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Bonita Vista Ranch owner **Dia Abrams** points out the burn area surrounding her flooded property.

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September rain reaches record levels

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

During the past week, Idyllwild has seen near-record September rainfall. Since Sept. 1, nearly 2.8 inches of rain has been recorded at the Idyllwild Fire Station and 2.4 inches of rain recorded at the Keenwild Ranger Station in Mountain Center.

The 70-year average is .83 inches during September. The maximum is 8.3 inches, which fell in September 1976. During the past 70 years, the recorded rain at Idyllwild Fire Station exceeded 2.8 inches only four times. The year 1997 was the most recent, with 4.1 inches recorded.

Since July 1, the beginning of the rain year, nearly 3.6 inches have fallen at Keenwild and 3.1 inches in Idyllwild. The long-term average for the first three months of the rain year (from July through Sept. 30) is 2.35 inches.

Since July, rainfall in Pine Cove totaled 2.7 inches and nearly 1.7 inches fell just this week, according to resident George Tate, who tracks Pine Cove's precipitation for the Town Crier. About 1.25 inches of rain fell at Mt. San Jacinto Peak this week, according to National Weather Service data.

The average annual rainfall since 1946 is 25.4 inches, last exceeded in 2010. In the last decade, only 2005 and 2010 exceeded the average yearly rain.

The past two rain years have been significantly less than average. In 2012, about 20 inches, or 80 percent of the average, fell. Last year's precipitation was 14 inches or only 56 percent of the average.

While the recent deluge may temporarily reduce fire danger and relive water stress, the long-term benefits are not yet significant.

The level of Idyllwild Water District's Foster Lake has barely improved, according to General Manager Terry Lyons. "It's too much, too fast," he said.

"While the rainfall may have quelled fire activity in the near-term, most of the rainfall was too heavy and brief to result in significant moisture uptake by brush, shrubs and other vegetation. Heavy timber was largely unaffected by the rain and 1,000-hour fuel moisture continues to surpass the 90th percentile over most regions," the Southern California Geographic Coordination Center's Thursday, Sept. 6 bi-weekly fuels discussion stated. The center is an organization composed

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Funds for low-income fire victims

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors approved a \$15,000 agreement to provide assistance to low-income victims of the Mountain Fire.

The state's Department of Community Services is providing the funds to the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County that can help these people with mortgages, rentals, utility or food costs, according to Colleen Meyer, client services administrator at the Idyllwild HELP Center.

"This is a really great program," said Meyer. "It's not an either/or grant; rent or utilities. The recipients can do whatever they need, such as pay for prescriptions because of the extra cost of gas to evacuate or lost food."

Food vouchers worth \$100 each will be available to families through the HELP Center.

In addition to this grant, Riverside County Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone has given \$5,000 to the HELP Center for fire victims' food and utility expenses.

CAP requested the state funding after several discussions with the HELP Center about how the fire cost many people, even if homes were not lost. Lost wages, wasted food and other inconveniences were some of the examples of the fire's effects.

Individuals or families who may need help may call Meyer at 951-659-2110.

Other coming events at the HELP Center are:

- Sept. 20: Women, Infants and Children program will be in Idyllwild to provide food vouchers.
- Oct. 8: CAP will be in Idyllwild to help with winter utility costs.

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Drowning at Lake Hemet

By JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

At about 8 a.m. Saturday, the Riverside County Sheriff's Office, Hemet Station, responded to a call of a possible drowning at Lake Hemet.

Sgt. Jaime Hernandez arrived with three divers. The divers scoured the bottom of the lake for several hours in search of the drowning victim whose name was not

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Tuesday, Sept. 3, to Monday, Sept. 9:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

- Sept. 6 — Three medical aids, Idyllwild.
- Sept. 6 — Good intent call, Idyllwild.
- Sept. 7 — Two medical aids, Idyllwild.
- Sept. 8 — Unintentional transmission of alarm, Idyllwild.
- Sept. 8 — Three medical aids, Idyllwild.
- Sept. 8 — Canceled en route, Idyllwild.
- Sept. 8 — Public service assist, Idyllwild.
- Sept. 9 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Monday, Sept. 2 to Saturday, Sept. 7. This may not be a complete list of responses:

- Sept. 2 — Area check, 37000 block of Wayward Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 2 — Vehicle theft, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Report Taken.
- Sept. 2 — Shots fired, 39000 block of Saddle Ridge Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 2 — Vandalism, 56000 block of St Hwy 371, Anza. Unfounded.
- Sept. 2 — Check the welfare, 34000 block of Martin

- Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 2 — Alarm Call, 30000 block Red Mountain Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 2 — Burglary, 59000 block of Roger Lane, Anza. Unfounded.
- Sept. 2 — Harassing phone calls, address withheld, Idyllwild. Report taken.
- Sept. 2 — Follow-up, Address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 2 — Area check, 58000 block of Red Shank, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 2 — Silent alarm, address withheld, Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 2 — Suspect info, address withheld, Twin Pines. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 2 — Public disturbance, 39000 block of Dora Ln., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 2 — Battery, 56000 block of St Hwy 371, Anza. Report taken.
- Sept. 3 — Assist other department, 36000 block of Fisher Rd., Anza. Report taken.
- Sept. 3 — Unlawful entry, 61000 block of Tamatea Rd., Anza. Unfounded.
- Sept. 3 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Fern Valley Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 3 — Alarm call, 26000 block of Meadow Glen Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 3 — Vandalism, 38000 block of Alessandro Dr., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 3 — Vicious dog, 59000 block of Last Chance Trl., Anza. Handled by deputy.

- Sept. 3 — Assist other department, 41000 block of Arcola Dr., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Suspicious vehicle, 42000 block of Sage Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Check the welfare, 24000 block of Walters Dr., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Alarm call, 21000 block of St Hwy. 243, San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Battery, 54000 block of North Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Unfounded.
- Sept. 4 — 911 Call, address undefined, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Assist other department, 46000 block of Poppet Flats, Poppet Flats. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Suspect info, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Check the welfare, 46000 block of Roca Vista, Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Assist other department, 55000 block of S. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Follow up, Address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 4 — Public disturbance, 18000 block of Deer Trail, Poppet Flats. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — Alarm call, 53000 block of Bowers Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — Alarm call, 53000 block of Bowers Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — Alarm call, 53000 block of Bowers Rd.,

- Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — Vandalism, 42000 block of Terwilliger Rd., Anza. Report taken.
- Sept. 5 — 911 call, 47000 block of Secret Falls Rd., Aguanga. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — Public disturbance, 40000 block of Reed Valley Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — Suspicious circumstance, 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — Suspicious vehicle, address undefined, Poppet Flats. Report taken.
- Sept. 5 — Check the welfare, 59000 block of La Cima Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — 911 Call, 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — Vandalism, 47000 block of Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines. Report taken.
- Sept. 5 — Alarm call, 26000 block of Hwy. 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — Assist other department, 41000 block Gassner Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — 911 Call, 47000 block of Secret Falls Rd., Aguanga. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 5 — Suspicious person, address undefined, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 6 — Emergency notification, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 6 — Assist other department, 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 6 — Public disturbance, 42000 block of Minto



An unidentified female driver went over the side on southbound Highway 74 toward Hemet on Sept. 5. Excessive speed was blamed. There were no injuries.

PHOTO BY JOHN PACHEGO

- Way, Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 6 — Public disturbance, 43000 block of Sunshine Crcl., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 6 — Narcotics, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 6 — Assist other department, 57000 block of Ramsey Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 6 — Burglary, 41000 block of Terwilliger Rd., Anza. Report taken.
- Sept. 6 — Grand theft, 40000 block pf Apple Ln., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 6 — Assist other department, 52000 block of Double View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 7 — Drowning, 56000 block of Hwy. 74, San Bernardino National Forest.
- Sept. 7 — Assist other department, 52000 block of Double View Dr., Idyllwild.
- Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 7 — Civil dispute, 25000 block of Emerick Rd., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 7 — Alarm call, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 7 — Narcotics, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 7 — Vandalism, 52000 block of Laurel Trl., Pine Cove. Report taken.
- Sept. 7 — Danger to self/other, 18000 block of Keyes Rd., Poppet Flats. Report taken.
- Sept. 7 — Found property, 53000 block of Pine Crest Ave., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Sept. 7 — Battery, 53000 block of Highway 371, Anza. Unfounded.
- Sept. 7 — Unknown trouble, 53000 block of Highway 371, Anza. Handled by deputy.

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Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
9-03	88	62	0.79		88	53		
9-04	90	61	0.76		88	58		
9-05	80	60	0.68		na	na		
9-06	92	59			na	na		
9-07	78	61	0.11		85	54		
9-08	78	70			85	53		
9-09	94	89			82	61		

Moisture in inches		Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	0.23	To date this season (Idy):	0.00
To date last season (Idy):	2.26	To date last season (Idy):	0.00
Total last season (Idy):	14.02	Total last season (Idy):	42.8
To date this season (PC):	2.74	To date this season (PC):	0.00
Total last season (PC):	19.94	Total last season (PC):	44.75

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.

Storms overwhelm roads, wipe-out ponds

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Increased September rainfall brought a host of problems for area residents and businesses. The rain and hail storm on Tuesday, Sept. 3, was the beginning of more than a week of flash flood warnings and advisories from the National Weather Service.

On Tuesday, Sept. 3, Dentist Heber Dunn was traveling to Idyllwild on Highway 74 about 4:30 p.m. when he encountered a flash flood at the McCall Park Road turn-off near Mountain Center.

"The car stopped ahead of me and then about three or four more cars stopped," Dunn said. "I looked ahead and it looked like the road was just bubbling with water coming across the top, just ferocious. We had a river coming right down the middle of the road. It was amazing."

