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Idyllwild Water appoints two directors

Geoffrey Caine, Peter Szabadi fill board

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

At a specially called board meeting last week, Geoffrey Caine and Peter Szabadi were both appointed to fill vacancies on the Idyllwild Water District Board of Directors.

Directors John Cook and June Rockwell resigned in December, bringing the number of directors to three from the authorized board of five members.

Three people applied to join the board; however, the third applicant was ineligible because she is not a district resident.

Both Caine and Szabadi were appointed unanimously, 3-0, and will have to stand for election during the next election in August. Cook's term expires in December, so that candidate can run for a four-year term. Rockwell was elected in August 2015 and served only one year of her term. Whoever replaces her will stand for election for a two-year term until the full term expires in 2019.

President Dr. Charles Schelly and Vice President Vic Sirkin, who were appointed by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, also will have to stand for election in August.

Both new appointees are lawyers by education. Caine is a former member of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce and served as president in 2008. Szabadi is currently a member of the board for the Art Alliance of Idyllwild and is still an active member of The State Bar of California.

They will take their positions at the IWD regular meeting Wednesday, Jan. 18.

In other business, a choice of a new general counsel has been delayed until the February meeting. The two firms who were interviewed, Best, Best and Krieger and Varner and Brandt, both of Riverside, had potential conflicts with IWD, since they each represent a water district on the Hill.

Either Caine or Szabadi will join Sirkin on the committee soliciting a new counsel.

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Geoffrey Caine
PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



Peter Szabadi
PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE



Riverside County snow equipment was the feature at Monday, Jan 9, Storytime at the Idyllwild Library. Aliyah Rempel takes a seat on the snow plow and imagines driving the vehicle.
PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



A drawing of the future Idyllwild Community Center.
DRAWING COURTESY MOUNT SAN JACINTO COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD

Community Center wins supervisors' approval

Construction next step

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Tuesday, Jan. 17, the Idyllwild Community Center at the Butterfield Commons on Strawberry Creek received its final approval from the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

The board accepted and agreed with the Planning Commission's unanimous December decision to approve the condi-

tional use permit for the site. Local resident Sue Nash asked the board to return the Community Center's CUP to the Planning Commission to address several issues which she raised. However, 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington advised his colleagues that this would be an unnecessary delay for the project.

In addition, Deputy County Counsel Shelli Clack told the board that its action was to simply receive and file the
See Community Center, page A3

Fire Safe Council offers community meeting

Safety advice, fire abatement projects and GSOB are topics

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council will hold a community meeting at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Idyllwild Nature Center.

Three topics — preparing for a wildland fire, the goldspotted oak borer and fuels reduction projects — will be the topics discussed during the meeting.

"We need to update the community on the status of our projects and our partners' work," said Edwina

Scott, executive director of the MCFSC. "The need to start preparing and thinking about the coming fire season is the focus of the session. There'll be a lot of weeds and grass growing this spring."

MCFSC has been preparing for the public session for several months and arranged for several speakers to talk about these issues with community members.

Pat Boss, MCFSC project manager, will lead the discussion of what local
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Three traffic incidents on Hill roads over the last week

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Three traffic incidents occurred over the last week, according to Darren Meyer, California Highway Patrol public information officer. Reports are taken from the responding officer narratives.

At 9:55 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, Omar Razo, 40, of Idyllwild, was driving his 2007 silver Toyota Yaris eastbound on Highway 74, 1 mile east of Lake Hemet Road when, according to the preliminary report, he attempted to pass on the right a CHP 2011 Ford Expedition cruiser driven by on-duty CHP officer Graham Aanestad who also was driving east.

It was cloudy, the roadway was wet and the CHP cruiser made a right-hand turn just as Razo was attempting to pass. The vehicles side-swiped each other. No fault has been assigned at this time as the report is still preliminary. There were no injuries in the incident.

At 2:50 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, Carolyn Guerrero, 40, of San Diego, was riding her 2007 orange Harley Davidson motorcycle eastbound just east of Pinyon Drive on Highway 74 when, according to the report, she made an unsafe turning movement, hit the shoulder and laid the bike down on the side of the roadway. Guerrero was transported by American Medical Response to Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs.

