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A soaring, rather than rolling, soccer ball took a couple of players by surprise as they attempted to take control during last week's Town Hall soccer games.

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Hemet students attending Idyllwild School

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 has finally had an effect on Idyllwild School beyond spring's standardized testing. Eleven students from other Hemet Unified School District schools began attending Idyllwild Monday and three more are expected, according to Idyllwild Principal Matt Kraemer.

The NCLB law permits parents of students whose schools have not met testing goals — identified as "program improvement" schools — to elect to have their children attend schools in the district who are not in program improvement, according to Carlos Navarro, HUSD's director of State and Federal Categorical Programs and Compliance.

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Garden railroads gain local steam

By JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

One way to take a garden from ordinary to extraordinary is by adding a model railroad. A personal railway system may be integrated with plants, rocks and boulders, bridges, tunnels and buildings (churches, stores and shops, and a rail station). The possibilities are endless.

Garden railroads are popular worldwide and several have found their way to Idyllwild.

Warren Monroe, Idyllwild Water District board president, has been working with G-scale railroads for 15 to 20 years. His Idyll-Mountain Railroad has more than 300 feet of track, 29 locomotives, 70 cars, trolleys, a snow plow and a caboose that actually cleans the track as it runs. Monroe's display includes several buildings, houses, a bridge and a tower. As a volunteer, he helped in constructing the Living Desert's garden railroad, as well as giving educational talks and operating the trains. "It all started when the Living Desert received a donation of a Christmas train," Monroe said. "It started on a 4-by-8 sheet. As they received more train donations, they kept expanding it. It got so popular that it just kept on growing." Monroe also maintains the G-scale train that runs at Jo'Ann's downtown and provides some of the locomotives and cars. Asked when his interest in trains began, Monroe said, "I got a Lionel

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Pine Cove to get more hydrants

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

For the first time since November 2012, the County Service Area 38 (Pine Cove) Advisory Committee met, approving up to \$28,000 to purchase fire hydrants for the community.

At the end of fiscal year 2012-13 (June 30, 2013), CSA 38 had nearly \$610,000 in its coffers. The current balance remains the

same, said Bill Brown, Riverside County CSA coordinator, since nothing has been expended during the first quarter of fiscal 2013-14.

The original request for the fire hydrants was made in a July letter to Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone.

In his letter, Pine Cove Water District Board President Michael Esnard told the supervisor that the district

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Pine Cove house catches fire

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

A house fire in Pine Cove was contained to 20 percent of the structure Thursday night, Oct. 17.

The 1,500-square-foot, single-story family dwelling was reported on fire about 9:15 p.m. In less than hour, fire-fighters from Station 23 (Pine Cove) and other Riverside County/Cal Fire stations had the fire contained and most of the building spared.

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Quakes occur near Idyllwild

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Two minor quakes occurred near Idyllwild last week.

Early Wednesday morning, Oct. 16, a 3.0 trembler shook Idyllwild while many slept. The quake was at about 6:45 a.m., and only 4 miles south of Idyllwild and 11 miles east/southeast of Valle Vista.

Four days later at about 9 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, a 2.4 earthquake occurred at about the same location, 5 miles southwest of Idyllwild and 9 miles east/southeast of Valle Vista.

Both quakes were about 10.5 miles below the planet's surface.

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Strange but true

Moose are so nearsighted that they have been known to try to mate with cars.



Idyllwild Fire Engineer **Jack Peckham** helps one Idyllwild School student with reaching the ketchup for his hotdog during Friday's Red Ribbon Week® barbecue.

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Tuesday, Oct. 15, to Monday, Oct. 21:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Oct. 15 — Canceled en route.

Oct. 15 — Two medical aids, Idyllwild

Oct. 16 — Three medical aids, Idyllwild.

Oct. 20 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.

Sheriff's log

Log unavailable.



Cal Fire and Riverside County Fire Department first responders from stations 23, 53 and 30 help rescue **Kathryn Elaine Congelli**, 50, of Idyllwild, after she crashed her black Infinity QX4. About 3:15 p.m., Sunday afternoon, Congelli dropped about 25 feet off Highway 74 near mile marker 56. According to California Highway Officer **Mike Murawski**, the cause of the crash is still under investigation. Mercy Air airlifted Congelli to Riverside Regional Medical Center complaining of chest and back pain.

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Idyllwild Weather
From the National Weather Service

Thursday 10/24	Friday 10/25	Saturday 10/26	Sunday 10/27	Monday 10/28
79/33 Sunny	78/33 Sunny	78/31 Sunny	74/31 Sunny	66/30 Sunny

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
10-15	72	38		
10-16	na	na		
10-17	na	na		
10-18	75	43		
10-19	76	45		
10-20	na	na		
10-21	na	na		

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10-19	76	45		
10-20	na	na		
10-21	na	na		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy):	4.59
To date last season (Idy):	2.64
Total last season (Idy):	14.02
To date this season (PC):	4.25
Total last season (PC):	19.94

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy):	0.00
To date last season (Idy):	0.00
Total last season (Idy):	42.8
To date this season (PC):	2.00
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.

Cross country running high in Idyllwild

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Cross-country running has returned to Idyllwild Middle School a second year under the guidance of volunteer coaches Lee Arnson and Misty Hitchcock. The team competed against other local middle schools last year, the first time in nearly 15 years.

"The beauty is that everyone gets to run," Arnson said. He credits Hitchcock with initial efforts to revive the sport. The coaches have the students running three times a week. Each practice begins with extensive stretching and warm-ups.

This year, the team has doubled, from 10 to 21 runners. Two of last year's participants — Riley Arnson and Micah Hitchcock — are freshmen at Hemet High School and running for the school's varsity team this year.

Last Monday was the team's first 2013 meet. Everyone got to run and five of the students brought home medals, Arnson said. Three more middle school meets will be run this fall.

The team is planning a jog-a-thon after school for Wednesday, Oct. 30, to raise money for entry fees, transportation and team shirts. "We'd like to avoid draining the school's funding for other extra-curriculum activities," Arnson said, explaining the fundraiser's purpose.

Besides Riley and Micah, juniors Jayden Emerson, Chad Schelly and Tanner Torrez, all from Idyllwild, are members of the Hemet High School varsity cross-country team.

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Idyllwild School's Cross-country team and coaches pose before Wednesday's practice. Kneeling (front row, from left) are **Emilio Wettlaufer, Litzy Pimental, Ty Bride, Alyah Bride, Vinney Parillo and Aaron Potter**. Standing (second row, from left) are **Henry Mendoza, McKenzie Nunez, Leslie Pimental, Tobey Posey, Brooke Arnson and Emmi Norris**. (Back row, from left) are Coach **Lee Arnson, Kevin Posey, Noah Rutherford, Cody Espinoza, Evan Biley, Carmen Pratt, Raul Pimental, Yan Ivanov, Rose Griesgraber and coach Misty Hitchcock**. Not available that day was **Jacob Lande**.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

SPORTS

Town Hall Youth Soccer

Wendy Hawkins at Town Hall gave this report on last week's soccer games:

9- to 11-year-old Division			
	Wins	Ties	Losses
Physcos	4	2	0
Black Lighting	2		4
Lighting Strike	2		4
Red Hawks	1	2	1

A reschedule for the Red Hawks vs. Black Lightning is Wednesday, Oct. 23.

6- to 8-year-old Division

Crushers	3
Lions	3
Silver Sabertooths	1
Red Dragon Bolt	0

A reschedule for the Crushers vs. Silver Sabertooths and the Lions vs. Red Dragon Bolt is Wednesday, Oct. 23.

No score is taken in the 4- to 5-year-old Division.

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

Steele starts new PGA Tour season

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele has opened this 2013-14 PGA Tour season with a bit of a rocky start. After missing the cut two weeks ago in the Frys.com Open in San Martin, he tied for 57th last week at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in Las Vegas.

