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### Pinyon Fire

A burned body and car were found in Friday's fire.  
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### Ruiz Hemet office

Congressman opens office on East Florida Avenue.  
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Freezing winter causes customer damage, including greater water sales.  
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Mostly Mozart and one Fair Lady at Spring Concert.  
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### Dickens Contest

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## Spring arrives

Daffodils are one the first harbingers of spring. Despite a 14-inch snowfall on March 8, the flowers are blooming throughout the Hill. Today is the annual vernal equinox, when daylight and nighttime are equal, but days are gradually lengthening.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

## Idyllwild Arts shares plans for new facility

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Members of Idyllwild Arts Academy staff discussed the plans for a new campus health center at last week's Idyllwild Fire Protection District commission meeting.

"The new health center will be an extraordinary resource for us," John Newman, Dean of Students and Director of Operations, told the fire commission. He said the new facility would be available for

community use in case of a disaster on the mountain.

Based on meeting with Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz and Dr. Richard Goldberg of the local Mountain Disaster Preparedness group, Newman offered the health center as a medical triage center if an earthquake or other disaster were to occur on the Hill.

The new facility will be located in the dormitory area, with improved ambulance access, compared to the  
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## Emergency group hears GSOB update

By MARSHALL SMITH  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

CAL FIRE Unit Forester Chief Gregg Bratcher delivered some good news — federal grant extensions — and some bad news — more Goldspotted oak borer infested oak trees — to the Mountain Emergency Services Committee on Thursday, March 14.

The good news is that a current CAL FIRE tree removal grant, which was originally authorized during the bark beetle crisis in the early part of the last decade, will pay 100 percent of the cost to private landowners for removal of Goldspotted oak borer infested black oaks. Hill landowners will not be required to pay 25 to 30 percent of tree removal costs, a cost sharing that was

standard for the bark beetle Forest Care program.

"This will not be a cost share," Bratcher said. "We already have a contractor set up." The cost to remove a large oak, depending on proximity to a structure, could easily exceed \$2,000, according to Bratcher, who believes landowners will welcome the news of eliminating any cost sharing.

The bad news, said Bratcher, is that two more infested trees have been discovered, raising the current known total to nine. The two recently identified infested oaks are on Marion View Drive across from the American Legion. This is the same location of a very large GSOB-infected oak that Southern California Edison crews removed on Thursday, March 14.

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## Salter captures third in thrilling skeleton race

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Last weekend, in Lake Placid, N.Y., Idyllwild's Lauren Salter claimed third place in the U.S. National Skeleton Championships.

Salter had an extraordinary finish in the second day of sliding to earn the bronze medal.

"I'm really happy with how everything went. I came off of kind of a rough performance at the North American Cup, so really, for Nationals I was just looking to enjoy myself and not stress about racing," she said in an email. "I had quite a good third run, and I think that was the highlight of the race."

After the first day's competition, Lauri Bausch of Fredonia, Wis., was in third position. Salter claimed the bronze medal with a total time of 3:55.56. Her third slide of 57.41 was the fourth fastest of the competition and only .08 seconds behind the best time.

Annie O'Shea finished first and Savannah Graybill was second. O'Shea has been racing for five years. This was Salter's third year.

This is Salter's final race of the 2012-13 season. She plans to spend the spring and summer in Saratoga Springs, New York, preparing for the fall competition, which is the principal basis for the selection of the 2014 Olympic team. Next February, the 22nd Winter



Lauren Salter

FILE PHOTO

Olympics will be held in Sochi, Russia.

"I'm exhausted from the season so I'm glad it's done and I'm glad I ended on a high note!" she said.

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Monday, March 11 to 18, 2013:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

**March 11** — Walk-in medical aid.

**March 12** — Medical aid, Double View Drive, Idyllwild.

**March 12** — Cover assignment, Highway 243, Mountain Center.

**March 14** — Gas leak, Double View Drive, Idyllwild.

**March 15** — False alarm, Highway 243 at Saunders Meadow Road, Idyllwild.

**March 15** — Medical aid, Marion View Drive, Idyllwild.

**March 15** — Vegetation fire, Highway 74, Pinyon.

**March 16** — Walk-in medical aid.

**March 17** — Two walk-in medical aids.

**March 18** — Medical aid, Lodge Road, Idyllwild.

**Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove**  
Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

**March 12** — Structure fire, 43790 block of Chapman Road, Anza.

**March 14** — Medical aid, Highway 74 and Apple Canyon Road, Garner Valley.

**March 15** — Medical aid, 61800 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

**March 15** — Public Service Assist, 61700 block of Highway 74, Garner Valley.

**March 15** — Wildland fire, Highway 74 and Santa Rosa Truck Trail.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

Log unavaialble.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Monday to Monday, March 11 to March 18. This may not be a complete list of responses:

**March 15** — Felony burglary, 50000 block of Bradford Road, Anza.

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Pinyon Fire was fully controlled Saturday, March 16.

Investigators reported that the charred remains of a person were found in a burned vehicle near the fire site.

The California Highway Patrol, with investigators from the Hemet station, the coroner's office, and the CAL FIRE Arson Unit responded to the scene. Based on the condition of the charred remains, investigators were unable to identify the decedent. The severely fire damaged vehicle appears to be a 1990's model, convertible Ford Mustang.

Both the body and vehicle were so badly burned that positive identification of the individual or of the car were difficult according to Hemet Station Special Investigations Supervisor Sgt. Wallace Clear. "We won't have anything until we get him I.D'd," he said. "We couldn't even get a color or vehicle identification number on the vehicle. We had to estimate the year and model."

The fire was reported Friday afternoon, March 15. Ultimately, it burned seven acres and was nearly con-



The CAL FIRE Helicopter doused the Pinyon Fire with water aiding the firefighters during Friday afternoons seven-acre fire near the Santo Rosa Reservation.



Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins (left) and Division Chief Steve Gallegos discuss the crime scene, a burned body and car, with Riverside County Sheriff's deputies, at Friday's Pinyon Fire.

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### Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 3/21	Friday 3/22	Saturday 3/23	Sunday 3/24	Monday 3/25
70/38 Sunny and breezy.	66/38 Sunny.	66/38 Sunny.	67/39 Sunny.	68/39 Sunny.

Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M S	High	Low	M	S
3-11	63	28		66	30		
3-12	67	36		61	na		
3-13	75	35		58	29		
3-14	77	40		60	31		
3-15	74	41		na	na		
3-16	78	42		na	na		
3-17	68	38		46	32	.95	

Moisture in inches		Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	13.41	To date this season (Idy):	42.2
To date last season (Idy):	15.65	To date last season (Idy):	28.1
Total last season (Idy):	20.01	Total last season (Idy):	42.1
To date this season (PC):	19.11	To date this season (PC):	44.75
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.



# OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

## More tidbits ...

My original plan for this week's column was to hike Idyllwild County Park's Perimeter Trail then cross Highway 243 and continue on Deer Springs Trail.

I planned to take my camera and tripod along. I'd shoot some photos and write about the experience.

When I encountered snow, I would just turn around and return the way I came. Sometimes things don't work out as planned.

Sunday, I awoke to a bright and clear morning. There was just a slight chill in the air as I headed toward County Park. I had my pack with hiking gear, my camera, tripod, my trekking poles and both knees protected with braces.

This would be my first real hike of the year and I was very excited to be on the trail again.

As I started up the hill, I felt invigorated. My lungs finally felt as if they had recovered from my cold. I stopped once and took a photo of a large granite boulder that was bathed in the early morning sunlight. Everything else was in shadow, so the boulder looked very impressive.

I took three shots and left with the camera hanging around my neck. I was keeping my eyes peeled for anything worthy of setting up the tripod.

A small hole, about six inches deep and barely big enough for my size 10.5 shoe to fit into, was right in the middle of the trail. The hole was camouflaged by pine needles and as I stepped into it my ankle twisted out and I heard a small popping sound.

I have rolled my ankles so many times in the past that I seem to be immune to sprained ankles but this was different because it was higher up on the ankle bone.

I walked a few more yards hoping I could walk it off but the pain just got worse. Without my trekking poles I would have needed rescue; using them to take the pressure off the ankle I was able to limp to the Nature Center.

All thoughts of walking home ended when I sat down on a bench and took a load off my foot. So I went to plan B and sent a text message to Les Walker to come and give me a ride home.

Within five minutes, Les arrived and wrapped the ankle, ran me by his house where Cheri had prepared an ice bag and Boulder came out and licked my hand a couple of times in sympathy.

Les drove me home and it was ice and elevation time. Sitting on my couch with my leg resting on a chair in front of me I had two thoughts.

Thought one was what a lucky man I am to have

## TO MY FRIEND, CALLIE:

You were my friend when we were together  
Cold nose, sloppy kisses, warm heart.  
Pushing the ball into my hand,  
Jumping up to play,  
Catching snowballs in mid-air.  
Always a perfect hiking companion,  
Sniffing for trouble,  
Warning me,  
Staying by my side.  
You were my Idyllwild,  
Running to greet me as I jumped from the car,  
No matter how long it had been.  
You are in my heart forever, Good Friend,  
And I shall miss you terribly.  
Love, Karen



At left, a male willow.  
Below, a female willow.

