sextet from left, bass player **Inigo Mantecon**, drummer **Carlos Del Castillo**, singer **Alex Keller** and guitarist **Cameron Smith.** Not pictured are pianist **Luca Jacaruso** and sax player **Randy Plummer.**

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

of judges seated in the back," said Idyllwild Arts jazz faculty and combo co-director Paul Carman. "We didn't have much of an audience that year."

But once Eagle's Nest finished playing, the buzz began. The sextet took first place in a category long dominated by magnet schools and arts academies accustomed to winning.

In 2012, Carman and Marshall Hawkins returned to Berklee with a quartet

and this time it was standing room only when they performed. Word had gotten around. And again, Idyllwild Arts took top honors.

"It's not about competition," stressed Carman. "Marshall [Hawkins, Idyllwild Arts Jazz Department founder] and I feel strongly about that. It's a learning for our students, a chance for them to dig down and play their music under stressful circumstances."

Carman noted that he

prepares the group to play as real-world working musicians. "Other groups rehearse their solos and lock them in," he said. "But that's not jazz. That's why we build in time for improvisation. Improvisation is what it's about."

This year Carman and Hawkins are again bringing a sextet, but with a twist — five instrumentalists and a singer. "I had to check in about the rules on that, the

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Author to discuss *Esperanza Fire* book

John MacLean needed five years to complete work

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

On March 8, John MacLean will discuss his book "The Esperanza Fire: Arson, Murder, and the Agony of Engine 57" at the Rustic Theatre. MacLean spoke to the Town Crier, Sunday, Feb. 24, about the book and his writing on wildland fires.

MacLean has written three other books about wildland fires. The first was "Fire on the Mountain" published in 1999. Then followed "Fire and Ashes" and "The Thirtymile Fire" in 2007.

Why choose wildfires as a subject?

"I didn't choose it, it chose me," MacLean replied. His father, Norman MacLean, author of "A River Runs Through It," started a book about the Man Gulch Fire of 1949. He died before finishing the book.

"It fell to me and the family whether to publish it," he said. After a discussion with the University of Chicago

Press, MacLean finished his father's book, "Young Men and Fire," and he learned how important it became to many of the people involved or related to participants.

After the book was published, he wrote or went to see many of the people still alive. The nephews of one of the men who died

Gulch. When the Chicago Tribune suggested he cover the fire, MacLean considered it and countered that a story about the two fires would be more interesting.

His story was published in the paper and eventually became his first book. He left the Tribune to write "Fire on the Mountain."

about their memories. He's been to Southern California several times, including covering the trial of Raymond Oyler for arson and murder in the winter of 2009.

MacLean knew about the fire, but one impediment to doing a book was a CAL FIRE order telling staff to avoid discussing it and other Southern California fires with "Bob" McLean. Without access to all the participants, MacLean didn't consider it until the Forest Service people encouraged his active participation.

CAL FIRE's reason was to protect the prosecution of Oyler. Not only was he charged with arson, but also murder and they didn't want any erroneous or contradictory statements to damage the prosecution effort.

But the Forest Service staff convinced him it was a Forest Service story, not CAL FIRE and he jumped in. "They've stuck with me from beginning to end," he said. "It's been a huge amount of time and effort." MacLean has

In October 2006, five U.S. Forest Service firefighters — Captain **Mark Loutzenhiser**, Fire Engine Operator **Jess McClean**, Assistant Fire Engine Operator **Jason McKay** and firefighters **Daniel Hoover-Najera**, and **Pablo Cerda** — perished in the tragic fire.

never knew much about their uncle because his sister, their mother, couldn't speak much of him after his death. But the book opened a discussion and stories poured out, according to MacLean.

"It had an effect on the survivors of the tragedy," he noted. "I didn't know a book could have that effect."

Then in 1994 the South Canyon Fire occurred. It was the mirror image of Mann

How did MacLean learn about *Esperanza Fire*?

"I keep getting drawn in," MacLean explained. "Forest Service staff came to me at a conference in Reno and wanted to work with me." Nearly six years after the Esperanza Fire, MacLean's book is now published.

"It's really a community effort, but I get the byline," he said. He involves everybody in reviewing drafts and talking



The October 2006 Esperanza Fire.

FILE PHOTO

spoken or interviewed more than 30 people for the book, including the families of the victims and Oyler.

One of the many contributions that Forest Service staff has provided MacLean is a thorough understanding of the responsibilities and functions of an engine crew. Chris Fogle, San Jacinto Ranger District Fire Battalion Chief, explained that MacLean's previous books were mostly about smokejumpers, hand crews and hotshots.

"All micro-fire units have their own culture," Fogle said. "We also demonstrated a hose lay with an engine crew. We spent hours on the phone and meetings discussing the strategy and tactics of an engine crew and fire behavior."

Fogle also explained how many misconceptions, which started by the immediacy of the news cycle once the fire started, had to be corrected and explained.

"The Esperanza Fire" is MacLean's fourth wildfire book, and he hopes it's his last.

"I think I'm done, I won't top 'Esperanza.' We don't want another horrific fire," he said. Besides the tragedy, MacLean was also referring to the time and effort to write the book.

While he is not independently wealthy, MacLean does have other income that allowed him to travel, research and interview people about the Esperanza Fire for five years. During most of that time, he worked without the safety net of a book contract.

Editor's Note: Part 2 of the interview will appear in the March 7 issue of the Town Crier. MacLean will discuss the various agency reports, the trial, the jury and Oyler.