At 12:05 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, Thomas Weathermon III, 38, of Hemet, was driving his 2008 white Dodge truck westbound on Highway 74 just south of Strawberry Creek Bridge when, because of excessive speed, he lost control of his vehicle, hit the mountain and overturned. According to Meyer, the attending officer had “probable cause” to arrest Weathermon for driving under the influence and charges are being forwarded to the district attorney.

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Pre-trial conference next step in Pinyon homicides case

By JP Crumrine
News Editor

A trial readiness conference has been set for Robert Pape, 28, and Cristin Conrad Smith, 28, two men charged with a 2006 triple homicide in Pinyon. In late October, Riverside County Superior Court Judge Bernard Schwartz ruled there was sufficient evidence to try Pape and his co-defendant Smith.

The trial readiness conference is scheduled for Feb. 24.

Both men have pleaded not guilty to the crimes. The murders of Jon Hayward, Vicki Friedli and Vicki’s daughter Becky occurred on Sept. 17, 2006, in Pinyon Pines. Becky’s body was found burning in a wheelbarrow outside the house. The other bodies were found inside the burning home.

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After playing in the snow, a family walks down Fern Valley Road from Humber Park, which was closed to vehicles all day on Sunday and patrolled by the U.S. Forest Service. People were allowed to park on the streets and walk up, but not allowed to drive up due to unsafe icy and snow conditions. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



The California Highway Patrol was also patrolling Fern Valley streets and local highways, requiring snow players to move their vehicles if they were blocking the roads and warning people to get off of private properties or they would receive citations and their vehicles would be towed. Officer Mike Murawski called Idyllwild Garage to tow one truck parked on Highway 243 across from the Nature Center. It was immediately towed while parked over the white line causing a traffic hazard. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



A plastic sled in pieces after a hard day of snow play. PHOTO BY CHARLES FOJTIK

Fund set up for fallen police officer

A memorial fund in memory of Palm Springs police officer Lesley Zerebny, has been set up for her husband Zachary Zerebny, a Riverside County Sheriff’s deputy, and their 6-month-old daughter Cora.

Zerebny, along with fellow police officer Gil Vega, was shot and killed while on duty in the desert on Oct. 8, 2016.

Donations may be made to “The Lesley Zerebny Memorial Fund” though any of the Bank of Hemet branches in Hemet, San Jacinto, Beaumont, Anza and Riverside.

Youth Explorers Programs

The first event in a series for Young Explorers Programs on the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument was held Sunday, Nov. 6. Three children attended the new “Story Hour” with their parents, and seven children participated in the new “Map and Compass Workshop” with their parents.

Young Explorers programs are held from 1 to 2 p.m. the Sundays of Feb. 5, March 5 and April 9.

To sign up for these programs, call 760-862-9984. RSVPs are required as space is limited.

Governor proposes ‘no-growth’ budget

Possible recession and new Washington policies create prudence

By JP Crumrine
News Editor

Gov. Jerry Brown’s budget proposal for fiscal year 2017-18, which starts on July 1, is prudent. The General Fund expenditures are \$122.5 billion, \$240 million less than the current-year budget.

In his press conference, Brown stressed the states vulnerability to gyrating income tax revenue and possible major shifts in availability of federal funds. The dark cloud over Brown’s funding proposal, as it was last year, is the belief that another recession may be imminent.

The current recovery is the longest in post-World War II history; consequently, Brown questions its ability to continue.

Income tax revenue has not met projections for this fiscal year. The revenue totals for fiscal year 2017-18 had been reduced last May and June, and now in January.

“The trajectory of revenue growth is declining,” Brown said. “But it is still growing ... California is growing but less than expected.” Without his budget adjustments, Brown stated the current budget would result in a \$1.2 billion deficit and expand to \$2 billion in 2017-18.

“California is the most progressive tax system in the country,” he stated. “As a corollary, it is one of the most

unreliable revenue systems ... to manage unreliability requires prudence.”

Despite Brown’s skepticism for the economy’s ability to continue to boost tax revenue, the Legislative Analyst’s Office commented Friday on Brown’s assumption about declining personal income tax revenue.

“In a normal growth year unaffected by recession or major policy changes, we expect PIT [personal income tax] growth to exceed 5 percent. Between 2009-10 and 2016-17 (using the administration’s estimates for 2015-16 and 2016-17), annual PIT growth has averaged over 8 percent. Moreover, PIT growth has exceeded the Governor’s 2017-18 estimates in 18 of the past 21 years,” wrote the LAO.