PHOTOS BY BRUCE WATTS



friends like the Walkers. Then thought two was that I never wanted to go hiking more than I did that very moment.

## Willow confusion

Well, I am sure the willows are not confused, but I am.

It seems that sorting out the various species, although confusing enough, is further complicated because the various species form hybrids with each other.

This makes identifying them even tougher. But for now I am just trying to photograph the catkins and the male and female flowers.

More on my findings in a future column.



**Esther Kennedy** (standing), Director of Spirit Mountain Retreat, reflects on the "Shimmering Presence" of Spring during the Spring Equinox Ritual Celebration Saturday at the Caine Learning Center. With their beautiful harmonic voices Local Color (women in the background) opened the hearts of over 40 participants that came to share in the ceremony.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE



This beautiful Great Blue Heron was seen flying through Mountain Center last week.

PHOTO BY BETHANY PULLIAM

At right, on Thursday, March 14, this boulder appeared in the middle of Deadman's curve. In less than an hour, Caltrans-Keenwild had removed it with minimal interruption of traffic on Highway 243.

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Services for **Pat Kent** were an emotional time at the American Legion, Friday, March 15. Husband **Jim Kent** (second from left) sits with family members during the service.

PHOTOS BY TRACY MAHOLLAND



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Idyllwild School's Librarian **Karen Visel** (not shown) selected **Sylvan Campbell** (left), 4th grade, and **Prasad Peebles**, 6th grade, as students of the week of March 18. She said they are both adventurous and eclectic readers.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE



## Registration for Hemet Unified School District's 2013-14 after school program opens

Hemet Unified School District's S.A.F.E. After School Program and "The Zone" Middle School Program announces the registration window for the 2013-2014 school year.

The S.A.F.E. program operates at all elementary sites and "The Zone" at middle schools in Hemet Unified

School District. All HUSD after school programs operate each day school is in session.

Each program operates from school dismissal until 6 p.m. or three hours, whichever is longer.

This Proposition 49 funded service is provided at no charge to parents.

Each site offers homework assistance, literacy, physical activities as well as a variety of enrichment activities.

The registration window opened Monday, March 18, and closes Friday, April 26.

Registration material is available at each school site or on the HUSD web page:

[www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us](http://www.hemetusd.k12.ca.us).

For details on the requirements, contact the S.A.F.E. office at (951) 765-5100 ext. 3901.

## Rep. Ruiz announces opening of Hemet office

U.S. Representative Raul Ruiz, M.D. (D-Palm Desert) announced the opening of his district office in Hemet.

The Hemet district office is located at 445 East Florida Ave., Hemet, CA 92543. The phone number is (951) 765-2304.

"I have said from the start that I will always put

people first, and my office is committed to doing that by providing high-quality constituent services to the people of the 36th District," said Rep. Ruiz in a press release. "Whether it's our office in Hemet, Palm Springs, or Washington, D.C., my door is always open and my staff and I are here to serve. I encourage

people in Hemet to reach out to us and take advantage of the resources and services available through our new local office."

Rep. Ruiz also has a

district office located at 777 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA, 92262.

The phone number for this office is (760) 424-8888.

## Obituary — Kevin Edward Nay

Kevin Edward Nay of Palm Springs and Idyllwild — financial advisor, Rotarian, and youth sports coach — passed away Feb. 10, 2013, from complications of fronto-temporal dementia.

Kevin was born July 12, 1960, in Berkeley, Calif., the first son of Paul and Joanne (Frye) Nay. The family moved to Porterville, Calif., when Kevin was 12, where he graduated from Porterville High School in the class of 1978. Kevin excelled in his classes, ran on the cross-country team, and was sports editor of the school paper. After graduating early, Kevin spent a year in Kenya as an exchange student with American Field Service, where he learned Swahili and an appreciation for international travel for students and adults. (He put his Swahili to good use when he volunteered to help with the L.A. Olympics in 1984 and was assigned to assist the Kenyan team.)

After returning from Africa, Kevin explored several options for higher education at Humboldt State College, Harvey Mudd College, Cal Poly Pomona, and U.C. Riverside. He moved to Palm Springs and found that he enjoyed desert life in this small city. After starting a small business with a partner selling hand-decorated clothing, he went into employee benefits consulting, founding Advantage Benefits to offer insurance and retirement services to small businesses and individuals.

Kevin met and married Leslie Hurst and their son Ian was born in 1993. He



joined the Rotary Club of Palm Springs, and his volunteer activities included placing exchange students with families in the area and acting as a translator on Rotary trips to Mexico. He also volunteered as a youth sports coach and referee for soccer, basketball, and baseball, both in Palm Springs and Idyllwild. During summers he enjoyed playing on the Ajax Rock Company softball team in Idyllwild.

Kevin's warm, gregarious personality and sense of humor and style will be lovingly remembered by his friends and surviving family, including his parents, Paul and Joanne Nay of Santa Barbara, his former wife, Leslie Hurst of Idyllwild, his son Ian (now attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo), his brother Steve of East Wenatchee, Wash., and his brother John of San Francisco.

A Celebration of Kevin's Life, with a buffet lunch, will be held in the Grill Room at the Spa Resort Hotel in Palm Springs from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 30. Anyone who cannot attend but has a memory or story of Kevin to share is invited to email it to [CelebratingKevin@gmail.com](mailto:CelebratingKevin@gmail.com).

In lieu of flowers, please help fund the college scholarship that has been started in Kevin's name with donations to the Rotary Club of Palm Springs, attention Denise Ellis, P.O. Box 171, Palm Springs, CA, 92263, noting that it is for Kevin's scholarship.



### Trivia test

**Mythology:** Which Greek heroine refused to marry any man who could not beat her in a foot race?

Answer: Atalanta

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 13.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- 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.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m., Call 659-6049 for location.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

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

## THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty, (619) 895-0934.

- 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.

- Lemon Lily Festival planning session, 1 p.m., Idyllwild

Nature Center, Hwy 243.

- Lake Hemet Municipal Water District meeting, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.

- Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
- High Valleys Water District, 6 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.

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

## FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or email 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.

- 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 23

- 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 24

- 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).

- A Sunday Afternoon Series with Joseph Campbell "The Eastern Traditions: the Inward path, Enlightened One" 2 to 4:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

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

## MONDAY, MARCH 25

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.

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

## TUESDAY, MARCH 26

- Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.

- 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).

- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

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- 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.

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The Idyllwild Rotary Anns made donations to eleven Hill non-profits at their February meeting. Here, **Roberta Corbin** presents the check to Mountain Community Fire Safe Council staff (from left) **Don Patterson**, project manager, **Edwina Scott**, executive director, and **Pat Boss**, project manager. All funds were raised from selling mustards, lemon curd and donated jewelry.

PHOTO COURTESY OF VICKI STREETER, IDYLLWILD ROTARY ANNS PRESIDENT




Soroptimist International of Idyllwild had a very successful food and supply collection for the HELP Center on Saturday, March 2. Four shopping carts were filled to overflowing with food and supplies that were generously donated by our community. Helping to solicit and collect the food and supplies were (from left) **Trine Bietz**, **Virginia Lumb**, **Mary Morse** and **Marilyn O'Connor-Beauchesne**. Not pictured were **Susan De Antonio** and **Susan Schumacher**.

PHOTO BY SUSAN SCHUMACHER



The Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild made a \$1,000 donation to the Idyllwild Scholarship Fund last week. **Larry Edwards** (left), guild treasurer, presents the check to **Peggy Roberts** (right), guild scholarship board member.

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## INITIAL THOUGHTS

### Spring and ommissions ...



First, I want to remind you to look at Careena Chase's page one photo. Daffodils are blooming only a week after our latest winter snow storm.

They are a true harbinger of the arrival of longer and warmer days. Today, March 20 is the Spring equinox — daylight and night are equal.

And with the arrival of spring, we can now participate in outside activities, such as raking and preparing our yards and homes for the arrival of fire season.

Careena's photo below was taken Friday at the Pinyon Fire, only a few miles from here. This is another harbinger of spring and summer — aircraft carrying water to drop on fires.

I was surprised to hear about a seven-acre fire at the beginning of fire season and only a week after significant precipitation.

"Some fire officers commented this was like a late May or June fire might burn," wrote Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins. "The fire did burn very well for this time of year. The standing brush burned to the ground in many places."

For those who remember, last week's page one story about how the federal budget sequestration will affect the Forest Service's fire resources in the San Bernardino National Forest and on the Hill. Perhaps this photograph and quote clarifies

my questions.

The Forest Service is not exempt from the budget cuts imposed by the sequestration law. But for those of us living in fire prone areas, we would like to know whether less money for fire prevention and suppression programs will affect our local crews.

If the White House knows that there will be fewer tours, I'd think the Forest Supervisor would know whether she will have fewer fire fighters or helicopter contracts.

Not only couldn't the Forest Service share any information with me to share with the public, but our congressman, Rep. Raul Ruiz, and his staff haven't gotten any more details.

Also below you will see a table with the 2011 salary and benefits for the Fern Valley Water District staff. This information comes from the state controllers office, who posts it online.

Last week, we published the Idyllwild Water District data and in future issues, you will see the Pine Cove Water District and Idyllwild Fire Protection District.

