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Wildland fire season is here

BY CHIEF PATRICK REITZ
IDYLLWILD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

It's time to prepare. Summer is fast approaching and that means wildland fire season is coming too — except that it is already here! There have been several major fires in California, and two about 25 miles from Idyllwild in the last week, caused by discarded cigarettes, illegal burning, sparks and hot construction equipment.

Now is the time, if you haven't done so already, to begin preparing for

See Fire season, page 3



Flames and smoke hover over the Gilman Historic Ranch and Wagon Museum in Banning during the early hours of Wednesday's Summit Fire. PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

A risky rescue — 'Good job, buddy'

BY LEE ARNSON
RIVERSIDE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT

Editor's note: On Saturday, April 27, a climber had an accident. Two local members — Lee Arnson and Les Walker — of the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit helped secure the climber and enable his rescue. The story appeared in the May 2 issue of the Town Crier.

In the second issue of each month, RMRU contributes a column on mountain safety. This week, Lee Arnson has provided a first-person account of the harrowing rescue.

See also the account of the fall and rescue from the climber's perspective on page 22.

RMRU has just been called out for a helicopter rescue on the rock. I swing my truck into place below the Helipad at Keenwild and breathe a sigh of relief as I see Les Walker, See Rescue, page 23



RMRU lead Les Walker (bottom right) stands on a narrow ledge and prepares to safely attach teammate Lee Arnson as he is being lowered to small outcropping 300 feet above the base of Tahquitz. PHOTO COURTESY OF TIN ILAKOVAC

County costs still grow faster than recovering revenue

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The current fiscal year budget (ending June 30) is nearly complete and County Executive Jay Orr is confident no deficit will be waiting at the close. However, the 2013-14 budget, which will start on July 1, will encounter some significant problems before it can be balanced without dipping into the county's reserves.

Orr submitted the "Third Quarter Budget Report" to the Board of Supervisors this week and extolled the efforts of the district at-

torney, sheriff and fire chief to reduce and eliminate the projected budget deficits in their departments this year.

Although the county's consultants are optimistic about revenue growth next year, the expected labor costs are more than \$60 million. In addition, the county's Regional Medical Center's deficit is projected at \$50 million as well as having a substantial cash flow problem.

Public safety costs will continue to be major budget issues, despite the results department heads See County costs, page 23





Around 10 a.m. Saturday, May 4, three cars were involved in collisions at Paradise Corners, the junction of highways 371 and 74. The crashes injured two people, one who had to be transported by helicopter and another by ambulance. The incident is still being investigated according to CHP Information Officer **Darren Meyer**, but appears to have been caused by one motorist making a left turn directly in front of another. The third vehicle rear-ended the second vehicle.



Injured passenger **Brian Remas** is being carried to the Mercy Air helicopter. PHOTOS BY HALIE JOHNSON

RMRU assists in rescue of four lost hikers

By **MARSHALL SMITH**
ASSISTANT EDITOR

On Sunday, May 5, Riverside County Sheriff's Department deputies responded to a report of four hikers in need of rescue. The hikers, from San Diego, Costa Mesa and Los Angeles, became lost near the Tamarack Campground near the Deer Springs and Pacific Crest trails. They used a cell phone that was running low on battery power to call for help. The call came in around

7 p.m. and the hikers reported they were not dressed for cold weather. RMRU personnel reached the hikers and escorted them to the Ranger Station in Long Valley where they stayed until morning. When morning came, rescue personnel escorted them to the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway mountaintop station from which the hikers had begun their hike.

The hikers were uninjured and took the tram down to the desert station.



A large oak branch landed on a cable line Thursday afternoon. The resident was not home at the time, but Idyllwild Fire contacted them. **Dan Messina**, president of the Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Company 621, stayed on scene until Southern California Edison arrived. No injuries were reported.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Gorgonio Fire burned 500 acres near Twin Pines

By **J.P. CRUMRINE**
EDITOR

The Gorgonio Fire, which started near noon Saturday, May 4, scorched nearly 510 acres in the Twin Pines area before being contained Sunday evening.

This fire, south of Banning, followed soon after firefighters had contained the Summit Fire, which started Wednesday, May 1, north of Banning. Eventually the Summit Fire burned nearly 3,200 acres.

On Saturday, battling the Gorgonio Fire necessitated the closure of Highway 243 from Wesley Avenue in Banning to Poppet Flat Road on the Hill.

Officials reopened the road, with escorts, Sunday afternoon, and complete reopening was about three hours later Sunday evening.

"The number of recent fires is typical for this time of year in Southern California," said CAL FIRE Capt. Mike Smith, public

information officer for the Gorgonio Fire. "However the weather conditions normally don't let them grow as these have. The wind, low humidity and heat have helped them grow."

Although rain was in the forecast, Smith stressed that the worst part of the Gorgonio Fire was on its far eastern flank and access to it was very difficult.

On Saturday, several air tankers, including a DC-10, were dropping retardant on the ridges along Highway 243 above Banning.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has provided the state with financial assistance for the costs of fighting several recent fires in Southern California, including the Spring Fire in Ventura County.

The Fire Management Assistance Grant will provide 75 percent reimbursement of eligible firefighting expenses.

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

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Monday, April 29 to May 6, 2013:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

April 28 — Smoke scare, Highway 243, Idyllwild.

May 2 — Downed power line, Live Oak Lane, See Record, page 10

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Idyllwild Weather From the National Weather Service

Thursday 5/9	Friday 5/10	Saturday 5/11	Sunday 5/12	Monday 5/13
66/44 Slight chance of rain.	77/47 Sunny.	84/51 Sunny.	87/49 Sunny.	87/49 Sunny.

Date	Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
4-29	82	44			na	na		
4-30	75	46			na	na		
5-1	75	44			72	45		
5-2	78	51			na	na		
5-3	78	42			na	na		
5-4	75	42			67	35		
5-5	64	42			68	35		

Moisture in inches		Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	13.52	To date this season (Idy):	42.8
To date last season (Idy):	19.99	To date last season (Idy):	42.1
Total last season (Idy):	20.01	Total last season (Idy):	42.1
To date this season (PC):	19.12	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.

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Fire season

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another season of wildland fires. This not only includes preparing your house and property, but yourself as well.

There are more than a few things to consider when readying your house and property to prevent not only the ignition of a wildland fire, but the damage and destruction that can be caused by a passing wildland fire.

- Do not burn trash or paper in your wood stove or fireplace. Haul or have the material hauled to an appropriate location, such as a licensed landfill or the Transfer Station. Only use licensed haulers and know where the material is going. Recycle all that you can, including natural vegetation. If you do use your wood stove or fireplace, be sure that you have a proper spark arrestor in place.

- Know the regulations in your area. Here in Idyllwild, you are required to obtain



The DC-10 is one of the air resources also dropping retardant in the fire's path.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

a barbecue permit (it's free) from the fire district. Only propane barbecues are allowed — the use of charcoal is not permitted.

- Build or remodel us-

ing noncombustible materials such as metal, masonry, tile, and concrete. The use of wood shakes for roofing or siding should not be used if you live in an area prone to wildland fires such as Idyllwild. If you have a shake roof, consider having it treated for increased fire resistance or better yet, have it replaced with a noncombustible roof.

- Remove all debris such as needles, leaves, twigs and branches from roofs, gutters, and from around the structure.
- Enclose eaves, open and overhanging floors, decks, and balconies with noncombustible materials.

- Cover attic and crawl-space vents with 1/4-inch

wire mesh or approved vent covers.

- Install double- or triple-pane windows, and remove flammable items inside and out that are near the windows.

- Install spark arresters on chimneys, stovepipes, and fuel-powered motorized equipment such as weed eaters and chainsaws.

- Install shutters over windows and other openings.

- Maintain a firebreak of all dead and flammable material, vegetation and man-made, for a minimum of 30 feet around all buildings. Keep dry grass mowed. Expand this to 100 feet if located on sloping terrain. This is the defensible space that the fire crews look at when deciding to stay and fight or leave and forget saving the property.

- Remove tree limbs that extend within 10 feet of stovepipes and chimneys.

- Move firewood and other flammable material at least 25 feet away from any structure.

A major factor emergency personnel look for in assessing a property for defense against a wildland fire is the ability to access the property. Winding, overgrown driveways and roadways may be nice to look at and provide privacy, but are a hazard when it comes to emergency response. Proper widths, clearances, turning radiuses, and turnarounds are necessary for emergency vehicles to access a property. This is not only in the case of wildland fire, but in the case of any emergency.

Additionally, the proper marking of streets and ad-



A CAL FIRE helicopter drops retardant on a ridgeline to slow and stop the Summit Fire as it burns toward the Gilman Historic Ranch and Wagon Museum.

PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE

dresses is a must. Please do not hesitate to call the appropriate agency or organization to fix missing or unreadable street signs, thinking someone else may have done it.

Who is someone else? Post your address, no smaller than four inches in height, and preferably reflective. In the case of a large-scale emergency, responders from outside your area will be the ones driving down your streets, and need those locators to help them get to where they need to be.

A lot of information is available to help you prepare your property in the case of an emergency. For the Hill area:

- Idyllwild Fire Protection

District — www.idyllwildfire.com

- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council — www.mcfsc.org

- Riverside County Fire Department — www.rvcfire.org

- CAL FIRE — www.fire.ca.gov/

- San Bernardino National Forest — www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf/

Additional websites to check include: www.firewise.org, www.firefree.org and www.usfa.fema.gov/wildfire.

I welcome your comments and questions. Please feel free to contact me via the Town Crier or chief@idyllwildfire.com.

Remember to play it safe in all that you do!



One of many air tankers and helicopters dropping fire retardant near Highway 243 in an attempt to contain the Gorgonio Fire from spreading Saturday.

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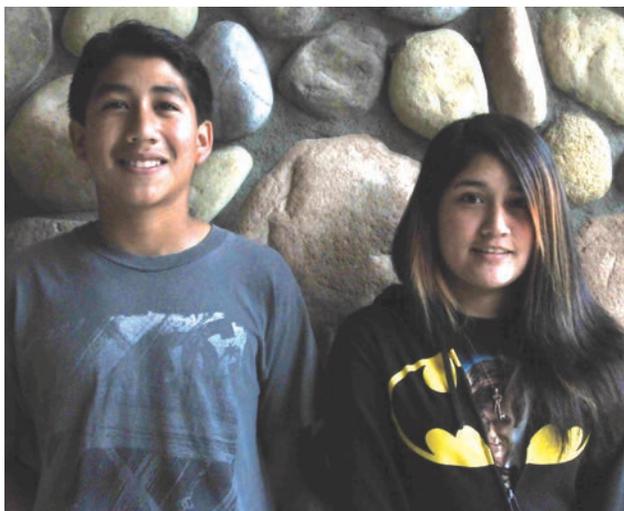
Idyllwild School Open House

At right, during Idyllwild School's Open House Wednesday May 1, **Buzz Holmes** (far right), music teacher, congratulates the beginning wind instruments group after their mini concert. At the far right, **Mrs. Salter's** (back right) third-grade classroom is full of color for Wednesday's open house at Idyllwild School.

PHOTOS BY BARBARA REESE



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Far left, **Kim Walker**, instructional aide at Idyllwild School, chose **Raul Pimentel** (left), 7th grade, and **Yasmin Morales**, 8th grade, as students of the week for May 6. Walker stated she chose Raul and Yasmin for being kind and helping others. At left, **Lenore Sazer**, middle school science teacher, chose **Ben Goulding** (left) and **Monique Grover**, both 8th graders, as students of the week for April 29. Sazer stated: "For three years I have watched these two wonderful students grow, mature, and develop into homeroom, classroom, and school-wide leaders. They are both on the path to success in high school and beyond." PHOTOS BY CAREENA CHASE

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

• 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.

• Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.

• La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.

• Pain Without Meds Group, 10 a.m., Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

• Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.

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

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

• AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.

• American Red Cross orientation meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 9

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

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

• Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers),

noon. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP. Call Francoise Frigola, 659-4146 for more information.

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

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

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

FRIDAY, MAY 10

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, MAY 11

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

• Raw Food Potluck, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Nature's Wisdom.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

• 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" monu-

ment. Call Sue at (909) 228-6710.

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

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

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

MONDAY, MAY 13

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

• Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

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

• Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m. 54325 North Circle, Suite 103.

• Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. 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, MAY 14

• Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. Call 659-6208 for information.

• Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.

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

Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

• La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.

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

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

• Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.

• Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

• A "Thank you" to the Teeguarden's, 7 to 9 p.m., Potluck, Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

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MOUNTAIN FOLK

Hemet High School senior **Erec VonSeggern** received a \$2,000 performance grant from the Hemet Community Concert Association. He performed the second movement from John La Montaine's "Sonata for Solo Flute." Erec will attend Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., as a music major.