The Idyllwild native was 4-under-par in Las Vegas, posting a 67-67-74-72 — 280, earning 12 FedExCup points in the process. His one eagle on the par-5 13th

hole on Friday was more than offset by three doubles and one triple spread around his four rounds.

If Steele were to play in about 25 tournaments this season, he would need to earn an average of about 15 FedExCup points in each in order to total 370 points, which is around what is needed each year to finish in the top 125 and earn playing privileges for the following season.

Steele is entered this week in the \$7 million CIMB Classic in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where the winner's share is more than \$1.2 million.

Grinding facility winter hours

The Idyllwild Grinding Facility will be closed Saturdays from Dec. 1 through April 30, 2014.

Monday through Friday operations will continue and green waste will be accepted between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The facility will be closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Saturday operations will resume May 3, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call the Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200 or visit www.rivcowm.org.

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School

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Only three schools in HUSD qualify as non-program improvement: Idyllwild, Cottonwood and Harmony Elementary. This year, the latter is already at capacity, so only Idyllwild and Cottonwood were options for parents to request a transfer.

"It's a little surprising and a new challenge, but a change we're ready for," said Kraemer.

Navarro said this is not the first year HUSD has shifted some of its student population due to parents' requests. But it is the first year Idyllwild will receive new enrollment.

"It's good for Idyllwild. I take it as a compliment," HUSD Trustee Vic Scavarda said. "These parents are concerned about the education for their kids and know Idyllwild is a good school."

"I give the parents credit for taking the step," he added. "I hope they

understand we get snow and weather."

The NCLB legislation requires that parents be given the transfer option at no cost.

Consequently, HUSD will bear the cost of bringing the Hemet students to Idyllwild, according to Navarro and Supt. Dr. Barry Kayrell.

Some of the students are in kindergarten and HUSD officials shared a concern about the length of the commute for students this young. Several are also middle school students, according to Navarro.

Adding new students raised parental concern recently about Idyllwild School's faculty level. In early September, after the current school year began, district officials reduced the faculty by one teacher because of the overall low enrollment compared to other HUSD elementary schools.

Several Idyllwild parents were upset

with the size of the fourth-grade class as a result of the loss of a teacher and even spoke out at an HUSD board meeting. Since then Scavarda has been talking to parents and school administrators. "Tom Dillon's [the current fourth-grade teacher] class is way too big," Scavarda said.

However, the arrival of these new students has resulted in the district reversing its decision. Former kindergarten teacher Michelle Adler, who is on a medical leave, will return to Idyllwild in December or early January, according to Kraemer.

Lisa Draper switched from fourth grade to teach kindergarten when Adler was originally transferred. She has agreed to stay with these students so they don't have to suffer another change.

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Idyllwild School sixth-graders **Wilton Zuniga** (left) and **Jake Mabery** were chosen by teacher **George Companiott** as students of the week for making huge efforts to be mature, on task and helpful historians in their social studies class as they study ancient Egypt. Their leap in maturity the past couple of weeks is to be celebrated.

PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK

County supervisor's schedule

Riverside County Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone will be at the Idyllwild Library 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. Thursday, Oct. 24, and from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22.

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.

Low tax rating for California

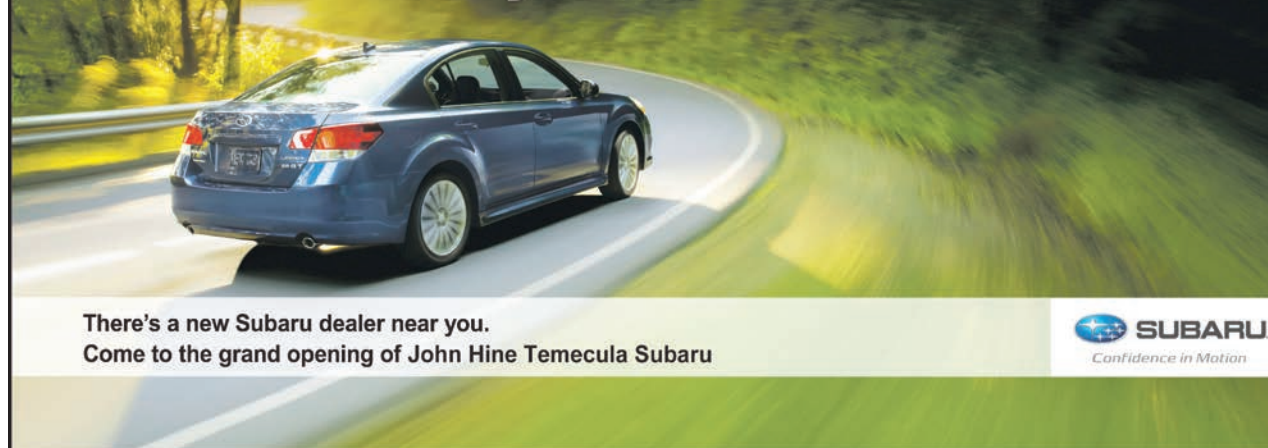
The tax climate of California ranked 48th this year out of all 50 states, according to a new report by the Tax Foundation. The Golden State remained in its long-held position of 48th place for the 2014 State Business Tax Climate Index, despite improvements to its corporate tax code.

The State Business Tax Climate Index, now in its 10th edition, collects data on more than 100 tax provisions for

each state and synthesizes them into a single, easy-to-use score. The states are then compared against each other, so that each state's ranking is relative to actual policies in place in other states around the country. A state's ranking can rise or fall significantly based not just on its own actions, but on the changes or reforms made by other states. The top 10 states in 2014 are Wyoming, South Dakota, Nevada, Alaska, Florida, Washington, Montana, New Hampshire, Utah and Indiana.

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Nestande vies for Ruiz's seat

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Republican Assemblyman Brian Nestande announced his campaign last week for California's 36th Congressional District which includes the Hill.

Democrat Dr. Raul Ruiz is the Hill's current congressman, having defeated incumbent Mary Bono Mack in the 2012 election.

"My focus is small businesses, which produce 90 percent of the new jobs," Nestande said. Four out of five new businesses are founded by minorities, including women, he added.

To promote his campaign, Nestande will walk the district and listen to constituents. On Tuesday, Oct. 15, he began his listening tour in Banning and will walk one city each month. "It was great insight to the needs of entrepreneurs. We have to reward hard work. Right now it's tilted against them," Nestande said.

"I have seen first-hand how overreaching government policies are hurting California families," said Nestande. "This government shutdown is the perfect example of why Washington needs fresh voices and perspectives to move our country forward."

Nestande represented Idyllwild in the State Assembly from 2008 through 2012. After the 2010 redistricting, Idyllwild was moved to Assembly District 71 for the 2012 election. But Idyllwild is in California's 36th Congressional District.

Ruiz campaign balance dwarfs Nestande's

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

In November 2012, Rep. Dr. Raul Ruiz (D-36) was elected to Congress and intends to stay there. In an expensive, multi-million dollar contest, Ruiz unseated incumbent Mary Bono Mack and this year faces State Assemblyman Brian Nestande (R 42).

Since January, Ruiz has collected more than \$1.1 million in contributions, not just from his mountain and desert district but much of it from outside of California. In preparations for 2014, he is significantly ahead of his 2012 war chest, which totaled \$1.9 million.

Nestande, who was the assumed Republican nominee for months, announced his formal campaign last week. He has received \$220,000 in contributions, most from individuals.

Through Sept. 30, more than a year before the ballots are cast, political committees have given Ruiz's campaign almost \$475,000 compared to \$422,000 for the entire 2012 election campaign.

Besides various medical associations, such as the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Academy of Family Physicians Political Action Committee, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons PAC and the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons PAC, Ruiz has been a major beneficiary of the Democratic Congressional Coordinating Committee and other political committees. The DCCC has given nearly \$15,000 and

AMERIPAC has contributed \$6,000.