This is the third year we have been publishing this public information.

Last week, we began a new feature — Odd-ywils. Barry Zander is the creator. Not a native "Hillbilly" and from "Na Orlins," he finds many of our situations and behaviors unusual or unexpected, thus "Odd-ywils." We will be sharing one monthly.

J.P., EDITOR



*A helicopter drops water on the Pinyon Fire.*

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

### Fern Valley Water District (FVWD) 2011 employee expenses reported to the State Controller

Position	Total Wages	Defined Benefit Plan Covered	Employee's Ret. Cost	Health, Dental and Vision
District Manager	\$ 89,204	\$ 4,725	\$ 7,008	\$ 14,429
Office Manager	\$ 40,760	\$ 2,614	\$ 3,829	\$ 14,429
Field Operator	\$ 50,577	\$ 2,677	\$ 3,918	\$ 14,429
Field Operator	\$ 49,461	\$ 2,162	\$ 3,133	\$ 7,614
<b>Board members</b>				
Director	\$ 750			
Director	\$ 750			
Director	\$ 650			
Director	\$ 600			
Director	\$ 500			

Fern Valley Water District (FVWD) employee expenses reported to the State Controller. The total salaries, wages and benefit costs for 2011 were \$314,219.

## Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



## READERS WRITE

### The pleasures of our new library

EDITOR:

I take great pleasure in my library — the Idyllwild Branch of the Riverside County Library System.

Inasmuch as I am no longer interested in drinking, nor in a good carouse, some of the delights of Idyllwild are beyond my reach, but not the library.

And the Idyllwild Library is no less exciting than those other enticing outfits. Trust me.

Shannon Ng is the book-loving, competent caretaker to all of the millions of pages making their home in that building at the foot of Straw-

berry Square. She's good, kind and fun, like the rest of the staff.

Since it's opening, I have attended numerous meetings in the "community room," meetings of all kinds. We park ourselves in that warm comfortable space free-for-nothing.

It's good to just be next door to all those books.

The double line of computers is a favorite of all ages.

I too am a student. And the Idyllwild Library is my laboratory. I love to learn. Adventure draws me. This is the place to be.

My place to be.

BOBBIE GLASHEEN  
IDYLLWILD

### Thought for the day

"Show me a great actor and I'll show you a lousy husband; show me a great actress, and you've seen the devil." — W.C. Fields

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## TODAY'S HEALTH ISSUES

By ALBERTO MANETTA, M.D.

### Dietary Supplements ...

It is estimated that about half of all Americans take nutritional supplements. The question is why?

The Food and Drug Administration states that "unlike drugs, supplements are not intended to treat, diagnose, prevent or cure diseases." That means that supplements should not be advertised, as is common practice, as if they would "lower blood pressure," "improve erectile dysfunction" or "reduce your weight."

When we consider taking any medications or supplements, we must consider three consequences: possible toxicity and side effects; possible benefits; and cost.

### Possible toxicity

The Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 places responsibility for ensuring that the product is safe on the manufacturer, not the retailer.

The FDA is responsible for taking action against a supplement after it is marketed. It is when the supplement seems to cause a problem that the FDA will get involved.

This is radically different than the process used to approve drugs. Even before the drug is even considered for clinical trials, it must be proven to be safe in humans.



Furthermore manufacturers of supplements do not have to submit or register the product with the FDA.

They just have to ensure that the product is safe and the label is not misleading. Manufacturers are supposed to report to the FDA any adverse side effects or toxicities which consumers may suffer or experience.

There are exceptions; under more recent law, manufacturers of supplements using new compounds must send evidence of their safety to the FDA before marketing.

Many companies have violated this requirement. An example is geranium extract or DMAA (dimethylamylamine) which is advertised as a "natural stimulant" and companies have marketed the product without notifying the FDA of its safety.

The FDA stated that DMAA may cause elevations of blood pressure and may lead to heart attacks. Forty-two adverse events reports have been submitted to the FDA on products containing DMAA. These ranged from mild heart conditions to death.

The FDA maintains a Dietary Supplement Alerts and Safety Information page, [www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm153239.htm](http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm153239.htm), which should be consulted before a supplement is considered.

See [Health](#), page 24

## OFF THE LEASH

By CONOR O'FARRELL

### The schizophrenia of faith ...

I had a conversation with my youngest daughter, a college student, this week about religion.

She was raised in the Episcopal Church here in Idyllwild and holds to the particular tenets of the church in which she was raised, which many of us do.

She has attended various Christian gatherings with her friends in San Luis Obispo and felt unwelcome, or more specifically, like an outsider.

Her notions of God and what it means to be a Christian are different from theirs, sadly this has caused a small rift between her and her friends.

The conversation, for me, raised the question of "them" and "us." If you're not with us, then you must be against us. This notion is nothing new to me.

I think about it often and have felt the effects of this way of thinking on many occasions myself. The idea of "them and us" has been around since people walked the earth and lived in clans. It goes with the turf, so it's nothing new. But as technology has shrunk the world into a "global community," it is all the more urgent to transcend this archaic tribal practice.



Looking back on many of the horrific chapters of human history seems to me that the "you and us" doctrine has been a fundamental problem. Religion is as guilty as any institution of perpetuating this ideology.

Christians against Jews, Jews against Muslims, Shiites against Sunnis, Hindus against Muslims, Catholics against Protestants, the list goes on and on.

Since the 1970s, religion has become more and more a hot button issue in American political debate, to a very divisive end in my opinion. So let's talk about religion, one of the two topics you're never supposed to talk about. I may kick myself in the morning.

As a Christian, the religion with which I'm most familiar, I'd like to talk about the role our church has played in this ugly little game. The Christian movement was born around the person of Jesus, a radical Jewish rabbi, who challenged the dominant thinking of his own people. With some he was "in," and for others, because of his claims and message, he was "out."

Being out cost him dearly, we all know the story. For the next 300 years, the early Christian church was definitely a part of "them." Extreme persecution drove them underground, where they hid in the catacombs.

See [Leash](#), page 22

## RAMBLINGS FROM ROSCOE

THE FIRE DOG, AS INTERPRETED BY PATRICK REITZ, IDYLLWILD FIRE CHIEF

### Emergency Preparedness – Part 2 ...

I have to laugh every time a major disaster strikes. Somehow the media always manages to find someone who declares that they never thought it could happen where they live or that it would ever happen to them. Why? Did they not realize that they live in a fault zone prone to earthquakes? Or an area prone to fires, or tornadoes or floods? The list can go on and on.

Are you prepared? Maybe you are ready. Maybe you think you are ready? Maybe you have been planning on getting prepared? Maybe you know you are not ready and either think that it can not happen here, can not happen to you or that someone will help you if it does happen.

The reality of a disaster is when the big one hits — earthquake, fire, flood, tornado, tsunami, volcano, or significant weather event — we are told to be prepared for at least



three days without help. I am telling you that you should plan on preparing yourself and your household for at least seven days, if not as long as 28 days, with limited outside help.

Now it is easy to think that a case of bottled water and a few energy bars will get you by — wrong. On the other hand, I am not talking Armageddon or the complete breakdown of society as we know it; so I am not suggesting the need to become a survivalist. I just want you to be prepared.

Since this is only the second in a series, I am not going to try and cover everything about emergency preparedness all at once. This week I want you to think about a couple of key points that are often overlooked.

### Medications.

If you are on medications, do you have, at least, an extra one-week supply, if not a 30-day supply over and above your normal refill schedule?

This can be an expensive item, but what if you were to

be near the end of your 30 or 90 days of medications and were unable to get a refill because the roads are closed or the stores can not get their supply?

This may require you to pay for an extra supply out-of-pocket but I would encourage you to consider it, even if you have to do it over time.

### Second homes, vacation homes.

For many of you, the Hill is your escape and your home away from home. For others, the Hill is your primary residence and you have a second home or vacation home somewhere else, say, the desert. Either way, you need to be prepared at both places, since we really do not know where or when a disaster might strike.

### Weather and time of year.

Probably the most overlooked or forgotten issues when it comes to disaster preparedness are weather and the time of year.

See [Ramblings](#), page 24

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# Trusts and taxes

## TAX TIPS

BY STEPHEN T. PEPPLER, EA, CFP

Trusts have become extremely popular in recent years. The most popular type is the intervivos or living trust which is used to control the disposition of your assets after death while avoiding probate.

Many of these trusts are A-B trusts where the trust splits on the death of the first spouse into two trusts: the A, or surviving spouse's trust, and the B, or the deceased spouse's trust. This arrangement is used to eliminate or save on estate taxes owed.

When setting up a trust, you will want to work with a lawyer and a financial planner who specialize in trusts and estate planning. Once the trust has been drawn up, you will need to change the title on each and every

asset you wish to place in the trust.

Trusts are drawn up by the trustors and managed by the trustees for the beneficiaries. Beneficiaries include the income beneficiaries, who are entitled to current income according to the terms of the trust, and the remainder beneficiaries, who receive the principal upon death of the trustors.

In general, if you have a living trust where you and your spouse are the trustors (creators) of the trust, trustees and income beneficiaries of the trust, you do not need a Federal Tax I.D. number and do not need to file a trust tax return. Your investments would report the income under your social security number and the in-

come would go directly on your personal tax return.