Hemet High School senior Erec VonSeggern pictured at right.

PHOTO BY RUTH MORVAY



Public art deer project deadlines

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild is seeking artists and sponsors for an ambitious public art project. The project plans to permanently place 15 life-size aluminum deer, stags, fawns and does at 10 Idyllwild businesses. The purpose of the project is to enhance Idyllwild's image as an art mecca and launch a drive to create more public art in the village.

Local artists will paint each deer using acrylic paint that will be sealed to protect the artwork. Each artist's work will be unique and refer to some aspect of Idyllwild's history. The deadline for local artists, AAI members only, to submit a two-page application, is 5 p.m. Sunday, May 19. Applications must be postmarked by Friday May 17 and mailed to Shanna Robb at P.O. Box 2457, Idyllwild 92549. Applications are available on the AAI site, www.artinidyllwild.org.

Project manager Robb said she already has seven of 15 sponsors and is holding the sponsorship applications open until June 15. Sponsorships are available for \$475 and are tax deductible. Both sponsors and artists will be memorialized on plaques on the featured art.

Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

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• California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.

• Chamber of Commerce, 54325 North Circle Dr., 12-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 659-3259.

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Time to file for district elections

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The three local water districts — Fern Valley, Idyllwild and Pine Cove — and the Idyllwild Fire District have scheduled election of board members for the August election. Victors will take office Friday, Dec. 2.

The nomination period begins Monday, May 6. The Declaration of Candidacy (and other papers) must be filed with the Riverside County Registrar of Voters by 5 p.m. Friday, May 31, for the Aug. 27 election. The Declaration of Candidacy form should also be available at the appropriate district office, but it must reach the Registrar of Voters office by May 31.

If an incumbent fails to file, the deadline for that office will be extended to 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, for everyone except the incumbent.

The local districts' directors, whose terms expire in December, are John Cook and Mike Freitas of Idyllwild Water; Robert Krieger, James Rees and Charlie Wix of Fern Valley; Robert Hewitt, Lou Padula and Joel Palmer of Pine Cove; and Pete Capparelli, Jeannine Charles-Stigall and Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly of Idyllwild Fire.

The Registrar of Voters' staff are available to assist with completing the necessary paperwork and answering any questions candidates

may have. Candidates will receive informational handbooks at the time they obtain their papers.

Candidates who are unsure of the local district offices they are eligible for, based on residency, should contact the Registrar of Voters office for help.

Other special districts besides the four local districts planning an election for Aug. 27 include the High Valley Water District, Lee Lake Water District and the Rancho California Water District.

For more information about this election contact the Registrar of Voters at (951) 486-7200 or (800) 773-8683.

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

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



READERS WRITE

CSD not a solution to local services

EDITOR:

OK, I haven't written a letter to the editor in a while. I want to be positive; but when I see local corruption pushing itself off in the interest of property owners I get upset.

Idyllwild Community Recreation Council wants a community center funded by property tax dollars (a recreation facilities use contract) and Idyllwild Water and Fire want to expand their revenue base, really?

Is this about expanding Hill services, perhaps inflation, retirement obligations or something more sinister? The facts are they are run by the same folks (town business predators). Again, they want Hill property owners to flip the bill for tourists; call it predatory business welfare.

Not one recreation function will be performed at the community center. Where are the soccer, basketball, softball, and volleyball games? Not there.

Town motorcycle hogg fests, for profit renaissance

fairs, speaker series, after school daycare, and concerts are not recreation and are not to be funded by property tax recreation dollars. Sorry folks. It's just another attempt to push off business profit motives as community interest.

As for Idyllwild Fire and ambulance service, it's about who can provide the best qualified ambulance and fire service to the residents of this mountain. Sorry, Idyllwild, it's not you.

American Medical Response [ambulance provider for Riverside County] has the infrastructure, professional competence, objectivity, and yes, pay structure, to meet our needs well into the future.

As for your ability to save homes, when was the last time you saved a home? Let's be fair, what are the last five homes you saved from established resident-initiated fire. Step up and explain. Rah rah.

Idyllwild residents, let me explain. You are the only defense against fire from your home, period. It's kind of like law enforcement here, they are reactionary and serve little to save you.

Strange but true

In an odd coincidence, President Abraham Lincoln had a secretary named Kennedy, and President John F. Kennedy had a secretary named Lincoln. Kennedy the secretary told Lincoln the president that he shouldn't go to Ford's Theatre the night he was shot; Lincoln the secretary tried to convince Kennedy the president not to go on a trip to Dallas, where he was shot.

As for Idyllwild Water, it's their track record that matters. Water use is disproportionate between property owners and visitors.

IWD faces a legal fight that will strip them of stolen surface water, hence the need to recycle human waste back into the water supply to offset these indiscretions, period. Did you really think that they are "green" and socially conscious, or perhaps other water sources just don't exist? Maybe if they behave like a "green" company they will be allowed to continue with their indiscretions. Not likely.

What is certain is that you will pay the bill for this established misconduct unless they are voted out of office.

Where they each fail is in their arrogance, deceit, and abject refusal to publicly admit to their misconduct. For this, you must tell them "No deal."

Don't mistake the solution as the establishment of a county service district as advocated by the editor of this paper. Take three warlords and lop the heads off two of them and you end up with one warlord on

a power trip; stupid, stupid, stupid.

Short of eliminating each office, keep each of them weak, so not one builds power. Call it the history the Idyllwild Area Historical Society won't share with you.

JEFF SMITH
PINE COVE

Music is attractive

EDITOR:

Well, it's here, spring-time, warm weather, flowers and outside activities; how wonderful.

I've lived in Idyllwild for 19 years and I love it up here, as everyone else I know does.

I shop up here, dine up here, and go to a lot of

events up here.

One of my favorite things is going to Jo'An's when the "Beer Garden" opens, which was April 27. There's music and barbecue, and getting together with people I know and new people I meet.

Saturday was opening day and sadly to say, there were three phone calls complaining about the music being loud. I don't get it.

The band was a really good Western group from Anza, which also brought more people up here.

This event and other music venues bring people to our mountain to dine, to shop and just enjoy "Idyllwild — the mountain known for music and art."

NANCY HUBER
IDYLLWILD

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TOWN TALK

BY TERESA GARCIA-LANDE

What do you think about the continuing financial mistakes at Idyllwild Fire?



Bill Ragland
Retired
Pine Cove

"I think they're ridiculous. They need to make some hard choices."



Linda Klauck
Stay at home Mom
Idyllwild

"I just don't see how someone could not notice a sudden pay raise."



Daniel Pebbles
Writer
Pine Cove

"Everyone makes mistakes."



Monte-Edwin Mueller
Federal postal judge
Idyllwild

"It's a bureaucracy. What can you expect?"



On Friday, April 26, County Third District Supervisor **Jeff Stone** meets **Deborah Geisinger**, ISA certified arborist, in the Community Room of Idyllwild Library. She is giving Stone a copy of Dr. Seuss's book "The Lorax," an environmental story about trees.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

RENATE'S THOUGHTS

BY RENATE CAINE, PH.D.

DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, NATURAL LEARNING RESEARCH INSTITUTE, IDYLLWILD

What we need to know about "special needs" kids ...

Have you noticed how many students are identified as having "special needs"? Part of the reason why there seem to be so many special needs has to do with our ability and sometimes overzealous desire to diagnose children as different.

So much happens in children's lives before they ever come near a classroom, and so much that needs to happen right. Schools then are left with some nearly impossible tasks.

Even when we identify unique learning problems, we don't know much about how to teach or what is most important. I can recall walking into a "special education" classroom in a Fontana elementary school.

The first thing I felt was a general sense of confusion, frustration and fear as the teacher and aide were totally focused on making the students be quiet and just behave. My response was intuitive and very powerful. I wanted to leave.

The teachers were trying to make students behave in order to allow them to teach the way they themselves had been taught. Despite the fact that their students had been diagnosed as autistic, emotionally disturbed or bipolar and/or ADD, the teachers tried their best to get students to settle down and listen to their instructions.

My response was not to the students themselves or the teachers, but to what I felt the students needed — to be calmed down.

All of us forget the sheer value of beauty, routine, sleep, rest and silence. So much is happening with these kids that calmness, in and of itself, is critical. The value of routines and consistencies are often underestimated in

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Becoming Mom

The Idyllwild family experience

BY HALIE JOHNSON
PRODUCTION MANAGER

If all goes well, I will join the ranks of motherhood this September.

I've long enjoyed being an auntie, daughter, sister and friend, but always a non-mom. With the new adventure in motherhood already underway, this upcoming Mother's Day has me reflecting on what it means to make the transition from non-mom to mom and, oddly enough, how the role of "Mom" takes on a new meaning in a small town.

Becoming a mom is something I didn't think I'd ever get to experience. For me that was OK. I come from a big family with six siblings (four of them younger) and am close with three incredible nieces and an amazing nephew. I was around babies from a young age and have done my share of diaper changing, pacify-

ing, playing, worrying and cherishing.

But the universe is comprised of surprises. Last year I reconnected with a fellow Idyllwild native, Johnny Wilson. I'd always doubted fate or destiny (and I'm still a skeptic), but our relationship feels less like a typical human connection and more like a cosmic force. Our desire to become parents together was strong. So when we found out we were headed down that path, excitement took over and only grew stronger.

So here I am, carrying and nurturing a growing baby — slowly becoming "Mom." He weighs about 10 ounces now and is the size of a large mango. A recent sonogram confirmed his sex. His measurements and all other indicators checked out as healthy and on track — the best news yet.

Perhaps the coolest part is that it is happening here in

See Mom, next page



Soon-to-be mom **Halie Johnson** and her mom **Becky Clark**.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE



Idyllwild Rotary Anns are hosting the Hemet Rotary Anns to a potluck feast at Creekstone Inn on Thursday, May 2. The two groups are two of a handful of Rotary Anns throughout the country. The lunch meeting, the first time these groups had gotten together, was to exchange ideas and explore group collaboration.

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Gary Agner bikes in AIDS charity ride

By MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Local real estate agent Gary Agner wanted to do something big, something that would help others. On Sunday, June 2, along with 2,500 other cyclists and 500 support staff, Agner begins a seven-day, 545-mile bike ride from San Francisco to Los Angeles, the AIDS Life-Cycle.

"I've never really done anything like this before," Agner said, noting that this is not a timed race. "I'm sure I'll get passed by everyone, but this is a ride, not a race." To qualify as a rider, participants must raise a minimum of \$3,000. Agner has already raised more than \$8,000 of his \$10,000 goal.

Produced since 2002 by race beneficiaries, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center, the annual

ride raises money for AIDS awareness and services for those living with HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco and Los Angeles metropolitan areas. In 2011, 2,350 riders and 600 volunteer roadies raised a record \$13 million; last year 2,225 riders and 550 roadies raised \$12,600,000.

The route passes through some of the most beautiful scenery in California, and serves as a reminder of and memorial to those who have died from AIDS. After 12 hour cycling days that begin at 6:30 a.m. each morning, and logging on average of nearly 80 miles per day, riders stay in tent camps pitched by tour roadies. "It's a fully supported ride," Agner said. Organizers provide meals, shower facilities and support staff to help the ride move smoothly and on schedule down the California coast.

Beginning last August, Agner began training for the

ride. Every Wednesday, he logs 60- to 100-mile rides. "I'm in the best shape I've ever been but the best I seem to be able to average is about 11 mph. That should be enough to make it into camp each night by the scheduled time," he said. He noted the longest ride of any day is a 109-mile section. "Others are 65 and 70 miles on average," he said. "The shortest is only 45 miles but most of that is uphill."

Agner is upbeat about the ride and how donations will be used. "I'm riding to end AIDS," he said. "Every contribution made to support my ride is fully tax-deductible."

On his website Agner notes money raised is used for medical care, mental health services, pharmacy services including an AIDS Drug Assistance Program for those living with HIV/AIDS and for HIV testing and HIV prevention.



Local real estate agent Gary Agner, with less than a month before his 545-mile charity bike ride.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

To support Agner in his goal of raising over \$10,000, visit his ride website at www.tofighthiv.org/site/TR/AID-SLIFECYCLE12/AIDSLifeCycleCenter?px=2882967&pg=personal&fr_id=1550.

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

Mom

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Idyllwild. When we learned of the news, Johnny and I talked about the best place to raise a child and both agree there's no better place than home.

After graduating from Hemet High School, we both set off on separate adventures and have lived in about 16 different cities and three countries combined. We both left the Hill with no intention of returning permanently. But after many

moves, many new friends and witnessing many different communities in action, we're both in agreement that Idyllwild is where we want our kid(s) to grow up.

One of the biggest reasons for this decision is the "It Takes a Village" mentality that is so pervasive in Idyllwild and the many moms and dads we have here.