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Eye event

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win big at the opportunity drawings. Each ticket for the drawings buys a chance to take home an original work of art for a bargain-basement price.

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expressing this theme. Cast your vote for the People's Choice winner while artists determine the Artists' Choice award. Points earned from this award count toward the Art Alliance's most coveted accolade, being named "Artist of the Year."

"With this piece, I was thinking of the slow, sensual movement of deep sea life," said Artist Norman Deesing, AAI's 2011 Artist of the Year. Deesing works in ceramics sculpture and teaches at a Southern California high school.

For more information about the Eye of the Artist fundraiser or other Art Alliance events, visit the AAI website at: www.artinidyllwild.org or call (877) 439-5278.

Chamber

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and that the chamber did not contract with Roy to apply a sealant prior to the monument's July 2012 dedication.

Nevertheless, Titus said the board offered to both Roy and Carlson to meet to discuss paying for the work Roy performed.

As part of Roy's circulated statement, he acknowledges that Carlson is his lawyer, "helping me informally, since being a witness, he cannot be my formal lawyer in court." Roy also notes conditions, were he to drop the suit, that require that the chamber "promise not to destroy the Monument and not to

interfere with Gorilla Glue's national advertising of it. Chamber would restore the missing Monument funds and make me the trustee over the monument and the fund."

The Chamber board said it was considering the auction because of the burden of legal fees for two lawsuits Roy has filed against them, lawsuits the board maintains cannot be factually substantiated and are maliciously motivated.

Roy feels his 3-dimensional carving attracts people to town and projects a good image.

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Karin and Richard Greenwood: Making everything count

BY MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Karin and Richard Greenwood literally built Community Lumber piece by piece, discarding nothing of use and assembling what was needed from what they had. They transformed a vacant lot into a multifaceted business, little by little as needs arose and as excess materials became available to build the many structures now on the site.

That habit of making everything count is also how they built their life in Idyllwild, retaining what was valuable and recycling what could be productively used again.

Richard first came to Idyllwild with a truck that he bought in Vermont. "A friend who lived in Idyllwild said I could make a good living transporting wood from the docks [in National City, south of San Diego] to Idyllwild," Richard remembered.

Born in Tewksbury, Mass., Richard has a bachelor's degree from Tufts University, a master's from the University of Michigan, and was a Ph.D. candidate in geology at Stanford when a broken heart caused him to rethink his life course. So he ditched Stanford, returned to Vermont, bought the truck and arrived in Idyllwild in 1976. That's how Community Lumber began; with a truck and insurance but no physi-



Karin and Richard Greenwood at their home.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

cal location. Richard hauled wood, at better prices than other suppliers, to Idyllwild hardware stores and builders.

Four years later, his heart healed. "That's when I met Karin," he said, "at a gardening [not "garden"] party at Dora Dillman's." Karin remembers Dillman invited friends to help plant greenery to spruce up a house she was trying to sell.

"Dora supplied the groceries and plants but only three people showed up, Richard, me and another person," Karin said. "We gardened, ate breakfast and made friends." At the time, Karin was teaching first through third grades in Perris. She played softball in Idyllwild on a team with Dillman. "Richard was one of the fans," she remembered.

From the beginning Richard and Karin shared an interest in and commitment

to recycling. "I recycled when I was a kid in Vermont," he said. "That's how I got my candy and later my gas money, getting money for bottles and aluminum cans."

When he first came to Idyllwild, Richard ran a lot and always carried a bag so that, on his run, he could pick up discarded cans. That habit of collecting recyclables, with Karin's support and assistance, eventually grew to a full recycling center located just outside the Community Lumber gate.

In 1984 the Greenwoods first opened for business at the Community Lumber site and began buying it in 1986 on terms that could only happen in movies or in Idyllwild. "We had no buildings, no office, I had baby Molly with me and it was November," Karin said.

"We quit," she said she told Richard, "and we're not coming back until there is an office." Richard recalls

he had some left over roof trusses at the yard and the number of trusses available was how large the first office turned out to be. Karin and baby Molly came back to work when the office was completed, Richard said.

Richard began hauling Idyllwild's recycled materials to San Diego every month and then picking up lumber for his return trip to Idyllwild. "It was sad when Waste Management said they wanted to do it [take over the recycling at the transfer station]," Karin said. "We had provided a place for recycling and more and more people had started doing it."

When Richard was asked why recycling was so important to him, he answered, "It was all going to landfill and I couldn't stand that. It takes 1/20th of the energy of making a new aluminum can to make one from recycled materials. And glass is the same. It became more of a crusade once I came to Idyllwild. I just see how everything in nature recycles itself," he said. "We're the only ones who don't."

"We keep finding so many things we can do to reuse existing materials," Karin said. "We keep trying to do things that make less trash. We use whatever we have." And over a long career and marriage, the Greenwoods continue to make everything count.

Of Idyllwild, they both agree it's a place of calm



Karin, baby Molly and Community Lumber worker Eduardo Ramirez, who has worked for the Greenwoods for 28 years. This is the office Karin and Baby Molly demanded be built.

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Richard Greenwood and "the truck" that started Community Lumber.

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that has enriched their lives. "The second I got here I fell in love," said Karin. "I never thought twice about living here."

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BY CHRIS TROUT
SJMCC SPOKESPERSON

On Feb. 11, a new San Jacinto Mountain Community Center board was elected (see the Feb. 14 issue of the Town Crier). Officers were nominated and unanimously elected to take over the governance, management and administration of the SJMCC and its two standing committees: the building, fundraising and capital improvement committee and the programs and activities committee.