"There were several places on the road after Mountain Center where

you could see debris in the road where [the water] had crossed. It looked dangerous," Dunn said.

Also that day, the parking lot adjacent to Fairway Market became a river of water, hail and debris. Manager Linda Higgins said, "It started thundering, then it started hailing and it poured. [There was] lots of rain coming down from the top of the parking lot and flooding in front of the store. There was so much hail that it formed little icebergs running through the parking lot; it was really neat." The store sustained no damage.

Idyllwild School sustained flooding in some of the classrooms that day, too. "We had two classrooms that were flooded ... We weren't able to get the sandbags out in time, it came too quick," Principal Matt Kraemer said. "The C Building by Saunders Meadow was flooded. We also have flooding in the main hallway, but it didn't get into the classrooms

there, just in the hallway. The kids really got a kick out of the hail."

The Town Crier received a call just before 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4, from Sarita Silen of Garner Valley advising of a dire situation in Bonita Vista near Apple Canyon in the Mountain Fire burn area. Silen's friend, Dia Abrams, owner of Bonita Vista Ranch, a 130-acre property surrounded by burnt land, was in fear that more storms would threaten her already flooded property.

Publisher-Editor Becky Clark contacted Mike Feyder, president of Mountain Disaster Preparedness. Feyder then contacted Cal Fire at Station 53 in Garner Valley and was advised that Cal Fire was on Abram's property trying to assist her in preparing for the storm predicted for that afternoon [Sept. 6]. Cal Fire advised Feyder that there was not much anyone could do at this point, that preparations — such as rocks and retaining walls — should have been made well in advance of the storms.

The Sept. 5 torrential storm washed away two natural ponds that provided water and shelter for indigenous wildlife on the ranch and came dangerously close



Run off from the burn area approaching Mountain Center on Highway 243.

PHOTO BY JOHN PACHECO

to claiming the ranch owner's house.

After the story ran on the Town Crier's website, Siren wrote that that brought the help Abrams needed.

The children's area downstairs at Town Hall was damaged by the rain/hail storm in Idyllwild last Tuesday, too.

"The drain clogged and the room flooded. It was under about an inch of water," said Recreation Coordinator Michael Rinehart. Outwardly, it appeared that the room sustained no

damage, but upon entering, the stench is overwhelming.

Rinehart said that Town Hall is addressing the problem and had scheduled

professionals to come out and assess the damage.

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Rain

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of multiple Southern California fire agencies.

"At least the rain gave firefighters the opportunity to knock down many of the western fires," said Pine Cove Water District General Manager Jerry Holldber. This weekend, the National Preparedness Level was reduced to 2. During the Silver Fire it had been raised to the maximum of 5.

Forecasts predict a return to normal September weather this weekend. Further in the future, the National Weather Service climate predictions do not foresee either an El Niño or La Niña weather pattern developing this year.

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Traveling blues

BY VINCE LOVATO
INTERIM PRODUCTION MANAGER

Editor's note: Vince is taking a paid vacation from Washington State to fill in for Operations Manager Halie Johnson while she on maternity leave. He wrote this about his trip to get to Idyllwild.

"I want to use my claws to rip into your shell then use butter and garlic after the dinner bell."

If I were cast in a movie sequel of "Plains, Trains and Automobiles," I'd play the John Candy character. No one wants to sit by the Big Fat Dude with the mole next to his nose, a bald spot, a four-day beard, a woman's set of Liz Claiborne designer luggage and a man-purse.

In my case, it's been two days of trains, buses and automobiles but there is one plus: Because I am the BFD, I almost always had the open seat next to me. There are advantages to being the BFD in coach seating when the vehicles aren't packed.

As all personal challenges go, this has been a learning experience. I noticed how sensitive I am to people coughing hacking, sneezing and scratching in an enclosed space. I find myself keeping the restroom paper towel to use as a barrier between my hand, the door knob, and whatever the infected leper before me might have slathered on said doorknob.

I have noticed that since the kids grew up and moved away and stopped bringing all sort of pathogens and scourge from the schools, I have enjoyed almost perfect health.

I seldom get as much as a sniffle and I haven't been sick enough to miss a day of work since I moved to Chelan three years ago. No more choir performances, volleyball matches and children importing the latest social virus from school.

Now, back to the train.

Every cough, sneeze and sniff seemed amplified as I imagined the air-borne germs and viruses filling the claustrophobic enclosure and landing on or in everything I eat, drink, touch or breathe.

I picture myself as a John Candy-James Bond character ordering at the snack bar: I'll have a virus-martini, shaken not stirred.

Meanwhile, there's a college kid behind me with a slack look on his face and ear buds dangling from his supposedly getting-educated face. He props his Vans against the back of my seat, already cramped with 6 feet, 3 inches of height and about that much girth, and regularly pushes to the beat of a silent alternative rock song. His shirt reads "Atomic Shrimp Peelings" with a picture of a tasty crustacean whaling on a lemon-and-butter keyboard.

As he pulls of his buds to return an urgent text to a dude who thought something was "sick," I catch a line of the tune:

"I want to use my claws
to rip into your shell
then use butter and garlic
after the dinner bell
Your meat is tenderer
than any old fish
Eating your tail
is on my wish list"

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Riverside County Sheriff's divers searching for body in Lake Hemet.

Photos by John Pacheco.

Drowning

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released pending notification of relatives.

Hernandez said that three men from the Los Angeles area were fishing from shore on the Lake Hemet peninsula early in the morning when one of the men entered the water to retrieve his fishing pole. "He never came out," said Hernandez.

The victim's fishing line became tangled and the victim swam out into the water in an attempt to untangle his line. The vic-

tim became tired and was unable to make it back to shore, according to the sheriff's press release.

A witness, a friend of the victim, swam out in an attempt to assist the victim back to shore. The victim was unable to stay above water and the witness was unable to rescue the victim.

The victim was identified as a Korean male in his 40s.

The search for the drowning victim continued until about 4 p.m. when family members and press

were escorted to an area some distance from the lake.

The body had been located. An orange buoy ap-

peared to mark the location.

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Community meeting on disasters

By JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

The American Red Cross, in association with Mountain Disaster Preparedness, will host a community meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 18, targeting camp leaders, innkeepers, hoteliers, school officials and area community leaders. The goal of the meeting is to begin creating a master plan in emergency situations, such as the Mountain Fire this July.

"The Red Cross would be involved in this master plan but it is going to be the Mountain Area Safety Task Force, us, Mile High Radio Club and the Woodies," said MDP President Mike Feyder. "Once again this is dealing with worst case scenario, shelter in place for 10 to 14 days. When the camps are full, we've got 3,000 kids up here during the event.

"What resources are we going to need to bring to bear so that those kids are sheltered, taken care of and information about our situation here is getting out to the outside world?"

MDP was inundated with calls from concerned relatives and evacuees during the Mountain Fire. A major event could leave Idyllwild isolated by virtue of road closures and loss of electrical and phone service.

Feyder believes they have a solution: "One of the things we are going to unveil at the meeting on the 18th is a device that [Riverside County Third District] Supervisor Jeff Stone granted money for to the MDP.

"What we have done is purchase a satellite telephone. If telephone service is interrupted and electricity is out, the

satellite phone will still allow for an immediate uplink to the MDP website. It will be a data transmission source that will allow us to update our Idyllwild emergency website and let the world know that Johnny is OK or that Mary is fine at Idyllwild Pines; or that the roads are closed and you can't come pick up your kids," said Feyder.

Cost is a factor in operating the satellite phone. "The transmission fees and costs are very very expensive and something we cannot underwrite ourselves," said Feyder. These and other issues will be addressed at the Sept. 18 meeting starting at 4 p.m. at the Idyllwild Pines Amphitheater.

On Oct. 19, MDP is planning an all-hands-on-deck drill. CERT teams will be mobilized as well as the MDP Medial Group, the Mile High Radio Club and the Woodies. The groups will go through a real case scenario at each Disaster Aid Station (DAS) unit.

"We are so vulnerable up here. We have a lot of senior citizens that live up here. A lot of our folks are up in age and they are going to need help. For every one of us that is trained, there's 20 of us that aren't. For every one of us that is prepared, there's another 30 that aren't," said Feyder.

Jay Pentrack can be reached at jay@towncrier.com.

Shingle replacement grants available

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Funds to help local homeowners replace wood shingles will soon be available.

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors formally accepted an \$870,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for this purpose. The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council had submitted the application in 2009 and will manage the funds under the auspices of the county's Office of Emergency Services.

Considerable preliminary planning has occurred in order to gain approval. MCFSC identified 123 eligible properties and is already re-evaluating them and estimating costs.

Homeowners are responsible for paying contractors for the wooden shingle replacement. MCFSC will document the final and total costs, for which the property owner will be eligible for 75-percent reimbursement.

The grant's performance period ends July 30, 2016.

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



Kevin Turner, gold-spotted oak borer (GSOB) coordinator for Agricultural and Natural Resources Department at University of California, Riverside, inspects a GSOB gallery of larvae in an oak tree near Marion View and Crest View Drives. The Mountain Community Fire Safe Council GSOB inspectors have identified several more oaks infested with borers. The count of confirmed infected trees in Idyllwild has now reached 21, according to MCFSC project manager **Pat Boss**. PHOTO BY DORIS JEAN LOMBARD

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Two hikers rescued

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8, Riverside County Sheriff's Department's Cabazon station deputies responded to the Palm Springs Tram regarding a report of two hikers needing rescue. They became lost while hiking at the top of the Palm Springs Tram.