Our moms are both incredible people, as many of you know. My mom has always been an inspiration and my biggest supporter in life. As I've grown older she's become one of my best

friends. When my brother and I were young she was forced to take on the bulk of the parenting responsibilities single-handedly. A transplant from Florida, she was fortunate to find a network of support in Idyllwild.

Her incredible friends and coworkers cared for us, taught us, fed us and entertained us while she was working hard. And as we grew, friends' parents "adopted" us and continued the tradition of community parenting.

We grew up among a diverse group of people

who cared deeply about the children in our community. From what I see here now, that mentality has only grown stronger.

I am incredibly excited about this new chapter in life and I can't imagine a better place to be than in our little village.

To my wonderful mom and all who "adopted" me over the years (too many to name but you know who you are), I'll be celebrating you this May 12 and the rich, unique and nurturing childhood you gave me in Idyllwild.

Chamber meeting

The membership of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce is invited to meet at the Chamber offices at 6 p.m. Monday, May 13, to begin the process of disposing of Chamber assets. Assets include the town monument Harmony, the Chamber bus, and office furniture and supplies. Chamber assets must be given to local nonprofits as stipulated in Chamber bylaws. Chamber offices will remain open until the end of May.

Trivia test

Geology: What is the chief ore in aluminum?

Answer: Bauxite

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LOLA'S KITCHEN

BY DOLORES SIZER

Don't rub me the wrong way ...

Most of us have grilled using our own or a cookbook's rub recipe. I have tried various rubs for chicken, pork and seafood. For the most part, I primarily use marinades, only occasionally using rubs, although rubs are flavorful and zesty.



My favorite food season is right around the corner, I can close my eyes and smell the barbecue aroma.

Spice rubs are common in Jamaican, Texan and French cooking. Various rubs can be used on meat, fowl, lamb or vegetables.

I don't know if Country Farms still carries rubs, but several years ago I bought a rub there. It came in a tin and was infused with spices and crushed lavender. When rubbed on chicken, which was then grilled, the result was delicious. By the way, I love cooking with lavender.

The following rub recipes are for chicken and vegetables. The chicken recipe is from Bon Appetit.

I used to have a large round pipe-type smoker. My friend Julie's dad made huge hooks and a grate to hang the hooks from. I used the following rub recipe, then hung the chicken halves from the hooks to smoke until done.

The bottom tray was filled with either beer, wine or teriyaki sauce. The aroma permeated the whole neighborhood. Neighbors would ask what was cooking.

Chili-rubbed chicken with barbecue table mop

Makes six servings

Chili rub

3/4 cup chili powder (about 3-1/2 ounces) I used slightly less, too spicy for me
3 tablespoons brown sugar
2 teaspoons cayenne pepper

Mop

1 cup hickory barbeque sauce
3/4 cup ketchup
1/3 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce (such as Tabasco)
2 (3-1/2 pound) chickens, quartered backbones discarded
3 cups mesquite wood chips, soaked in cold water 1 hour (optional)

For the rub: Mix all ingredients in bowl.

For the mop, mix first 5 ingredients in medium bowl.

Arrange chicken in single layer on large baking sheet. Season with salt and pepper. Sprinkle chili rub on generously on both sides of chicken; press to adhere. Let them stand at room temperature for an hour.

Prepare the barbecue (medium-high heat). When coals are white, drain chips, if using, and scatter over coals. (I only use gas grills because of where we live). Place chicken, skin side down, on grill rack away from direct heat. Cover grill and cook the chicken until cooked through, turning every five minutes and covering grill, about 35 to 40 minutes (chili rub may look slightly burned).

Serve hot or warm passing mop separately. Yummy.

Vegetable rub

Makes four to six servings

Various grilling vegetables such as bell peppers, broccoli, zucchini sliced long ways, large potatoes sliced into rings, onions, slice thick or use water-soaked toothpicks to keep them from falling through the grill.

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon white pepper
2-1/2 teaspoons cumin
3 tablespoons coriander
4-5 large garlic cloves, finely chopped

Mix together, rub on vegetables. Grill until soft or soft-crisp. I prefer my veggies to have a slight crunch. Clean your plate.

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



The women of the Community Presbyterian Church Bible Study held a tea Wednesday morning to introduce the new book, "Becoming a Woman of Simplicity," which they will be studying. PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT MAY 2013 NEWSLETTER

IWD Mission Statement -

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

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE – IWD will be working on the system at the Tollgate and Idyllmont intersection. This project may require several days to complete and we will require a traffic lane closure. We ask that you please slow down when driving through the construction zone. We will post the area of construction prior to and through the extent of the project, scheduled to start this month. Thank you for working with us.

NEW TANK SITE – Riverside County Regional Park & Open Space is in process of reviewing the proposed IWD/RCRPOSD tank agreement. This proposed tank property is located off Delano Road. The site will be used for a 300,000-gallon reservoir to supply water for the Toll Gate Water Pressure Zone customers. Upon approval of the agreement the first phase will be to solicit bids for constructing a new 8" water pipeline from Delano to the tank site. The next phase will be to receive bids to construct the tank. IWD has funds in our reserve to construct the two proposed tank projects. The Golden Rod tank project is underway and will be completed by mid-summer.

WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASES – IWD held a Public Hearing in 2010/11 for 6% water and sewer rate increases for 5 years. The Board of Directors requested a review each year for each of these rate increases. In the second (2011/12) year, the Board agreed not to implement the 6% increase due to the tough economy. Last month we noticed a Public Hearing to be held on May 22 to receive public comments for the proposed rate increases. The Board will consider 6% water and sewer rate increases for the prior year of 2011/12 and 6% for the current year of 2013/14. If approved these rate increases will become effective on July 1, 2013.

STAGE 1 CONTINUES – Due to lack of rainfall this year, we are abiding by the Stage 1 Water Emergency in our District and will continue to closely monitor conditions. Foster Lake is at half-capacity and STAGE 1 is a voluntary compliance to reduce the amount of water used.



The next IWD Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m. REMINDER: Please join us for the annual Earth Fair on May 18 at Idyllwild Town Hall!

Strange but true

The Hula Hoop was introduced in the United States in early 1958, and the craze rapidly became one of the biggest in history up to that time. Shortly thereafter, the British Medical Journal blamed an uptick in back, neck and abdominal injuries on the fad.

Repaving Highway 74 ends early June

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Caltrans has started resurfacing Highway 74. Delays going to Hemet have occurred over the past several weeks. While the first phase was completed Friday, the overall project will

not be completed until the first week of June, according to Joy M. Sepulveda, public information officer for Caltrans' District 8.

The project will grind the existing roadway and replace with new material to ensure longevity of the route.

Eventually, the work will

be from Morris Ranch Road in Garner Valley to the separation of State Routes 74 and 371 near Anza.

Traffic control will be used from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. This means one-way traffic control with pilot car during the construction period.

The total mileage repaved is 19.4 miles and the cost is about \$3.5 million. Caltrans is using All American Asphalt that has been serving Southern California for 40 years.

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Pine Cove Property Owners give thousands to local groups

The Pine Cove Property Owners Association decided to make several contributions to local organizations at its May meeting.

A dozen Hill organizations were beneficiaries of the PCPOA's \$6,000 of generosity.

Mountain Disaster Preparedness received \$1,250.

A \$1,000 contribution has been earmarked for the Idyllwild HELP Center. These funds will be available for assistance of Pine Cove residents for propane costs and the Christmas Angel Tree.

Also, the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council's Woodies will receive a \$1,000 donation to help with equipment expenses after the

theft.

Six local organizations — Animal Rescue Friends (ARF) of Idyllwild, the Idyllwild Area Historical Society, the Idyllwild Summer Concert Series, Mile High Radio Club, the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and local emergency radio station, WNKI — will be recipients of \$250 each.

The Idyllwild School smARTS program will receive \$150. And a \$100 was granted to the Forest Folk.

Another \$1,000 was set aside for scholarships to Pine Cove students. The PCPOA is planning to contact the Hemet High School Counseling Department in order to establish a Pine Cove Scholarship Fund.

Renate

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this age where prescription drugs are our first resort.

Coming into a room filled with peaceful music, where kids have places of their own, and there is a coherent pace, is a first goal and essential to mastering any academic content.

A fire drill is just an exciting change for most students but for this group it can result in severe anxiety often resulting in all sorts of hard-to-understand reactions and behaviors. Every change in routine can be a traumatic event to which they respond in their own unique way.

First, they need loving acceptance, connection to nature and quiet. But teachers also need a much broader idea of what is going on inside these kids.

For example, I recall one absolutely beautiful little girl in a Sacramento school. She was so affectionate that I (along with most people who met her) adored her. It took me only minutes after interacting with her to realize that her mind was a totally empty place.

She was capable of smiling and being adorable. Coherent speech and thought were absolutely absent.

How did this happen?

Forming a brain in the womb is an amazing process that is delicate and miraculous beyond words. Many things can interfere as the cortex or human learning brain organizes itself with minute precision. And many things can go wrong.

Most of us know that pregnant women should not smoke, drink alcohol or use certain drugs, but how many of us know that the health of the father is also critical. If the father was a heavy drinker up to two years prior to conception, the child can be born with all sorts of abnormalities.

Perhaps one of the most damaging influences both in the womb and in infancy comes from stress. That may sound strange but the high levels of stress hormones found in the mother can influence how the infant is developing in the mother's womb.

Once the infant arrives, everything matters and safety and security become paramount. Once born, fear and stress from inconsistencies in the world, parental fighting, or violence can cause behaviors and emotional behaviors that affect learning capacities, and it may take a lot of therapy over many years to undo.

So what message do we take away? Young people need to understand so much before they create a baby. And it's not just about taking a course or two. The entire society models and teaches.

Most of us know this already, but I wonder how many of us really talk with young people in a way that mirrors what we know. Parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, can all influence by their actions, as well as friends and neighbors. You don't have to have a fancy degree to help young people be more mature and responsible. Just express your thoughts in a caring way and model what you have learned and believe.

Our usual conversations this month at the Caine Learning Center are cancelled so that everyone can attend the earth day celebration at the Town Hall on May 18. Support this wonderful event by showing up and buying something. Let's focus on making this a more balanced and healthier community and world.

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

Record

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Idyllwild.

May 3 — Medical aid, Walters Drive, Pine Cove.

May 3 — Medical aid, Marion View Drive, Idyllwild.

May 4 — Traffic collision with injuries, Highway 74, Mountain Center.

May 4 — Medical aid, North Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

May 4 — Medical aid, May Valley Road, Mountain Center.

May 4 — Three walk-in medical aids.

May 6 — Medical aid, Pinecrest Avenue, Idyllwild.

May 6 — Traffic collision with injuries, Highway 74, Mountain Center.



Monday night, a single vehicle traffic collision occurred on Highway 74 east of the Strawberry Creek Bridge near Mile Marker 55. **Bernabe Torres-Chinos**, 31, of Hemet was traveling west, lost control of his blue Chevrolet truck and hit the side of the mountain. Chinos was uninjured and was not transported to the hospital.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Sunday, April 28 to Monday, May 6. This may not be a complete list

of responses.

April 28 — Solo vehicle collision with injury, Highway 243 north of Jameson Drive, Idyllwild.

Sheriff's log

Log unavailable.

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Germinating a native plant and a festival

Lemon Lily festival needs volunteers

By MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

The Idyllwild Lemon Lily Festival, July 13 and 14, enters its fourth year faced with germination challenges.

Propagating the lily from native seeds is a time-consuming and difficult job that takes years to consummate. Growing the festival itself is no less difficult. Both take a core of dedicated volunteers that expands as the festival grows and adds new features.

This year fewer people have volunteered and only two months remain before the festival weekend. This is a problem for organizers, especially since two new projects were added last year — the banner public art project and free bluegrass concerts. And again this year, the festival will take place in two locations, necessitating more volunteers — in town with



The Pennyroyal Players will return to this year's festival.

bluegrass concerts and local merchant participation, and at the Nature Center with Lemon Lily festivities, art presentations and vendor booths. "We need volunteers now," said festival steering committee chair Bryan Tallent.

The Lemon Lily festival started in 2010 with the laudable goal of restoring the once abundant native

flower to its prepoaching heights of 33,000. So beautiful and so fragrant, the plant, which can grow to five feet with as many as thirty flowers on a stalk, fell victim to poachers in the early years of the 20th century.

In 2009, Idyllwild local and amateur botanist Dave Stith discovered over a 15-day period of sur-

veying from July through October, that lemon lily populations are springing back from dangerously decimated levels and that a festival could bring attention and add urgency to restorative efforts. Former San Jacinto Ranger District botanist Kate Kramer also believed a festival could help educate the public about what our mountains had lost, and foster local propagation efforts.