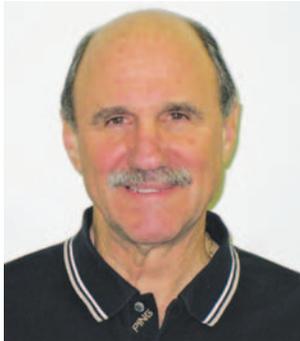
You may be wondering, and rightfully so, just who are these folks. What qualifies them to be responsible for funding, building and managing a project as important and far-reaching as the Idyllwild Community Center? Where do you find citizens who are willing to give up hours of their own time, to meet on Sundays and holidays or whenever needed and to spend time making sure that every aspect of the project meets the criteria of transparency, accountability and authenticity?

Where do you find someone who has demonstrated for more than 25 years that he is committed to our community, someone who raised four children in Idyllwild, who has been involved in recreation with Town Hall and the Idyllwild 5K and 10K and who, with his family, has housed Idyllwild Arts students for 27 years? You find that person in Bill Sanborn whose commitment to our youth extends to his service as Idyllwild's trustee on the Hemet Unified School District's Board for 22 years, serving either as president or vice president 10 times.



Even though Sanborn's children are now grown, he believes that the Idyllwild Community Center will give families an opportunity that his never had, access to a facility for community and family events. According to Sanborn, "the opening of the community center will elevate community cohesiveness to a level that has never existed."

Where do you find someone whose indefatigable spirit sets a stellar example of commitment to a vision? You find that person in Dawn Sonnier, this year's recipient of the Ernie Maxwell Award for her leadership in making the Idyllwild playground a reality for our children by raising \$120,000 and then organizing 700 volunteers to build the facility. By her own admission, Sonnier brings "a vivacious, hard-working attitude as well as creative ideas to meet the needs of young families, adolescents



and children." When it comes to tireless persistence, you cannot help but recognize the efforts of Robert Prierer, a member of this community since 1974. With more than 40 years of experience designing and building numerous projects, Prierer states that he will "coordinate the design and construction of the facility, including monitoring and managing the myriad of permit and approval cycles required by the regulations of Riverside County."

With 35 years of leadership and participation in Town Hall recreation, and as



The San Jacinto Mountain Community Center board (clockwise from upper left): **Janice Lyle, Pete Capparelli, Bill Sanborn, Dawn Sonnier and Robert Prierer.**

COURTESY PHOTOS

the father of four boys, Prierer has a current and timely view of how the community center must be designed as a multi-use facility to have a positive impact on the fitness and well-being of citizens of all ages.

Where do you find a citizen with a proven passion for our community that goes far beyond volunteering in the traditional Idyllwild way? You look to Lois Butterfield, whose education and early career experience was in teaching. Butterfield's commitment has included a generous financial gift to the project that will help build the center. It will also ensure the sustainability of the facility for ten years. Her extensive experience in a widely diverse series of



construction projects makes her addition to the SJMCC board essential. In her words, "the Idyllwild Community Center will give pride and unity to the community with an emphasis on a facility for teens."

The same edition of the Town Crier introduced us to Janice Lyle, whose proven leadership and management experience along with unparalleled resourcefulness ensures she will leave no stone unturned in fulfilling her role as chairperson of the SJMCC board. As Lyle says, "We are at a very special moment in the history of the ICC project. So much work has been done by so many people since the land was gifted. Now the time is right to structure the governance of the board so that it can be responsible for financial oversight of larger donations, efficient in its infrastructure, and effective in the work of its committees."

And in the role of liaison to the Butterfields, the group has selected Pete

Capparelli, whose 35-year association with and support of countless groups and organizations in Idyllwild is invaluable as the board begins its journey to build the community center and develop the programs and activities that will meet the needs of every citizen. Together with his wife Suzon, the Capparellis recently received the Joni Award for all they contribute to the community. As Capparelli tells us, "I envision my wife and I attending plays, concerts, lectures and benefit dinners at this wonderful facility."

We have an impressive group of citizens who are able to visualize, shape, convey, inspire and do whatever it takes to make history, to enhance our community experience, to change the landscape, and in so doing change the lives of the people who live here.

To share your ideas, questions and inquiries, contact chris@idyllwildcommunitycenter.org.

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SPORTS

Golf

Jim Crandall, Palms to Pines Golf Association handicap chair, provided this report about the Friday, Feb. 15, golf tournament.

The club held its regular monthly tournament at the Cross Creek Golf Club in Temecula. The day was sunny and clear, and the course was tough, with fast, undulating greens.

Mike Feyder (course handicap 22), took first place with a net 71, **Les Widerynski** (15) took second with a net 75, **Bruce Marley** (11) took third with a net 76, **Dale Calderon** (39) took fourth with a net 77, and **Bill Ragland** (14) took fifth with a net 80.

In the closest-to-the-pin contests, Calderon won on hole 3, Feyder won on hole 8 and Marley won on hole 19. There was no winner on the 125-yard 12th hole since no one managed to land his ball on the green.

Here are the current point standings for the 2012-2013 season.