The hikers were identified as Alejandro Escobedo, 62, of Austin, Texas and Tracey Pomeroy, 50, of Tempe, Ariz., according to the Sheriff's Department.

Riverside County Sheriff's Emergency Response Team was notified and members of the Mt. San Jacinto State Park, the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit (RMRU), and the Riverside County Sheriff's Aviation Unit, assisted with the rescue.

Escobedo had sufficient power in his cell phone to dial 911 and gave dispatchers an idea of where they were; however, later his cell phone battery ran out of charge. About 6:15 p.m., Riverside County Sheriff's Aviation Unit located the lost hikers.

Due to the area where they were located (between Hidden Divide Reserve and Caramba) and nightfall approaching, it was necessary that aviation airlift the hikers to the bottom of the mountain.

Les Walker of Idyllwild and a Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit member was picked up at Keenwild Helibase and hoisted down to the stranded couple. He moved them to another location more conducive for lifting them up to the helicopter. They were returned to the tram parking lot.

"It was 55 degrees and getting colder," Walker said. "They were in shorts and without water. They could have survived the night but it would have been uncomfortable."

The Sheriff's Department reminds hiking enthusiasts to carry proper equipment for any outdoor excursion. Proper preparedness includes a well thought out travel plan shared with friends and family, as well as familiarity with common hiking equipment, such as G.P.S., sufficient water, maps and compasses.

RMRU offers several helpful, lifesaving tips at their website (www.rmru.org).

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OUT LOUD

The good side ...



It's not all complaints from people who don't like the facts you print or that you print both sides of their controversy. There really are many feel-good times in the running a small-town newspaper.

For example, every day we get to see the good things that people are doing for our community — sometimes as individuals, but often together. There are well-over 100 not-for-profit groups on our Hill, including government agencies, religious institutions, service societies, charities, clubs and organizations dedicated to education, sports and the arts.

We can't possibly cover all the good things these groups do, but we try our best to give notice of their meetings and activities in the Community Calendar. We depend on spokespersons from each group to keep us informed of these calendar matters.

It would be great if we could publicize all the special events of these worthy groups for free, but the economics of running a weekly newspaper do not allow that. However, space permitting, we do cover the most newsworthy group functions in feature stories, and we always have reduced advertising rates for non-profit organizations.

The backbones of these fine groups are generally volunteers who give generously of their time. Quite often we notice the same few dozen names appearing over and over again as volunteering their services to several good causes.

We encourage every Hill resident, particularly retirees, to take a look at their available time to see if they can squeeze in a few hours of community service to help support their favorite community organization. It's all about people giving their time to these marvelous groups, which then give back to the people of our community. So climb aboard the community-service train, make some new friends, and get that good feeling yourself.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

TC can't let go

EDITOR:

"Many refused to vote for candidates," read the damning headline. Refused? How about, "Didn't vote for three candidates, only voted for two, or only voted for one?"

Well, 37.10 percent of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District registered voters at least voted, which is pretty much in line with the turnout in both 2001 and 2009. That's far from ideal, but at least it's better than the county-wide turnout which was only 28 percent.

As for the IFPD commissioner election, could it be some voters were just not comfortable voting for people they don't know anything about and decided to leave it to other voters to decide? I've done that myself, like when there's a contest between two people running for a judge's seat and I don't know anything about either one of them.

Oh, I suppose I could flip a coin or something but I take exercising my right to vote a lot more seriously than that. Or, I guess you could say, I "refused" to vote for either one of them.

The obvious intent of the Town Crier is to make it appear that there are many Idyllwild voters who, like themselves, are so dissatisfied with our fire department that they decided to demonstrate their feelings by refusing to vote for three seats on the board of commissioners, and instead only voted for one or two — but they did take the time to vote which is more than you can say for the other 62.9 percent of IFPD registered voters.

And there's one other subject the Town Crier can't seem to let go of — the financial struggles of IFPD. First of all, our federal government is dealing with financial problems as are just about every state, county and city in the country, not to mention almost every country in the world, so why is it such a surprise that IFPD has similar problems?

In fiscal year 2008-09 IFPD received about \$936,723 in secured prop-

erty tax income. In 2011-12 that figure had dropped to \$812,450. That's a difference of \$124,273. That figure only represents about half of the budget, but the remaining sources of income stay about the same. It's also the reason IFPD has to request an advance from the county in order to pay its bills that come due between July 1 and the end of December.

BEN KILLINGSWORTH
IDYLLWILD

Cal Fire?

EDITOR:

Thoughts on JP's "Many refused to vote ..." article:

I was intrigued by two back-to-back full-page ads on the back page of the Town Crier asking folks to write in "Cal Fire" in the recent election.

What puzzled me was reading the election returns and seeing that 100 percent of the votes were dispersed among the listed candidates. I couldn't believe that zero (0) votes went to the write-in Cal Fire.

This article sheds light on my confusion but still leaves me frustrated not knowing how many voters pulled the handle for Cal Fire.

I'm wanting the answer to just how many made the protest vote. Since those votes weren't announced doesn't it make anyone else feel cheated?

MARK DEAN
PINE COVE

Editor's note: The Riverside County Registrar of Voters only reports qualified write-in votes. Cal Fire is not a legitimate candidate.

The ballots have been sealed as is legally required.

"At this point, we cannot access the ballots without a court order," said Chief Deputy Melissa Eickman.

"The only thing that we can do for you now is determine how many votes were cast on the write-in lines (arrow was connected to the right of the write-in space), but we still would not know what was written on the line, if anything."

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



CSAs to remain dormant

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Local Community Service Advisory Committees 36 (Idyllwild) and 38 (Pine Cove) will remain suspended indefinitely, according to Verne Lauritzen, Riverside County Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone's chief of staff.

"The CSA committees are an extension of the supervisor's office to the community," Lauritzen stressed. "Some of the actions and maneuvering of the CSAs has not been in harmony with what the supervisor expected."

Consequently, they will remain suspended, he added.

CSA 36 also needs several new committee members. Recent requests for applicants have resulted in no response. "There's no interest in the community," Lauritzen said. However, Stone is still seeking residents interested in serving on the CSA 36 Advisory Council.

These members will advise and make recommendations to the supervisor concerning recreation and street lighting in the Idyllwild area.

Residents available and willing to share their time and expertise are encouraged to apply for the appointed position. Applications may be downloaded at www.supjeffstone.org at the bottom of the home page under the heading "Volunteers needed."

For more information, call Opal Hellweg at (951) 955-1030. J.P. Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

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Strange but true

In January of 2004, the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of maggots as a medical device for cleaning wounds.

Wedding Redeker-Williams

Scott Redeker and Gregg Williams were married on Labor Day, Sept. 2, 2013, at their home in Idyllwild surrounded by friends and family.

The couple met at San Jose State University in early 1979 and then lived together in the Santa Cruz Mountains for 21 years before moving to Idyllwild in 2000.

They celebrated their traditional anniversary on Labor Day by getting married. They will honeymoon later this year in Europe on a river boat cruise.

They wish to thank their dear friends and family for joining them in this joyous occasion. They would also like to thank the LDS and Catholic Church for forcing the U.S. Supreme Court Decision to allow same sex marriages in California.



Historic voter records available

Historians, researchers, and people exploring genealogy will have a new window to the past thanks to a new law Secretary of State Debra Bowen sponsored and the governor approved last Friday.

California voter rolls will be available to the public after 100 years. Personal identifiers, such as Social Security and drivers license numbers, were not used in voter registration until 1994, and waiting 100 years to open these records ensures that no living individual's information will be vulnerable to identity theft.

Each county Registrar of Voters office maintains voter registration records containing information such as the date of birth, address, occupation, and in some cases the country of origin, and physical characteristics of each voter such as height, hair color and distinguishing marks.

District attorney revamps website

Last week, the Riverside County District Attorney's office announced the launch of its new, revamped website at www.rivcoda.org.

The re-design has been in the works for more than a year.

"A website can be one of the best ways for this office to communicate with the public," said District Attorney Paul Zellerbach in a press release. "The previous website was outdated and not efficient so it was important that we make it relevant and user-friendly. We want to make the public aware of not only our important prosecutions, but also the public outreach and education we do on a continual basis."

The new website that will be updated and improved on a regular basis is designed to dynamically meet the information needs of the public. The DA's office also has a revamped Facebook page and a Twitter feed to further provide information to the public through social media. Access through icons at the top of the new website or for Facebook at www.facebook/RivCoDA and via the Twitter feed @RivCoDA.

OFF THE MAIN ROADS

By HELENE LOHR, RMRU MEMBER

Plastic fantastic ...

Hiking up the steep slope of a mountain can be hot and sweaty. The refreshingly cool feeling of raindrops merrily pelting off your head in a sudden downpour is a welcome relief. Getting rained on can be fun, but it's easy to get chilled to the bone if you're not properly prepared.

As we've seen in the last couple of weeks, unpredictable storms can suddenly change hiking conditions from dry and hot, to cold, wet and miserable in minutes. But getting caught in the rain without hi-tech hiking gear doesn't have to be miserable.

Although plenty of great tips exist for prepping yourself for rain, let's focus on some options I always carry with me, rain or shine, all waterproof, durable, economical, lightweight and in a wide variety of sizes. That's right, the humble plastic bag will finally be given a place in the spotlight as a top tool for emergency rain.

Plastic bags: hiking buddies

Want a versatile, durable, waterproof and multi-use item? Plastic bags meet all the criteria and come in all shapes and sizes. They can, at least temporarily, solve almost any backcountry rainy need.