One of the major budget adjustments fell on the state’s school system (K-14). The budget is funding Proposition 98 at its minimal levels. This still provides a \$1 billion increase for school districts, but it is much less than recent budgets.

The second major adjustment is eliminating funding for several one-time projects, such as \$400 million for affordable housing and \$300 million for state office buildings. Funding for these projects had been part of the current-year budget approval.

However, program cuts are not the only changes in the proposed budget. The governor expects enrollment in Medi-Cal to continue to grow. Consequently, the

spending will increase \$1.8 billion for a total of \$19.1 billion. In addition, the governor and 13 labor associations are about to sign agreements for salary increases.

Also, because of Brown’s concern for a possible recession and dire consequences falling on the budget, the “Rainy Day Fund” will add another \$1.2 billion for a total of nearly \$8 billion available for emergencies.

Besides a possible recession, Brown’s budget staff recognizes that the new administration in Washington, D.C. could make changes with major effects on the state budget.

Repeal of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) is just one potential crisis. While Brown acknowledged that this is looming, he said the state could not adjust the proposed budget without details. He also urged national leaders to act prudently.

“The country doesn’t need any more divisive kinds of moves that divide the poor and rich, split the middle class,” Brown said.

“These very bold proposals aren’t very consistent with decency or smart political leadership,” he opined. “They could be extremely painful for California.” These uncertainties could open a massive hole in the state budget, he warned.

“Whatever happens we’ll live with and deal with it,” he promised.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 1/18

49/32

Chance of rain. Snow/fog at night.

Thursday 1/19

40/32

Snow & areas of fog.

Friday 1/20

38/28

Snow & areas of fog. 10-16" possible

Saturday 1/21

37/31

Snow showers. Patchy fog.

Sunday 1/22

45/31

Chance snow showers. Patchy fog.

Monday 1/23

39/26

Snow likely. Windy

Tuesday 1/24

40/22

Partly cloudy.

Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
01/10	49	37	0.00	0.0	
01/11	45	38	0.60	0.0	
01/12	38	31	0.19	0.0	
01/13	39	31	1.56	2.1	
01/14	50	37	0.00	0.0	
01/15	47	29	0.00	0.0	
01/16	48	28	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
01/10	44	34	0.04	0.0	
01/11	45	25	0.00	0.0	
01/12	56	27	0.00	0.0	
01/13	52	25	0.00	0.0	
01/14	55	27	0.00	0.0	
01/15	49	33	0.00	0.0	
01/16	56	28	0.00	0.0	

Moisture in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	14.33
To date last season (Idy):	16.54
Total last season (Idy):	25.42
To date this season (PC):	18.29
Total last season (PC):	25.16

Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	17.10
To date last season (Idy):	2.50
Total last season (Idy):	17.5
To date this season (PC):	29.20
Total last season (PC):	31.00

Idyllwild temperatures, moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. Pine Cove moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. by resident George Tate at personal weather station KCAIDYLL1, an official www.wunderground.com reporter. 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 us on the Internet at www.idyllwildtowncrier.com or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

It was clear skies between storms on Tuesday afternoon. The high country still glowed white after snow showers the week before and locals were taking in the sun and bracing for a big dump, forecast to come Wednesday night. PHOTO BY MANDY JOHNSON

Rain three weeks in a row; snow coming this weekend

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Has Southern California weather cloaked itself in the world of DC Comics? Weather forecasts for the past two years seem to come either from Superman’s “Bizarro” world or another devious trick from Batman’s nemesis “The Joker.”

The winter of 2015-16 did not approach forecasts of one of the wettest El Niño seasons ever.

Last summer, forecasters announced that this winter was likely to be a La Niña (drier-than-normal) weather pattern. Through Friday, the Hill has received well-above-average rainfall. At higher elevations, snowfall has blanketed the mountain.

Northern California has benefited from several more and larger storms so far this winter. As a result, reservoirs are rising and the National Weather Service has removed the drought status from most of that part of the state. The “Extreme” and “Exceptional” drought conditions are mainly focused in Southern California. The worse conditions begin at the coast and lessen moving east.

Last week, Pine Cove recorded nearly 3 inches of rain, bringing the total since July 1 to 18.3 inches of rain. Historic average rainfall through the end of February is 18.7 inches.