The festival has proved popular with so-called "flower tourists," who come to the Hill to enjoy the early Americana entertainments and demonstrations, sample lily-flavored gastronomic delights, frequent local stores offering lemon lily specialties and enjoy the foot-stomping pleasure of the newest festival addition, bluegrass music.

This year there will be bluegrass in town on both Saturday and Sunday. The Bodie Mountain Ex-

press headlines the festival and returns from last year. They also headlined festivals in Idyllwild during its bluegrass heydays in the 1970s. Bodie Mountain. Concert organizers plan full days of music, a larger stage, and are hoping to provide some shade structures after a few attendees last year complained of hot sun and no shade. The beer concessionaires and beer drinkers, however did not complain.

Also returning for bluegrass are Jamie Olsen, guitar and vocals; Kathleen Johnson, autoharp and vocals; and Don Reed, dobro and mandolin.

Returning to the Nature Center Americana festivities are The Pen-

nyroyal Players, a talented troupe of five women who through storytelling and song present portraits of people who settled the American West. The players remember the hardships, triumphs and humor that were part of Western pioneer life in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The festival, from its first years, has always had a strong American West settler component — recreating a time when the lemon lily grew resplendent in our local mountains.

To assist with the festival, contact Bryan Tallent at sprucemoosegifts@msn.com or by calling 659-5556.

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



Bodie Mountain Express will also be a repeat act at this year's bluegrass portion of the festival.

FILE PHOTO

Witbier: A beer with a contemporary history

By Jared Dillon

Hoegaarden is a small town located in Flanders, Belgium. Historically known for a wit style ale, the town ceased brewing the style in 1955.

Witbier is a top-fermented style ale that often has a very hazy, white appearance. Witbiers historically used a variety of spices and other ingredients instead of hops.

Hoegaarden is one of the distinct examples of the style and the basis of this beer using coriander and orange. So, how exactly did Hoegaarden become synonymous with the witbier style of Belgium? It all has to do with a gentleman named Pierre Celis.

In 1955, Louis Tomsin closed his brewery in Hoegaarden which at the time was the last brewery in the area brewing witbier. Since he was a neighbor, Pierre Celis, who was 30 then, often helped out at the brewery. His profession though was as a milkman.

Taking his experience

from working under Tomsin and with a loan from his father he bought equipment from an abandoned Belgian brewery.

He officially began brewing his witbier which was named Hoegaarden in 1966. The revitalization of the witbier style began with Celis's efforts and by the 1980s he was brewing nearly 300,000 barrels a year.

Tragedy struck Pierre Celis when his brewery burned down in 1985. Celis being underinsured was forced to sell the Hoegaarden brand to Interbrew, who would eventually buy Anheuser-Busch, becoming Inbev, the biggest beer company in the world.

The beer is still brewed by Inbev to this day. In 2005, much commotion was made as Inbev planned to move the Hoegaarden production to the Jupille Brewery.

The complaints and the fact that the beer was unable to be brewed at the Jupille Brewery caused an end to this plan. So the

Hoegaarden Brewery still exists.

Pierre Celis would eventually brew again in Austin, Texas, where he started Celis Brewery. His flagship style would be his Celis White.

Once again a larger company — Miller Brewing Company — would buy Celis's trademark brew. After the purchase many consumers felt the quality of the the Celis brand had been compromised.

Last year Celis's daughter repurchased the trademark for the Celis brand. Upon her purchase she vowed to bring back the same quality products that Celis was known for

throughout his fifty years of brewing experience.

Celis' white ales were distinctively perfect for the summer months. The flavors of bitter orange, and light coriander make them highly refreshing. The light body and lively carbonation also help make them the distinctive examples of the style.

We will be tasting a variety of wheat and witbier styles at Idyll Awhile Wine Shop starting at 6:30 p.m. May 16.

The cost is \$25 per person and each beer will be paired with an individual food item. For any questions call us at (951) 659-9463.

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Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Wednesday, May 8

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Modern Dance with Wendy Watts, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
Sandii Castleberry, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
"Iron Man 3," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, May 9

Alpenglow Lilac Garden Tour, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck featuring "Little Shop of Horrors," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"Destination," Hosted by Scott Foster, Pajama Party, 7 p.m. Jo'An's.
"Iron Man 3," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, May 10

Alpenglow Lilac Garden Tour, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon; Kraft Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"Iron Man 3," 4 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.
Sandii Castleberry, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Country Exchange, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.

Saturday, May 11

Idyllwild Garden Club's Annual Lilac Walk & Tea, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock" Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
The Fabulous Woodies, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jo'An's.
Live entertainment, 1-4 p.m. Lumber Mill.



Isis Theatre Company held a reading of "The Laramie Project: Ten Years Later — An Epilogue" at the Rainbow Inn Friday evening. Pictured from left, Lily Ruffner, Suzanne Avalon, Christina Lee Nordella, Howard Shangraw, Holli Plummer, Jacob Teel, Chris Pittman, Jeanette Knight and John Newman.

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"Iron Man 3," 2, 5 & 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Pedro Anderson, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Higher Grounds.
Bill Saitta & Doug MacDonald, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Rock Star Karaoke with Scott Foster, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, May 12

Idyllwild Garden Club's Annual Lilac Walk & Tea, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



TJ Titus opens the "What The Worst That Could Happen?" improv comedy show Friday night at the Rustic Theatre.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Arriba's.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Jerome Robinson, Noon-4 p.m. Jo'An's.
Live entertainment, 1-4 p.m. Lumber Mill.
"Iron Man 3," 2, 5 & 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, May 13

Adult Yoga with Trine, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.
"Iron Man 3," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, May 14

Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
Acronycal, 6-8 p.m. Jo'An's.

Wednesday, May 15

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Modern Dance with Wendy Watts, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
"Iron Man 3," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, May 16

Alpenglow Lilac Garden Tour, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
The Soroptimists Awards Celebration, 5 p.m. Oma's Restaurant.
ICRC Speaker Series Featuring "Importance of Native Plants in Nature and in Your Garden," Wine & Cheese Reception, 5:30 p.m. Speaker Presentation, 6 p.m. Silver Pines Lodge.

Wheat & White Ale Beer Tasting, 6:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
"Iron Man 3," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
"Destination," Hosted by Scott Foster, Wild West Theme, 7 p.m. Jo'An's.

Friday, May 17

Alpenglow Lilac Garden Tour, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
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.
Idyllwild Arts Theatre Dept. Presents "The Boy Friend," 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, May 18

Alpenglow Lilac Garden Tour, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Live entertainment, 1-4 p.m. Lumber Mill.
Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Pedro Anderson, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Higher Grounds.
Idyllwild Arts Theatre Dept. Presents "The Boy Friend," 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
Rock Star Karaoke with Scott Foster, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, May 19

Alpenglow Lilac Garden Tour, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 25025 Fern Valley Rd.
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.

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

Cystic Fibrosis Benefit with Live Entertainment by "Left on Lathan," noon-5 p.m. Jo'An's.
Live entertainment, 1-4 p.m. Lumber Mill.
Idyllwild Arts Theatre Dept. Presents "The Boy Friend," 2 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.



Mark Votapek, professor of music at Arizona University in Tucson, cello concert performer, and avid hiker, chose Idyllwild as one of his venues to get off the dusty Pacific Crest Trail. Votapek played to a standing room only audience in the Community Room of the Idyllwild Library Saturday afternoon, May 4.

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ICRC speakers recommend native plants

By Marshall Smith
Assistant Editor

"There are many reasons to use native plants locally," said horticulturist Harold Voorheis. He, along with co-presenters Jackie Lasater and Ben White, will discuss the virtues of planting natives in local gardens at the Thursday, May 16, Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's Speaker Series.

As the title of their talk, "The Importance of Native Plants in Nature and in Your Garden" indicates, they will also talk about the benefits to the local ecosystem of native plants, long seasoned to this mountain, and the harmful effects of thoughtless introduction of imported or exotic plants.

"Indigenous plants are used to our climate, they have adapted to this environment," said Voorheis. "They can survive a dry summer. By using native plants, you can save a lot of money on water and irrigation systems. You also don't need pesticides or fertilizers. The [mountain] soil, as it is, is perfect for the native plants. There is no need to amend it."

There are other benefits to the local ecosystem, said Voorheis. "Native



Idyllwild Community Recreation Council presenter **Harold Voorheis**.
PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

plants invite local wildlife, wildlife that has adapted to the cover, protection and camouflage provided by our trees. It's an ecosystem integrated over time, so beautifully organized, systemic, precise and so interdependent." Voorheis and his co-presenters will also talk about the need to research before introducing non-native plants that could interfere with the already balanced ecosystem.

Voorheis admitted it's a sensitive issue on the mountain and that sometimes people just want certain color balances. "There are very real consequences of our actions in what we plant. We're sometimes careless about what we bring in, but

with more education, there is more demand for native plants," he stressed.

The presenters plan to

discuss how planting natives also perpetuates the introduction of beneficial insects, the pollinators, predators and parasites that help balance the local ecology. Lasater and White will talk about new propagation techniques for native plants that don't depend on burning. The Hill is part of a natural burn zone and certain plants have historically needed that cyclical burning to propagate. "They'll also discuss edibles," Voorheis said, "how native plants were long used by Native Americans as digestible and topical medicines and curatives."

Voorheis explained there have long been proponents

of native plants, like the Theodore Payne Foundation in the San Gabriel Valley (www.theodorepayne.org) and botanical gardens that feature native plants. "But the push, our push for this mountain, is to get the native out of the botanics and into the home gardens. There are organizations, plant societies, and even graduate school courses that stress native plant benefits.

"It's the whole tear up your front yard concept," said Voorheis who marveled at how in a Southern California climate zone, one that is often stressed for water, there continue to be lush front yards and exotic

plantings that require extensive watering. "I think we're often innately selfish people who just want what we want even if it is not good for the environment. You can do full front and back yards with just native plants, that require less care, water, pruning and require no pesticides to keep plants healthy."

The presentation will be 6 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at Silver Pines Lodge and is cosponsored by the Idyllwild Garden Club. There is a free wine and cheese reception at 5:30. Both are free to the public.

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Idyllwild's 5K and 10K June 1

Leadership begins transition

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Annual 5K & 10K Fitness Run and Walk is again scheduled for the first Saturday in June and the course, through Idyllwild County Park, is unchanged. And the race will continue to help the Idyllwild School's physical education program.

However, the people organizing and producing the 30-year-old race have been changing over the past year and the popular race T-shirt also sports changes.

"There's lots changing behind the scenes," says the race media officer Bill Whitman. "We're in a transition and it's nearly complete."

Jim Taylor has ceded his public relations responsibility to Whitman. Bill Sanborn, who with Steve Erler, lines the course, will be working his last 5K and 10K.

One of the race founders Holly Guntermann is still involved, but Darren McKay, her successor as Idyllwild School physical education teacher, will be assuming a greater role in 2014, she said. Principal Matt Kraemer is also involved in the race's organization this year.

"It's time to bring in new people over the past year," Guntermann said. "They've been trained and shown how we've done it with check lists and something to do every month."

The race T-shirts, which are very popular and proudly worn throughout the year, will also serve a larger mission — to help inform the community of the threat to local oaks.

This year, a new design with a greater purpose than just the race, is being used. Doris Jean Lombard, a former Idyllwild School teacher and an active member of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council, has produced a design which highlights the California Black Oak. The tree species, indigenous to the San Jacinto mountain range, has encountered a serious threat — the Goldspotted oak borer.

The primary purpose of the race has always been to help the school's physical education program, Guntermann said. "But the second-

ary goal was to bring people to Idyllwild."

More than half of the race's participants are from off the Hill, according to Guntermann. "Hopefully, they will visit the town and businesses. The community supports us and we want to give back to the community," she added.

With more than 33 years of organizing this race, the Idyllwild Race Committee (a 501(c)(3) entity) has raised more than \$60,000 for the Idyllwild School physical education program. These funds have enabled the school to purchase a scoreboard, as well as a climbing wall, athletic uniforms and equipment, a VCR and video camera (for instructional feedback) and other necessary equipment.

Registration can be completed online or by mail. The 5K run and walk will start at 7:15 a.m., Saturday, June 1.

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Idyllwild 2013 5k & 10k Run and Fitness Walk

Doris Lombard designed a new logo for the front of the T-shirts for the Idyllwild 5K and 10K race and walk

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Participants leave the starting line at the beginning of the 2012 5K and 10K walk and run.

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The 2012 Idyllwild Earth Fair.

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The 24th Idyllwild Earth Fair

By MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

“Back to the Garden” is the theme for the 24th iteration of the Idyllwild Earth Fair.

The Earth Fair has the same small town friendliness long associated with other traditional Idyllwild events, the Fourth of July Parade, the Lemon Lily Festival and the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

It takes place from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., Saturday, May 18, at Idyllwild Town Hall. Admission is free and fair goers can enjoy multiple attractions including live musical performances, tasty food and activities for both adults and children.