- For a backpack cover and stuff sack, use two or more large, heavy-duty contractor bags. These flexible black bags serve as a waterproof backpack cover and, packed around sleeping bag and clothing, serve as extra protection. As a bonus, use contractor bags as emergency rain ponchos, bivys (place two end to end), water carriers, waterproof seats for wet logs, basically anything you can come up with.

- Miniature dry bags, such as small Ziplock baggies, can keep cell phones, cameras and other small items dry and easily accessible. Pack clothes in 1-gallon Ziplock bags to keep dry in case the pack gets wet. Baggies make good waterproof map cases, too.

- Didn't bring any gloves and a freezing wet wind is turning your fingertips blue? Insert hands in plastic produce bags inflated slightly, with just enough air to keep them from direct contact with skin, and tie around wrists. The "dead air" space helps insulate hands from the worst of the cold, at least for the short term. Head back to warmth and safety as soon as possible. Don't have waterproof shoes and need to keep feet dry in an emergency? Bring plastic produce bags or grocery bags to slip over socks and stick feet back inside shoes. Close the gaps at ankles with a rubber band.

- I'm a big proponent of bringing the 10 essentials on every hike, so please don't take this as an invitation to leave out important gear to save time, money or weight.

The best tip for dealing with a rainy day is adequate planning, preparing and packing. These tips and tools are not meant to replace any of the 10 essentials, but sure are nice to have if taken off guard or when meeting someone less prepared along the trail.



Traveler

Continued from page 4

Actually, I kinda liked it. It sounded like the B-52s fused with Elvis Costello.

Just to prove no good deed goes unpunished, I helped an old lady take her bags out of the train. It wasn't until I schlepped the two ragged sofa cushions to the platform that I realized she had a chronically weepy eye and some sort of fingernail infection that looked like she was holding a funnel cake ... with the powdered sugar on it. That would have been tolerable, until she decided to thank me profusely, touching my forearm and telling me how I reminded her of John Candy.

Other incidents occurred, including one involving the handicapped bathroom that looked like someone made boysenberry frozen yogurt on the stainless steel counter top then threw the mixing spoon in the toilet. It was either a mixing spoon or an old sock but my disgust overcame my curiosity.

Last, but not least, I made a weak attempt to get some long-term sleep while sitting up, a feat I have never been able to accomplish. So instead of elbowing the person next to me all night, I went downstairs and found a wide-open room the conductor called the Observation Room. There was nothing in it. Disbelieving my luck, I grabbed my hoodie and a few T-shirts, used my shoes as a pillow, cuddled up in a cool, dark corner, and knocked out a good four hours of REM sleep. That's not much even for me, but, hey, my legs were straight for the first time in 30 hours.

Of course, if it seems too good to be true, it is.

The conductor nudged me awake to let me know we were in Sacramento and it was time for me to transfer and he did so with a curled lip, like the guy who tells you there's toilet paper dragging from your heel.

He told me of a refrigerator failure in the cafe room on the other side of the wall and it happened during a three-day layover for maintenance, so a putrid cocktail of rotten food and melted ice seeped into that room and they were supposed to pull the carpeting out of it as soon as it returned to Seattle.

It did explain why I had such a vivid dream about the odors I overcame the last time I changed out a broken garbage disposal.

With my only option being a trip to the aforementioned handicapped bathroom, I decided it would be best to spritz off at the water fountain, cover myself with deodorant and dream of Monday night, when all I have to deal with was an ornery cat and my daughter's mini-fridge full of seven-day-old ... something.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11

- 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. Newspaper office, 54425 N. Circle Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- 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-fifth-grade, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12

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

- Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.
- MEMSCOMM, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), noon. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP. Call Francoise Frigola, 951-659-4146, for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Ave. 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, SEPT. 13

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at 760-445-6325 or e-mail jennyl-eeslater@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. Barbecue 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former

- Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 951-659-0097 for information.
- SATURDAY, SEPT. 14
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Raw Food Potluck, 5-7 p.m. Nature's Wisdom.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15

- 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.-1 p.m. Town center at Harmony monument. Call Sue at 909-228-6710.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study (closed) meeting, noon, Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd, Poppet Flat, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

MONDAY, SEPT. 16

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon and 7 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episco-

- pal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation, 7-8:30 p.m., the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.
- Mountain Non-fiction Writers Group, 7 p.m. For information and address, call Larry Kueneman 951- 659-2567.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

- Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; AA Open Meeting and Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Marantha Dr.
- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Ave., Hemet.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 951-659-0097 for information.
- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 951-659-5228 for location.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

- 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. Newspaper office, 54425 N. Circle Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
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- Pain Without Meds Group, 10 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr., 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center,

- women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
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Idyllwild Businesses join the ICC I'M HELPING Campaign

by Chris Trout

As a new business owner in Idyllwild fifteen years ago, I realized very quickly that Idyllwild has a resort-based economy. We are dependent upon three distinct markets: visitors, part-time residents or second homers, and locals or full-time residents. Our products and services, our merchandising and our advertising must recognize the salient characteristics of each market and develop strategies that meet the needs of our diverse constituents. This month's column introduces us to successful business representatives from real estate, hospitality and retail. Let's meet them and find out how they feel about the Idyllwild Community Center.

Dora Dillman has been an Idyllwild resident for 36 years. She arrived as a general contractor, undertook home inspecting and began her real estate business in



2004. According to Dora, "The building of the Idyllwild Playground was the most powerful community event that I have ever participated in. It showed what this community is all about." Dora would like to see the ICC enhance the beauty of Idyllwild and build the

amphitheater. "The feeling of the Summer Concerts is contagious and potential buyers will experience the joy," she stated. She plans to bring her clients to the site and take them to an ICC event, in hopes of catapulting buyers into making a decision to move to Idyllwild."

When asked if she would join the I'M HELPING build the Idyllwild Community Center campaign, Dora enthusiastically replied, "I plan to bring out my paint and nail bags and put them back on....sign me up."

A Sunday drive to Idyllwild to get an ice cream cone thirteen years ago, introduced Pam and Larry Allen to a place called Wooley's. In addition to purchasing the business, they bought a second home here. Six years ago they invested in the Fireside Inn. Larry, who believes that there is a renaissance happening in Idyllwild, says,



"The ICC will be a catalyst for strong business growth because it will create the returning customer. No longer will visitors come once and say they have already done Idyllwild. They will want to come back for events and activities at the ICC."

Pam and Larry are seeing a strong presence of visitors from Los Angeles and San Diego. Pam thinks, "People are appreciating the hiking and the art events in Idyllwild. The ICC will create a positive impression in people's minds and answer the question, 'What is there to do here?'" The Allens were introduced to the beauty of the site and discovered the PAR course for the first time. According to Larry, "We are truly amazed by the plans and the magnificent property. The energy of this place is just contagious."

And in response to the invitation to join the I'M HELPING build the Idyllwild Community Center campaign, the Allens have generously offered financial support for the development of the ICC and have committed free mid-week lodging for contractors and craftsmen working at the site.

In April of 2010 Diane Thompson and her husband drove to Idyllwild in search of a weekend getaway



house and some relief from the desert heat. They found it. However, by August they decided that Idyllwild was where they wanted to be full time and opened Mountain Paws in April 2011. Their Pet Boutique and Bakery is popular with all segments of the Idyllwild market: visitors, locals and second homers.

Diane spends most of her time seeking unique and seldom-seen merchandise which will encourage repeat visits to Idyllwild and to her store.

From her perspective, Diane feels that locals will be more likely to come into town for activities at ICC. As she states, "I was the one who sat in my house in Pine Cove and didn't come into town until I discovered the Summer Concerts." She would like to see more activities like the recent Pet Expo at the ICC, calling it "a built-in arena for a pet-friendly community." When shown the plans for the development of the property, Diane was impressed with the addition of the parking area behind Strawberry Plaza. According to her, "Visitors will be more likely to return to Idyllwild because the ICC is within easy walking distance to town. They can walk their dogs and participate in events and then come into town and shop."

When asked about joining the I'M HELPING campaign, Diane proposed an imaginative option. She will donate 10% of every purchase at Mountain Paws to the Idyllwild Community Center.

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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, or email becky@towncrier.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 11
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Cribbage, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Paul Carman and Doug MacDonald, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
"The Butler," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Sept. 12
Forest Folk Pot Luck & Movie Night featuring "Defending Your Life," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"The Butler," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

atre.
Cider and Meads Tasting with Gluten-Free Cuisine, 6:30 p.m. \$25-\$25. Idyll Awhile.

Friday, Sept. 13
Adult Yoga With Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon; Crafty Kidz Art Class, Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"The Family," 4 and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Saturday, Sept. 14
IPCC Paintball Gorilla Game 2013, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Idyllwild Pines Camp.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," historical exhibit, 11 a.m.-4

p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
"The Family," 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 15
Dr. Betty's Talk: "Step Into the Flow," with soloist Willy B., 10 a.m. Spiritual Living Center.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," historical exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
"The Family," 2 4:30 and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Sept. 16
Adult Yoga With Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon Town Hall.

"The Family," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Middleridge Winery and Justin Isosceles 99, 00, 01 Vertical Tastings, 6 p.m. \$20-\$25. Idyll Awhile.

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
Modern Dance for Adults, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
"The Family," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Sept. 18
Adult excursion to Seaport Village, 8 a.m. Transportation \$10. Leaves from Town Hall.
Adult Yoga With Trine, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.

Senior Game Day, 12:30-3 p.m. Town Hall.
Modern Dance for Kids, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
"The Family," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Sept. 19
"The Family," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Sept. 20
Adult Yoga With Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon; Crafty Kidz Art Class, Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Saturday, Sept. 21
Jan Priestley Ceramic Studio Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 25443 Wanda Way, Pine Cove.