At the end of September 2011, Ruiz had just about \$50,000 in cash. Now he has more than 17 times that amount and it will grow next year. Nestande had \$150,000 in cash available at the end of September.

At this point in the campaign-funding race, Nestande has received about \$6 from individuals for every \$1 from a political or corporate committee. When asked about Ruiz's committee sources, Nestande said, "I'm going in a different direction. I'm raising more money in the district than outside. I'll raise money within the district because I already know it better than [Ruiz] does."

Nestande represents local 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.

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2014 Congressional District 36
Campaign contributions and cash as of Sept. 30, 2013

	Contributions		Total Cash Available
	Individual	Committee	
Ruiz	\$660,500	\$473,250	\$876,000*
Nestande	\$191,200	\$30,100	\$150,600

* Ruiz has spent \$360,000 of the \$1.1 million; Nestande has spent \$71,000.

Ground water subject of Anza talk

Anza Ground Water Association is presenting important information on issues related to the Anza Valley watershed at the next Anza Valley Municipal Advisory Council meeting.

The event is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Anza Community Hall.

Audience members are encouraged to ask questions and express concerns regarding the AGWA survey.

The presentation includes basic

knowledge about hydrology, and current and future study activities. AGWA offers practical knowledge about wells, contamination protection, water quality and well testing.

For more information, email AGWAinfo@gmail.com or visit

<https://sites.google.com/site/an-zawatermgt/agwa>.

Gilman Springs Road under repair

Gilman Springs Road in San Jacinto is closed to through traffic between Highway 60 to Bridge

Street, and Alessandro Boulevard will be closed to through traffic between Theodore Street to Gilman Springs Road between now and Wednesday, Dec. 4.

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OUT LOUD

A Sacramento trip ...



Jack and I took a short trip up to Sacramento last week where the California

Newspaper Publishers Association hosted its quarterly meeting Friday.

Having visited Sacramento for these meetings in many past years, as well as more recently for the California Press Association, I have become enamored with the city and thought of this as a vacation.

Jack's first visit occurred when the airport shuttle dropped us at our hotel Thursday afternoon. I was excited to share this beautiful city with him. He felt less enthusiastic, having worked so many years in the exhausting legal field of games lawyers and politicians play. But I knew this city held much history and old architecture, which both of us enjoy in a vacation.

A free afternoon allowed us to do that, visiting such places as the historic basilica-styled Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, built in 1889 and seat of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sacramento. We toured the Capitol building, modeled after D.C.'s, visiting the various floors in both the older and newer sections. We looked down on the Assembly and Senate chambers, neither group being in session.

The Capitol grounds spread across acres of grass, roses and meandering sidewalks where joggers and walkers moved freely under the shady magnolias, citrus trees and current colors of autumn.

After Friday's all-day sessions (and Jack even attended one), we moved our belongings to Old Town at the Delta King Hotel, a riverboat now stationary on the Sacramento River. In 2008, I fell in love with this old boat when it harbored another CNPA quarterly meeting.

Late the next morning, the shuttle took us back to the airport and our short visit soon ended.

Nonetheless, between visiting old sites, seeing old newspaper friends and eating at great old places — like an Irish pub downtown and on the riverboat in Old Town — Jack and I enjoyed our favorite kind of vacation.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Entitled

EDITOR:

There is a type of driver who travels our mountain roads that poses a tremendous danger to everyone using these roads. This is the "entitled" driver.

There are two basic types.

One type, even when you're driving at the posted speed, will suddenly appear in your rearview mirror and ride your bumper until you pull over because they are "entitled" to go as fast as they want, and you and the next driver and the next are in their way.

When you're not intimidated by this "get-out-of-my-way" tactic enough to panic and turn out over some questionable, uneven road surface, they proceed to pass you, even if when it's over a double-yellow line — on a blind curve.

CHP can't be everywhere, but, they never seem to be around to stop these relentless road warriors who will quite often buzz by, up to 70 mph (or faster), yet receive no consequence for doing so.

On the flip side of this is the other type of "entitled" driver — the self-proclaimed "keeper of the speed" who will sometimes plod along,

going well below the speed limit, simply to force others to follow his or her "good example."

These drivers are extremely annoying and are as much a threat to road safety as the speeders because even when there is a very safe and well-posted turnout, they just ... won't ... turn ... out.

A resolution to all of this?

How about if, when we see a vehicle quickly approaching in our rearview mirror, we put on our blinker and, as soon as we safely can, turn out? How about if, when we want to pass someone, we don't automatically default to "tailgate mode," but give the slower driver a chance to turn out as soon as he or she feels it's safe to do so? It would also be nice to wave or honk as we pass, to acknowledge the driver's courtesy.

Then, if drivers choose not to follow these commonsense guidelines, how about if we just be patient, continue to drive as safely as we can, and hope that a CHP does happen to come by and give them a big fat, expensive ticket.

To that I do believe they are entitled.

JOHN CARRATELLO
 IDYLLWILD



SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE HILL?



BY JACK CLARK
 CONTEST JUDGE

This week you are again challenged to identify the particular spot depicted in this Hill photograph. It might be the exterior of a building or surrounding grounds of a commercial, governmental or nonprofit premises, or a public place in Idyllwild, Pine Cove, Fern Valley or Mountain Center. The prize is tickets to the Rustic Theatre, your picture in the Town Crier, and life membership in the No. 1 Hillbilly Detective Agency. If there is no winner during a week, the ticket prizes will accumulate.

Open to all ages. It doesn't matter how you submit your entry, as long as it's in writing, delivered by noon Monday (or Tuesday if the Town Crier office is not open Monday) to the Town Crier, attn: Jack, and you convince the judge that you found the exact spot. Just saying something like, "The wall around _____ restaurant" is not enough. You must describe the actual spot by pacing off or some other specific description. Taking your own photograph of the spot would be ideal, but is not necessary to win as long as you persuade the judge that you have found the exact spot depicted in the contest photo. The decision of the judge is final. If there is no winner, clues will be given and the weekly prizes will accumulate. This is not a race. If there is more than one person with a correct answer, a drawing will determine the winner, so keep your answer to yourself. Check out this week's new photo above.

At left, **Matt Day** correctly identified this black oak tree on Village Center Drive across from the old Town Crier building in last week's photo contest and then won the ensuing drawing for two tickets to the Rustic Theatre.

PHOTO BY KELLY ARMANTAGE

How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps). Letters must be signed (unless e-mailed) and must be identified with the writer's name, address and weekday phone number.

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SCIENCE & REALITY TODAY

HECTOR TRUJILLO, SAN DIEGO

So you wanna be an astronaut? Expect the unexpected ...

In case you haven't yet seen the new movie "Gravity," I promise not to spoil the ending for you. That being said, after watching this new sci-fi thriller starring George Clooney and Sandra Bullock, I was reminded why I made a good choice in not applying to NASA.



First off, let's correct a common misconception that astronauts float around weightless in space because no gravity is up there. The fact is there is almost the same amount of gravity working on them — about 90 percent — as there is on the rest of us here on Earth. Even though it looks like they are floating weightless in space what is actually happening is that astronauts are falling and this happens because the Earth is curving away from them as fast as they are falling toward it.

But if you still want to be an astronaut, forget about mechanical issues, solar winds and the fact that bacteria multiply faster in space; astronauts have another potential problem: Kessler syndrome.

NASA scientist Donald J. Kessler first proposed the concept in 1978. The Kessler syndrome is a scenario in which so many objects are orbiting the Earth that one collision can cause a cascading chain reaction generating space debris, which increases the likelihood of further collisions.

The implication of the Kessler syndrome is that the distribution of debris in orbit could render space exploration and the effective use of satellites impossible for several decades. For someone, such as me, who gets cranky if Facebook is down a couple hours for maintenance, it would mean the end of the Earth as I know it.