Organizer Holly Owens promises attendees a wonderful mix of interactive booths featuring recycled art, solar energy, earth-friendly products, composting, wildlife education,

henna painting and more. Returning is the very popular Butterfly Pavilion offering the chance to experience and get to know the Western Monarch butterfly. Also available for meet and greets are a variety of reptiles, insects, a goat and some chickens.

Emceeding the entertainment is avuncular Doug Austin. Performers include the Celtic-influenced sounds of Swift Pony and

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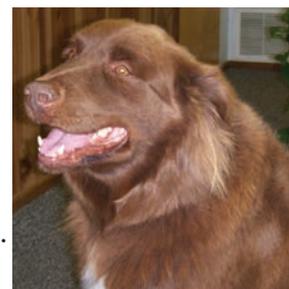
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Earth Fair

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the Idyllwild Arts Jazz Trio of award-winning musicians Luca Jacaruso on piano, Randy Plummer on sax and Mary Dufy on bass.

Concluding the day's entertainment are the Idyllwild All Stars, featuring Barnaby and Anne Finch, Don Reed, Lily McCabe, Robin Adler and

Dave Blackburn.

The annual Greenwood Award, honoring contributions to the health of the mountain's ecology, is being presented this year to the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council. This organization has done much to protect and to help the Hill through education programs and securing grant funding for property abatement and replacement of shake roofs. The Woodies, a MCFSC

component, provide many services in town, including firewood for the HELP Center and inspection of local properties to determine if the Goldspotted oak borer has infected area black oaks.

As it also does annually, Earth Fair organizers host a dessert reception for Greenwood Award recipients at 7 p.m. Friday, May 17, at Town Hall. The event includes desserts from local restaurants, a

silent auction of items contributed by local businesses and presentation of the Greenwood award. Tickets for this event are \$10 at the door or two for \$15. Children 12 and under are admitted for \$1 with all proceeds used to produce the next fair.

The Idyllwild Earth Fair started in 1990. Community volunteers believed an annual celebration of the earth and stewardship of it would be an especially im-

portant event for this still pristine mountain town. It is a not-for-profit event. "Twenty four years later, volunteers are still at the heart of this grassroots event," Owens said. "Our mission remains the same — to balance festivity and

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FIRE AND FOREST

By Mike Esnard,
MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Going green with abatement ...

Fire abating one's property, or reducing the flammable vegetation around your house, is a very green activity.



Of course, it is very good if you would like to lessen the risk of your house going up in flames and sending large amounts of toxins into the air and soil, but it is, happily, one of those things that has other benefits for the good of the environment.

One of the great benefits of fire abatement is that it makes for a more nourishing environment for the remaining trees and shrubs. They get more light, more water, and more nutrients when they are not packed in tightly, allowing them to grow stronger and healthier. A saying that captures this has been used often in the San Bernardino National Forest — "A thinner forest is a healthy forest."

Not too long ago there was a belief among many who were concerned about the environment that a thick forest, filled with huge numbers of trees, was healthy. Look how much vegetation there is.

Along with this belief went the idea that removing trees or shrubs was harmful. A sort of urban legend spread that it was illegal to take out a Manzanita.

The mistake in this belief was that a dense, crowded forest was either healthy or natural. Before European

settlement, the forests were regularly subject to low-intensity fires, the consequence of lightning strikes or intentional burning practices of Native Americans.

These low-intensity fires cleaned up much forest detritus and eliminated many smaller trees, thus opening up the forest, and creating a forest space with fewer, larger trees.

When more people began moving into forested areas and building homes and communities, all wildfires were seen as threats and suppressed. The result of strong fire-suppression policies has been crowded, overstocked forests all over the West, all vulnerable to large, destructive fires.

So if we are very concerned about the environment of the mountains we live in, as most of us are, we will not think it wise to surround ourselves with as many trees and shrubs as we can pack in.

We will instead approach our property with the idea that a more open space, with fewer, healthier plants, is our goal. We will especially make sure that there is little dead and dying vegetation within a hundred feet of our house, and that we, and firefighters if need be, can move easily through the property without being obstructed by thick clumps of trees and shrubs. We will make sure fire can't climb up our trees through the underlying brush.



Dozens of firefighters from CAL FIRE and U.S. Forest Service fight flames as they came right to the highway Saturday. The need to park equipment on the highway resulted in the roads closure from Saturday until Sunday afternoon.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

As a community we have changed and become greener over the past decade in this regard. Properties are in much better shape than they used to be, and you can see a new kind of aesthetic developing, one that is both more fire-safe and in tune with our environment.

Residents have become more aligned with forest and fire experts, as we come to understand what is needed

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Visit our booth at the May 18th Idyllwild Earth Fair and share your thoughts, questions and comments with us.

OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

Flora and Sully ...

It is Monday morning as I write this column and the sounds of rain are all around me. The unmistakable sounds of cars driving on the wet pavement were a happy wake-up call.



I feel like a farmer whose crops of wildflowers are now safe from drought. Southern California is now safe from wildfires, at least temporarily, until the Santa Ana winds return.

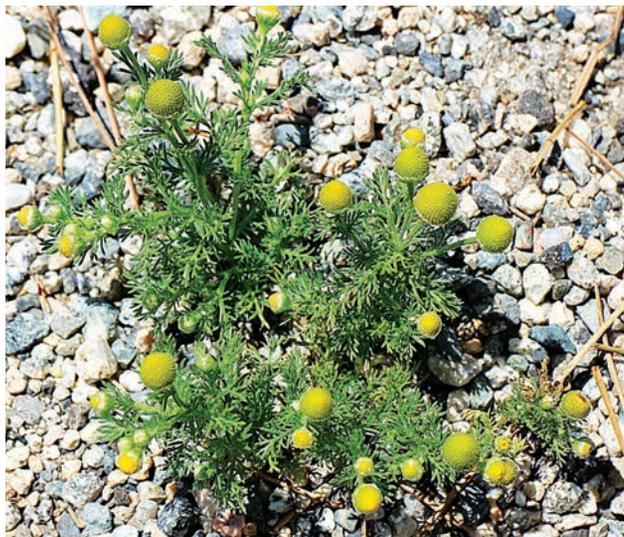
Spring started off with daffodils and fruit blossoms, followed by flowering oaks, manzanitas, ceanothus, lilacs and dogwoods. Next the wildflowers will be coming out in greater numbers.

Due to recent events the black oak flowering season was of particular interest. I realized that I have never paid particular attention to the full life cycle from flower to acorn to oak before.

A black oak does not begin to produce acorns until about 30 years of age and does not reach full maturity until its between 80 and 100 years. The large trees really put on a show in April. Nearly the entire crowns are covered with rust red catkins. I am ashamed to admit that I never fully noticed this before as I paid little attention to the black oaks in spring.

As I was paying so much attention to the fruit tree blossoms, I began to notice the various interesting flowers on the maple trees in my neighborhood. I was in awe the first time I saw maple tree flowers, with each variety having male and female flowers as well.

On the wildflower front, I found two interesting species



Matricaria discoidea is commonly known as pineapple weed, wild chamomile.



County Park employee holds Sully, a baby ground squirrel.

PHOTOS BY BRUCE WATTS

of wildflowers growing in the meadow by Tahquitz and South Circle drives. This is one of my favorite places for photography because of its scenery, flora and birds.

The first flower was from the mallow family, *Sidalcea*

sparcifolia (identified with the help of Norm Johnson) the few-leafed checkerbloom. The flower has soft purple to pink bracts surrounding small whitish blooms in the center. The plant grows on the side of the road. To avoid running over them as I almost did, be careful where you park.

The second wildflower I found was *Matricaria discoidea*, common name pineapple weed. This plant is from the aster family and is closely related to chamomile. They have a very similar appearance. The common name pineapple weed comes from that fact that the leaves give off a pineapple scent when crushed. The flower heads are kind of pineapple-shaped as well, at least as far as I'm concerned.

Recently I have photographed several species of small yellow daisy-like flowers. Unfortunately, it is always difficult to identify the many similar looking species. My friend mentioned the term "DYC."

I inquired what this obscure scientific term might mean. She told me it stood for "damned yellow composites." An apt term for these hard to identify group of small flowers that resemble asters, dandelions and sunflowers.

Finally, while I was walking in the County Park meadow, one of the people working there flagged me down. She told me that one of the camp hosts had a baby ground squirrel that they were raising. She asked if I wanted to take a picture.

Of course, I said "Yes." He was a cute little guy named Sully and is very photogenic.



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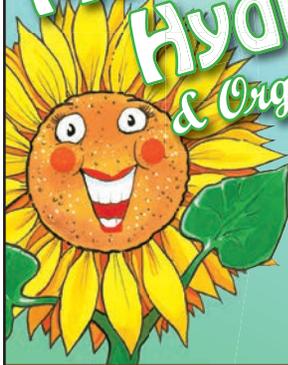
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You, the home owner, are the most important person in preventing your house from being destroyed by wildfire. It is the actions you take before a wildfire occurs that are critical.

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A Healthy Forest is a Healthy Habitat



Idyllwild students shine at league track championships

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Mountain Pass League track and field championships showcased many Hemet High School students, including several current and former Idyllwild residents.

At the Friday, May 3, meet Hemet senior Danika Hitchcock won the girls long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 4 inches, which qualified her for the CIF meet. She also finished second in both the 300-meter hurdles and the triple jump and was member of Hemet's 100-meter relay team which finished third.

Allison Hitchcock, Danika's sister and a Hemet High sophomore, tied for third in the pole vault and was a member of the 400-meter relay team, which finished fourth.

A third Hemet athlete, former Idyllwild resident, Briana Williams also per-



Tanner Torrez runs the 1600-meter race at the Mountain Pass League championships.

PHOTOS BY J.P. CRUMRINE

formed well at the meet. She won the women's pole vault and was second in the high jump.

The boys were nearly as successful. Jayden Emerson ran the 3200-meter race in 10:17.25 to finish second. Teammate Tanner Torrez

was fourth in both the men's high jump and 1600-meter race. Chad Schelly, who was ailing, could not run the 800 meters, but did help the 400-meter relay team.

All of the boys are sophomores.

The meet was scheduled for Wednesday, May 1; but smoke from the Summit Fire postponed it until Friday and it was moved to Hemet High Stadium.

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Jayden Emerson running the 3200-meter race. He finished second.

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Danika Hitchcock stretching on her winning long jump.



Chad Schelly beginning his lap of the 400-meter relay.



Allison Hitchcock clearing the bar during the pole vault competition.



The Idyllwild Middle School girls' softball team. Front row from left, **Leela Kintz, Amy McKimmon, Chloe Schelly, Gisela Chavez and Madison Herena.** Row 2, **Coach Mike Vladika, Danika Brown, Alia Teegarden, Destiny Mikroulis and Maggie McKimmon.** Row 3, **Laura Tlacomulco, Miren Pino, Yesenia Deniz and Jenny Rivera.**

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SPORTS

Town Hall Youth Volleyball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on Town Hall Youth Volleyball for the week of April 29.

Second and third grades

The playoff game was Tuesday night, April 30, between the Gummy Bears and the Sea Dragons. The winner of the match would move on to play the first place Blue Dragons in the championship game Friday.

The Sea Dragons jumped out to an early lead as **Fatima Guzman, Izzy Mirro** and **Maraja Kelly** played great for the Sea Dragons, getting their serves over and bumping the ball great. The Sea Dragons won the first game 25-22. The Gummy Bears regrouped in the second game and came out more aggressive as **AnLin Hunt** and **Rene Hernandez** served well and had several super bumps to



Pierce Pramuka of the Landsharks shows good form when he goes after the ball during the championship games against Pinkalicious, which won the championship.

PHOTO BY BARBARA REESE

lead the Gummy Bears to a game two victory, 25-17, and force a third game. The Gummy Bears stayed aggressive and won the third game 15-9 and the match.

The Championship match between the Gummy Bears and the Blue Dragons was Friday night, May 3. The first game went back and forth as both teams played awesome. **Matilda Terry** played great as the Gummy Bears built a lead late in the first game. The Blue Dragons didn't give up as **Cody Fogle, Layton Teeguarden** and **Ethan Teeguarden** made big plays to help their team come back and win the first game 25-22. **Aiden McLean** and **Alexandra**



The Sky Hawks take to the net against the Landsharks during the playoff games Tuesday at Idyllwild School.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

O'Neal had nice serves to help the Blue Dragons get off to an early lead in game two. **Katelyn Sonnier** played super for the Gummy Bears to help keep her team close.

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Pinkalicious' **Madi Collins** goes for the ball.