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

Sunday, Sept. 22
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," historical exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.

Monday, Sept. 23
Adult Yoga With Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon Town Hall.

Tuesday, Sept. 24
Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
Modern Dance for Adults, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.

Daughter needs service dog

Melissa Wilson, a teacher at Idyllwild Arts Academy for the past 12 years, has a daughter, Amara, 14, with Type 1 diabetes. Amara has had the disease since age 2-1/2. Mother and daughter, who live on campus, are raising funds to for a diabetes alert service dog to help keep Amara safe and healthier. The dogs are trained to detect blood sugar levels and can alert Amara before she gets sick.

The family needs to raise \$9,000. View Amara's video at www.youcaring.com/nonprofits/a-life-saving-diabetic-alert-dog-for-amara/76791 or email Wilson at meldesigns@mac.com.

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Grand Idyllwild Lodge set to open Early October

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

A new luxury bed and breakfast, set to open on Upper Pine Crest in Idyllwild in early October, hosted an open house on Aug. 17.

"Our open house was phenomenal. We had twice as many people as we expected," Grand Idyllwild Lodge owner Brad Rechtferg said.

Now Brad and his wife Jacki are planning for their "soft" opening.

"We're trying to open, our soft opening, by the start of October. So yes, we're kind of scrambling, but we're really close," Brad said.

The Rechtfertigs both hail from small towns, which made Idyllwild especially appealing. "The reason we picked Idyllwild

was that we really liked the mountains. You hear the same story over and over; lots of people come up here to visit and they stay.

"You have everything you need up here. You have deer that show up every day. We just love the pace," Brad said, smiling. "The community kind of depends on each other. We are a tourist community and those tourist dollars are what help everybody.

"The inn was Jacki's idea. I came up with the basic design and concept, and I gave it to my engineer who is also a draftsman and then they did the engineering and the actual plans that were submitted to the county," said Brad, who is a contractor and built the lodge himself with his crew.

"We were very deliberately understated," Brad said. "We didn't want to

have a huge sign at the road. The columns and bronze plaques make it look very historic."

The lodge is fully American Disabilities Act compliant and in addition to the elevator and ramps, will offer an ADA-compliant room that includes a wheel-in shower and rails. "A lot of older people are leery of coming to the mountains, especially in the winter because they are afraid of slipping and falling and walking upstairs. If you have an elevator you can literally get anywhere without having to walk upstairs," Brad said.

"The other thing that makes us extremely unique is that we are probably the greenest inn in Southern California. I say that for a couple of reasons. It is new construction, so pretty much any new construction

in California has strict codes you have to follow, so we are very energy efficient. All of our common-area lighting is LEED [Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design designation], which is the newest and it is all controlled by a computer," he explained.

"We wanted to keep it very natural," Brad said. "We already had two major deer trails that came through here. We left all the trails natural. It's kind of like a little nature park that surrounds the inn so that when guests are here they feel like they have escaped.

"It's a destination resort. It's the kind of place where you just come here and you could stay all week without ever leaving. You'll have everything you need," Brad said.

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Guests mingle at an August open house at the Grand Idyllwild Lodge.

PHOTO BY JOHN PACHECO

Soroptimists announce scholarships

Soroptimist International of Idyllwild has scholarship money for women furthering their education or vocational skills. Applicants must be residents of the mountain communities between Twin Pines/Poppet Flats and Anza.

The scholarships can be used for expenses at any accredited institution of higher learning when pursuing an associates, bachelors, masters or doctoral degree, or for a program resulting in either a certificate or a license. The applicants must be enrolled in one of the above programs and have made significant progress toward their goal.

Applications are posted on Soroptimist International of Idyllwild Facebook page or at BBVA Compass Bank.

For women currently enrolled at either Mt. San Jacinto College or College of the Desert, Soroptimist has separate scholarships available through the respective foundations of each institution. Call Lesia Navarro at MSJC at 951-487-3590 or Peter Sturgeon at COD at 760-773-2561.

The Women's Opportunity Award is a \$500 grant awarded annually to a woman who is head of household and is furthering her education or improving her skills in order to return to the workforce. The local recipients will then be eligible to compete at the district level for more awards.

Applications are available online at www.soroptimist.org or at BBVA Compass Bank.

The club also awards two \$500 grants to women in need because of their present life circumstances. These grants are funded by Mary Austin Scholarships and Grants in memory the Idyllwild Soroptimist. Educational requirement is not

FCC technician classes to start

Idyllwild's Mile High Radio Club is in the planning stages of conducting an amateur radio operator's licensing class.

This class is aimed at beginners who would like to hold an FCC technician class radio license. The class is tentatively scheduled for Saturdays and will be held on three consecutive weekend sessions within the October to November timeframe. Home study will be essential.

The cost is \$32 for the first 20 applicants to cover the examination process fee and study manual. The FCC exam will follow the third class in the same classroom.

Classes are planned to be given in either the Idyllwild Library or the Idyllwild Fire Station depending on the class size. To sign up, call Bill Tell at 951-659-4438 or Tom Pierce at 951-808-3632.

mandatory for these grants. Nominations for these grants can be obtained from Jeri Sue Haney at BBVA Compass Bank.

For information regarding any of the above awards, call Karen Doshier at 951-452-4599.

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Parents object at local meeting to losing teacher

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Since the 2013-14 school year started, Idyllwild School has lost a permanent teacher, which has resulted in the combination of two fourth-grade classes into one class.

Hemet Unified School District's enrollment is about 400 to 500 students below expectations. Consequently, the district has had to eliminate seven teacher positions since the beginning of the school year.

One of these was the transfer of Michelle Adler from Idyllwild to Whittier elementary. This loss has

resulted in combining the two fourth-grade classes.

Adler was the kindergarten teacher. Lisa Draper, one of the fourth-grade teachers, replaces her. Draper's fourth-grade class is combined with Tom Dillion's class, which now has 35 students. And three other students were transferred to Brennen Priefer's combined fourth and fifth grade class, but they go to Dillion for math and English, according to Idyllwild Principal Matt Kraemer.

"I shifted staff to the best possible situation," he said. "It wasn't my choice."

This action provoked a reaction at the HUSD Sept.

3 board meeting, which was coincidentally held at Idyllwild School. Several parents shared both their opposition and dismay with the board.

Questions, which parent Verna McQueeney asked, were why the adjustment was made after the school year began and its effect on special-needs students in such a large classroom.

"Combining these classrooms is a rash decision and detrimental to the children," said her husband Michael McQueeney.

Parent Dawn Sonnier told the board that despite the district's declining enrollment, Idyllwild School's

enrollment is increasing, and therefore could not understand the justification for its loss of a teaching position.

Idyllwild's current enrollment is 293 students, 11 more than the June enrollment of 282

Later in the meeting, the board did reject the transfer of a teacher from Helen Hunt Jackson School to Whittier, but approved the other involuntary transfers, including Adler's transfer to Whittier.

Idyllwild board trustee Vic Scavarda voted against the package, which included the action affecting Idyllwild.

"If I were a fourth-grade parent, I'd be extremely upset. And I heard from many upset parents," Scavarda said. "I wish it were in my power to fix the numbers we're dealing with. With the isolation [of Idyllwild from the rest of district] up here, historically our class sizes have been lower than the rest of the district."

In other business, Pam Buckhout, director of financial services, told the board that the final results for fiscal year 2012-13 improved from the initial estimates. The year-end balance was \$1.5 million more than originally estimated and \$500,000 more than the

previous year-end balance.

The board also approved a package of contract changes to complete the ramp to Idyllwild School's athletic fields. In June, the trustees approved a notice of default for the original contractors, Falcon Builders. HUSD had numerous problems with the quality and completion of the work.

New contracts for railings and to remove and replace concrete and asphalt have been issued. The estimated completion date is the middle of October.

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The state of the Hemet Unified School District

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Editor's note: On Tuesday, Sept. 3, Hemet Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Barry Kayrell and Trustee Vic Scavarda of Idyllwild met with the Town Crier to discuss the "State of the District" and trends in the next few years. This is the first of three parts of the interview.

What is the state of the district?

"Overall it's very positive. A lot of good things are going on," Kayrell said, describing the overall conditions of HUSD. "Our financial health is starting to improve. For the first time in seven years, we didn't have a deficit last year."

The state's new funding formula for school districts will be a substantial benefit to HUSD, Kayrell emphasized. "The new formula really helps us out."

Besides the base grants to districts, the new formula augments state funding for English learners, eligible

to receive a free or reduced-price meal and foster youth. Also, if the targeted student population exceeds 55 percent of a district's enrollment, more funds will be awarded.

The new legislation also requires districts to develop and adopt a plan for how the locally controlled funding will be allocated. Kayrell said his staff is drafting the plan and public comments will be sought later this fall. "This will dictate how we spend this money," he stressed.

"Great people are teaching our students, which is very important to me," Kayrell added. "The teaching component makes everything else go smoother."

What are your goals for this year?

HUSD is implementing the first phase of the new Common Core curriculum, according to Kayrell.

Since 2010, 45 states have adopted the same standards for English and math. These standards are called the Common Core

State Standards. These new standards will replace the existing standardized tests. In California, full implementation is expected during the 2014-15 school year, but HUSD is about a year ahead of schedule. Local teachers have been preparing for more than a year.

"The teachers have worked hard to develop these units. They've been training for two years," Kayrell said.

"The shift is already evident," said Scavarda, citing the example that English lessons will not just address writing, but how to blog and publish writings to the

web.

How do you feel about HUSD's financial condition?