Place	Golfer	Points
1	Bill Sanborn	23.58
2	Les Widerynski	20.5
3	Mike Feyder	12.58
4	Dan Slattery	12
5	John LoGiudice	10
6	Pete Capparelli	9.33
7 tied	John Brower	9
	Robert Priefer	9
9	Bob Stearns	7
10	Jim Crandall	5.75
11	Bruce Marley	5.5
12	Gary Leong	5.25
13	Scott Schroeder	4.5
14 tied	Chris Kramer	4
	Lee Lanfried	4
16 tied	George Kretsinger	3.5
	Bill Ragland	3.5
18	Gary Brown	3
19	Dale Calderon	2.5
20	John McAndrews	1.5

21 tied	Chuck Alkire	1
	Wayne Sleme	1
23	Jerry Gabel	.5

Points are awarded at each tournament as follows: first place, 6 points; second place, 4 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 2 points; fifth place, 1 point. In addition, one-half point is awarded to everyone who participates.

The top eight point finishers of the year go into match-play playoffs for the club championship in August, September and October. A member has to compete in at least five regular season tournaments and have a handicap no greater than 24.4 in order to qualify for the playoffs.

The club is a member of the Southern California Golf Association and is sanctioned to establish SCGA handicaps for members.

If you are interested in joining the club or playing as a guest, please contact Crandall at jim.crandall@verizon.net or (951) 265-5732, or Pete Capparelli at pete@capparelli.com or (951) 452-5552.



On Saturday, Feb. 16, the Idyllwild School boys and girls basketball teams played in the 4th Annual Middle School Tournament of the Mountains at Hamilton High School in Anza. The boys' team earned the first place trophy by beating Hamilton Middle School, 25 - 16 and then routing Cottonwood, 35-6.

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The girls, who are unbeaten, continued their streak with wins over Cottonwood, 28-2 and Hamilton, 32-4. **Addi Wilson**, above right, of Idyllwild School, finished first in the three-point shooting contest and second in the free-throw contest. **Micah Hitchcock** right, finished first in both the three-point shooting and free-throw contests.



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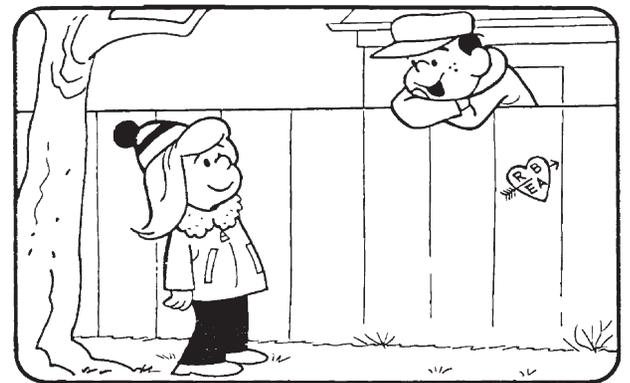
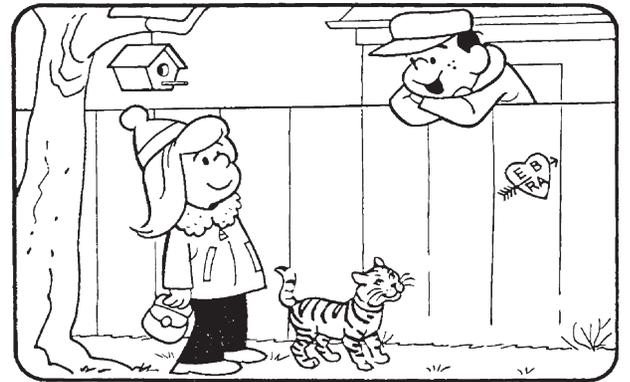
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Signed: ROBERT J. MC CLELLAN
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By: N. Medina, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as EDIFY YOU SUNLESS TANS, 46305 Portola Ave., Unit D, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside County. SHANNON LAREY SMITH, 46305 Portola Ave., Unit D, Palm Desert, CA 92260.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed: LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: R. Anderson, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013.

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

Signed: SHANNON SMITH
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 22, 2013.

FILE NO.: I-2013-00182

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Signed: LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: S. Romero, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 21, 28, March 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MANGOS!, 83073 Avenue 48, Suite # C-3, Coachella, CA 92236, Riverside County. RAUL -- VARGAS, 48547 Chiriaco Smt. St., Coachella, CA 92236.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed: RAUL VARGAS
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 21, 2013.

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NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME

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- 8 Middle Eastern dish
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- 17 Hosiery shade
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- 25 Leave out
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- 33 Ice cream flavor
- 36 Evening affair
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- 1 Poet W.H.
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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You could have some problems with doubters who don't share your enthusiasm for that new project you're supporting. But use the facts to win them over to your side.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Someone is impressed by how you managed to get your case to the right people, despite attempts to keep you on the outside looking in. Expect to hear more about this.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Good for you — your gift for seeing both sides of a dispute helps cool down a potentially explosive workplace situation. Some family-related tensions also begin to ease.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your determination to prove yourself is put to the test by midweek. Counting all the positive factors you have going for you will help you get over your self-doubt. Good luck.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Several co-workers are still determined to resist coming over to your side. But don't let that stop you from presenting your proposal to the people who count. Stay the course.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might prefer to be taken on faith and not have to prove yourself. But the truth is, you need to offer more facts if you hope to persuade people to accept what you say.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family situation takes an unwelcome turn. While others might be looking around for answers, you'll soon sort it all out logically, and the matter will be resolved.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Someone might try to create doubt about your reliability for his or her own agenda. But your reputation and your colleagues' long-standing faith in you saves the day.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected change of plans forces you to come up with an alternative by the end of the week. Look for colleagues to offer valuable suggestions.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nothing upsets the Goat as much as broken promises. But before you vent your anger, consider that this could ultimately prove to be a blessing in disguise.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An old workplace problem you thought you had solved for good resurfaces. But this time, co-workers will take a more active role in helping you deal with it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful not to be misled by a negative reaction to one of your more important projects. If you believe in it, then it has worth and is, therefore, worth staying with.