While the mathematical probability remains low today, the fact that some of these satellites pass within 200 meters of each other during orbit increases the chances of a collision as the months and years pass.

Besides the obvious solution of simply bringing the satellite crashing down to Earth, NASA could also use a laser to knock debris off a collision course, but that is years away. The culprit in the movie is a Russian satellite that has self-destructed with its remains being launched toward Clooney, Bullock and the other characters working on the International Space Station.

The effects are Academy Award-winning caliber. The acting is in your face and intense. And yes, George Clooney still looks hot ... oh, Sandra Bullock has been working out, too. The movie is only about 90 minutes long and you get your money's worth. Besides, it's not all bad if you are an astronaut orbiting space. I mean, you get to see the sunrise 16 times in one day. What can beat that?

Cedar shake replacement project

The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council has received Federal Emergency Management Agency authority to begin its cedar shake shingle roof replacement project, according to Executive Director Edwina Scott. Work will begin over the next few weeks and homeowners may receive 75 percent of the replacement cost. Scott can be reached at 951-659-6208.

MOUNTAIN FOLK

Karla Leopold of Idyllwild has been accepted into the National Association of Women Artists, a New York-based organization of women artists dating back to 1889.

Leopold's induction and a new members' exhibit reception is Nov. 21. One of her paintings is hanging in the NAWA gallery from Nov. 6 to 27.

Other member artists of the prestigious organization that is the first established professional women's art organization in the United States have included **Mary Cassatt** and **Alice Neel**.

Send "Mountain folk" news with contact information to becky@towncrier.com.

CLUBS

Idyllwild Garden Club

Just in time for the holidays, come learn how to design and install a showcase miniature railroad outdoor garden. **Rick Bremer** of the Pomona **Fairplex Garden Railroad** will speak on the subject at the next **Idyllwild Garden Club** meeting.

The event is Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the **Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church**, 54400 N. Circle Dr. A potluck buffet lunch is served at noon and Bremer will begin speaking around 12:30 p.m. Guests are welcome and donations are always appreciated.

This will be the last speaker meeting of the season as December's meeting will be a holiday party. The Garden Club will be dark in January and February and resume March 4, 2014.

The Fairplex Garden Railroad was featured on PBS, season eight of "Tracks Ahead," which can be viewed at www.fgrr.org/. Bremer's lodging is provided courtesy of **Strawberry Creek Inn**.

For more information, call Elizabeth at 951-659-0550. Idyllwild Garden Club website is www.idyllwildgardenclub.net.

Matter of fact

In last week's edition on page 14, Alexandria Taylor was incorrectly identified as the Artspresso Art Gallery owner. The owner's name is Celeste Cuomo. Also in last week's paper, the crossword was incorrect. On page 1 in the Oct. 10 issue, a Disaster Aid Station in Idyllwild was misidentified by sources in the story as H instead of F.

Town Crier regrets the errors.

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Health fair coming soon

By JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

On Saturday, Nov. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Idyllwild HELP Center co-hosts its fourth-annual Health and Resource Fair at Fern Creek Medical Center, 54910 Pine Crest Ave. The fair, with co-host Dr. Ken Browning, offers free health services including flu shots, a variety of screenings (blood sugar, visual acuity, body and body fat analysis), and nutritional and Medicare counseling.

The annual event began in 2009 and, with the assistance of Riverside County, Dr. Richard Goldberg and several nurses, more than 200 flu inoculations have been given. More than 30 health care and service organization vendors have participated in the fair.

Donations of food, clothing or money to the Idyllwild HELP Center are welcomed. For more information visit www.idyllwildhelpcenter.org.

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

MCP's new home, phone number

Back in June, the Mountain Community Patrol relocated to the Mountain Resource Center on Franklin Drive in Pine Cove. It also changed its phone number to 951-659-6219.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 951-659-2844.
- Pain Without Meds Group, 10 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3-fifth-grade, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creek-

- stone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Ave. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- County Supervisor Jeff Stone, 1-4 p.m. Hemet office, 749 N. State Street Hemet. Call 951-955-1030 for appointment.
- Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
- Book Club, 7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Monica Sierras at 951-659-5932 for information and location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Feeding America, 3 p.m. Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center. Distribution at the former Morning Sky School on Hwy. 243.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. 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, OCT. 26

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m., Spiritual Living

- Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Amateur radio operator's licensing class, Mile High Radio Club, noon-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27

- 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, OCT. 28

- 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. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community 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 Val-

- erie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.

TUESDAY, OCT. 29

- Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting and Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Drive (the Courtyard Building).
- 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.
- Transition Town meeting, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
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COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.

- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday; noon-8 p.m. Tuesday; noon-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

Churches and Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

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659-5255 • On Hwy 243 in Mountain Center.

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25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school,
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Blast from the past — Sportland 1962

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Newcomers to Idyllwild have likely heard many stories from long-time residents about the “good old days” in Idyllwild and the evolution of this small mountain community from a veritable wilderness town with 450 residents to the community it is today. Back in the day, locals might enjoy a patty melt at Taylors, a cafe in Mountain Center, or a pastry from Bill, the Baker in the Forest, before doing laundry at Snow White, the local laundromat.

On a warm afternoon, Mom and Dad might pack up the kids and head to Sportland to cool off in the community pool, play a round of miniature golf or enjoy a few games of bowling. For many, the history of Idyllwild is fascinating and the history of Sportland even more so. Imagine an entertainment complex smack in the middle of downtown Idyllwild.

Any conversation about the history of Idyllwild should begin with Bob

Smith, who literally wrote the photographic book, “Idyllwild and the High San Jacintos,” published by Arcadia. Smith, in addition to being a local author, is a board member, docent and researcher for the Idyllwild Area Historical Society. History buffs will find a wealth of information about Idyllwild at the Museum located on North Circle Drive.

The Town Crier also maintains a rich Idyllwild history in binders of back issues of the publication since its inception in 1946, back in the Ernie and Betty Maxwell days. Reading through issues from the 1940s feels much like a trip back in time and provides a glimpse into the overall consciousness of the community as it grew and evolved.

An important part of Idyllwild’s history was the entertainment center in the heart of downtown. The headline of the Idyllwild Town Crier, June 15, 1962, read “Sportland Park Opens in Village.” On opening day, owners Avery and Jane Fish-

er hosted an open house to introduce the community to the new complex that included a variety of eateries — the upscale Carriage Room, lined with hand-flocked red wallpaper and walnut paneling; the Sportsmen Grill, a serve-yourself leisure eating establishment; the Pony Express Coffee Shop; the Ice Cream Emporium; and Dry Gulch Burger Bar.

The facility also boasted a bowling alley, a swimming pool, a roller skating rink, miniature golf, an animal farm and an art gallery. The Fishers, in creating Sportland, did a great deal of homework. “We have studied similar operations throughout the West during the past year and we think that there are things of interest to the whole family and people of different interests,” the Fishers agreed.

The complex also boasted the first permanent art gallery to open in Idyllwild. Jane was in charge of gallery operations. In addition to Jane, the six-member board of directors included Rod Burnham, Rex Brandt, Joan



The front entrance of Sportland Park in 1962.

FILE PHOTO

Irving Brandt, Robert E. Wood and, the Town Crier’s own Ernest Maxwell. On

opening day, the Garden Club served tea and coffee. A 1962 advertisement

in the Town Crier for the Carriage Room at Sportland
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Trains

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train set for Christmas one year; I think that was the beginning."

Tom Lovejoy, an Idyllwild resident for more than 23 years, retired after 10 years managing Idyllwild Water district. "My wife said I needed a hobby, something to keep me active. I said, 'How about I build a railroad?' and that's how all of this started." Tom and Patti have been married for 55 years.