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Pinkalicious is the 2013 Youth Volleyball champs in the 4-6 Division. In the back, Coach Lance Fogle. Back row: (L-R), Miren Pino, Aly Fogle, Maggie McKimson, and Deanna Clowers. Front row: Peyton Prier, Shelby Read, Meixing Babcock, and Madi Collins.

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Nicole Cochrane (center) races to the ball as her team, the Landsharks, won the playoff game.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Strange but true

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The Blue Dragons won the Town Hall Youth Volleyball championship in the 2-3 Division Friday night, May 3. Coach Lance Fogle stands behind. Front row: Ethan Teeguarden, Layton Teeguarden, Alexandra O'Neil and Tara Geisinger; back row: Aiden McLean, Fiona McMullen, Cody Fogle and Brooke Taylor.

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Volleyball

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The Blue Dragons had great serving all match and won the second game 25-17 and the match.

The Blue Dragons won the first championship for the 2-3 grade Volleyball Division.

Fourth through sixth

grades

Tuesday night, April 30, was the playoff game between the Skyhawks and the Landsharks. The winner would advance to the championship game Friday night. The Landsharks came out serving better than they had been in recent games as **Pierce Pramuka** and **Grace Pavon** helped their team build an early lead. **Ol-**

Steele misses cut at Quail Hollow

BY JACK CLARK
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

For only the second time this season, Brendan Steele missed a cut on the PGA Tour. He shot 75-74 — 149 at the Wells Fargo Championship in Charlotte, N.C., last week, and was three shots back of the cut number.

The stats show that Idyllwild native had trouble keeping his drives in the fairways. He still hit a respectable percentage of greens in regulation, but was leaving himself putts that were too long to score well.

Steele will play this week in the \$9.5 million The Players Championship, informally known as the 5th major, at Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., where the winner's share is a whopping \$1.7 million.

ivia Hernandez and **Emma Johnston** played great to keep the Skyhawks close early in the game. The Landsharks pulled away late and won game one 25-16. The teams went back and forth in game two but as the game went on **Alia Teeguarden** and **Nicole Cochrane** made big plays and the Landsharks took game two 25-21 and the match.

On Friday, May 3, the Landsharks played Pinkalicious in the championship match. Both teams played great and the first game went back and forth. **Deanna Clowers** and **Miren Pino** of Pinkalicious and **Adam Smith** of the Landsharks had nice bumps for their

teams. The game was super close but Pinkalicious made a couple key plays near the end to win 26-24. **Madison Collis** served great in game two as Pinkalicious took an early lead. The Landsharks didn't give up as **Lainie** and **Rory Wilke** hustled all over. But Pinkalicious made the key plays and won game two 25-18 and the match.

Pinkalicious won the first championship for the 4-6 grade Volleyball Division.

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Mark Dean recalls his Boston Marathon experience

A promise to a first responder

BY MARSHALL SMITH
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For Mark Dean there were two Boston Marathons, the one that he trained for and the one he ran.

Although he ran qualifying marathons in the flatlands, he trained in the mountains. The low atmospheric pressure and the highs he experienced running in the mountains sustained him well during the first 20 miles of the Boston race. He was upbeat, positive and had kept an eight-minute mile pace. To him, it seemed that nothing could go wrong, until it did.

The last miles of the race and the moments after crossing the finish line transformed Dean's ideal race to a painful reality and added an honored promise he intends to keep.

Heartbreak Hill is famously the last significant obstacle to finishing the Boston Marathon, a final punishing ascent after over 20 miles, with a lot of downhill to the finish line. As Dean recalls, "I made it up Heartbreak Hill in good



Mark Dean and a Boston police officer, to whom he made a promise.

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shape, everything felt normal, but within 100 yards after the crest cramps hit my right hamstring. It was instant. I stopped and lay down in the grass. I thought, 'How will I ever finish?'"

Dean said after five minutes on the grass he began stretching. He eased the

cramp, got up, started walking tentatively, and then began a slow jog. He soon moved into the fastest jog he could do at that point. "My race was over," he said, "not my run, but the race I had hoped to run.

"It was a downhill run to downtown and I was on

a nine-minute pace. It was like running on eggshells. I didn't know how the leg would hold up." Dean remembered he had been told that when you see the giant Citgo sign you have only a mile to go, and he could see the sign. "That becomes your target," he said.

But at mile 24, cramps hit his left hamstring. "I had to stop again and take another couple minutes to try to stretch it out. "Seeing the finish line was bittersweet. I thought, 'Maybe I set my bar too high.'"

Coming to the finish line with the lane narrowing and crowds cheering on both sides was an incredible experience, Dean said. "It was like being in a stadium at the Super Bowl."

But even with delays forced by cramps, Dean finished well below the time needed to qualify for next year's Boston race. At that point, at the finish line, running again next year was not his plan.

But the tragic events that happened after he had completed his race acted to change Dean's plan in

ways he could not have predicted.

He recounted rejoining his wife Margie after picking up his race medal. They were several blocks from the bombsite, and didn't actually hear the explosion very well. "Then we started hearing sirens," he remembered.

Soon people were discussing what had occurred, and Mark and Margie began trying to get to their train out of Boston. There were no buses or subways running, taxis had been ordered not to pick up new fares, and the train station was over a mile away. "I just ran 26 miles, I guess I can walk another 10 minutes," Dean remembered telling a hotel doorman who he had asked for directions to the train station.

The Deans returned to Pine Cove and almost immediately Mark accompanied his coach John Hajovsky to Houston, where Hajovsky would be completing some doctoral degree clinics. "We drove to Galveston for a sightseeing overnight," Dean, a former soccer player, recounted. "We made a last-minute decision to attend a soccer game. We had no idea it was

to be a 'First Responder's Day.'"

One of the three Boston police officers, who stopped to protect a fallen runner at the blast sight, was being honored. The three were featured on the April 22 cover of Sports Illustrated. Late in the soccer game Dean decided he had to meet the female officer. Security officials said they would try to help. "I didn't think it would happen. Everyone was already leaving the stadium. Then I was on the field and saw her and her entourage moving toward us.

"Standing there with her I said, 'How can I not go back after all that has happened?' She replied, 'I'll see you at the finish line.' The promise was made. "There are no accidents," Dean said.

Dean is already beginning to run again in town. The 2014 Boston Marathon is a year away, but already he is preparing to keep his promise.

"It's good to be home. Every familiar face I see now that I'm back is like a cool breeze," Dean said happily.

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Climber reflects on rescue and cause

BY TIN ILAKOVAC

Editor's note: Climber Tin Ilakovac provides this account of his accident and rescue last week. Lee Arnsion's narrative of the rescue starts on page 1 and continues on page 23.

Last Saturday, April 27, around 1:30 p.m. I fell on Tahquitz Rock above Idyllwild in Southern California, on a route called Fingergrip, the 5.8 slab/dihedral pitch above the "Jungle Ledge," a very easy climb for me. I was a hand's reach from the bolted anchor when I slipped. I was injured in the fall and quite helpless after it. I had to be rescued.

This was my first climbing injury. I've been a climber since the high school days in the late 70s. I climbed around the world alpine, trad and sport, at all elevations on rock, ice and snow. My pastime used to be soloing 300-meter faces in the 5.9-10 range.

As if my past was my warranty, as if I were en-

titled to safety, I optimized my climbing to that, to "it won't happen to me." I wasn't there 100 percent on Fingergrip. I didn't visualize a few moves ahead. I didn't check how I executed them. This is how the fall felt ...

My left foot slipped, not a problem. Then, with increasing interest, I looked at my hands as they pulled from the rock, too. I was suspended and surprised in the thin air like a cartoon character for that one moment and it felt like this is how it's going to stay. Plenty of time to ask myself how many times have I corrected an imperfect move just a bit, without a glitch. I thought this part of my character.

Then the slow motion kicked in: I gradually peeled off, lost contact with the rock and took the rope to keep it up. I looked down the slab to see the path I was to pass inevitably. Checked the last protection. The orange Alien was well

wedged in the crack below me — 30 feet below me.

For I had decided to run-out a 5.8 and take a risk of a 60-70 foot fall, not a matter of great concern or even choice in many harder climbs, but this time — Was I lazy? Cocky? Feeling invincible? I remembered talking to myself during the last 30 feet: don't fiddle with the nuts, your smallest cam is not small enough, it's easy enough and you're almost there.

What bothered me now was the lack of a safe plan for this long, nonvertical slab fall. I hate

doing things without a plan.

No whistle of wind picked up with speed, no hit, no nothing. I just woke up in terrible pain hanging by a screaming rib-cage a few feet above the belay stand. Kathryn, Ilakovac's wife, remembers me moaning like an animal. I remember begging her to be lowered to the ledge to relieve the suffering.

Half an hour passed at the margins of consciousness, hours shaking in shock. Kathryn hovered over me,

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Rescue

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one of our most capable technical rock rescuers, already deep in conversation with the technical flight officer.

A rock climber had taken a serious 40-foot or more fall onto a small ledge about 300 feet above Tahquitz's base. He was initially unconscious and is now reporting severe head, neck and chest pain.

CAL FIRE flew in to assess, and deemed the situation too dangerous to approach with a larger helicopter and no high-angle rock experience. The decision was made to call in RMRU and the Riverside Sheriff Aviation Unit, but to use CDF's litter and packaging system.

This will be the first time ever that we are sharing gear with CDF. Les and I knelt down with their crew to receive a hands-on tutorial on the litter system. I'm impressed with its straightforwardness. The strapping system is efficient and will be an asset in the conditions we're expecting on the rock. They supply us with a c-collar and additional medical supplies tailored to deal with the expected trauma the climber has suffered from his fall.

We'll be going in loaded for bear, backpacks bulging with more than 60 pounds of equipment. We are fully geared to be in and out within the hour, or to stay for the next two days. Between us we have hundreds of feet of rope in case we need to do a full technical lower. Hopefully the helicopter will be able to pull us out, but assumptions can get you in trouble.

We board the A-star and within moments we're surging

into the air. With our huge packs Les and I are wedged into the small cabin like sardines. Manny, our TFO, balances himself outside on the skid, securely clipped into the helicopter with a bird's eye view of the pine-covered ravines rushing by below.

We fly up near the massive face of the rock. Kevin puts us into a hover that seems impossibly close, blades spinning a mere 20 feet off of the rock. The courage and skill it takes to fly a mission like this are incredible. The wind pouring over the ridgeline and the rotor wash against the rock cause unpredictable conditions that even the best pilot can't predict.

Les clips into the hoist and scoots past me towards the open door. Pilot Kevin holds position, while Manny lowers Les into a bushy scrub oak sprouting precariously out of the ledge. Les uses its branches to pull himself into relative safety and quickly anchors himself in.

As soon as Les unclips from the hoist, Kevin pulls the helicopter off to a safe distance. Underneath the thick overgrowth I can just make out Les greeting the subject and his wife. He immediately secures them safely to the face of the rock and then sets anchors for me. He looks up and waves to the copter to signal that he's ready for me.

I drop smoothly into open air, the rotor wash reflected back from the rock buffeting my body. The ledge approaches quickly and I can see Les below me in the branches, leaning forward, ready to clip me in to our safety line.

Suddenly the world jerks, sways and drops!

The rock swings away

from my view and I'm flying backward, wind whistling in my ears and pines rushing past below my feet.

A drastic change in the wind has hit the helicopter. The pilot's only choice is to peel away from the rock or risk crashing. His quick action and skillful flying have saved us, but now I'm wildly swinging like a pendulum underneath the helicopter. Manny recognizes the risk and sets to work lowering the hoist at the apex of each swing to stop my upward momentum. Finally quieting my swing, he hoists me back up.

As I climb back into the helicopter, I give Manny the thumbs-up to let him know I'm good to go for another attempt.

Kevin sets the helicopter into a hover again. Out the door I go. This time the hoist goes smoothly and before I know it I'm landing deep inside the scrub. Les clips me into the safety line right away.

Once we are safely situated the helicopter edges back in to lower the CDF litter. We lean out from our anchors to grab it as it spins in the wind. With a wave and a nod Star-9 peels away. We make our way down onto the belay ledge, an area about the size of a large coffee table, with vertical rock on all sides and a sheer 300-foot drop off.

Les briefly introduces me to the subject and his wife. We immediately begin packaging him into the litter. It's difficult work. The litter takes up the floor of the ledge. We are left perched on the edge of a sheer drop, leaning into our anchors while working to strap him in. Despite the warmth of the day the subject is shivering uncontrollably, a

potential sign of dangerous hypovolemic (significant loss of blood and fluids) shock. I give him my coat before we tighten the three layers of webbing and buckles to secure him for the hoist.

We can't hoist the litter through the thick shrub engulfing the ledge. We'll have to slide the litter out into the open onto the face of the rock so that the hoist can reach the spider attached to the litter.