If your living trust has its investments reporting under a Federal Tax I.D. number, you will need to file a trust return to let the IRS know what the trust income is and that they can find it reported on your personal return under your social security number.

When the trustor or grantor of the trust is no longer the trustee of the trust, the trust often needs



to obtain a tax I.D. number and begin filing its own returns. This also applies to the B trust after the first spouse dies and to all other irrevocable trusts.

The responsibilities of the trustee should not be taken lightly.

The trustee is required to manage the trust and distribute income per the terms of trust document. When the trust document is silent as to certain income distribution provisions, then the California Principal and

Income Act must be followed.

The trustee is responsible for doing the annual trust accounting and determining the trust accounting income. Trust accounting income must be accurately determined in order to preserve the rights of both income and remainder beneficiaries.

Trust accounting rules

often differ from income tax accounting rules.

In addition to a thorough knowledge of the trust document and the California Principal and Income Act, the trustee will want to enlist the help of a lawyer and tax preparer expert in trusts to ensure that they fulfill their statutory duties and beneficiaries are treated equitably.

## Forest Care Program extended

The Forest Care Program has been granted another season to offer assistance to mountain communities.

Landowners within the San Bernardino National Forest still have a chance to meet with one of Forest Care's professional foresters for a free property evaluation and voluntary enrollment in the reimbursement program.

Forest Care has been granted six more months — through December 2013 — to allow Hill property owners another chance to treat their property. Forest

Care will continue to schedule new appointments with any interested landowners into the beginning of this fall.

"We are thrilled to have a bit more time to finish out The Forest Care Program," explained Forest Care Director Julie Crick. "This extension will allow us to continue to schedule appointments through the summer months of 2013. All aspects of the program will be carefully coordinated to ensure enrolled landowners are able to have their project work

completed and a reimbursement request submitted by our new deadline to receive reimbursement requests, which is Sept. 15, 2013."

The September deadline is in place to guarantee Forest Care has enough time to inspect completed projects and provide reimbursement funds to participating landowners before the grant expires in December. However, Crick urged landowners who are currently enrolled in Forest Care to get their projects completed as soon as possible, regardless of the extension, to

avoid running into the new deadline.

Through Forest Care, property owners will be reimbursed up to 75 percent of the cost of thinning their properties. The Forest Care Program has been assisting property owners with the cost of thinning and pruning their trees since 2006. To date there have been more than 4,000 landowners that have successfully completed Forest Care.

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# HELP Center and Thrift Store Newsletter

Hello from everyone at the HELP Center to all of our friends in Idyllwild and surrounding areas. Things have been hopping at the Thrift Store and the HELP Center during the beautiful weather we've been experiencing this past week. We look forward to Spring and consistently good weather as that's when the Thrift Store does a lot more business and brings in considerably more money. As you know, the money that the Thrift Store takes in goes directly to the programs and services that assist our clients.

We depend on Thrift Store sales to augment the funds we receive from several small grants.

Getting through the winter months is always our biggest financial challenge, yet we somehow rise to it every year. So much of that is thanks to all of you. During January, February and March we had a number of closure days due to snow, and it is difficult to make those days up. Cold weather also keeps people in their homes, rather than shopping at the

Thrift Store. The same applies to donations. Winter is our slowest time for furniture, household items and clothing donations.

We experience this annually, and we do plan for it, but it is still a fact of life. Please do not misunderstand me, everything is good at the HELP Center as we work hard to keep it that way.

Our clients are receiving wood, food, medical assistance as well as our other services. But, I also implore you to bring in your household donations and donate any extra funds you can see fit to, so that we can continue to serve the community with the same level of service that we are proud to perform.

Thank you to the terrific organizations, groups and individuals who are always there to help on a regular basis. And thank you to everyone who steps onto our ground to help us fulfill our mission of helping those in need.

Sincerely,

LOU BACHER  
BOARD PRESIDENT

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# Fern Valley customer leaks increase water consumption and sales

By MARSHALL SMITH  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

An unseasonably cold January and February froze customer pipes in Fern Valley driving the water district's water consumption and sales up dramatically.

Consumption increased more than one million gallons over last year's January and February billing period, which in turn drove water sales up nearly 80 percent — from \$21,994 to \$39,133. Since the leaks were on the customers' side of the water meter, they are responsible for the consequences — repair and water usage.

"There were a lot of customers with water usage in the third [billing] tier,"

said district office manager Jessica Priefer.

The district's 12-month running average of unaccounted for water increased from 12.5 to 14.3 percent. At least one major leak on the district's side of the meter was the cause of the growth.

At its Friday, March 15, Fern Valley Water District meeting, the board heard General Manager Steve Erler report on a number of topics. Discussed were two critical district infrastructure projects. One involved Tank 11 and coating issues that may be affecting water odor and taste in that zone. The other is a pipeline replacement project scheduled this year for upper Fern Valley.

Regarding Tank 11, Erler told his board, "We're working on it," indicating that the fix may not be a simple one. Erler said water quality samples taken from the now offline tank showed normal readings. A board committee of Charlie Wix and Bob Krieger is working with Erler on the problem. Erler related that a representative of Colon Coating, Inc., the company that installed the coating, when asked what might be the cause of the odor and taste complaints,

said, "It's the water."

Beginning Monday, March 18, bids will be solicited from prequalified contractors for the Fern Valley pipeline replacement project. The bids will be accepted until April 10. On the next day, they will be opened at the offices of Albert A. Webb Associates, the civil engineering and planning that has long worked with the district to perform project studies and create drawings, plans and permits. The lowest qualifying bidder

will be awarded the contract on April 19. Construction should begin about May 3 with contract completion within 100 days. The main portion of the project runs along Fern Valley Road from Rim Rock to the tank farm near Humber Park, with forays up Howland and Encino Roads. Erler noted that 14 existing fire hydrants would be replaced with new models.

The board also passed a resolution requesting the Riverside County Registrar

of Voters to conduct the Tuesday, Aug. 27 election. Up for election are board members Jim Rees and Bob Krieger. If only two candidates apply for the two seats, the election is unnecessary and the Board of Supervisors will appoint the two candidates to begin their term in December. Rees and Krieger have indicated their intention to stand and serve another term if elected.

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

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#### Forest Folk Pot Luck & Movie Night

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**WEDNESDAY:** 9-10 a.m.  
Adult Yoga with Trine  
4-5 p.m.  
Kids Movement with Trine

**FRIDAY:** 11 a.m.-Noon  
Adult Yoga with Trine  
2:30-3:30 p.m.  
Krafty Kids Art Class  
with Wendy Watts

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## IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT MARCH 2012 NEWSLETTER

### IWD Mission Statement -

*To provide reliable water & sewer service in a safe, cost-effective & environmentally sound manner in accordance with the community needs.*

**GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES** – IWD is in a Stage 1 and continues to monitor our water supplies. Currently the FL water level is at 7.5 feet. This same time, last year, the FL water level was full at 18 feet. A service provided by the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit is our local snow pack survey. Measurements to date are 29.7 inches. Although a significant improvement over last year, more would certainly be better.

**IWD ADDITIONAL STORAGE** – The District is moving forward planning construction of two water tanks. A new 200,000-gallon water tank is underway and will be constructed in the Golden Rod Water Pressure Zone. We are working with Riverside County to acquire a tank site for a proposed 300,000-gallon welded steel tank in our Toll Gate Water Pressure Zone. These new tanks will provide additional water supplies for domestic and fire flows in both zones.

**EMERGENCY GENERATOR EXERCISES** – The magnitude-4.7 Anza earthquake on the San Jacinto Fault Zone was felt in Idyllwild and these events remind us we need to be prepared. Recently we scheduled an electrical power shut-down for the District water office. This exercise allowed staff and field employees to train for any event that would result in a loss of power. The training assesses the ability of our field employees to respond quickly and perform damage assessment of all of our facilities. The employees found no damage throughout our system after the last earthquake.

Last month we tested our two Foster Lake standby generators. We have another portable generator that operates one of our downtown wells that will be scheduled for a test run. Each month we operate all of our generators with and without a power load.

**OUR NEXT BOARD MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th AT 6:00 PM**



## MEMSCOMM

*Continued from page 1*

UCR Natural Resource Specialist Tom Scott, one of the lead GSOB scientists, estimated this oak had more than 500 live larvae. "It was heavily infested," Scott said. Scott advised any landowner with oaks near the American Legion to start monitoring their trees carefully, inasmuch as wider oak infestation in that area is likely, given the high numbers of live larvae in the recently removed oak.

"Right now, there are three 'micro areas' of GSOB infestation that have been identified in Idyllwild," Bratcher said — Highway 243 from Mountaintop Liquor to the Bella Montagna Italian Restaurant, the area

around Town Hall and the Marion View Drive area. Bratcher advised that when oaks began to leaf out in the spring, further oak borer infestation may be visible — from leaf die off, abnormalities in the leaves themselves and an unusual number of woodpeckers foraging in the trees for beetle larvae.

"Aerial photographs have identified about 6,000 Hill black oaks of the size that Goldspotted oak borer could attack in the wider Idyllwild area," Scott said. A team of trained local oak borer spotting volunteers, comprised mainly of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council Woodies, will begin deploying for site visits in the three identified areas. They will then contact landowners if their oaks exhibit signs of infestation.