Kayrell is pleased and optimistic about HUSD's future finances and the new state funding formula. "The new [funding formula] is based on actual profile of the district," he said.

"We have a very high population of students who receive free or reduced rate meals," Kayrell stated. On an average day, the district prepares more than 20,000 breakfasts and lunches for these students.

The newly required spending plans will benefit the district. Since fund-

ing for the numerous and various categorical grants is being provided without specific requirements for use, these plans will empower the school board, in Kayrell's opinion.

Federal Title 1 funds will still be available as a safety net, Scavarda added.

"Still, this is a big change for the school district," Kayrell emphasized. "We even received \$200 per student for Common Core material. This is one time only, but it helps the teachers implement the new

curriculum. There are also some additional funds for teacher supplies."

Besides getting this new funding, Kayrell stressed that HUSD's financial condition is better than many districts because its salary costs are about 83 percent of the total budget.

"Many other districts are in the range of 85 to 89 percent," he said. "So we still have a cushion for salaries and benefits."

This may become important in the next few

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County losses continue

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors adopted a \$4.7 billion budget for fiscal year 2013-14, which began July 1. The new budget is about \$278 million less than the 2012-13 level. However, the board's discretion applies to only \$630 million.

This year, County Executive Jay Orr projects discretionary county revenue will grow by \$19 million

to \$588 million, the first revenue boost since fiscal year 2007-08 — six years ago. The county anticipates property tax revenue will increase \$7 million as a result of a 3.5-percent growth in assessed value. Sales tax revenue is expected to rise nearly 40 percent next year.

Still, expenses exceed the revenue forecast. The projected deficit will be filled with \$30 million of unexpended funds from the 2012-13 fiscal year and available this year, and an-

other \$14 million from reserves.

"Over the next fiscal year, the drive to increase operating efficiencies countywide will continue while we strive to achieve more with less," Orr wrote to the board.

He identified four major initiatives to be implemented during this year and the near future: the Affordable Care Act, construction of the East County detention center, increases reserves and providing adequate public safety resources.

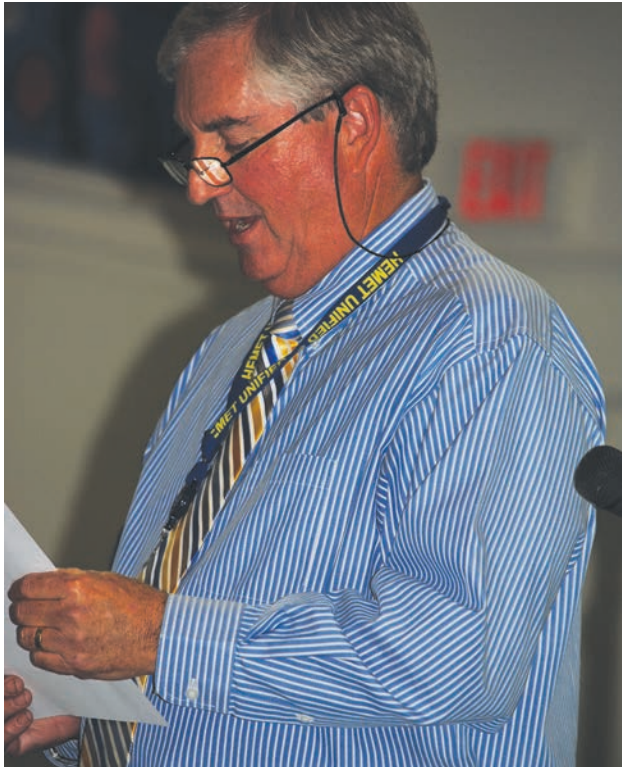
The financial problems confronting the county's Regional Medical Center will come to the board later this month. Orr plans a board workshop Sept. 23

to present a consultant's review of the hospital's operations. In 2012-13, its operating deficit was \$10 million and the losses will continue.

The sheriff, fire and district attorney's offices will receive about \$330 million of the county's discretionary funds. Each agency absorbed the pay raises for staff, which were negotiated last year to help reduce future pension costs.

The final 2013-14 budget will be submitted to the board for adoption in September, according to Orr.

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Hemet Unified School District Superintendent Dr. **Barry Kayrell** at the Idyllwild board meeting Sept. 3.

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years as the district implements the Federal Affordable Care Act that will affect employee health benefits.

"Overall, our finances are looking good," Kayrell said proudly.

Do you see the district adopting teacher pay standards that incorporate student test performances?

"It's a novel concept. But teachers don't always control everything for the kids in the classroom," Kayrell said.

A major problem, according to Kayrell, is how to address special education students. Expecting and rewarding results for them based on the other student population would be difficult.

"It's hard for them to reach their targets. We'd need rations that work for all people," he stressed.

Scavarda re-enforced this problem, "My concern is everybody will want the higher-end kids."

"Yes, we can't all teach GATE [gifted and talented education] and advanced placement courses," Kayrell added.

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County supervisor's schedule

Riverside County Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone will be at the Idyllwild Library from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, and from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22, to meet with constituents.

He also will be at his Hemet office from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24.

To make an appointment, call Legislative Assistant Rose Esparza at 951-955-1030. Conference calls also are available for anyone unable to leave the Idyllwild area.

Ruiz's office helping fire victims

Residents of California's 36th Congressional District who lost homes or businesses in the recent wildfires may be eligible for federal assistance. The office of Dr. Raul Ruiz (D-Palm Desert) is available to assist those affected by damage to homes or businesses with claims to the Small Business Administration.

Also, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has grants for disaster preparedness and prevention. Qualifying agencies and organizations may contact Ruiz's office for more information.

"Our office is working tirelessly to ensure that our residents who were affected by the wildfires receive assistance in rebuilding and repair," said Ruiz. "Please do not hesitate to contact us for help if your home or business was damaged in the recent fires."

Contact Ruiz's office at (760) 424-8888, or by e-mail at CA36DO@mail.house.gov.

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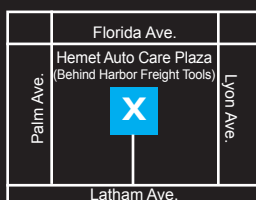
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Making the grade through homeschooling

By JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Editor's note: This story deals mainly with Hemet Unified School District and U.S. statistics on homeschooling. The TC also is interested in talking with local parents/guardians currently homeschooling their children.

Homeschooling in the U.S. is growing by leaps and bounds. From 1999 to 2012 the number of children being homeschooled jumped a whopping 75 percent and that number is expected to surge over the next 10 years, according to a report by Education News.

Parents elect to home-school their children for many reasons — religious beliefs, personal needs, peer pressure, disappointment in the public school system, family-run business, etc.

Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer reasons, "If a child is helping with the family business, home schooling might be more suitable. Or there might be extenuating circumstances where the child is a better fit in a homeschool program

rather than being in school."

Dr. Brian D. Ray of the National Home Education Research Institute wrote, "There are about 2.04 million home-educated students in the United States. There were an estimated 1.73 to 2.35 million children (in grades K to 12) home educated during the spring of 2010 in the United States. It appears the homeschool population is continuing to grow (at an estimated 2 to 8 percent per annum over the past few years)."

The curriculum must be California approved, but "the rigor of how it is delivered can vary greatly," said Kraemer. Academically, many believe that home-school students are more advanced than students in traditional public schools. "The students that we've recently got from the home-school program have been a little behind," Kraemer observed, however.

Based on Ray's studies, "The home-educated typically score 15 to 30 percentile points above public-school students on standardized academic achievement tests. (The

public school average is the 50th percentile; scores range from 1 to 99.)"

Some districts are now offering independent study programs such as Hemet Unified School District's Family Tree Learning Center. "We have the learning tree program for elementary kids K-8; they do independent work under the guidance of their parents, but they do have to go down to Hemet to meet with their teacher once a week to review their work," said Kraemer.

The Helen Hunt Jackson program serves high school students. "We have a teacher that comes on Tuesdays and she meets with high school students at Idyllwild Elementary," Kraemer added.

Kraemer feels there can be drawbacks to homeschooling, "Putting academics aside they say that most people who get fired or terminated from their job is not because they can't do the job, it is because they have trouble socializing with their co-workers. That is so much part of being in school, the socialization factor and learning how

to interact with people. It is really important to your future success."

Kraemer believes that some kids can still be socialized in a homeschool program but it is more difficult. "I've seen kids be very successful in home-school programs that have managed to teach them socialization skills. Some parents do a really good job on taking their kids on field trips in the homeschool program and they really get out and see the real world."

Under normal circumstances, homeschooled students do not participate in after-school programs, but there is an exception in the HUSD program.

"We do the Missoula Children's Theater every year. It is a production where the PTA hires a company and they send out two people, usually theater students, who work with the kids for the play," said Kraemer. "They work with them for one week. This year it is going to be the 'Wizard of Oz.' It's the first week in December.

"They do a phenomenal job. They bring props and

everything and they work hard with the kids to study their lines," Kraemer said. They practice four days a week to get their lines down and then they do their performance at the end.

"I extend that to the homeschool kids because I think it is a good opportunity for them to participate in something they wouldn't normally get to participate in. The PTA is behind it, too. They thought it was a good idea to incorporate the homeschooled kids," said Kraemer.

Academically, Idyllwild Elementary broke 900 on its Academic Performance Index this year while the Family Tree Learning Center score was 726.

The Helen Hunt Jackson independent high school study program dropped 26 points to 682.

Still, Kraemer believes

the program can be successful for some students, "Some of the students who have left here as eighth graders and gone on to HHJ [Helen Hunt Jackson] are really good students. I know of one student that graduated high school in three years. He's now in his first year of college."