LOLA'S KITCHEN

BY DOLORES SIZER

Who doesn't love bread? ...

Nothing would be tastier than eating crusty bread with every meal, although the possibility for weight gain is the drawback.

The smell of homemade bread baking in the oven is heavenly. Better yet is when it's warm from the oven and slathered in butter.

My mother once mentioned that my grandmother Carmen had no indoor oven. She baked bread in an outdoor clay oven with a fire blazing underneath. Mom said the bread was delicious.

I've always wondered how my grandmother knew how hot the oven needed to be.

And while I am on the subject, my grandmother would take my mother, when mom was young, to the opera. Mama saw a performance of Fausto. I love opera, but have never seen a live performance. However, I own several operas on DVD. One of my favorites is Puccini's "La Boheme." I always cry at the end and my nose gets red.

How did I get from bread to opera? Who cares. It's all good.

Several years ago on a very sunny, beautiful day, I stopped at Fairway and purchased a large loaf of fresh French bread, a stick of hard salami and a bottle of red wine. Then I drove to Lake Fulmor, sat at a picnic table and enjoyed nature. When I returned home I felt as if I had a massage. And no, it wasn't the wine, although it helped.

During the two years I lived in Arizona, I baked bread often, usually two loaves of honey whole wheat bread at a



time. This week's recipes are both good.

The first is a little more work, the second is what I refer to affectionately as a lazy recipe, meaning not too much work.

The first recipe is from the "Gold Medal" whole wheat package. The second is from Hoffman Media Publication, "The Best of Christmas" 2008.

Honey whole wheat bread

Makes two loaves (16 slices each)

2 packages regular active dry yeast
1/4 cup warm water (105° to 115° F)
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup butter
3 teaspoons salt
2-1/2 cups very warm water (120° to 130° F)
4-1/2 cups Gold Medal whole wheat flour
2-3/4 to 3-3/4 cups Gold Medal all-purpose flour

In a small bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water, then set aside. In large bowl, mix honey, butter, salt and very warm water, then let it cool for five minutes.

To cooled honey mixture, beat in three cups of the whole wheat flour with electric mixer on low speed, scraping bowl frequently, until moistened. Then beat on medium speed for three minutes, scraping bowl frequently.

Beat in the remaining 1-1/2 cups whole wheat flour and dissolved yeast. With a wooden spoon, stir in 2-1/4 to 2-3/4 cups of the all-purpose flour until dough pulls away cleanly from side of bowl.

Place the dough on a floured work surface. Knead in remaining 1/2 to one cup of all-purpose flour. Continue

kneading five to ten minutes until dough is smooth and springy. Grease a large bowl with shortening or cooking spray; place dough in bowl, turning dough to grease all sides.

Cover loosely with plastic wrap and cloth towel. Let rise in warm place, (80° to 85°F) for 30 to 45 minutes or until double in size.

Generously grease two (8x4 or 9x5 inch) loaf pans with shortening or cooking spray. Gently push fist into dough to deflate, then divide in half.

On lightly floured surface, roll each half of dough with rolling pin into and 18x8-inch rectangle. Starting with one 8-inch side, roll up dough tightly, pressing with thumbs to seal after each turn. Pinch edge of dough into roll to seal and pinch each end to seal. Fold ends under loaf and place seam side down in pans.

Cover and let rise in warm place 30 to 45 minutes or until double in size.

Heat oven to 375° F. Uncover dough and bake for 30 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350° F and continue baking for ten to 15 minutes longer or until loaves sound hollow when lightly tapped.

Immediately remove from pans to cooling rack. Cool completely for about one hour.

At our altitude (3500 to 6500 ft), there is no change.

Easy garlic rolls

Makes 6 rolls

1/4 cup butter, melted and cooled
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
Frozen yeast roll dough, thawed

In a small bowl, combine melted butter, parsley and garlic salt, then set aside

Cut 18 (1-inch) pieces of dough. Roll each piece of dough in butter mixture. Place three balls into each muffin cup of a six-cup muffin pan. Cover and let rise in a warm place, free from drafts, until doubled in bulk, approximately two hours.

Preheat oven to 375°

Bake for 13 to 15 minutes or until golden brown.

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

Berklee

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singer,"Carman said. "But I explained that she [Alex Keller] would be singing a separate part as an instrument, as if another horn line." He explained that at Berklee singers are usually heard in vocal ensembles. "Having a single singer with a combo is a very rare thing there," Carman said.

Joining Keller are Luca Jacaruso on piano, Inigo Mantecon on bass, Carlos Del Castillo on drums, Cameron Smith on guitar and Randy Plummer on sax. Smith is a sophomore, Jacaruso is a junior and the others are seniors. Jacaruso is the only returning Berklee



Idyllwild Arts jazz pianist **Luca Jacaruso**.

veteran, having played with last year's winning quartet.

On the menu for their Saturday, March 2, performance at the Hynes Convention Center are a "Charlie Parker Medley" ("Birdyard" and "Moose the Mooche") arranged by Joe Lorano, "Lost and Found" by Gretchen Parlato and "Mixed Message" by Larry Goldings.

"We leave early Thursday morning [Feb 28], tour Berklee and go to the jazz concert on Friday, go to clinics, master classes and perform during the day on Saturday, attend the awards ceremony Saturday night and then fly back on Sunday.