Lovejoy's G-scale railroad was built over three summers. The first phase was built in an elevated, planter-like area, complete with a small community, including a church, gas station, general store, horse arena and other buildings you'd expect to see in a small Western town, complete with a gunfight in the middle of the town's street. The second phase was the elevated figure eight he constructed. "I estimate that I have 400 to 500 feet of track," he said, "including the third phase that loops around the depot." The depot is a large red barn where he stores the train engines, cars, track and other railroad supplies. Lovejoy has more than 100 cars in his collection of which 12 are a variety of engine styles.

Bob Blankman built his home in Idyllwild in 1978



Warren Monroe has been working with G-scale railroad for almost 20 years and helped in the constructing the Living Desert's garden railroad. He has amassed quite a collection that includes 300-plus feet of track, 29 locomotives, 70 cars and numerous specialty cars.



Tom Lovejoy A 23-year resident of Idyllwild proudly displays his Pineywoods Railroad he built over three summers. Lovejoy's display includes 400 to 500 feet of track and his collection includes more than 100 cars.

PHOTOS BY JOHN PACHECO



Bob Blankman built his own home in Idyllwild in 1978. About 14 years ago he decided to build his own garden railroad. Blankman's collection started with a train set on plywood in his basement; his outdoor display has more than 280 feet of track and includes numerous classic locomotives and rail cars.

and created a railroad display that covers a large part of his property. "I was always interested in trains. I would stop at railroad museums whenever I traveled." About 14 years ago, Blankman decided to build his garden railroad. "I had a train set in my basement on a piece of plywood covering my pool table," said Blankman. "I decided it would be a fun project." Blankman's display includes more than 280 feet of track, numerous classic locomotives, an inn, cattle cars, a Shell tanker and a

functioning water wheel. "I leave the display up all year long, but the squirrels are making it look like a ghost town," he laughed. The cars, however, are carefully stored out of the elements.

Monroe, Lovejoy and Blankman belong to the Temecula Valley Garden Railway Society, an organization for garden railroad enthusiasts. The group comprises about 50 members, 30 of whom are active. They meet monthly and spend about three hours socializing and enjoying all things railroad

at the home of the hosting member.

For anyone interested in creating their own railroad garden, Idyllwild Garden Club will host Rick Bremer of the Pomona Fairplex Garden Railroad Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Idyllwild Community Church, 54400 N. Circle Dr. A potluck buffet lunch will be served at noon and Bremer will begin speaking around 12:30 p.m. Membership is not required, but donations are appreciated.

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Health program launched Oct. 1

Despite concerns about a possible delay in the launch of the new online health insurance enrollment, Dana Howard, a Covered California spokesperson, said, "We're really confident that the online system will be up and running."

Tests of the system have been completed and it is ready for use. Officials expect more than two million residents to enroll by 2017.

As a small business owner in California, use the Covered California website to apply for coverage, compare plans and enroll. Applications are being accepted for health coverage to take effect January 2014.

Covered California provides access to more plans by creating a small-business insurance pool. This gives customers the ability to shop qualified insurance plans and compare and contrast coverages and premium rates.



The Idyllwild Arts Theatre Department will present "Dracula" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25 and 26, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 27. A photograph of the cast was captured without using natural sunlight. Kneeling in the front row (from left) are **Sofie Puchley, Fernando Rodriguez, Claire Frisinger, Max Ross and Allison Billmeyer**. Standing in the second row (from left) are **Hannah Osgood, Jasmine Lim, Tenaya Berndsen, Dakota Shapiro, Grace Haggard, Sam Son-Dokidis, Alina Pontius and Nico Amatullo**. In back are **Keller O'Malley, Kent-Harris Repass and Zen Ocean**.

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Runners and zombies race through the woods Saturday during the first Idyllwild Zombie Run. Zombies in full attack mode tried to pull the runners' red flags before they reached the finish line at Idyllwild's Ghost Town.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Halloween offers scary fun

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

You can run, but you can't hide; Halloween is approaching fast and all things scary will converge on downtown Idyllwild over the coming days (and nights).

Idyllwild's annual Great Pumpkin Parade begins at the top of North Circle Drive at 4:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 31. The parade ends downtown where the Great Pumpkin Carnival kicks off from 5 to 8 p.m.

The carnival includes game booths, bounce houses and costume contests — fun for the entire family. The carnival benefits the Idyllwild School Booster Club for outdoor education trips.

The Idyllwild Community Center Ghost Town runs through Nov. 2. Live actors lurk in the darkness waiting to scare participants and animatronics raise the fear factor to

panic levels. The event is in its 10th year. Organizer Kat Wilson said, "It's our best year ever."

At 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, all are invited to play the "Slenderman and the Eight Pages," which is somewhat of a global phenomenon. Participants will search the woods for the eight missing manuscript pages about Slenderman, a paranormal creature, and must find the manuscripts before Slenderman finds the seekers and takes their flags. First, second and third place medals will be given. The Idyllwild version will be entertainment appropriate for the entire family. The game begins at Ghost Town and will be played in the woods behind the ICC. For more information contact Kathy Wilson at 951-659-3228 or katsacher@aol.com.

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Preventing drug/alcohol abuse

The National Family Partnership announces the national contest for its 28th-annual Red Ribbon Week® from Oct. 23 to 31.

This public service campaign helps parents and teachers prevent youth drug and alcohol abuse. Community members may enter to win \$1,000 for Idyllwild School and an iPad for the home.

To enter:

- Students bring the Red Ribbon Week® message home by working alongside parents to decorate their front door, mailbox or fence with a red ribbon and this year's theme "A Healthy Me Is Drug Free™."

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org/contest by Nov. 4.

Anyone uploading must be age 18 or older.

- Then the voting begins. Ask family and friends to vote for the entry at redribbon.org/vote between Nov. 5 and 19. Ten winners from regions across the U.S. will win at redribbon.org on Dec. 6 and be recognized at winning schools throughout December.



Members of the Garner Valley Women's Group dressed as witches and flew to Idyllwild's Restaurant Gastrognome Tuesday, Oct. 15, for lunch. From left, **Lisa Sawyers, Julie Nolden, Beverly Bartlett, Timmie Martens, Alice Wall, Katie Yoon, Nancy Jones and Athena Geges.** Up front is **Iris Yoon, 3.**

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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, Oct. 23
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Modern Dance for Kids, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
Soroptimist International of Idyllwild Basket Festival & Spaghetti Dinner, 5 p.m. Buckhorn Camp.
John King and Mike D., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
"Gravity," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Oct. 24
Carlos Reynosa and Friends, 5-8 p.m. Lumbermill Bar and Grill.

Grill.
Forest Folk Potluck & Movie Night, "The Jerk," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Oktoberfest Beer Tasting, 6:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
"Gravity," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Oct. 25
Adult Yoga, with Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon; Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.

"Gravity," 4 and 7 p.m.; Friday Funnies Cast Auditions, 10 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's Mexican Food.

Sandii Castleberry, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe.

"Dracula," 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Lumbermill Bar and Grill.

Saturday, Oct. 26
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
"Dracula," 2 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
"Gravity," 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Service Industry Night With DJ Billy Shepherd, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Lumbermill Bar and Grill.

Live Music 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's Mexican Food.
Keith McCabe, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe.
"Dracula," 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Sunday, Oct. 27
Dr. Betty's Talk, "Goblins, Ghosts, Etc., Etc.," Soloist

Sandii Castleberry 10 a.m. Spiritual Learning Center.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.

"Dracula," 2 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
"Gravity," 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Service Industry Night With DJ Billy Shepherd, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Lumbermill Bar and Grill.

Monday, Oct. 28
Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
"Gravity," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Oct. 29
Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon; Modern Dance for Adults,

4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
"Gravity," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Oct. 30
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Modern Dance for Kids, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
"Gravity," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Oct. 31
Halloween Party, Dan Papaila, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
"Gravity," 7 p.m.; Throw the Goat, 9 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Nov. 1
Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon; Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The

Lumbermill Bar and Grill.