Resources for parents interested in learning more about homeschooling include The Homeschool Association of California (www.hsc.org) and the California Homeschool Network (www.californiahomeschool.net).

For more information on the Family Tree Learning Center and Helen Hunt Jackson programs, call the HUSD at 951-765-5100.

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Ruiz is an effective fundraiser

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Rep. Dr. Raul Ruiz (D-36) was elected just 10 months ago. But the race for the 2014 election has already begun. Raising money to finance campaigns has become a full-time occupation for elected officials and those who wish they were.

Through June 30, Ruiz has raised \$763,000. More than half came from individual contributions. Political committees representing various medical associations

have been significant contributors to Ruiz's future campaigns.

For example, American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Hospital Association each gave \$5,000. Also, the American Academy of Family Physicians Political Action Committee, American Association of Neurological Surgeons PAC, American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons PAC, American College of Radiology, American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American

Osteopathic Information Association PAC, American Pharmacists Association PAC and the American Urological Association gave \$2,500 each.

At the end of September 2011, Ruiz had just about \$50,000 in cash. Now he has more than 10 times that amount and it will

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Brenda York, left, mingles during her her art exhibition opening Sunday afternoon. York's art is now on display at at Idyll Awhile.

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The Improv Comedy group performs Friday night at the Rustic Theatre before musicians take to the stage.

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grow next year. Former Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack, at the same point, had \$435,000 in cash.

Despite his early fundraising success, Ruiz will have competition for a district that many pundits consider leaning Republican. State Assemblyman Brian Nestande (R-42) represents nearby cities such as Hemet to Palm Springs and Palm Desert. Before the redistricting, he represented Idyllwild and the Hill, too. Being first elected in 2008, his six years in the Assembly prevents him from seeking re-election.

He is developing a team to challenge Ruiz next year. Thus far he has raised \$145,000 for the race. Nearly 80 percent is from individual contributions.

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2014 Congressional District 36 race Campaign contributions and cash as of June 30, 2013

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Ruiz	\$403,200	\$312,000	\$629,400
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Fire and fauna

Top left: A rare bird, the Wilson's Warbler, is a yellow flash against the green cedars. Its small size is evident when compared to the Manzanita berry in the water.

Top right: Early signs of fall were present as the leaves were already turning in August.

Left and right center: Flashes of yellow and orange contrast against green foliage where several Western Tanagers visit Mountain Center for water.

Left: One month after the devastating Mountain Fire, California Coffeeberry burnt stumps are already sprouting new growth.

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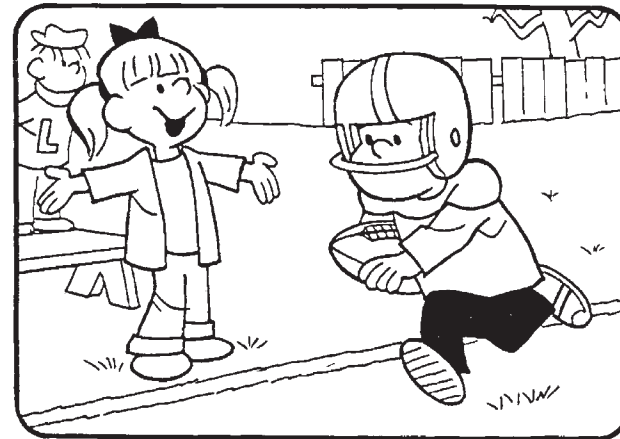
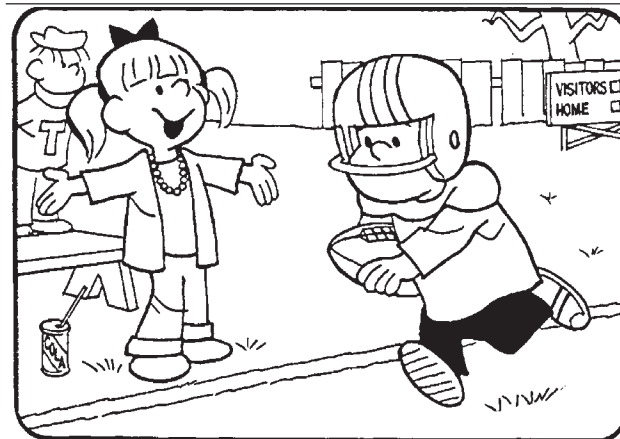
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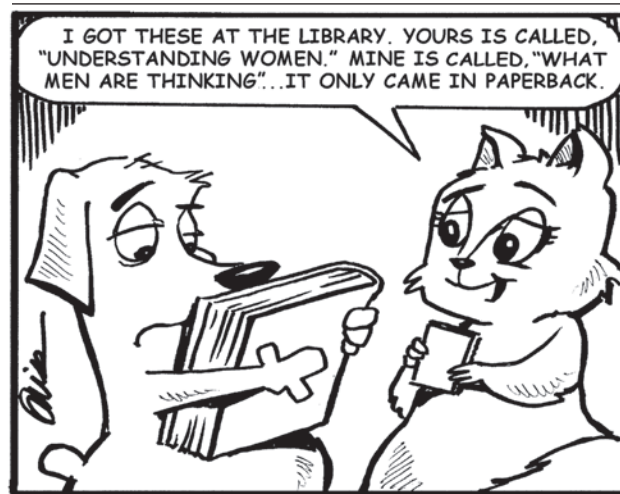
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LARRY W. WARD,
 County Clerk
 By: T. Vargas, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

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This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on September, 2006.

Signed:
 STEVEN ALEXANDER MORRISON
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of
 Riverside County on Aug. 15, 2013.

FILE NO.:
 R-2013-08680

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Pub. TC: Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PAWNDEROSA COIN AND LOAN, 625 Beaumont Avenue, Beaumont, CA 92223, Riverside County. NOEL MONROE GOETZ, 838 Dysart, Banning, CA 92220.

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

Signed:
 NOEL MONROE GOETZ
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of
 Riverside County on Aug. 13, 2013.

FILE NO.:
 R-2013-08551

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 By: L. Montes, Deputy
Pub. TC: Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD GLASS COMPANY 54821 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 730, Idyllwild, CA 92549. BRIAN STEFAN BOETTCHER, 24780 Upper Indian Rock road, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 1977.

Signed:
 BRIAN STEFAN BOETTCHER
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of
 Riverside County on Aug. 15, 2013.

FILE NO.:
 R-2013-08634

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Pub. TC: Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12, 2013.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name DESERT

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

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

Signed:
 KENNETH PAUL HILDEN
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of
 Riverside County on Aug. 6, 2013.

FILE NO.:
 R-2010-11175

CERTIFICATION
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 By: D. Perez, Deputy
Pub. TC: Aug. 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as VILLAGEMARKET, IDYLLWILD VILLAGEMARKET, 26000 State Hwy 243, Idyllwild, CA, 92549. Riverside County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2220, Idyllwild, CA 92549 JOYGEO LLC, 580 Chad CT, Hemet, CA 92544, a California Limited Liability Company.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

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

Signed:
 THOMAS G. ARONSON
 President
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of
 Riverside County on Aug. 12, 2013.

FILE NO.:
 R-2013-08488

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON AUG. 12, 2018. A

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 By: B. Villagas, Deputy
Pub. TC: Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12, 19, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as WHITE FEATHER WELLNESS, 21101 Hwy 243, Banning, CA 92220, Riverside County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1084, Idyllwild, CA 92549. MARYNA ANNE ALLAN, 21101 Hwy 243, Banning, CA 92220.

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

Signed:
 MARYNA ANNE ALLAN
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of
 Riverside County on Aug. 29, 2013.

FILE NO.:
 R-2013-09179

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The changing season brings new experiences as well as challenges for the ever-adventurous Aries. Your social life expands, as do the opportunities at your workplace.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That recent period of uncertainty has passed. You can now feel more confident about making decisions, especially those that relate to an important personal relationship.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you might be faced with a number of tasks on your to-do list, try to take time out to enjoy the arts. Music, especially, can be soothing to the sensitive soul of a Gemini.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A disagreement with a colleague or friend is best resolved with open and frank discussion. Trying to force the other party to see things your way is bound to backfire.

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) That new workplace problem should be dealt with

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SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might have to do some fancy juggling to keep both your work responsibilities and personal obligations on track. But ultimately, you'll work it all out, as you always do.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might hear some upsetting things about a situation in your life. But don't be swayed by talk. Demand proof before making any decisions on the matter.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't risk depleting those precious energy levels by taking on more tasks than you can realistically handle. Also, remember to ask for help when you need it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) It might be difficult for the Aquarian who is used to giving advice to take counsel when offered. But it's a good idea to listen to what trusted friends feel you should know.