"I feel upbeat," Carman said. "It feels good to me and Marshall to have the confirmation [from festival attendance and judges' critiques] that we're operating our program at the top of the heap. And it's great for the kids to know where they are [with respect to their playing and other students' performance levels]."

Hawkins demurred when asked his thoughts about this year's festivals. "This is Paul's combo," he said. "He's the



Idyllwild Arts jazz combo sax player **Randy Plummer**.

PHOTOS BY MARSHALL SMITH

one who initiated this." And in characteristic Hawkins fashion added, "I love those kids."

The Berklee festival is in its 45th year.

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

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: B. Urias, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as

MANGOSI, 90480 66th Ave., Mecca, CA 92254, Riverside County. Mailing address: 48547 Chiriaco Smt. St., Coachella, CA 92236. RAUL -- VARGAS, 48547 Chiriaco Amt. St., Coachella, CA 92236.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed:
RAUL VARGAS
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 25, 2013.

FILE NO.: I-2013-00523
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON FEB. 25, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO FEB. 25, 2018. 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).

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: T. Jensen, Deputy
Pub. TC: Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as VISION EVENTS, 720 Azalea Circle West, Palm Springs, California 92264, Riverside County. LORI TIEDEMAN INTERIORS, INC., 720 Azalea Circle West, Palm Springs, CA 92264, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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

Signed:
LORI TIEDEMAN
President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Feb. 13, 2013.

FILE NO.: I-2013-00418

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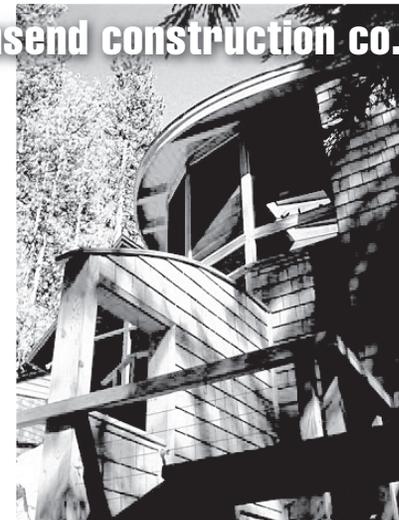
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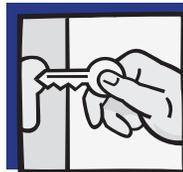
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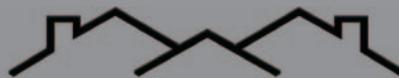
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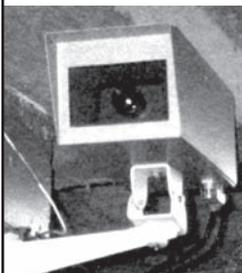
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Twin Pines Ranch, Part 2

By NANCY LAYTON
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Editor's note: This is the second part of a story about Riverside County's Twin Pines Ranch. The first part appeared in the Feb. 14 edition of the Town Crier.

After seeing the outlying areas of Twin Pines Ranch YOP (Youth Offender Program) during their tour of the facility on Wednesday, Feb. 6, the 32 Idyllwild Rotarians and guests went downstairs to the recreation room under the bunkhouse.

There they saw a long, brightly lit room with ping-pong and pool tables, weight machines, and a couple classrooms. "When I got here, this room was dark and dingy," said Ranch Director Jimmy Shorter, gesturing toward a wall painted white above Kelly green, with a large image of the school mascot — the Bobcats — meticulously reproduced on the wall. "I didn't like being down here and figured the boys didn't either, so we got busy and painted it. Now the boys enjoy coming down here in the evenings after they have their homework and housekeeping duties finished."

Everywhere a guest looks around the Ranch, proof of the hard work the many residents have put in since it was founded in 1947 is evident. Concrete driveways and sidewalks and much of the construction of the buildings came from the boys' vocational work.

Even the small vegetable garden in front of the "chuckwagon," as the dining hall is called, the planted trees



Twin Pines Ranch Bunkhouse.

PHOTO BY NANCY LAYTON

and shrubs and the large expanses of green grass were the products of the landscape and grounds maintenance program in which some of the boys have participated. But their vocational work comes after their academic work.

Every morning, Monday through Friday, the boys attend accredited high school classes at the Ranch. Many complete their high school diplomas or GED certificates while there; others go on to regular or continuation high schools after leaving Twin Pines. College or advanced vocational training is the goal for some.

The boys have the opportunity to advance themselves through the grades and vocational ranks every 45 days. They're encouraged to set their own goals and find plenty of support to achieve them.

Shorter was candid though about the problems he and the staff deal with every day. "These boys have to learn to control their impulsiveness and anger. Sometimes their individual anger erupts, often over almost nothing. Next thing, we hear gang language and see that type of behavior. We don't like the boot-camp structure here anymore, but

we have to keep a strict discipline over the boys until they learn to discipline, to control themselves."

This message was echoed by three of the current residents during lunch with the Rotarians. Joe, 16, from Moreno Valley talked briefly about the family problems that drove him to behavior that earned him a place at Twin Pines.

He talked at length, however, about his plans for the future. "I want to be a firefighter," he said, hope and determination shining in his eyes. "I know the path I've got to follow to get there and I'm ...," he hesitated, "I'm not gonna let the guys I hung with before mess up my plan. I know what I got to do, now."

Gus, 17, from Riverside wants to work in the construction trades, especially concrete and stone masonry. He's one of the residents who is currently working to finish building a new outdoor barbeque area, with attractive stuccoed half-walls topped with concrete slabs that provide outdoor seating around the grass areas in front of the chuckwagon.

His pride in his work at Twin Pines was clear as he

talked. But he, too, spoke of the hard influence he knows his former "crew" represents.