We set up a lower, with the amazingly calm wife acting as belay. As we slide him off the edge of the sheer drop, the litter tilts slowly forward and the subject blurts out; "I'm losing blood pressure, I'm going to faint." His face goes slack. Les and I make eye contact. Oh man. We immediately start to raise the litter back up.

Les wedges his leg under the foot end of the litter to prop to it up while I work at the head end to level it out. I radio in a change of plan to the helicopter. We can't leave the subject in a vertical position for long, so we will have to wait for the last minute to get him into position for the hoist.

I perch precariously at the end of my daisy chain anchor, reaching out as far as possible. Les has the litter still teetered on one leg as he stretches to reach for the hoist cable. The incredible rotor wash of the A-star hammers into me, feeling like it wants to blow me right off the rock. Les catches the hoist. I hold the spider up and clip it in.

The litter is now safely clipped to the hoist, but we need precise timing to get the slack to free it from our own system. Everything happens in quick succession. Les yells for slack over the pelting roar of

hit my right side and my head.

Lessons learned?

I felt entitled to climb this climb with ease. This was based on things I climbed in the past. Yet I was supposed to earn it. We earn each climb, again and again. The climbs go through their subtle changes, get dirty, wet, holds get loose and break, and I'm certainly not the same from day to day.

I should have been focused, and if not, be frank about it. Take a rest, take a whole day.

Climbing takes constant optimization. (Body positions, power output, rest, protection placement, time,

weather assessment, steering clear of falling rock, snow, ice, positions of the belay stations and overnight camps, things you carry, etc.)

What was I optimizing for when I placed no gear for 30 feet? I was sure I wouldn't fall. Hubris, invincibility, I chose to optimize for that, rather than safety.

Now it will be interesting to see how will I deal with and optimize all the runouts where the first ascenders left potentials for truly long falls.

Thank you for all your good thoughts. Happy climbing! And obligatory: Climb safe.

County costs

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have achieved this year. Last month, the Board voted public safety its top priority and set a goal of increasing the number of sheriff's deputies to 1.2 per 1,000 residents in the unincorporated areas. The requirements to carry out the state's shift of prisoners to county responsibility also place significant demands on the 2013-14 budget. Another issue will be funding the county's new public safety communication system, which is expected to begin operations next year.

"That leaves the county with major obstacles to overcome, as discretionary revenues remain uncertain while payroll costs are set to increase and the county outlines a course to manage mandates for affordable health care," Orr reported to the board.

Compounding the challenge to balance next year's budget is the need to begin addressing capital equipment and renovations, which have

been deferred for several years. Another hurdle is the need for additional jail space as well as preparing to staff and run the future jail expansion that should be operational in 2015.

Continuing with his tepid report, Orr admonished the board, "Even with the revenue increases forecast, balancing the budget will continue to require taking the long view with prudence and restraint."

He then warned that layoffs or service reductions may be a necessary result of balancing the 2013-14 county budget, "essential to laying a sound foundation for the county's future."

However, Orr is optimistic property tax revenues, which are nearly half the county's discretionary funding, will begin to increase next year. Early indications include growth in new construction activity. Permit requests for new construction — home and commercial — are up 26 percent compared to this point in 2012.

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the rotor wash, the subject's wife gives us rope, Les unclips the litter while I give the helicopter the hand signal for a raise. The litter lifts and swings smoothly out and up away from the rock. Star-9 disappears over the forested ridge into the direction of the Keenwild helipad to transfer

our subject to Mercy Air.

I smile and Les claps me on the shoulder, "Good job buddy!" We grin at each other. Before it even seems possible, the helicopter is hovering over us again for a pickup. One by one we are hoisted back to safety. It's time to head back to La Casita for a celebration!

Climber

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profoundly soothing and calm. Lei too, a solo climber who came to help and called the rescuers. Time and pain were one and the same. The sky was a blue lid over it.

Then two shadows lowered from this lid, from a big bird cutting its blades into the cliff. One said, "I'm Les, he's Lee." They strapped me carefully into a gurney, and with inhuman effort got me into a position to be hauled up to the bird. Kathryn operated the Gri-Gri. I was utterly helpless. Full of gratitude. Thank you Les and Lee, thank you

Kathryn and Lei, thank you pilot and copilot.

I was rushed into the Riverside hospital where they suspected broken hip, ribs, fingers, neck and brain hemorrhage. Quite a list, so they kept me. The kind hospital personnel dismissed one suspicion after the other, until on Sunday afternoon I was cleared to go home. The fall truly spared me — I was just bruised like hell.

We'll never know what happened in those 2-3 seconds it took me to fall. I was knocked out, Kathryn was breaking the fall and watching the rope. It seems plausible that the rope tightened and pulled me backwards into the dihedral where I

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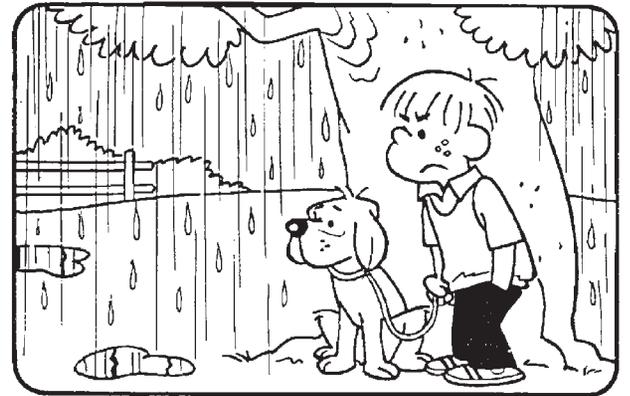
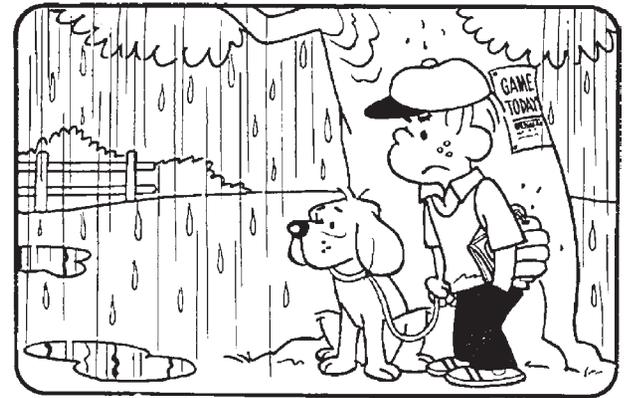
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MOVING SALE: Everything must go, all offers will be considered. Fri & Sat, May 10 & 11. 54560 Adams, Idy. Desktop computer, custom built, desk & chair. 19" TV, white leather recliner couch, sofa bed, glass TV table, drop leaf table w/2 leaves, microwave oven, Mr Coffee pot, double dresser, pillows, blankets, clothing, knickknacks, etc. For more information call, 951-659-5310.

Rentals Wanted

Wanted: room for rent. Single male & small house broken dog. Senior citizen. 760-409-2701.

Autos Wanted

DONATE YOUR CAR ^ Fast Free Towing 24 hr. Response - Tax Deduction. UNITED BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION. Providing Free Mammograms & Breast Cancer Info 888-792-1675 (Cal-SCAN)

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Sunny, private, warm 1 BR apartment - 700 sq., small deck and carport. Utilities incl. Washer/line dry, satellite avail. No pets, no smoking. 4WD recommended. 659-7785.

Bright & cheery 1 BR plus loft, 2nd floor apt. 1-1/2 BA, skylights, 2 decks, laundry & storage. No smoking or pets. Incl. basic water. \$815/mo. Owner/agent. 659-2320 or 452-5552.

52060 Strawberry Dr. Idyllwild, unit 3. Charming guest home, 1 BR, 1 BA, custom wood work. 2 Decks; excellent loc., walk to elementary school and town. Util not incl. \$690/mo. Avail. now. **Bonita casa,** 1 recamara, 1 baño. Excelente ubicacion, cerca de escuela Primaria, 760-435-9253. Hablamos Español.

\$600/mo. 1,000 sq. ft. studio, 1 BA apt. Walking distance to Idyllwild town. Fenced 1/2 acre yard and patio. No smoking, pets negotiable. Incl. water and electric. Avail. now. 659-5712 robinsmile@aol.com

For Rent or Lease

Beautiful & spacious 2 BR, 2 BA, plus bonus room, lots of built-ins and storage in Cedar Glen. Washer/dryer, fridge, freezer included. \$1550/mo. Please call (562) 618-0008 for more information.

Idyllwild Property Management

54960 Pine Crest Ave. Ste. 1
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Fax: (951) 659-4206
Check out our website:
www.myipmoffice.com

53230 Meadow
Cute cabin w/lg. yard. 2BR. 1 BA. Propane heat and WB fireplace. \$850/mo.

54055 Lower Pine Crest #5
Nice 1 BR Apt with Breakfast area in kitchen, water paid. \$675/mo.

54055 Lower Pine Crest #3
Cute 1 BR Apt upstairs with great view. Lg. Kitchen Water paid. \$650/mo.

2 BR, 1 BA with dining room, laundry room & carport. No smoking/pets. \$850/mo. Call Jackie at (951) 306-9769.

3 BR, 2 BA, W/D hookups. Lg. sunny deck, fenced backyard. Warm, sunny, easy access, clean home. \$1,100/mo. + dep. 951-659-2280.

For Rent or Lease

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Adorable Idyllwild home for lease located in Fern Valley. Privately owned, single-level, 2 BR/2 BA cabin, fully furnished. Queen beds, rock fireplace, full kitchen, outdoor patio w/view, washer/dryer. One free month rent with a year's lease! \$900/mo. Please call or email: 951-775-7720 fondalu@gmail.com

Studio cabins, \$500 and \$530. Clean, freshly painted interiors, new carpeting, nice wood burning stoves. Refs. required. 760-469-5905.

Commercial Rentals

Retail or office space, Oakwood Village, 54425 No. Circle, Unit 1 and 2, \$1,345/mo. Unit 4, \$585/mo. 1-year lease required. Call Jim (951) 833-7426.

Real Estate

For Sale By Owner - Idyllwild Lovely Get-A-Way or home, 2007 Park Model Trailer at Royal Pine Mobile Home Estates. 26350 Delano Dr. Space #19, furnished, immaculate, 1 BR, 1 BA, new floor, large lot, new deck, many xtras. \$48,500. No escrow. Call 951-929-9638. Open House, May 25, 26, 27.

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Health

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you might prefer moving forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking time out of your busy schedule might

be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If you're suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things can finally calm down.

BORN THIS WEEK: You keep an open mind on most matters, making you the confidante of choice for people who need your honest counsel.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MARY WHITE TRUCKING, 54495 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3018, Idyllwild, CA 92549. MARY ELIZABETH WHITE, 54495 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed:
MARY E. WHITE

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 9, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-03748

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APRIL 9, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO APRIL 9, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: G. Gould, Deputy

Pub. TC: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as APPRAISAL HOUSE, REO JOE, 1101 California Avenue #100, Corona, CA 92881, Riverside County. SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA, INC., 1101 California Avenue #100, Corona, CA 92881, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Jan. 1, 2013.

Signed:
JOE QUINTEROS

President/CEO

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 4, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-03585

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APRIL 4, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO APRIL 4, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: N. Medina, Deputy

Pub. TC: April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as GREEN LINE SUPPLY, GREEN LINE COATINGS, GREEN LINE PANELS, GREEN LINE LIVING, GREEN LINE HOUSE PLANS, BUILD GREEN LINE, 27309 Pt. Loma Ct., Hemet, CA 92544, Riverside County. TAMMY SUE CHRIS, 27309 Pt. Loma Ct., Hemet, CA 92544.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed:
TAMMY CHRIS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 15, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-03950

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APRIL 15, 2018. A

Pub. TC: April 25, May 2, 9, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as HIGHER SELF HEALTH CARE, 54385 N. Circle Drive, Unit B, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 7, Mountain Center, CA 92561. ELIZA — SCUDDER, 28300 Bonita Vista Road, Mountain Center, CA 92561.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed:
ELIZA SCUDDER

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 17, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-04120

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APRIL 17, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO APRIL 18, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: J. Wray, Deputy

Pub. TC: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as RUSTIC THEATRE, THE RUSTIC THEATRE, 54290 N. Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3362, Idyllwild, CA 92549. CANYON FALLS PRODUCTIONS LLC, 53310 Meadow Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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

Signed:
PHILIP R. CALDERONE

President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 17, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R2013-04094

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CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: J. Wray, Deputy

Pub. TC: April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MIND BODY DOG, 68445 Terrace Rd., Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside County. SHAWN MANDY KAY, 68445 Terrace Rd., Cathedral City, CA 92234.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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

Signed:
SHAWN KAY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 23, 2013.