Saturday, Nov. 2
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.

Sunday, Nov. 3
Service Industry Night With DJ Billy Shepherd, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Lumbermill Bar and Grill.

Monday, Nov. 4
Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.

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

A beer brewed with salt?

BY JARED DILLON
LOCAL BEER EXPERT

The lack of experimentation in German beer is an interesting issue. The Reinheitsgebot is a beer purity law that originated in 1487 because of concerns about impurities in German beer. The idea was to make all beer from higher quality ingredients. This would ultimately play out with the law stating that all beer brewed in Germany could only use water, barley and hops.

In today's society, we know that one ingredient necessary to making all beer is missing from that list — yeast. At the time, scientists had not discovered that yeast existed. Wheat is another ingredient missing. Wheat is essential to the most popular style of German beer, the Hefeweizen.

The law is still in effect and while adjustments have been made to include wheat and yeast into the original text, it certainly has done damage to unique styles of beer that may have once been made in Germany.

For a long time, the Reinheitsgebot stifled creativity because beer could legally not be made with spices or wheat.

Eventually, as craft beer became prominent in the 1980s and 1990s, unique beers from around the world were seen as exotic luxuries. Since that time we have seen an effort to reproduce beers that have been lost in the annals of

time. One of these styles is called Gose.

Gose is an ale brewed with wheat, coriander and salt. Under the Reinheitsgebot, this would be illegal. The German law now allows brewing beers such as Gose and Berliner Weisse under the principle that they are a "regional specialty."

Gose itself has historically been produced since the 16th century in Goslar, Germany. Today, Gose is very popular in Leipzig. At one time in the 1960s, only one brewery still brewed beer in the Gose style. A man named Lothar Goldhahn changed this in the 1980s by reproducing a seemingly extinct style.

While restoring the former tavern, Ohne Bedenken, he decided the original brew should be offered. He researched Gose and found an East Berlin brewery to produce it. The flavor of Gose is a complex combination of sour lemon, light herbs, wheat and salt.

Come try Gose and a variety of other unique German beers like Berliner Weisse (a sour wheat ale) and Rauchbier (a smoked doppelbock) with traditional German cuisines at Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe on Thursday, Oct. 24 at 6:30 p.m. The price is \$25 per person.



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Sportland

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promoted the "Diamond Jim Brady," an 18-ounce steak for \$4.75. A shrimp dinner was only \$1.65. The cost to build Sportland in 1962 was an estimated \$250,000, which equals more than \$1.9 million in today's market.

This was not the first time a complex of its kind [on the same site] was built to serve the entertainment needs of a growing Idyllwild community.

In 1917, Claudius Lee Emerson began developing the Idyllwild Inn and built the Idyllwild Store, Post Office, the Plunge (a community pool) and croquet courts. The Great Depression, bankruptcy, and fire took its toll and in 1947 new owners Jerry Johnson and Clifton Russell opened Sportland (the first iteration) with five bowling lanes, a snack bar, an amusement center and a swimming pool.

That same year Johnson and Clifton sold the business to Percy Van Der Meid. In September 1948, it burned to the ground. It took about a year for the property to be rebuilt and in 1949 it was reopened.

By 1953, the site changed again focusing more on the restaurant side of the complex. After an "alpine" remodel, the complex was renamed Idyll-Hof and by 1957 it included ping-pong, miniature golf, a redecorated cafe and a banquet room.

By 1959 the property appeared to fall into disrepair and local advertising for the complex ceased. In 1962 the Fishers bought the property and created the new and improved Sportland. This was to be the last time the site would serve as a center of community entertainment. The property changed hands again in 1966, 1976 and again in 1992 when Idyllwild Realtor Maureen Jones and Escondido developer Dick Krupp built what is now known as The Fort, a shopping center.

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Hydrants

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was replacing 13,000 feet of old pipeline and it presented an opportunity to install 10 new fire hydrants in the community.

"All hydrants are located in CSA 38. I believe that the hydrants would last for many decades, and would provide an ongoing benefit to Pine Cove residents. All hydrants would be installed by [PCWD] crews," he said.

As a result of this request, Stone asked Brown to convene the local advisory committee and solicit its review and recommendation.

While none of the members objected to the idea, there was some concern about the possibility that approving this request might invite the county to use CSA 38 funds for purposes other than fire.

"If CSA 38 chooses to give PCWD this tax money, will it encourage the county to divert money to other projects?" asked Nancy Borchers of Pine Cove. "Is this the proverbial camel's nose under the tent?"

Marge Muir, CSA 38 vice chair, replied. "I'm con-

cerned it could be too easy so we have to be careful. But the community built the fire station and the community has to be safe. The hydrants are good. The money is from the community and the hydrants are for the community."

Brown also assured Borchers that the county's legal counsel has reviewed using CSA 38 funds. Fire equipment, fire protection and volunteers at Station 23 (Pine Cove) are all legitimate purposes for using CSA 38 funds.

CSA 38 has two sources of revenue. The larger amount, nearly \$90,000, comes from collection of the special parcel fee approved in 2004 to pay for the ambulance service that Idyllwild Fire Protection District provides Pine Cove through a contract with the county Emergency Medical Services Agency. The other source is a very small percentage of Pine Cove property tax revenue that would otherwise go to Riverside County. This is available to the CSA because of its existence prior to the approval of Proposition 13.

"As a taxpayer, you would pay it anyway,"

Brown said.

Following the fire hydrant funding approval, Brown discussed the status of the current evaluation of the county's emergency medical services system. The evaluation will lead to a request for bidders to provide ambulance service throughout the county by July 2015.

The Mountain Plateau, which includes Pine Cove north and Mountain Center and Garner Valley south, had not seen a bid in more than 10 years. Idyllwild has its own emergency medical services.

"If we're successful with the countywide contract, it could sunset the parcel tax," Brown told the committee. If Pine Cove is included in the countywide ambulance service contract, it would

not have any surcharge as it does now; therefore the parcel tax — currently about \$58 annually — could be eliminated or significantly reduced.

"The county's goal is you don't pay taxes other areas don't; that you're treated equally," Brown stated.

The committee plans to meet again in January to discuss its 2014-15 budget. Other topics will include the possibility of acquiring a new fire vehicle for Station 23 as well as funds to do some remodeling of the station.

"It's been a long time since we had a meeting. It was great to have one," said CSA 38 Chair Jerry Holldber. "It was very positive and informative. I look forward to the next meeting in January."

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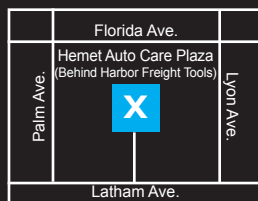
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IWD water production down; directors' pay up

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Public apathy supported Idyllwild Water District directors' decision to increase their compensation for attendance at last week's meeting.

One person — Steve Moulton — attended the Oct. 16 public hearing on the proposed increase to \$100 per board or committee meeting from the current rate of \$50. The current rate has been in effect since the 1970s.

Directors offered several reasons in response to Moulton's questions as to why the rate might double.

"Our infrastructure is about four times the size of the closest district and consequently we spend a lot of time ensuring the district's success," said Director James Billman. IWD has seven committees responsible for district oversight, more than any other local district. "The committee meetings directly relate to the development of policy and its implementation," Billman emphasized.

President Warren Monroe offered the Employee Manual, of which was on the agenda later for approval, as an example of a project that consumed innumerable directors' hours over a three- to four-year period.

The final vote was 3 to 1. Monroe voted no and Director John Cook was absent. The new compensation will not be effective for 60 days. Section 20201 limits the compensation to \$100 per day regardless of the number of meetings. And Section 20202 limits the compensation to 10 days in any calendar month.

"As a manager, I've worked with many districts. This is the first board to go through the extensive training [provided by the California Special Districts Association] and has accomplished a lot because of its committee membership," General Manager Terry Lyons said to Moulton.