After chipping bark on the downed oak, GSOB Program Director **Kevin Turner**, holds live larvae in his hand. **Tom Scott** said there were more than 500 live larvae in the tree.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Bratcher advised landowners, "If you have questions, call the GSOB hotline." That number is (951) 659-8328. He said that scientists, looking at sections of the infested local trees, believe Goldspotted oak borer has

probably been in Idyllwild for two or three seasons. "It was brought in by firewood," he said. "That is a 98 percent certainty."

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



Mountain Disaster Preparedness board, in an outreach campaign, addresses a capacity audience at the Idyllwild Library meeting room on Tuesday, March 12. From left, President **Mike Feyder**, PR Director **Chic Fojtik** and Medical Officer **Dr. Dick Goldberg**.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

### Strange but true

Those who study such things say that the Earth spins faster on its axis in September than it does in March.



Edison crew member cuts a section of the tree for **Tom Scott** and other scientists to use for study.

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# CHARLES DICKENS ESSAY & POSTER CONTEST

## Congratulations to the winners!

Essay Winners:

**1st place:** Benjamin Goulding (\$100)

**2nd place:** Audrey Carver & Benjamin Cruz (\$50)

**3rd place:** Addison Wilson, Monique Grover & Elias Wilke (\$25)

Poster Winners:

**1st place:** Benjamin Cruz (\$100)

**2nd place:** Audrey Carver & Micah Hitchcock (\$50)

**3rd place:** Sable Summerfield, Yesenia Deniz & Yasmin Morales (\$25)

Funds were presented by **Mrs. Patty Carratello** and **Mr. George Campaniott**. Underwritten by Mary Austin Scholarship and Grants to purchase all books for the contest and provide all contest funding. This year's book was "Oliver Twist." Students wrote essays about what they believed was Mr. Dicken's message in the story. Poster contest participants created a poster they thought would encourage others to read "Oliver Twist."

Thank you to Principal **Matt Kramer**, **George Campaniott** for their ongoing support. JeriSue Haney of BBVA Compass Bank will display the posters for 2 weeks. Shannon Ng of the Idyllwild Library will display the posters after that.





*Idyllwild Garage wins its third consecutive Town Hall Adult Co-Ed Volleyball Championship. The Garage defeated regular season champs, Silver Pines Lodge who were undefeated. From left (standing), Idyllwild Garage owners, **Steve and Tamara Friemoth**, **Freddie Espinoza**, **Corey Sumrall**, **Kyle Owen**, **Greg Breyer** and **Art Torrez**. From left (kneeling), **Janey Espinoza**, **Maria Loutzenhiser**, **Sage Torrez** and **Kristen Torrez**.*



**Corey Sumrall** (left), of Idyllwild Garage, spikes the ball against Silver Pines Lodge in Thursday's Championship match.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

*Idyllwild Garage players watch another return go out of bounds during Thursday's victory in the Championship match against Silver Pines Lodge. Idyllwild Garage won the match in four games.*



## Idyllwild women run in L.A. Marathon

The Los Angeles Marathon was Sunday, March 17, and two Hill residents completed the 26-mile jaunt. In her second marathon, Jana Baker's time was 4:17:19 and Molly Newman, running her first marathon, completed it in 4:31:01.

Running with more than 24,000 other marathoners, both women finished ahead of 18,000 other runners.

**Julie Fogle** of undefeated Silver Pines Lodge makes sure **Chris Fogle** does not miss the set during the Championship match against Idyllwild Garage.



## Steele up-down-up at Tampa Bay

BY JACK CLARK  
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele went low on the first day of the Tampa Bay Championship in Palm Harbor, Fla., last Thursday, but the tough Copperhead course rose up and bit him on the second and third days.

His opening round 68 had him tied for third place at the end of the first round, but the two next rounds dropped him way down the leaderboard.

Steele picked his game back up on Sunday, however, posting a three-under-par 69 that carried him to a finishing tie for 43rd. He finished with a 68-75-74-69 — 286 scorecard and earned \$16,747 in official prize money.

The bright spots for Steele this season are that he has not missed a cut in all six of his 2013 entries. Counting the last two tournaments of 2012, he has made eight consecutive cuts. He also has made only one double bogey this season. But he has scored just one top-25 finish so far this year, a fine tie for sixth at Phoenix, compared to six last year.

After six tournaments, Steele now has earned \$310,695 in official prize money, which puts him in 71st place on the 2013 official money list. He also stands 66th in this season's FedEx Cup point standings. If he finishes in the top 125 in either list, he earns his ticket for play next season.

In past seasons, the 125th spots were somewhere around \$750,000 and 350 points, respectively, but 2013 is a short, transition season that will end with the Tour Championship in September. There will be no more "Fall Finish" this year for last-ditch efforts to earn cards for the next season.

The next season, designated 2013-2014, will begin in October with the Frys.com Open in San Martin, Calif.

Steele will play this week in the \$6.2 million Arnold Palmer Invitational on the Bay Hill course in Orlando, Fla., where the winner's purse is just over a million dollars.

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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, March 20**  
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Kids Movement with Trine Bietz, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.  
Don Reed & Tom McNeary, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
"Oz The Great & Powerful," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Thursday, March 21**  
Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck featuring "The Artist," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
Belgian Ale BeerTasting, 6:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
"Oz The Great & Powerful," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.



Mayor Max was sharing his St. Patrick's Day enthusiasm with locals and visitors on Sunday. Rocky Raccoon, in his mouth, is his toy, but the Irish hat is authentic.

PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE



The patrons of Idyll Awhile faithfully wear their green in honor of St. Patrick's Day at Sunday's celebration, which Local Color opened.

**Friday, March 22**  
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.- Noon, Krafty Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
"Oz The Great & Powerful," 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.  
Bingo Night, 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center.  
Sandii Castleberry, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jo'An's.

**Saturday, March 23**  
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.  
Open Call Auditions for "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" 11 a.m. Rustic Theatre.  
"Oz The Great & Powerful," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
The Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation Presents,

Barnaby Finch & Friends, a Scholarship Fundraising Concert, Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m. Weston Room, in the Krone Library; Concert 7 p.m. in Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.  
Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.  
Hojo Reynolds, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
Rock Star Karaoke with Scott Foster, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.

**Sunday, March 24**  
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.  
Open Call Auditions for



Entertaining the green clad patrons was "A Chick, A Mick and A King." Andrea Bond (center) sang and kept the beat, John King (left) sang and played the guitar, and Mick Lynch (right) carried the melody with the accordion and later the fiddle.

PHOTOS BY BARBARA REESE

"What's the Worst That Could Happen?" 11 a.m. Rustic Theatre.

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

"Oz The Great & Powerful," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.  
Sadie's Clinic Speakers' Series with Margaret Nee, Pet Wellness Through Nutrition, 3 p.m., Mt. Pawly School, Hwy 243.

**Monday, March 25**  
Adult Yoga with Trine, 11 a.m.-noon Town Hall.  
Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.  
"Oz The Great & Powerful," 7

p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Tuesday, March 26**  
Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.  
"Oz The Great & Powerful," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Wednesday, March 27**  
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Kids Movement with Trine Bietz, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.  
John King, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.  
"Oz The Great & Powerful," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Thursday, March 28**  
"Oz The Great & Powerful," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

**Friday, March 29**  
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.- Noon, Kraft Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 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.

**Saturday, March 30**  
Spring Festival, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Town Hall.  
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock" Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.  
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.  
Rock Star Karaoke with Scott Foster, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.

**Sunday, March 31**  
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, April 1**  
Adult Yoga with Trine, 11 a.m.-noon Town Hall.  
Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.

**Tuesday, April 2**  
Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.

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# IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Community news from Idyllwild Arts

By LYDIA KREMER, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

*The Idyllwild community and the campus have a unique symbiotic relationship which truly takes a village to be successful.*

### IAA alum featured in national TV ad

Our community of Idyllwild can take pride in seeing so many of our IAA students leave the fold and take flight to accomplish their goals — they further the notoriety of our town and campus along with their own.

Joey Jennings, a 2010 IAA alum from the Musical Theatre Department, is now appearing in a national TV commercial for McDonald's that you may have seen. Below is a YouTube link, Jennings is the actor on the left with the glasses. Watch it here: [www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=1YRqgigh4vc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=1YRqgigh4vc)

"Joey has joined the ranks of working actors in Los Angeles," proudly notes his former IAA instructor, Theatre Department Chair Howard Shangraw. Jennings has also appeared in various projects including a critically acclaimed production of *The Fantasticks*.

Here's a heads up for autograph seekers. Jennings will be returning to Idyllwild this summer to appear with Howard Shangraw in *Red*, a play by American playwright John Logan being produced by the Isis Theatre Company. The project is funded by an IAA Arts Enterprise Laboratory grant awarded to current IAA theatre student and local resident Grace Haggard.

### 64th Annual Summer Program

Registration for the 64th Annual Idyllwild Arts Summer Program is humming along swiftly. The legendary Summer Program which draws students from around the country, offers more than 100 art workshops and runs from June 16 through Aug. 11.