Chris, 16, from Blythe a two-timer at the Ranch, said, "I know what my problems are. I have a better sense now of what I need to do. I don't want to come back here again. I mean, it's not a bad place, you can see that, but ... yeah, it's still incarceration. That's not what I want for myself."

Gus summed it up best. "While you're here, you got to fulfill the reason you're here. I know my reason. I ain't afraid to stick it out."

At the end of the Rotary field trip, Shorter emphatically stated, "We'll take whatever help our communities can give. We know we have to give back. We're constantly looking for community service projects for the boys who need those hours."

"But, we'll also take any help, like maybe you could teach a writing class. Or maybe you know a photographer who'd like to donate some teaching time here," Shorter continued to identify the assistance they would use. "We're looking for these kinds of opportunities for the boys, in addition to their required vocational work and regular classes."

Record

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Feb. 25 — Cooking fire, North Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

Feb. 25 — Walk-in medical aid.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Feb. 31 — Structure fire, Woodview Road, Anza.

Feb. 21 — Structure fire, Lodge Road, Idyllwild.

Feb. 23 — Wildfire, Highway 74 at Palm Canyon, Pinyon.

Feb. 24 — Structure fire, Tollgate Road, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Feb. 19 — Medical aid, 35000 block of Barbara Lee Drive, Garner Valley.

Feb. 19 — Fire, 28200 block of McCall Park Road, Mountain Center.

Feb. 20 — Structure fire, 42700 block of Sweet Bush Lane, Idyllwild.

Feb. 21 — Traffic collision with injuries, Rouse Hill Road at Highway 74.

Feb. 21 — Structure fire, 53700 block of Tollgate Road, Idyllwild.

Feb. 23 — Medical aid, 59500 block of KGKJ Ranch Road.

Feb. 23 — Wildland fire, Highway 74 and Palm Canyon Drive, Pinyon.

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Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Wednesday, Feb. 13, to Monday, Feb. 25. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Feb. 13 — Solo non-injury crash on Highway 243, north of Highway 74, Mountain Center.

Feb. 19 — Solo injury crash on Highway 243,

north of South Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

Feb. 21 — Solo non-injury crash on Highway 74, west of Carrizo Road, Pinyon.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Wednesday, Feb. 20 to Monday Feb. 25. This may not be a complete list of all responses:

Feb. 20 — Felony burglary, 59000 block Blue Jay Road, Anza.

Feb. 20 — Felony burglary, 57000 block Mitchell Road, Anza.

CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

The diva, **Miss Jezabelle** purrs, "If you are a lover of the feline crowd, you simply have to walk through the ARF cattery door and you're in cat heaven. You will either stay here forever, or you will not be able to resist gathering a couple of these fur babies into your arms forever." For the month of March, cats are two for one. And many already know who they would like to be adopted with.

Like **Carly** and **Sadie**, twin sisters that absolutely love each other. They are close to a year old and can often be found enclosed in each others arms in the cat tree. Sadie is a bit more adventurous and playful, but always tries to entice Carly out.

Furball Bill and **Johnny** were part of the five cats abandoned on the ARF porch. Both are young, friendly and playful. Bill is an orange tabby and Johnny has Manx markings.

Meow Meow and **Heidi** have been litter mates and friends forever. They tragically lost their human, and together they have forgotten the past. Moving on, they would love to stay together, in your arms.

Clarence, the Siamese mix, **Mr. Grey**, and **Tommy** are open to suggestion. Clarence is the room greeter, Mr. Grey is inquisitive, but at a distance, and Tommy is all about talking it over.

Lachi is a 2-year-old female that is quite shy at first. And our last surprise on the ARF porch was **Sunk-ist**, Sunny for short. She is soon to have kittens, just in time for spring!

ARF has many cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Go to www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com and click on Petfinder. All pets are spayed, neutered, and current on shots. ARF is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays. Call (951) 659-1122 or email info@idyllwildarf.org for appointment on any other day.

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PAST TENSE

65 years ago - 1948

With the Southern California Council of Camera Clubs about to visit the Hill, local folks were urged to look as "mountainy and picturesque" as possible.

60 years ago - 1953

Dan Slanker, founder of the local American Legion Post 800 in 1948, was honored at Hillbilly Lodge by fellow members.

55 years ago - 1958

"Here's Opportunity," read a Town Crier classified that advertised a "small beat-up cabin" on over an acre of land for \$3,750.

50 years ago - 1963

Idyllwild's community Christmas tree succumbed to fir beetles and had to be removed.

45 years ago - 1968

The ISOMATA (now Idyllwild Arts Academy) Festival Choir gave a free public concert and donated \$1,000 toward building a rehearsal hall on the campus.

40 years ago - 1973

Forty volunteers braved wind and rain, planting 3,000 seedlings to reforest a portion of the Vista burn.



Steve and Amanda Taylor celebrate the opening of their Artisans' Gallery in the Oakwood Village Shops in this February 2007 photo. The gallery is no longer in business and the location now houses The Hub.

FILE PHOTO

35 years ago - 1978

Census takers queried area residents in an attempt to count dwellings and people living in Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Mountain Center.

30 years ago - 1983

Idyllwild Elementary School kindergarten teacher Martha Reiman was recognized as a "Rock & Pillar of the Community" by the Idyllwild Rotary Club.

25 years ago - 1988

A plan of operation for the proposed Idyllwild area emergency radio station was released.