FILE NO.:
I-2013-01104

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CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: Y. R. Cruz, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as JOE GRAY'S PLUMBING, 30351 Milky Way Dr., Temecula, CA 92592, Riverside County.

JOSEPH PATRICK GRAY and ARLENE MARY MORAN-GRAY, 30351 Milky Way Dr., Temecula, California 92592.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Jan. 1, 2002.

Signed:
JOSEPH PATRICK GRAY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 25, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-04525

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APRIL 25, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO APRIL 25, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: N. Medina, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as DIANJIWAN, DIANDRA GATTI, ITM, 26500 Hwy 243 #C, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3346, Idyllwild, CA 92549. DI ANDRA MERINE GATTI, 26500 Hwy 243 #C, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed:
DI ANDRA M GATTI

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 24, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-04451

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CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: T. Jensen, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as EL RANCHO ESTATES MOBILE HOME PARK, 8301 E. Hobson Way, Blythe, California 92225, Riverside County. IRALEX-BLYTHE, INC., 6050 Seahawk Street, Ventura, California 93003, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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

Signed:
PETER A GOLDENRING

President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 22, 2013.

FILE NO.:
I-2013-01089

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APRIL 22, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO APRIL 22, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: A. Chavez, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as RHINO PRODUCTS, 31764 Pepper Tree St., Winchester, CA 92596, Riverside County. TIMOTHY MARTIN MALOLEPSY and DEANA NICOLE ODDO, 31764 Pepper Tree St., Winchester, CA 92596.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

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

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Signed:
TIM MALOLEPSY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 24, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-04458

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CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: M. Gonzales, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 2, 9, 16, 23, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as BETTERWAY AUTO SALES, BETTERWAY CARS AND TRUCKS, 651 Burwood Ct., Riverside, CA 92506, Riverside County. BETTERWAY MARKETING, INC., 651 Burwood Ct., Riverside, CA 92506, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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

Signed:
PATRICK M. NELSON

President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 30, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-04667

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON APRIL 30, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO APRIL 30, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: C. Teran, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2013.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public sale of the following described personal property will be held at the hour of 3 p.m. May 19, 2013 at Lockaway Storage, 1181 North State St., in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, misc. tools and equipment.

This notice is given in accordance with

the provisions of section 21700 et. seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

Manager/Dustin Leonard
RE: Notice of Public Sale
Misc. Household Items and Furniture.
Lockaway Storage
1181 North State St.
Hemet, CA 92543
(951) 929-2053
Name: Name: PULATIE, BRITTNEY
Name: PRIETO, JUANA
Name: ARAGON, SUZANNE
Name: BERNARD, STACEY
Name: CALWELL, CAROL
Name: KUHLMAN, TENNILLE - THOMAS

Name: QUINNAN, EDWARD
Name: RAMOS, RUDY
Name: STOCKER, ANTONIO
Auction to be held on May 19, at 3 p.m.
Lockaway Hemet
Dustin Leonard - Manager
American Auction Service
Bond # FS8632014

Pub. TC: May 16, 16, 2013.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the public that there is available in the Pine Cove Water District office, for public inspection, the written report of the water standby assessments for unimproved lots for the fiscal year 2013/2014. The assessments will be \$30.00 per acre or portion thereof. A hearing on said report will be held before the Pine Cove Water District Board of Directors at 10 a.m. June 12, 2013, in the District Board Room located at 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove, CA.

Pub. TC: May 9w, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MRS. PICKLES PANTRY, 25618 Big Pine St., Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 3128, Idyllwild, CA 92549. INDIVIDUAL LAURIE GAY HIDY, 25618 Big Pine St., Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed:
LAURIE HIDY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on April 29, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-04622

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CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk

By: C. Berg, Deputy

Pub. TC: May 9, 16, 23, 30, 2013.

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Call Dolores at (951) 659-2145 or stop by the Town Crier, 24945 Village Center Dr. (office open Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. from 9 am to 5 pm.)

Idyllwild Service Directory

- New ads placed at beginning of month only
- Deadline for new ads: 5 p.m. last Thursday of month
- Unless the heading is currently running, your ad must be 2 col. x 2" or larger.
- Minimum insertion: 1 month
- One copy change permitted monthly
- Deadline for copy change: noon Friday

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1 COL. x 2"	= \$13.80 PER WEEK
1 COL. x 2-1/2"	= \$17.25 PER WEEK
2 COL. x 2"	= \$27.60 PER WEEK
2 COL. x 2-1/2"	= \$34.50 PER WEEK
2 COL. x 3"	= \$41.40 PER WEEK
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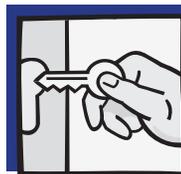
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Idyllwild riders make strong showing in Spring Challenge



Mountain bikers begin pedaling at the start of Saturday's Idyllwild Spring Challenge. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

By MARSHALL SMITH
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Once again, Idyllwild locals rode great races in the 2013 Spring Challenge mountain bike race.

Kenny Gioeli of Idyllwild Cycling came in first in the Cross Country Race, Open Men Category, age 40 to 49. Gioeli said he also came in 10th overall. Gioeli has captured first place in previous Spring Challenges. Freddie Espinoza, also a top finisher in previous ISC races, notched two first-place finishes this year — in the Cross Country Category 1, men 40 to 49 and in the Time Trial Race.

Misty Hitchcock rode to a first-place finish in the Cross Country, Category 2, women 40 to 49.

Josh White placed in both the Cross Country and Time Trial races — 4th place in Category 2 Men in the Time Trial and 8th in the Cross Country, Category 2 Men, age 30 to 39.

Other locals who garnered top spots include Don Sutton, who finished 3rd in the Cross Country, Open Men 50+, and Elias Wilke Jr. who cycled to a 4th-place finish in the Cross Country, Category 3 Men, 15 to 18.

As Race Director Katie Hedrich noted, locals are dedicated participants in this homegrown race that has accumulated accolades from pro riders, kudos from Cycling International and listing as a major race by national and international cycling associations.

Hedrich said this year's ISC

attracted some big profile pro riders including Sid Taberly, 33, from Australia and David "Tinker" Juarez, 55, a member of the Mountain Bike Hall of Fame. Taberly, of team Kenda/H2O Overdrive, won the men's pro race and Larissa Fitchett, 27, of team Lost Coast/Marin Bikes, won the women's.

"The race went great but we were really down on numbers, only 255," said Hedrich. "I guess we were up against some other events." Local organizations including Mile High Radio Club/Mountain RACES and Mountain Disaster Preparedness pitched in to provide infrastructure and communication support.

Complete race results can be found at www.idyllwildcycling.com.

The club is working with the Forest Service and landowners adjacent to the racecourse to achieve status as a Designated Trail System prior to the running on next year's race. Designation as a dual-use mountain bike and equestrian system would bring additional cache to the event and sanction continued long term use by ISC organizers.

A small percentage of ISC race proceeds support next year's race while a majority helps fund Idyllwild Cycling's club activities, including working with local land managers to create the Designated Trail System. The race also donates to Living Free Animal Sanctuary in Mountain Center and World Bicycle Relief.

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

Idyllwild Spring Challenge 2013 Cross Country Results

Place Name Bib# Age Team Time Time back

Pro Men

- 01 Sid Taberlay 145 33 Kenda / H2O Overdrive 2:15:00
- 02 Menso de Jong, 152 24, Team Clif Bar Cycling 2:16:40 0:01:31
- 03 David Tinker Juarez 146 52 FACTORY CANNONDALE 2:17:12 0:00:59

Pro Men Single Speed

- 01 Doug Andrews, 153 52 La Ruta 2:44:13

Pro Women

- 01 Larissa Fitchett 158 27 Lost, Coast / Marin Bikes 2:48:55
- 02 Anna Dvorak 157 26 Spy / Giant / Ride 3:32:30 -0:43:35
- 03 Timari Pruis 156 38 Pivot Cycles/Kenda 3:39:02 -0:50:07

Jr. Category 1 Men 15-18

- 01 Brent Burcham, 536 18 2:10:29

Men 19-29

- 01 Scott Moore 220 28 Incycle 2:58:23
- 02 Patrick Barrett 211 29 Austinbikes/Revenant 3:26:00 -0:27:37

Category 1 Men 30-39

- 01 Marco Arocha 231 36 Bikes4Boobs / Rock N Road 2:35:24
- 02 Ben Jones 232 39 Velo Hanger/Focus Bikes 2:39:29 -0:04:05
- 03 Daniel Perez 215 37 Bear Valley Bike 2:47:51 -0:12:27

Category 1 Men 40-49

- 01 Glenn Stanton 221 46 Velobum 2:36:58
- 02 Pascal Bonaventure 207 43 SKLZ-Swamis 2:41:24 -0:04:26
- 03 Gareth Roberts 228 44 Triple Threat 2:44:19 -0:07:21

Category 1 Men 50-59

- 01 David Marsh 539 59 Chains Required 2:49:35

Category 1 Men 60+

- 01 Jon Miller 543 61 Platinum Performance 2:14:34
- 02 Bob Macy 540 66 The Bike Shop Temecula 2:34:52 -0:20:18
- 03 Mark Blakeslee 538 62 Bear Valley Bikes 2:35:08 -0:20:34

Category 1 Men Single Speed

- 01 Allan Laframboise 222 41 Don's Bikes/Ellsworth 2:38:13
- 02 Timothy Sparks 225 42 Platinum Performance 2:47:57 -0:09:44
- 03 Craig Sisino 227 46 Platinum Performance 3:07:37 -0:29:24

Category 1 Women 40-49

- 01 Heidi Bowen 541 44 Giant Factory Team 2:55:29

Jr. Category 2 Men 15-18

- 01 Evan Christenson-Meyer734 16 Zumwalts Bicycle Center 1:57:23
- 02 Sage Washbaugh 749 17 O-Tus Chains Required 2:03:08 0:04:39
- 03 Jonah Sanchez 735 13 Simple Green/Bike Religion 2:20:04 -0:12:17

Category 2 Men 19-29

- 01 Spencer Rathkamp 762 19 Gaerne Shoes 1:44:54
- 02 Matthew Smith 630 24 Baghouse/Rock N Road 2:00:02 -0:15:08
- 03 Jakob Schwam 725 29 2:00:38 -0:15:44

Category 2 Men 30-39

- 01 Kevin Carlson 745 37 Rock N Road/Velosport 1:48:05
- 02 Dan Soto 737 36 Hemet 1:48:45 -0:00:40
- 03 Travis Clater 775 39 Troupe Racing Co. 1:49:09 -0:01:04

The complete results are available at idyllwildtowncrier.com.

CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Oreo is our special dog of the month.



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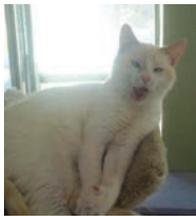
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55 years ago - 1958

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50 years ago - 1963

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45 years ago - 1968

Cyril Blackburn was considered the luckiest man in town. He wasn't at home when his hot water tank blew up in the basement, tore a hole through the floor, ripped out stairs, blew walls off the foundation, burst through the roof and finally came to rest a half-



Idyllwild musical trio, The Alpiners — Bud Hunt, Mansi Kern and George Martinak — toured the village during the Bear Flag Festival in May 1963, accompanied by folk singers and dancers.

FILE PHOTO

mile away from what was left of the house.

40 years ago - 1973

A Riverside youth climbing Tahquitz Peak fell 120 feet and landed in a tree. Other climbers rescued him. He suffered only minor injuries.

35 years ago - 1978

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30 years ago - 1983

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20 years ago - 1993

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15 years ago - 1998

The Idyllwild Lions Club sponsored an all-you-can-eat Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast at Town Hall.

10 years ago - 2003

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5 years ago - 2008

A cigarette was attributed to the cause of an 800-acre fire near Apache Peak along the Pacific Crest Trail.

1 year ago - 2012

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Kathy Harmon-Luber, the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's 2012 "Artist of the Year," caught up on the news last weekend after photographing Mesquite Flat Dunes in Death Valley National Park.

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Amgen race will close Highway 74

The Amgen bike road race will close Highway 74 on Monday, May 13, for two hours in both directions as part of a rolling closure. The race begins in Murrieta at 10:30 a.m. and comes up 74 from Hemet, through Mountain Center to Garner Valley and the desert below. Commuters in either direction should be advised to expect delays or seek alternate routes.



John Jacobs, with his Town Crier, stands in front of the Senso-ji Temple, Tokyo's oldest shrine founded more than 1,000 years before Tokyo.

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At left, a delicate blue flax flower opens to the morning light here in Mountain Center.

PHOTO BY DORIS LOMBARD



On Sunday, May 4, American Legion Post 800 celebrated Cinco de Mayo. Here (from left) **Barbara Wallace** and **Diana McVey** show the homemade tamales, Mexican rice and frijoles.

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