The rich and varied schedule features 2-day to 3-week-long, hands-on arts workshops for passionate practicing professional and nonprofessional artists, children, youth, and families.

The Summer Program is unique in that it provides intensely-focused arts instruction in small classes (average class



size is 10 students) by professional artists-instructors. A few of the disciplines that offer enriching workshops include the following: music, sculpture, dance, painting, theatre, mixed media, Native American arts and jewelry.

Among the more than one hundred art workshops being offered this summer is a special opportunity to participate in a hands-on workshop with local Idyllwild furniture craftsman Pete Holzman. Holzman's Furniture Making & Design workshop (July 8 through 12) is sure to be a popular highlight of the Summer Program.

### Annual gala will have a touch of Hollywood glamour

The 2013 Idyllwild Arts Gala will be Sunday, April 14, at the famed Millennium Biltmore in Los Angeles and is poised to be a memorable gathering of Hollywood luminaries.

Based on the tickets sold thus far, it may also set an attendance record for the gala. Not surprisingly, the two honorees of this year's gala are the reason.

Academy Award-winning composer Hans Zimmer, and longtime Idyllwild Arts board member and benefactor, Earl W. Fisher, will both receive Idyllwild Arts' Life in Arts Awards, and are both singularly deserving of this recognition.

Many of Zimmer's Hollywood pals and supporters will attend, as will a legion of Earl Fisher's friends and fellow board members.

The annual gala is Idyllwild Arts' major fundraising event. If you are interested in attending the 2013 Idyllwild Arts Gala on April 14, or want to support the Scholarship Fund, please contact IAA's Development Department at 659-2171, ext. 2338.

### Postscript

We recently reported on IAA Moving Pictures student, Katherine Hearn's film "A Family Like Mine" having been screened during KCET's 15th Annual Festival of Student Films — the only high school student's project accepted.

Her film has now been accepted at NFFTY (pronounced "Nifty") which stands for "National Film Festival for Talented Youth" — the largest youth film festival in the world. The annual festival will take place this April in Seattle. Expect to hear more about this budding filmmaker.



*"Organ Donor," a modern piece choreographed by dance faculty, Lauren Smith was eye catching at the Idyllwild Arts Spring Dance Concert. Dancers shown above are Natalia Quezada, Rachel Greenup, Hannah Everett, Ana Sotomayer, Andrea Sotomayer, Juan Posada, Mikail Holms, Mariana Bacerra, Marin Arai, Amira Lambert and Ana Salas.*



*"Fairy Doll Pas de Trois," featuring Ricardo Urbina, was the opening act at the Spring Dance Concert at Idyllwild Arts Wednesday night.*

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# Master Chorale sings Mozart and Lerner and Loewe

By Marshall Smith  
Assistant Editor

It's spring, Hill daffodils are beginning to emerge and dance in the warmth of the sun, and the Idyllwild Master Chorale is presenting a spring musical confection designed to inspire and entertain.

IMC Director Dwight "Buzz" Holmes reprises the successful pairing from last spring of classical and Broadway that played to standing room only audiences. This year it is "Mostly Mozart with a Fair Lady," combining the musical brilliance of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and

a bit of Broadway in what critics have called the "perfect musical," Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe's hit-filled "My Fair Lady."

Holmes opens the Saturday, March 31, concert with the music of Mozart, a naturally gifted composer who at the age of six was playing before royal audiences and composing pieces of extraordinary sophistication. By the time of his death at 35, Mozart had produced more than 600 works — symphonies, operas, concertos, quartets, cantatas — almost all of them of the most astonishing quality. Many regard

him as the world's greatest natural musical genius. His mature compositions are distinguished by their melodic beauty, formal elegance and richness of harmony and texture. Franz Joseph Haydn, in what now seems an underestimation, said of Mozart, "Posterity will not see such a talent again in 100 years."

For "Mostly Mozart," Holmes has programmed "Lacrymosa" (Day of Sadness) from Requiem, K. 626, "Regina Coeli," and "Laudate Dominum" from Mozart's Vespers. And in a nod again to University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music Professor Morten Lauridsen, Holmes programmed "Dirait-on," as lovely a piece of choral music as last IMC season's "O Magnum Mysterium." Musicologist and conductor Nick Strimple said of Lauridsen in his book "Choral Music of the Twentieth Cen-



**Dimyana Pelev**, starring as **Eliza Doolittle** in the Idyllwild Master Chorale's concert version of "My Fair Lady."

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DIMYANA PELEV

tury," "Lauridsen is the only American composer in history who can be called a mystic, [whose] probing, serene work contains an elusive and indefinable ingredient which leaves the impression that all the questions have been answered." In 2006,

Lauridsen was named an "American Choral Master" by the National Endowment for the Arts and in 2007 he received the National Medal of Arts from President George W. Bush at a White House ceremony. The award is the highest honor given to artists and arts patrons by the U.S. government.

"My Fair Lady," Lerner and Loewe's musical treatment of George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" opened on Broadway in 1956 and set the record at that time for the longest running musical. Rex Harrison starred as the acerbic phoneticist Professor Henry Higgins who wagers he can turn a common Cockney flower seller, Eliza Doolittle, played by Julie Andrews, into a lady accepted in the fin-

est social circles. Tuneful, plucky and great fun, "My Fair Lady's" engaging score features "I Could Have Danced All Night," "With a Little Bit of Luck," "The Rain in Spain," and "I've Grown Accustomed to Her Face." Dimyana Pelev, last year's Guinevere in "Camelot," and Marshall Smith, "Camelot's" Arthur head the Fair Lady cast as Eliza and Higgins.

"Mostly Mozart and a Fair Lady" plays for one night only, at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 at Stephens Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus. Tickets, \$20 for adults and \$10 for students, are available at the door and online at [www.idyllwildmasterchorale.com](http://www.idyllwildmasterchorale.com).

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Friday night at Silver Pines Lodge **Ted Belden**, son of Charles Selden Belden the originator of Pine Craft Furniture, was the speaker for the ICRC series. Ted shared the history of his family and showed slides, which depicted the production of the handcrafted furniture from the falling of the trees all the way to the finished pieces. More than 100 people attended the event, the largest turnout to date for the speaker series. Above, **Ted** (left) and **Barbara Belden** (right) with **Susie Bowman** (center) the proud and happy owner, since the mid-1960s, of the first home built and totally handcrafted by the Belden Family.

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# Doug Austin honors Dickens contest winners

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

In 2005 Doug and Mary Austin launched their literacy promotion project at Idyllwild Middle School, the Charles Dickens Essay and Poster Contest. Contestants this year were asked to read "Oliver Twist" and then memorialize the Dickens novel and their experience in reading it with either an essay or a poster.

This year's first prize winners, Ben Cruz for his poster and Ben Goulding for his essay, each received cash awards of \$100. Cruz, whose work was previously exhibited at an Idyllwild School art exhibit in January, is, according to Austin, a very promising artist who has a full scholarship to Idyllwild Arts next year. The second place poster winner, Audrey Carver, also was featured at the January art show. She won second place last year as well in the poster



**Ben Cruz's winning Dickens poster.**

contest. Besides their artistic talent, Cruz and Carver's writing tied for second place in the essay contest.

Austin, and now deceased wife Mary, believed that the novels and stories of Dickens, critically acclaimed as one of the finest writers in the English language, would introduce the drama and nuance of beautifully

crafted language to young students. It would also, said Austin, expose students to core Dickens themes of social justice, abhorrent conditions of child labor in the England of Dickens' day, and portray the hardships borne by the poor, the consequences of a highly stratified class system that then existed in Britain.

Benjamin Goulding's winning essay, "What Causes Crime?" draws cogent parallels between the novel's character Fagin's recruiting a gang of child pickpockets in mid-19th century London and contemporary U.S. urban street gang leaders recruiting neighborhood youth with promises of money and a "family" that will look after them.

Here are some excerpts from Goulding's essay: "Have you ever wondered what causes crime? Crime has always been a sad part of our society, and I think it has to do with class and



**2013 Charles Dickens essay and poster contest winners at Idyllwild school. From left, bottom row: Ben Goulding, Sable Summerfield and Micah Hitchcock. Middle row: Idyllwild Public Library Librarian Shannon Ng, Elias Wilke, Ben Cruz, Jasmin Morales**

**and Yesenia Deniz. Back row: Patty Caratello, Doug Austin, George Companiott and Matt Kraemer. Addison Wilson had another meeting and is missing from the picture.**

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environment. ... Criminal organizations took advantage of poor helpless people like Oliver [Twist] who were at the edges of their ropes. This same thing still happens today with gangs in poor neighborhoods. They take kids in at a young age and turn them into heartless killers."

Goulding notes that even if one is born poor, and like Oliver tossed in with criminal types, they can still evade criminal corruption brought about by social influences that often disproportionately affect the poor. He continues, "Both Dickens and Oliver

were poor, and yet neither of them was corrupted by society. ... I think Dickens wanted people to realize the problems of the lower class while giving them someone, like Oliver, to root for. ... In the end, Oliver is too innocent to be corrupted by Fagin and Sikes. I think Dickens didn't have Fagin corrupt Oliver because he wanted people to know that the human spirit can make it out of any number of poor circumstances."