Much snow and rain are predicted for Thursday through next week, so Pine Cove rain should exceed the February total before the end of January.

The U.S. Forest Service’s Keenwild Ranger

Station has recorded 13.5 inches and should reach the January historic average of 14.2 inches this weekend.

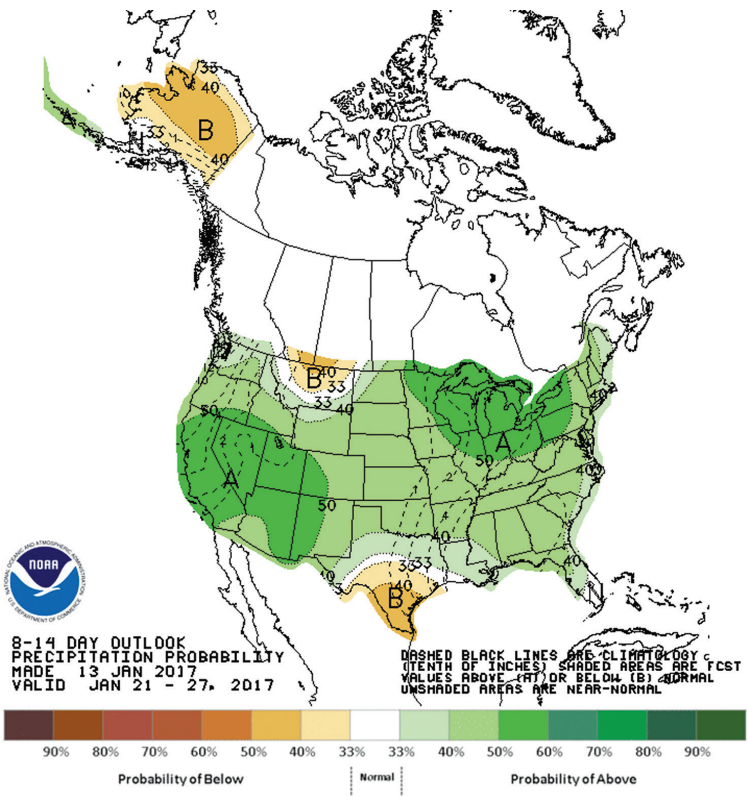
The latest NWS long-term prediction has neutral weather conditions beginning in February, but “the atmospheric impacts from La Niña could persist during the upcoming months.” Consequently, the long-term forecast is for higher temperatures and below-median precipitation.

However, in the next two weeks, NWS is forecasting above-average precipitation in Southern California, which declines to below-average over the next month.

Even with the abundant precipitation, the fire agencies’ Predictive Services unit advises, “One or two wet months do not erase a multiyear drought. It would take many months of well above normal rainfall to allow drought conditions to end entirely across the area. Precipitation deficits accrued during the past 5 years can be measured in feet across the high country and it may be a multiyear process to see the drought end altogether.”

Besides helping streams and groundwater reserves, the rain mixed with snow affected Idyllwild School last week. Thursday evening’s snow caused a late opening Friday morning and later in the day, middle school students were allowed to leave when the elementary classes ended about 1:30 p.m.

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Using new modeling techniques, last week the National Weather Service issued this map projecting above-average precipitation in Southern California for the next two weeks.
PHOTO COURTESY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Fireside Book Club meets

The Fireside Book Club will discuss Chris Bohjalian’s “The Sandcastle Girls” from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Idyllwild Library. Books are available at the front desk.

The book takes place in Aleppo, Syria, in 1915, following the Armenian Genocide during World War I.

The book club is free and open to the public.

Website devoted to scams

The Federal Trade Commission has a website designed to get people talking about scams such as identity theft, imposter scams, charity fraud, health-care scams, paying too much, “you’ve won” scams and campaign materials.

The information may be found at www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0030-pass-it-on?utm_source=govdelivery.

Mahjong Club at library

Open to anyone interested in the game, the Mahjong Club meets from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays at the Idyllwild Library.

Board of Supervisors approves 3rd District projects

Washington new vice chair of board

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Riverside County 3rd District was part of several actions during the Tuesday, Jan. 17, Board of Supervisors’ meeting.

First, 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington was elected vice chair of the board for 2017. He will ascend to chairman next January.

Future construction at two local parks

and the Idyllwild Community Center site also were on the agenda.