20 years ago - 1993

The Hill was drenched again when a weekend storm brought about 4 inches of rain and 4 inches of snow. The season, being dubbed as "the wet winter of 1992-93," had already brought more than 43 inches of moisture.

15 years ago - 1998

Laughter filled the packed Idyllwild Pizza Company as fans welcomed another season of comedy to the Hill. The program featured entertainers Cindy Eaton and Fred Greenlee.

10 years ago - 2003

The Chamber of Commerce and the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council brought a request to Idyllwild Water District to restore Dutch Flat for softball games.

5 years ago - 2008

"A Colored Life: The Herb Jeffries Story," a documentary about Herb Jeffries' career, premiered at the Rustic Theatre.

1 year ago - 2012

A man carrying a weapon robbed the Mountain Top Liquor store on Highway 243 on a Sunday evening.



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Sally Salter, 3rd grade teacher at Idyllwild Elementary School, chose **Grace McKimson** (left) and **Katelyn Sonnier** as students of the week for Feb. 25. Grace was chosen "for being a Peace Builder, always completing work, asking great questions, and being eager to learn every day." Katelyn was chosen "for challenging herself with reading, for completing homework neatly and promptly, and for great participation in class discussions."



PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

Justin Read celebrates his 20th birthday in San Rafael with the *Town Crier* and his new steam punk lamp made by local artist Pete Holzman.

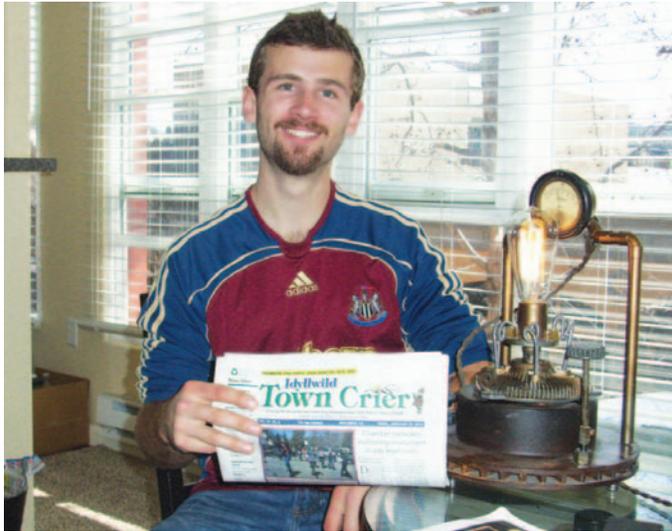


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CSA 38

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formal evaluation process established by the Board of Supervisors," Riverside County's CSA Operations Manager Bill Brown wrote in an email to CSA 38 advisory committee members. However, he added that minutes from CSA 38 meetings would not be included in the official county evaluation process.

The county's consultant, the Abaris Group of Martinez, Calif., held public meetings this week to seek views of the various parties affected by these emergency services in the county.

"One of our goals for the next countywide ambulance contract is to bring CSA 38, Pine Cove, and the surrounding affected area (not Idyllwild proper) into the county's official ambulance network and therefore eliminate the need for ambulance contracts with other service providers (i.e., IFPD)," Brown told CSA 38 members. "If this goal is accomplished the CSA 38 Special Tax

will no longer be needed and that burden on local taxpayers will be reduced and/or eliminated."

However, Idyllwild Fire Protection District believes that it is part of this review and has been and will continue to participate as a stakeholder and EMS provider, among other responsibilities, according to Fire Chief Patrick Reitz.

"It is unknown at this time what recommendations may come about as a result of this review, which may affect the countywide ambulance contract, the issue of ambulance zones, contracting and subcontracting for ambulance services," Reitz wrote in an email. "While individual agencies as well as individuals themselves may have their own goals and opinions as to where EMS in Riverside County should go, it's premature to assert the outcomes of the process that is just beginning to take place."

When asked if the suspension of CSA 38 is similar to the supervisor's decision to defer filling the CSA 36 (Idyllwild) vacancies, Lauritzen said no. "They [CSA 38] went

quarterly a while back and the suspension will be until we have a good handle about the EMS needs."

He also stressed the difficulty his office has had recruiting and finding applicants for the CSA 36 vacancies.

CSA 36 and 38 financial balances

In other CSA news, county officials have reported that the current CSA 38 budget balance is nearly \$675,000. However, that includes revenue receipts through January, but only \$450 of expenditures this year. While the county has made one payment totaling slightly more than \$41,000 to Idyllwild Fire Protection District for its ambulance services to Pine Cove, these funds have not yet been deducted from CSA 38's budget.

The CSA 36 cash balance is about \$215,000. For the current fiscal year (starting July 1, 2012), revenues have been nearly \$140,000 and expenditures through December were \$161,000.

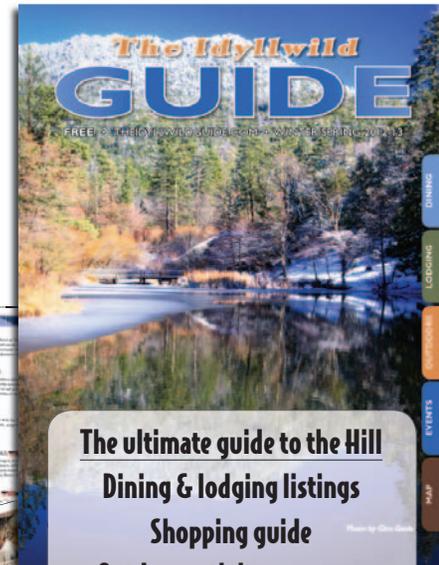
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