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 13 Young fellow
 14 Thick chunk
 15 Poetic foot
 16 Work with
 17 Remedy
 18 Wood nymphs
 20 Meager
 22 Deterioration
 23 Annoy
 24 Harbor structure
 27 "The Defiant Ones" duo
 32 Web address
 33 Prot. or Cath.
 34 Genetic letters
 35 Breach in a

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38 "Hey, you!"
 39 Have a bug
 40 Way back when
 42 "Lord Jim" author
 45 Soft fabric
 49 Neighborhood
 50 Haven't paid yet
 52 Early primary state
 53 Dave of "Mad" magazine
 54 Rowing need
 55 Dance lesson
 56 Not good, not bad
 57 "— Doubtfire"
 58 Dame Myra at the piano

DOWN

1 Desertlike
 2 Wild hog
 3 TV trophy
 4 Come ashore
 5 Groups of grapes
 6 Petrol
 7 Mid-month date
 8 Steep slope
 9 Some old cars
 10 Rodgers collaborator
 11 Follow instructions
 19 "— as I say ..."
 21 Spy novel org.
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 26 Laundromat

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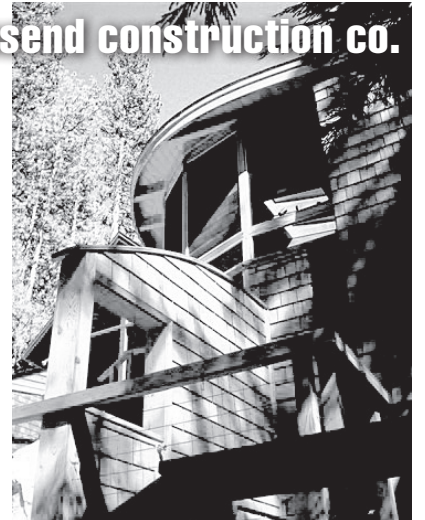
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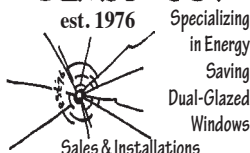
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While visiting June Lake in Mono County, Idyllwild trekkers, from left, **Cooper, Janice Fast, Jeannine Selby, Jeanie Duffield and Peet** enjoy the Town Crier.

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Wade and Kristeen Bandelin celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary in August on a scenic train ride from Seward to Anchorage, Alaska.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KRISTEEN BANDELIN

Strange but true

The next time you make a family trip to Yellowstone National Park, keep in mind that as you walk through the seemingly peaceful scenery and view the iconic geysers, you're actually walking on top of a supervolcano. Just 5 miles beneath the surface is a giant magma chamber, 37 miles long and 25 miles wide.

Legal Notices

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CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: S. Berry, Deputy

Pub. TC: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as STRAWBERRY CREEK ORGANIC BAKERY, 54423 Village Center Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. BREWSTER MERLYN TAPP, 25361 Skyline Way, 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:

BREWSTER MERLYN TAPP
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on August, 28, 2013.

FILE NO.:

R-2013-09174

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON AUGUST 28, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO AUGUST 28, 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: B. Kennemer, Deputy

Pub. TC: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SPIRITUAL LIVING CENTER - IDYLLWILD RELIGIOUS SCIENCE, 26120 Ridgeview Drive #101 and 102, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1896, Idyllwild, CA 92549. IDYLLWILD CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE, 26120 Ridgeview Drive, # 101 and 102, Idyllwild, CA 92549, a California Corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on June 6, 1987.

Signed:

DR. BETTY PATRICIA JANDL
President

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

FILE NO.:

R-2013-08995

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON AUG. 23, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO AUG. 23, 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: L. Montes, Deputy

Pub. TC: Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013.

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name Village Market & Liquor, 26000 Hwy 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County has been abandoned by the following person: JAY WILLIAM JOHNSON, 53212 Tollgate, Idyllwild, CA, 92549, JAMES STEVEN JOHNSON, 26850 Rock Point, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on October 3, 2011.

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

Signed:

JAY W. JOHNSON
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 4, 2013.

FILE NO.:

R-2011-10689

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: A. Acevedo, Deputy

Pub. TC: Sept. 12, 19, 26, oct. 3, 2013.

RIC1309375
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street,
Riverside, CA 92501.

PETITION OF AIMEE DOWNER.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: AIMEE DOWNER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: ARTURO JORGE LORENZO changed to Proposed name: AJ LORENZO

DOWNER.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 10/17/13 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 10.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: Aug. 12, 2013
SHARON J. WATERS
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 2013.



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LOCAL
BUSINESS
OWNERS ...**

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- You are required to file a DBA (Doing Business As), also called an FBN (Fictitious Business Name), statement with the county when you start a business.
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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.)

CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

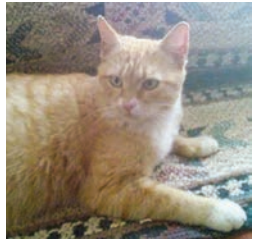
Yea for **Zoe**, the golden-mix, for being reunited with her very worried humans. Please remember you can chip your dogs at ARF for \$15. Always keep a tag on their collar and remember to walk your fence perimeter after the storms.



Bruce, our little Chihuahua, came back home to ARF, but wait; someone else decided to scoop him up and give him a forever home. Paws up, Mr. **Bruce**.

And our cattery meowed a goodbye to Miss **Tippy**, our youngest gray kitten who will now enjoy her own human. Also a big meow to **Johnny**, our handsome cat with manx markings. Paws up to you both.

Remember, September is double the love for cats month.



Sunkist, known as **Sunny**, has been very busy keeping up with the kittens in the cattery. **Boomer**, the orange tabby, is her son and that means she keeps him in line. Boomer, short for **Boomerang**, keeps his day exciting by showing his great running skills, as well as climbing the cat tree before anyone

else can. This kitten shows great success in catching flies, so no need for that fly swatter. Sunkist is about 2 years old and Boomer is under a year.

We have several cats who have already chosen their best fur buddy to be adopted with. **Sadie** and **Carly**, the tux identical twins, would love to be together forever. **Pepper**, a young black-and-white female, can often be seen cuddled closely with **Tommy**, our large gray tabby. Their favorite past time is in the outdoor cattery keeping up with all creatures that fly.



Bella, the Anatolian shepherd/Aussie-mix, and her sister **Sophia**, are a two-for-one package. They absolutely love each other. Both are about 10 months old, and eager to play and learn. Ready to be adopted, they are a bit shy, but have no problem remembering how to do the tail wag. They are learning how to walk on the leash. What a great addition to your family.



We also have many dogs available on our website in assisted adoption.

ARF has many cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Go to www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com and click on Petfinder. All pets are spayed, neutered and current on shots. ARF is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays.

Creature corner is sponsored by Brent Skeane this week. To sponsor the column, call Lisa Streeter at the Town Crier, 951-659-2145.

PAST TENSE

65 years ago - 1948

The Sportland amusement center burned to the ground.

60 years ago - 1953

Forty volunteer searchers combed the hills of upper Fern Valley searching for a 7-year-old girl who had wandered off with her dog. She was found in the middle of the night curled up asleep in the middle of an abandoned logging road.

55 years ago - 1958

Judge Byron Walters, Tahquitz Lake Estates president, announced plans for constructing a nine-hole golf course on a 45-acre meadow at Dutch Flat.

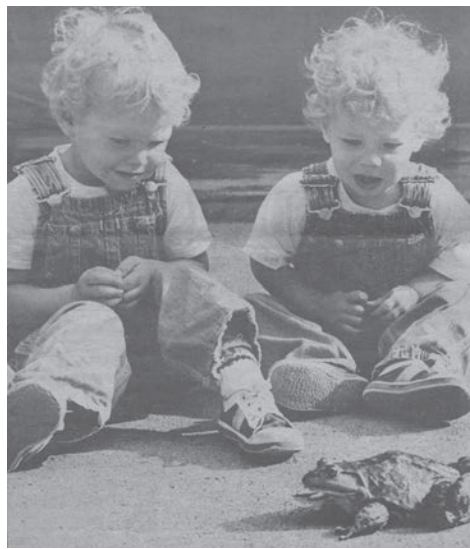
50 years ago - 1963

School enrollment broke all records when 221 students were registered at Idyllwild Elementary School, an increase of 64 pupils over the previous year. The eighth and part of the seventh grade had to be housed in a building on the Idyllwild Pines Camp property.

45 years ago - 1968

A fast-moving fire broke out in Poppet Creek Canyon, destroying 4,600 acres and 10 structures during the first 12 hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Muir of Idyllwild picked up this large frog on Highway 74 late at night while coming back from Hemet in 1978. They thought he was a rock in the road. He weighed about 3 pounds and was over 15 inches long when he was stretched out. Their children, Robert Brian, left, nearly 3, and Jeffery Bryant, 1-1/2, were fascinated by him, but the Muirs let him go at a lake in the area later in the week.



FILE PHOTO

40 years ago - 1973

Some 230 of California's rare Desert Bighorn Sheep were tallied in Anza Borrego Desert State Park's annual count.

35 years ago - 1978

A fund-raising drive by the Pine Cove Fire Department volunteers netted more than \$1,000 to convert the department's rescue vehicle into a combination rescue-ambulance.

30 years ago - 1983

The Pine Cove County Water District Board of Directors

voted to renew the lease for the Idyllwild Softball Association.

25 years ago - 1988

Local historians held a public meeting to review plans for a soon-to-be published history book, "San Jacinto Valley — Past and Present." The Hemet-San Jacinto Genealogical Society, publishers of the book, invited area artists to enter a contest for the front cover picture.

20 years ago - 1993

A group of teachers and parents opposed to a drug

testing program for Hemet Unified School District protested outside the HUSD Board of Trustees meeting.

15 years ago - 1998

The U.S. Forest Service announced that the Tahquitz Peak fire lookout tower would soon be operating again with the help of the local Forest Service Volunteer Association. The tower had been closed since 1990.

10 years ago - 2003

"Turquoise," a film written and produced by local screenwriter Stephen Savage, was featured at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival in Los Angeles. Half of the actors in the movie, filmed locally, were from the Hill.

5 years ago - 2008

For the second consecutive year, Idyllwild School had the highest overall academic performance index score in the Hemet Unified School District.

1 year ago - 2012

Marijuana plants were eradicated from three separate sites near Lake Hemet Friday morning, Sept. 7, in a joint effort between the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the U.S. Forest Service.



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We cannot thank the Town Crier enough for helping us promote our services to the Idyllwild community. We look forward to our continued relationship for many years to come.

Matthew McWane, Funeral Director

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