Unanimously, the board approved the plan to replace water tanks at McCall Park and Lawler Lodge. The new tanks will be compliant with current code and will include earthquake stabilization rings.

Leaks in the tanks were discovered this summer after significant improvements to wells located at each site.

The conditional use permit for ICC is discussed in a separate article.

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Community Center

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approval. This would start a 10-day period for appeals of the decision. A legitimate appeal would return the project to the Planning Commission.

The board voted 4-0 to accept the Planning Commission’s decision to proceed with the project subject to many construction conditions.

The first phase, which may begin this spring, will be constructing the amphitheater and parking. Phase two, which will follow soon after the first phase, will be constructing the community center building, which will have an activities room, a youth center, a kitchen and restrooms.

As a result of discussion during the Planning Commission session, Janice Lyle, president of the San Jacinto Mountain Community Center board, which is overseeing the sites development, sent a letter to Steve Weiss, director of the Planning Department, confirming the board’s intention to designate the Community Center, after construction, as an emergency shelter.

Lyle agreed with Planning Commissioner Mickey Valdivia’s suggestion that the board consider using the proposed facility as an Emergency Preparedness Center in the event of a fire or other natural disaster.

In his letter to the Board of Supervisors, Weiss explained the conditions imposed on the SJMCC, including concerns relating to potential trespassing on neighboring property, noise reduction and adequate restroom facilities for large amphitheater events.

Also, SJMCC will post signs designating its property boundary in an attempt to discourage visitors from trespassing on adjacent private property.

Prior to the supervisors’ meeting, Lyle said, “We are anticipating unanimous support of the ICC project from the members of the Board of Supervisors and are grateful that Chuck Washington [3rd District Supervisor] has continued to champion our project as we move through the Riverside County approval process. We are poised to proceed with the long awaited start of site development and construction of the Butterfield Amphitheater.”

Council

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residents and homeowners can do for their homes before a wildfire might occur.

“He’ll suggest things residents can do to harden their homes,” said Chris Kramer, MCFSC president, “actions that will offer more protection and resistance [to their homes] from the threat of wildfire.”

The status of the GSOB is the second topic on the meeting’s agenda. Experts Dr. Tom Scott and Kevin Turner from the University of California, Riverside, cooperative extension program and Cal Fire unit for-ester on the mountain Battalion Chief Gregg Bratch-

er — familiar with the Hill environment and familiar to Hill residents — will discuss the latest research on combating the GSOB and the extent of its infestation on the Hill and in Southern California.

In addition, MCFSC has heard from several local arborists about treatments that might be effective for higher-value oaks, according to Kramer.

A discussion of the current fuels-reduction projects will be the third and final topic. Representatives from all of the local fire agencies will describe what has been accomplished, as well as future plans.

The U.S. Forest Ser-

vice’s San Jacinto Ranger District Fire Chief Fred Espinoza, Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz and Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins will lead this part of the meeting.

“They’ll talk about the fire abatement projects such as fuelbreaks and community protection,” Kramer said, “work that has been ongoing behind the scenes that most residents are not aware of.”

Scott confirmed that MCFSC does have some grant money available for fire-abatement projects. For more information, call MCFSC at 951-659-6208.

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Has the time come for local residents to put up locked fences on their property to keep people from destroying it?

On Sunday while Jack was unloading trash at the Transfer Station, I watched three deer grazing up on the grassy hillside, not bothered by vehicles coming and going but quite aware of us.

We see deer often near or on our property. We don't mind the wildlife using our property, except when they eat costly plants. We do things to deter that, like sprinkling repellent around them. We don't want to harm them.

We also don't want to harm the tourists who visit but, like the wildlife, we don't want them destroying our lifestyles, yet that's what's happening now that we are a snow destination.

Before we made it to the Transfer Station Sunday, we faced a heavily impacted area north of Pine Cove. Every nook or cranny along the roadside attracted a vehicle full of snow bunnies. Many of these left the vehicle part-way on the highway.

One poor CHP officer on his loudspeaker tried to control the mobs who abandoned their vehicles to sled the hillsides and play in the snow. Hundreds of people overtook the most easily accessible snow areas, including private property.

We still don't have answers to who is cutting down trees and bushes on private property but we know many snow visitors not only brought up their trash to leave, but their bad manners, destroying people's plants and trespassing on their property.