"Some pay locks in a certain level of responsibility," said Director Dean Lattin. "Without compensation, you

could just walk away."

In other business, the board approved adopting the Employee Manual and passed a formal resolution adopting the various employee benefits, such as health care, retirement and others.

"The employees are happy with it," said Office Administrator Kelly Clark.

In water business, Lyons reported that Tollgate Road storage tank welding has begun. He expects construction to be completed this fall, but the internal and external painting will be delayed until warmer weather next spring, he told the board.

The Golden Rod storage tank, including painting, was completed this month. Time is needed for the paint to cure, he said, before it begins to be filled. Its acceptance into the district's distribution system requires water quality testing approval from the state Department of Environmental Health.

Lyons also reported that he expects to have the Oakwood well integrated into the production system before 2014.

September production fell about 30,000 gallons from August and was 18,000 less than August 2012. For the year, IWD has produced 72.4 million gallons, 10.2 million (16 percent) more than the first nine months of 2012. This year will be the first time production has exceeded the previous year since 2009.

"The Foster Lake wells are still dropping, but the downtown wells are not too bad," Lyons told the board. IWD is still in a Stage 2 water conservation emergency.

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PCWD seeking Franklin property

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Pine Cove Water District directors authorized establishing an escrow account to possibly purchase the Kevin and Janice Kelly Trust property on Franklin Drive, APN 560-101-014-8.

The board authorized President Michael Esnard and General Manager Jerry Holldber to sign the necessary papers to enter into escrow and start the process for securing a loan through the California Special Districts Association.

The district already has several facilities in the neighborhood. This parcel might be developed for more storage, protecting existing wells and potentially for another well, according to Holldber.

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Midwifery passes senate/assembly

The California Senate and Assembly both voted unanimously in support of AB 1308 that now heads to Gov. Jerry Brown's office.

AB 1308 protects the legal practice of midwifery without requiring physician supervision. This will eventually allow midwives to accept Medi-Cal payment for home birth and deliveries at freestanding birth centers.

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the California Association of Midwives and California Families for Access to Midwives all support the bill.

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Leak tapering off near Shell station

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

While monitoring of all well sites drilled to observe migrating hydrocarbon from the old leak of underground gasoline storage at Village Food and Fuel (the Shell station) continues, Riverside County Department of Environmental Health has reduced the effort and begun work to restore the site.

Last month, RM Environmental Inc., the contractor, removed the soil vapor extraction wells last used in February 2008. Soil borings a year ago confirmed that further remediation was not warranted.

The September quarterly hydrocarbon samplings were significantly lower than maximum concentrations recorded more than eight years ago.

However, some results were up slightly from the June sampling data. For example, monitoring well no. 1 recorded xylene concentration of 239 micrograms per liter (μl) compared to 72.3 μl in June. However benzene and methyl-tertiary-butyl ethane were still not detected in this well.

While the MTBE concentration was up slightly in monitoring well no. 4 on the edge of the property, it was down substantially in no. 5, on the opposite side of Ridgeview Drive. This was the lowest reading here since 2010.

Semi-annual groundwater monitoring will continue at the site. Identifying, monitoring and removing hydrocarbons near these sites began in the 1990s.

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Fern Valley ends pipeline project below projections

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Fern Valley Water District has installed nearly 4,500 feet of pipe, including nine fire hydrants, along Fern Valley Road. The project began this summer and ended in September at a total project cost of \$955,000, \$200,000 less than the original estimates and the budgeted amount of \$1.16 million, according to General Manager Steve Erler. The board approved his recommendation for acceptance at last week's meeting.

T.A. Rivard's original contract amount was for \$855,000. After adjustments, the total payment will be about \$792,000. The other major cost was for design and other engineering services from Albert Webb and Associates.

The board also reviewed its first quarter financial report for fiscal year 2013-14. Income was \$255,000 and is projected to total \$1.1 million by the end of the year. The preponderance of property tax revenue will not arrive until January and next May.

Water sales revenue was \$234,000. "Water sales [at this level] are not unusual to be high this time of year; it will taper off in the winter," said Erler.

Operating expenses were 22 percent of the year's projection. The Fern Valley Road pipeline project has consumed nearly 80 percent of expenses this year. But the district's reserves were sufficiently plentiful to provide the additional revenue.

September's water production fell more than 25 percent from a year ago. Last month, FVWD produced about 3.8-million gallons compared to 5.1 million in 2012.

When asked about the decrease, Erler suggested the drop in use might have several explanations: fewer people coming up to the Hill, repairing pipeline leaks and the extraordinary rain in September.

"It is unusually lower this year. If it continues it might mean less money coming into the district," commented Director James Rees.

Erler's operation report also indicated the district's reliance on water from its well also decreased in September. In August, nearly 70 percent of the water production came from wells and last month, wells were the source of 60 percent of the water.

Tahquitz Creek was the source of stream water since Strawberry Creek remained dry, according to Erler.

Board President Charles Wix asked Erler to discuss the status of storage tank no. 11. In October 2012, there were six complaints about bad water quality from tank no. 11, but this year, FVWD has received no complaints, according to Erler. He attributed the installation of venting on the tank roof and more cycling of its contents as having improved the situation.

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Idyllwild group discusses Transition Town's movement

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

About 40 people attended the Idyllwild Conversations meeting Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, at the Idyllwild Library, where the group embraced the Transition Town's movement — a local response to an economic system that is problematic to many.

The goal of the conversations is to address ways to help



Cultural exchange occurs in a beer tent at the Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany, where **Larissa Moss** (holding the Town Crier) is telling the locals about beautiful Idyllwild.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LARISSA MOSS



Jeff and Chanel Friesen browse the Town Crier classifieds on the west coast of Scotland, for a boat to take them to Castle Stalker, also known as "Castle AAArrrgh!" from the last scene of the movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail." The Friesens recently spent three weeks driving around Scotland.

Idyllwild become more resilient. A five-minute video, "Addicted to Growth," was screened. The film suggests that the U.S. has reached the end of economic growth due to the depletion of natural resources. It further stated that without cheap fossil fuels and without borrowing from the future, economic growth, as experienced in the past, is over. This grassroots movement seeks to build community resilience in facing challenges such as peak oil, climate change and the economic crisis.

The vision of the Transition movement (as outlined on its website www.transitionsus.org) is that "every community in the United States has engaged its collective creativity to unleash an extraordinary and historic transition to a future beyond fossil fuels; a future that is more vibrant, abundant and resilient; one that is ultimately preferable to the present."

Rob Hopkins, founder of the Transition Town Movement, has written several books to assist communities in becoming Transition Towns, including, "The Transition Handbook: From Oil Dependency to Local Resilience;" "The Transition Companion: Making Your Community More Resilient in Uncertain Times;" and "Transition



Towns: A Pocket Guide." It is the principals found in Hopkins' books that guide the groups springing up throughout the world.

Culver City is a Transition Town. Thanks in large part to the efforts of Vice-mayor Meghan Sahli-Wells. She was the organizer for Transition Culver City and sits on several city council subcommittees, including the Sustainability Subcommittee and the Regional Oil Operations Subcommittee.

Representatives involved in Culver City's Transition Town movement are expected to attend the next meeting of the group at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the Idyllwild Library.