The full list of winners, all eighth graders, includes,

in the poster section: Benjamin Cruz, first place, Audrey Carver, second place, Micah Hitchcock, also second place, and three third places winners, Sable Summerfield, Yesenia Deniz and Yasmin Morales; in the essay section: Benjamin Goulding, first place, Audrey Carver, second place, Benjamin Cruz, also second place, and three third place winners, Addison Wilson, Monique Grover and Elias Wilke.

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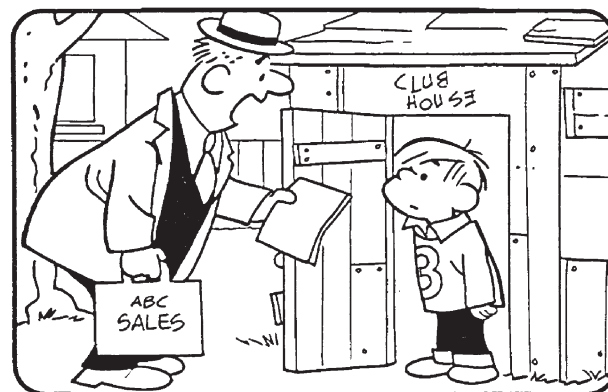
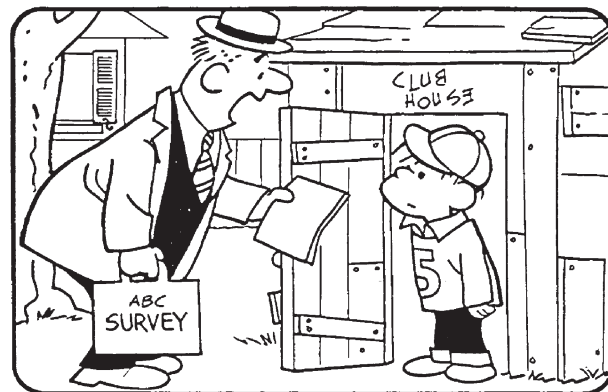
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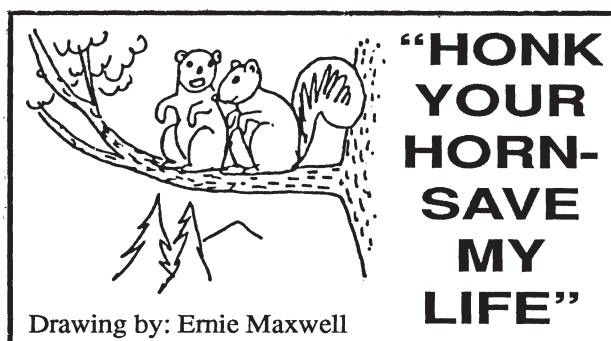
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**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might feel you can handle a new project on your own. But advice from someone with experience could help you avoid possibly costly as well as time-consuming obstacles.

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**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your superjudgmental side could dominate the week unless you try to keep it in check. Otherwise you risk offending people, including some who are very close to you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Expect more in-

formation to come out about that possible career shift. Meanwhile, your loving concern helps someone close to you get through a worrisome period.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Despite an occasional setback, workplace pressures should continue to ease through most of the week. This would be a good time to plan that long-delayed trip.

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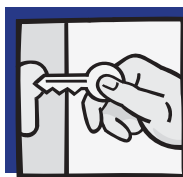
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Nero was known to light the road to his palace with the burning bodies of Christian martyrs. Then, it was torturous and often fatal to be on the wrong side of power. It's important to note that the fledgling Christian movement grew during this persecution. Witnesses were oddly perplexed and moved by the strange practice of these Christians, following the example of Christ on the cross and praying for their tormenters rather cursing them at the time of their greatest suffering, even at the point of death. Loving one's enemy was the best marketing tool that this new religion had.

In A.D. 306, Constantine the Great became Emperor of Rome. Because of a vision he received before heading into battle, he became the first Roman Emperor to convert to Christianity. Suddenly the Christians were thrust into the "in" crowd.

The Christian church quickly became the religion of choice in Rome. What followed, now that the Christians were popular with the power elite, was a systematic persecution of Jews, they were "them" and not "us." Church sanctioned anti-Semitism festered for centuries and eventually led to one of the darkest periods of church history — The Inquisition.

How soon we forget the message of Christ, to love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Sadly, the church lost sight of the mission of its founder. If Christ had had a grave, I'm sure he would have been rolling over in it. This is an unavoidable consequence of "them" and "us" thinking.

In 1517, Martin Luther nailed his "Ninety-five Theses" to the door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany and a new battle began. This time pitting Christian against Christian.

The Vatican was the dominant voice of the church and these pesky Protestants wanted no more of it. This divorce gave way to a "them" vs "us" within the same faith. What started almost 600 years ago remains today.

The Church was split no less than the curtain in the temple at the moment of Christ's crucifixion. In 2013, arguments continue to rage over who is the rightful heir of the true message of Christ. Are you with "us" or are you against "us"?

I'm aware that this sounds like an uber-Cliff notes version of religious history, it may sound simplistic and trite, but stay with me, I am moving toward a larger point.

This is all the room I have for installment one and will continue next month. If you are a Christian, as I myself am, I'm not picking on you or your faith. I just believe in getting my own house in order rather than commenting on other's. See you next month.

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current health center across from Nelson Dining Hall.

It will be 2,800 square feet with 12 beds, two exam rooms and two private counseling rooms.

Newman also volunteered that Nelson Dining Hall normally has about two weeks of food available and could also serve as a staging area in event of a mountain disaster. "We're well equipped to survive," he said, adding that the health center will have medical supplies, though not surgical supplies, stocked.

"This is what our [Idyllwild Arts Academy] community could offer to the bigger community," stressed Laura Sherman, the school's project manager for new construction.

Both school officials said construction would require about 180 days to complete; however, they were unsure of a starting date. The school is seeking a will-serve letter

from the Idyllwild Water District for this building and two others.

These and several more facilities received approval from Riverside County's Planning Department in November.

"We are seeking your support," Newman told the commission. "We don't understand the reason for no will-serve letters." IWD has been reviewing the school's construction plans, which are much greater than these three buildings, for several months. Staff from both institutions have been corresponding and held several meetings through the winter.

The water district is looking at its ability to supply water to all of the buildings in the approved plan, as required by the county regulations. The school is currently focused on only its immediate facilities and stresses that future construction will depend upon outside funding sources.

Reitz also told the board he had recommended that



John Newman, Idyllwild Arts Academy dean of students, discusses the school's plans for a new health center at the recent Idyllwild Fire Protection District commission meeting.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

MDP provide a separate DAS for the school rather than share the existing DAS, on Tollgate, with the neighborhood. "I question whether it can serve the school and the neighborhood."

When asked whether a helipad might be part of the new health center complex, Newman deferred to Reitz,

who acknowledged the department was searching for alternative sites to the Astro Camp landing zone.

"We're concerned with getting lift at various times," he said. "But the alternative sites are weather-dependent. I don't like the idea of just one landing zone."

So, the department will continue to evaluate other sites, but Reitz did not think that the school could afford to establish a permanent landing zone on its campus.

Before adjourning the commission briefly discussed its budget. Commissioner Jerry Buchanan said there were a number of financial issues, which will be examined in the coming months, particularly as the 2013-14 budget is prepared.

Commissioner Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly also asked his colleagues about preparing a two-year or five-year strategic plan, which they agreed to put on a future agenda.

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: J. Gonzalez, Deputy  
**Pub. TC: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2013.**

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
The following person is doing business as CAMP IDYLLWILD, 54480 Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 74, Idyllwild, CA 92549. NORMA LEA MILLER, 54480 Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild, CA 92549.  
This business is conducted by an Individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in 2008.  
Signed: NORMA LEA MILLER  
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on March 11, 2013.

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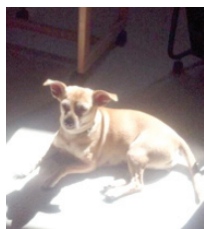
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## CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

Welcome back to **Sandy**, our sun goddess.



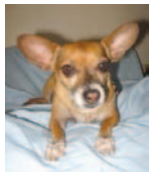
Things don't always work out the first time, so she's back to share the sun with Oreo at ARF. Such a confident little girl, she prefers to soak up the rays, while Oreo and Shannon have playtime. Sandy is a young

Chihuahua mix. She is good with other canines and felines. And she will always greet you with her favorite stuffed toy in her mouth.

**Oreo** is a young male Boston terrier-Chihuahua mix that loves to twirl and dance. He is good with other dogs, and doesn't even mind the feline crowd. Oreo was abandoned in his front yard as his people moved away. That's all in the past, though. He absolutely will love to sit in your lap, or be in your arms. Favorite treat: Pepperoni sticks.



**Shannon** is a middle-aged female Chihuahua. She was found wandering in Hemet, and after searching, we couldn't find her owner. She also loves the sun, and to have fun. She is playful with Oreo and Sandy. Not a fan of the feline crowd, though. She will sit for hours in your lap. Bring your purse, cause she will fit right in.



She's the diva of the cattery, **Miss Jezabelle**. Imagine that sitting in your window, curling up around a sun ray.