What Marsha Kennedy is suggesting, that the community come together with authorities to discuss solutions, is timely and necessary. And it needs to occur here where we live, not in Riverside. I volunteer to help arrange it. Who else is game? Email me: becky@towncrier.com.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

MATTER OF FACT

In the Dec. 29, 2016, issue of the TownCrier on page 3, a headline incorrectly stated that the state sales tax drops three-quarter percent on Jan. 1. The correct amount is one-quarter percent. Town Crier regrets the error.

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Held hostage by tourists

EDITOR:

I don't want to live here anymore. Last month, I wrote a letter to the editor saying how blessed I felt to live in a community where we could have our wonderful community activities such as our Master Chorale.

However, on weekends since Christmas, with our much-needed snow, I have been held hostage in my own home by tourists. I have not been able to get out of my driveway to go to the post office, nor the dump, nor the grocery store, nor to visit friends.

There have been people tramping on my rose bushes, knocking down my address sign, playing on my deck and yesterday, two people asked to use my bathroom.

For the first time in my 33 years here, I feel fearful. When I told one young man that he was walking on my rose bushes, he told me, "Go back into the house."

If I sound angry, I am. I don't know what the answer is, I just know with more three-day weekends coming up, Spring Break, etc., I don't want to live here anymore.

JEAN STEIN
FERN VALLEY

Attend CSA 36 meetings

EDITOR:

For those of you who are not aware, many years ago the residents of Idyllwild approved a tax measure that funded local recreation and some road lighting. Each year, property owners within the service area are billed \$35 per parcel as part of their property taxes.

This county service area is designated CSA 36. The special assessment generates about \$120,000 per year. CSA 36 also receives ad valorem tax revenue, which is a portion of the county's General Fund allocated to districts throughout the county. CSA 36's allocation is roughly \$70,000 per year. The average CSA 36 total annual revenue is roughly \$190,000. The annual budget may go up or down with the economy and availability of other funds.

Management of the CSA operations, revenue and expenses is handled by the county, specifically the Economic Development Agency. EDA recently conducted a Request For Proposals to select a nonprofit organization to provide daily operations for the recreation component of CSA 36.

It is the custom of the county government to establish local committees to ensure that CSAs are properly represented. In this way, the people being taxed can provide input on the level of service they would like to see. Toward this end, from time to time a CSA 36 Advisory Committee is established. (For a more complete history of these committees and their accomplishments, please refer to the archives of the Idyllwild Town Crier.)

In 2016, county Supervisor Washington recruited a new CSA 36 committee in order to create a link of understanding and better communication between his office and the constituents of CSA 36. While a CSA advisory committee does not have any administrative or operational authority, it is tasked with providing a forum for the voice of the community to be heard. Kathy Wilson, Wendy Read, Ginger Dangall, David Hunt and I were selected to serve.

Within the six months of the committee's existence, many challenges were met. The venue for existing services came into question. A new nonprofit recreation operator was selected, and contracts for long-term services went into negotiation. These tasks were daunting to say the least, and I commend the CSA 36 members, who sought out public opinion, reached out to nonprofit organizations and explored every avenue possible to ensure the public was well served.

2017 will not be without challenges of its own, but because of the care and consideration of too many persons to list, the services provided by CSA 36 will continue and expand. Currently, there are two open seats on the committee. If you are interested in representing the needs of the community as a CSA 36 committee member, please contact Legislative Assistant Opal Hellweg at OHellweg@rivco.org. or 951-955-1030.

The CSA 36 committee is scheduled to meet at the Town Hall at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26. Many important issues will be discussed at this meeting and introductions of the new operator will be made. I strongly encourage everyone within the service area to attend. The committee needs your support and guidance, and you need to know how your money is being spent.

JOHN METROKA
CSA 36 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Hollywood needs to clean up its act

EDITOR:

What's wrong with the modern American cinema? Out of 2015's top 20 films, why were 12 rated R, six rated PG-13 and none rated G? The reason is, films are rated but not censored.

It's hard to believe there was a time when everyone could see every film. A look at past films, however, reassures one's faith in proper entertainment. Surprisingly, films in the '20s and early '30s contained immoral elements similar to those in the 1960s. Why were films so wholesome only slightly later?