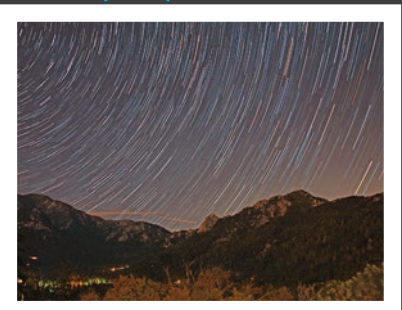
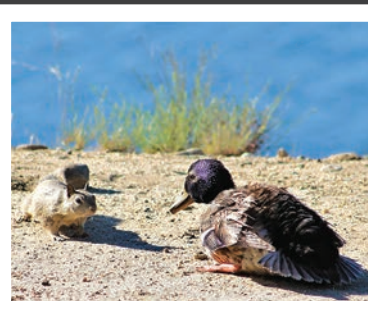
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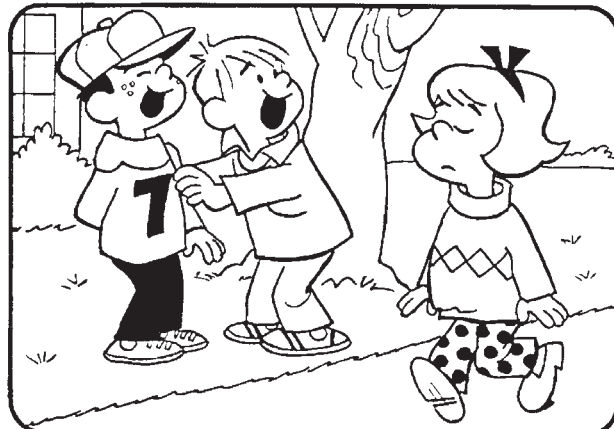
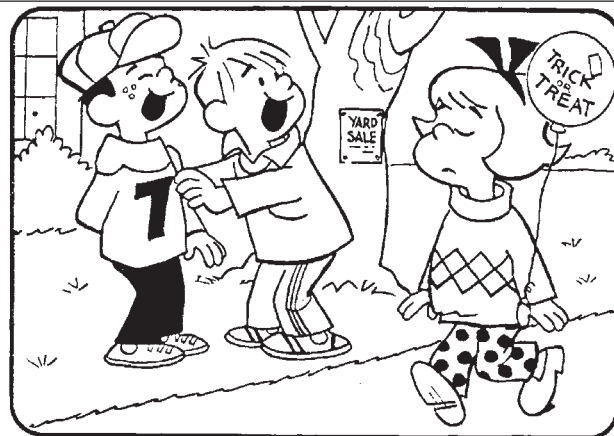
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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name Something Old Made New Byou, 25965 Hwy 243, Unit A, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County has been abandoned by the following person: KIMBERLY ANN EVANS-SMITH, 26740 Saunders Meadow

Road, Idyllwild, CA, 92549, KIMBERLY ANN EVANS-SMITH, 26740 Saunder's Meadow Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on March 28, 2012. 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:
KIMBERLY ANN EVANS-SMITH
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 25, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-03692

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: D. Santana, Deputy
Pub. TC: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013.

RIC1309503
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., (P.O. Box 431) Riverside, CA 92502-0431.
PETITION OF CIREELEDA BOSWELL.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: CIREELEDA SUSAN BOSWELL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:
a. Present name: CIREELEDA SUSAN BOSWELL changed to Proposed name: CIREELEDA SUSAN HUNTER.
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: 10/22/13 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 14, 2013
SHARON J. WATERS
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013.

RIC1311131
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., (P.O. Box 431), Riverside, CA 92502-0431.
PETITION OF GILBERTO RAMOS.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: GILBERTO RAMOS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:
a. Present name: GILBERTO RAMOS changed to Proposed name: GILBERTO RAMOS.
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: 11/15/13 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: Sept. 27, 2013
SHARON J. WATERS
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as SKY ISLAND NATURAL FOODS, 94423 Village Center Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County; Mailing Address: PO Box 1801, Idyllwild,

CA 92549. SKY ISLAND ORGANICS, INC., 54423 Village Center Drive, 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 July 31, 2013.

Signed:
MICHAEL JAMES WANGLER
President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 1, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-10347

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON OCTOBER 1, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 1, 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: A. Acevedo, Deputy
Pub. TC: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as REPS TRAINING CENTERS, 29430 State Hwy 243, Mountain Center, CA, 92561, Riverside County; Mailing Address: PO Box 1059, Idyllwild, CA 92549. BRANDY LYNN ASCH, 55512 Howland Road, 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:

BRANDY LYNN ASCH
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 27, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-10267
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 27, 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: M. Gutierrez, Deputy
Pub. TC: Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2013.

RIC1311161
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., Riverside, CA 92501.
PETITION OF KELLY LEIGH UNGER and DARIAN PAUL WILLITS.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: KELLY LEIGH UNGER and DARIAN PAUL WILLITS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:
a. Present name: KAIYA ELISABETH UNGER changed to Proposed name: KAIYA ELISABETH WILLITS.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You enjoy the attention early in the week, but it might be a good idea to opt for some privacy by week's end so that you can have more time to consider an upcoming decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You unearthed some surprising facts. Now you need to consider how to use them to your advantage. Meanwhile, it might be best to keep what you've learned secret for now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A comment by a colleague piques your curiosity to know more. Best advice: You'll find people more likely to offer information if you're discreet when making your inquiries.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels begin to rise by midweek. This allows you to catch up with your heavy workload and still have plenty of get-up-and-go to go out on the town this weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're probably roaring your head off about a perceived slight from a longtime critic. Ignore it. That person might just be trying to goad you into doing something you might later regret.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The early part of the week is open to spontaneity. Then it's time to settle into your usual routine to get all your tasks done. A personal situation could require more attention from you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A meeting of the minds on a workplace project might well develop into something more

personal for Librans looking for romance. Aspects are also favorable for platonic relationships.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more-positive mood might be difficult to assume in light of a recent problem involving the health of someone special. But by week's end, your emotional barometer should start to rise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Look for a changed attitude from a former adversary once he or she realizes you have your colleagues' full support. Now you can refocus your energies on that workplace project.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This time, a difference of opinion might not be resolved in your favor. But be patient. It ultimately could all work out to your advantage, as new information begins to develop.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A tug of war develops between the artistic Aquarian's creative aspect and his or her practical side. Best advice: Prioritize your schedule so you can give appropriate time to both.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You could be entering a career phase awash with job-related demands. But avoid being swamped by the overflow and, instead, keep treading water as you deal with demands one by one.

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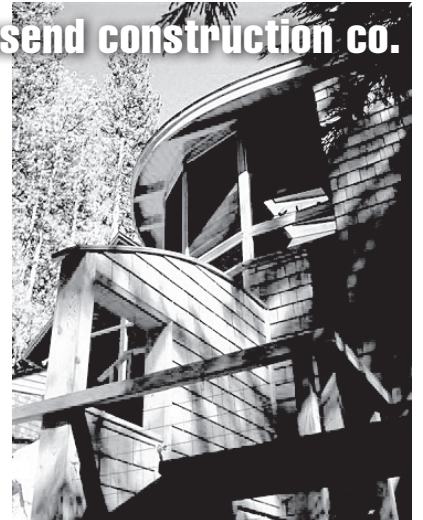


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Statement filed with the County Clerk of
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FILE NO.:
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RIC1311729
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
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PETITION OF SERGIO ALE-
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NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 11/27/13 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.

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60 years ago - 1953

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55 years ago - 1958

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50 years ago - 1963

The Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit rescued two stranded Marines from Tahquitz Peak in the chilly early morning hours. The men had lashed themselves to the rock during the night so they wouldn't fall off.

45 years ago - 1968

The new Idyllwild Historical Society held its first open meeting and invited everyone to attend.

40 years ago - 1973

The first Idyllwild Bluegrass Invitational, held at



Ground is broken on a location for the new Idyllwild Library sometime in the 1960s at Fern Valley Corners. FILE PHOTO

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35 years ago - 1978

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30 years ago - 1983

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20 years ago - 1993

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15 years ago - 1998

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10 years ago - 2003

Idyllwild resident Jeff Salz was preparing to climb Mount Fitzroy, 11,000 feet of sheer granite and vertical ice, located in the Los Glaciares National Park of Argentina.

5 years ago - 2008

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