Add **Heidi, Meow Meow** and **Clarence** and you have a roomful of purrs and fur-love. March is two-for-one month. Yes, double the love. Adopt one

Senior fun day is noon to 2 p.m. March 27. Come on in to enjoy treats for humans and four leggeds, and get your furry fix.

ARF has many cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Go to [www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com](http://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](mailto:info@idyllwildarf.org) for appointment on any other day.

*Creature corner is sponsored this week in celebration of Callie, who was loved by many, and who had a good life. To sponsor the column, call Shane Fender at the Town Crier, 659-2145.*



### 65 years ago - 1948

Fern Valley residents were about to vote on a \$250,000 bond issue to purchase the Fern Valley Mutual Water System.

### 60 years ago - 1953

A team of forestry insect experts from the U.S. Bureau of Entomology toured the district and reported that the local National Forest area was in good shape. Control of bark beetles here was commended.

### 55 years ago - 1958

The Rev. E. Dow Hoffman of Pine Cove donated a bell for the Community Church. The bell was originally installed in the First Methodist Church of Upland in 1899.

### 50 years ago - 1963

Lee Lybarger, principal of Idyllwild School, was named "Man of the Year" by the American Legion Post 800. He was praised for his efforts in developing a band at the school.

### 45 years ago - 1968

Letters mailed from Idyllwild bore a special Bear Flag Festival cancellation. And Idyllwild merchants were accepting wooden nickels promoting the festival.



Jazzercise instructor **Theresa Gray** leads her class in cool-down exercises in this March 1991 photo. The program marked its fifth year on the Hill in 1991. Today, after 27 years, the program is still going strong at Town Hall.

FILE PHOTO

### 40 years ago - 1973

"This is getting to be ridiculous," moaned real estate broker Howard Hall, as snow fell on Idyllwild five days out of seven.

### 35 years ago - 1978

U.S. Postal Service officials signed an agreement with Mary Nelson, owner and developer of Strawberry Square Shopping Center, to lease a 4,030-square-foot building for a new Idyllwild post office.

### 30 years ago - 1983

Representatives from the Idyllwild Fire Protection District, Pine Cove County Fire Department, California Department of Forestry and Hemet Valley Ambulance Service Inc. met to iron out their differences concerning

ambulance service on the Hill.

### 25 years ago - 1988

A U.S. Forest Service crew was cutting regrowth on the Strawberry Fuelbreak between Inspiration Point and the Grotto.

### 20 years ago - 1993

Thieves broke in through an air-conditioning duct in the post office's ceiling and made off with about \$3,000 in coins and stamps, and the contents of about 20 packages.

### 15 years ago - 1998

A couple of tourists "dropped in" for brunch in Idyllwild. Helicopter pilot Larry Etchandy of La Cresta, accompanied by his date, landed his helicop-

ter in the parking lot of the Hemet Federal Savings bank (now known as BBVA Compass).

### 10 years ago - 2003

Locals Bruce and Brian Kaufman snowboarded from Tahquitz Peak to Humber Park.

### 5 years ago - 2008

Norm Walker, fire chief for the San Jacinto Ranger District, retired after more than 10 years with the district.

### 1 year ago - 2012

Dr. Julia Bucci had been appointed the new dean of academics for Idyllwild Arts Academy. In April, she changed her mind and the school continued a search for a new dean.

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## Health

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### Possible benefits

Among the most common supplements are the multi-vitamin minerals.

It is unlikely that individuals who have a healthy diet have any vitamin or mineral deficiencies. However in certain cases, when there is concern about the dietary intake, a multivitamin is a reasonable option.

We should only consider MVMs, which are within the recommended daily intake. Megadoses of vitamins have not been shown to provide any benefits. Specifically, fat-soluble vitamins (A, D, E and K), which the body stores for long periods of time, are particularly dangerous when taken in large doses.

The FDA has prepared an excellent video about vitamins and minerals; it can be found at [www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm182737.htm](http://www.fda.gov/ForConsumers/ConsumerUpdates/ucm182737.htm).

According to the FDA, certain populations could potentially benefit from the use of vitamins and minerals.

- If you're over age 50, consume vitamin B-12 in its crystalline form, which is found in fortified foods or supplements.

- If you're a woman of childbearing age who may become pregnant, eat foods high in heme-iron and consume iron-rich plant foods or iron-fortified foods with an iron-absorption enhancer, such as foods high in vitamin C. Prenatal vitamins with iron are a common recommended supplement.

- If you're a woman of childbearing age who may become pregnant or is in the first trimester of pregnancy, consume adequate synthetic folic acid daily from fortified foods or supplements in addition to food forms of folate from a varied diet (400 micrograms of folic acid per day).

- If you are an older adult, have dark skin, or are exposed to insufficient ultraviolet band radiation (such as sunlight), consume extra vitamin D from vitamin D-fortified foods or supplements. Most physicians would recommend a supplement with 700 to 800 IU of vitamin D.

To establish the true benefits of a substance, careful studies have to be done including clinical trials. It is impossible or extremely costly to do these studies on supplements, which often include multiple compounds in the same capsule or pill. Besides there is no legal requirement that these products must undergo any type of effectiveness testing,

as result the consumer is often left to judge supplements based on the manufacturers claims.

A common claim often exploited by manufacturers and retailers is the "natural" origin of a product. Very often the idea of a natural product conveys the image of safety.

This is the furthest thing from reality. We must bear in mind that many substances proven to be very toxic are "natural," extracted from plants, trees or minerals widely available in nature. Curare, cyanide, strychnine, ricin and arsenic are all "natural compounds" and are also dangerous poisons.

### Cost

Americans spend \$23 billion annually in supplements. Most nutritional experts believe that most of this expense is completely unnecessary.

Furthermore as far as MVMs are concerned, it is far more cost-effective and healthier to consume the necessary vitamins and minerals as part of our daily diet.

Ideally, at least, the most common and dangerous supplements should go through the same toxicity and effectiveness studies that we use for drugs. However, I would not anticipate very quick changes. This is a \$23 billion industry with a vigorous lobbying machine.

*If you have a suggestion for a future topic for Dr. Manetta to address, send an email to [itc@towncrier.com](mailto:itc@towncrier.com).*

## Ramblings

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It is easy to prepare yourselves for an emergency when the weather is perfect. Even emergency service providers tend to train when the weather is nice. But disaster can strike any time of day or night, any day of the week or month of the year. Therefore, we need to plan as such.

What if last week's earthquake had been stronger and in the middle of the big snow storm? Or when the rains hit earlier this year? Would that have changed how you should be prepared?

It was supposed to be near 80 degrees this week here on the Hill, how would that change your emergency planning? Coming up, we will discuss water supply, food, power, fuel, and even pets.

### Get involved!

Here are some additional resources to consider: Mountain Disaster Preparedness, or MDP; Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); American Red Cross ([www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)); and Federal Emergency Management Agency ([www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)).

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. Please feel free to contact me care of the Town Crier or [chief@idyllwildfire.com](mailto:chief@idyllwildfire.com).

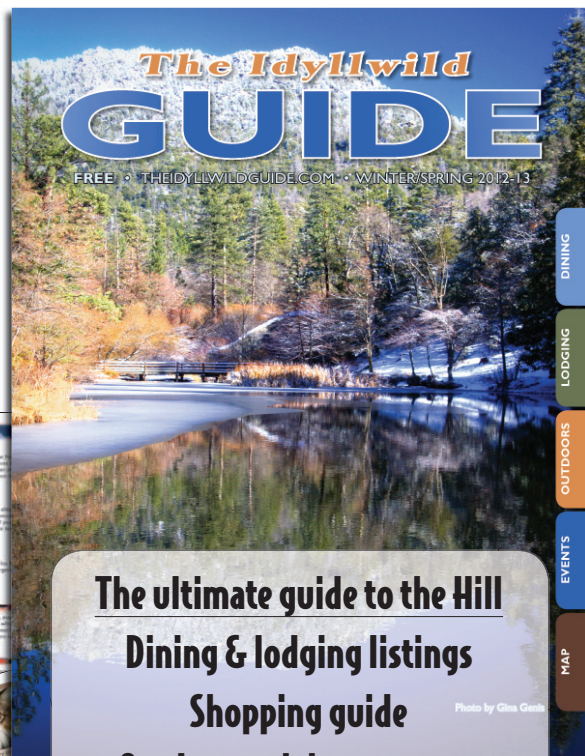
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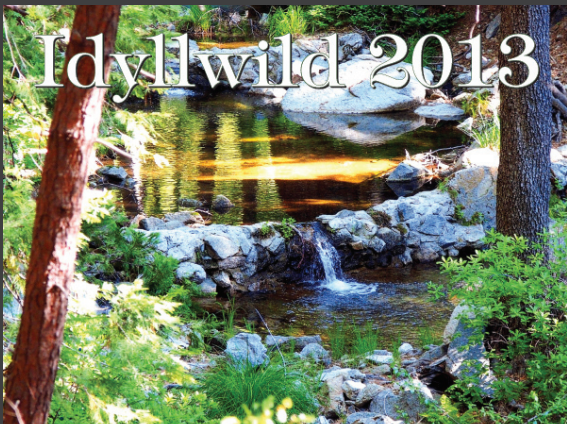
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