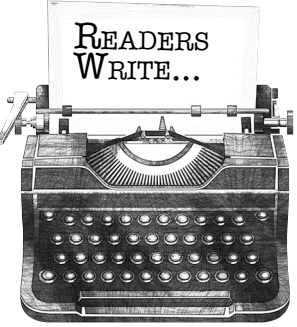
The answer is simple: From 1934 to 1954, Joseph Breen strictly enforced the Motion Picture Production Code of 1930. But what is this code and how did it produce films that adhere to strong moral principles?

Read on to learn about loose early films, Hollywood's Golden Age, its tragic demise, and the hope it gives for the future.

In 1915, the Supreme Court ruled that the First Amendment excludes motion pictures. Individual states immediately began censorship. Hollywood realized the need for self-censorship since different states were making various cuts to films and government censorship was being threatened. All attempts at self-censorship failed until Quigley and Father Lord wrote the Motion Picture Production Code of 1930 (Hays Code). Hollywood officially adopted it, but the administrators lacked authority to enforce it.

In 1934, an amendment to the Hays Code was adopted, requiring all films to be approved by the production code administration before release. Breen became the director and the code was strictly enforced.

When Breen retired and Geoffrey Shurlock replaced him, the code and the cinema suffered. Shurlock lacked Breen's strength and succumbed to the directors' pressure. In 1968, Shurlock retired, the rating system replaced the code and Hollywood's Golden Age was over.



For two decades, Hollywood was conscious of its strong moral influence. Everyone could go to the theater without concerns. Filmmakers think obscenity sells tickets, but audiences will accept anything from Hollywood, adapting their lifestyles accordingly.

With films getting worse annually and American immorality increasing rapidly, something must be done. If America is going to change, Hollywood must change first. The taboo subjects in the code still exist, still are wrong and still corrupt audiences.

What can Americans do to invoke change? Visit <https://pureentertainmentpreservationsociety.wordpress.com> to help us bring back the code, clean up films, and make America again, as our founding-fathers named it, "a city on a hill."

TIFFANY AND REBEKAH BRANNAN
IDYLLWILD

Editor's note: The 1915 U.S. Supreme Court case relied upon in the above letter was overturned on this point 65 years ago in The U.S. Supreme Court case Joseph Burstyn, Inc. v. Wilson (1952) 343 U.S. 495, 502 and Footnote 12.

Re: last week's 'Out Loud'

EDITOR:

I couldn't agree more. Every word you wrote is exactly how I feel. Your points are all very well made.

Given your field, I'm sure you've also noticed this: totally un-proofread mainstream media news articles. The reporters write, submit and move on. Typographical errors, subject-verb disagreement, errant word choices (they/them, in/is, an/as, it/is, ad infinitum), and dropped words are rampant. And, I'm talking about the likes of ABC News and its peers.

I contacted one writer a few years ago to very nicely and politely cover this with her after finding many such errors in an article of hers. She was nice in her response, and explained what we already know: News is a fast world, and she just writes and submits and no one else sees it. She tries hard, but does sometimes miss things. The days of the editor are greatly over.

With all this said, I, too, sometimes find (with horror) errors in my own work: the wrong there/their/they're, though I know better.

Oh well. To say times are changing is the clear understatement.

As an aside, my sister-in-law has been an elementary school educator her whole life. To her and my horror, many schools today aren't even teaching handwriting anymore. They claim times have changed and it's not even used or necessary. While I can see some truth to that given the dominance of computers and smartphones, wow. It seems like a mistake.

GLENN WARREN
IDYLLWILD

Why is vegetation being destroyed?

EDITOR:

At the Jan. 7, Pine Cove Property Owners Association meeting, three members who reside on Sylvan Way complained about trees that had been removed without prior notice or owner permission.

Many of the trees and bushes were small and not growing near Southern California Edison lines or wires. One couple took photos of their cut trees, as well as one of the trucks seen in the area.

We have not been able to ascertain who cut the trees and bushes down, why they were removed and with whose authority.

Why were small live trees and bushes on private property, bordering the road removed along the entire length of Sylvan Way in Pine Cove?

MARLENE PIERCE
PINE COVE

Volunteering for action on snow issue

EDITOR:

I live on a short dead-end street in Fern Valley. Our few full-time residents generate rare traffic. This past Saturday and Sunday, however, the attraction of snow beckoned more drivers than I would normally see in three months.

They used one of the two snow-plowed lanes for parking. At least 10 times I had to go out and ask drivers to please not block my driveway. I left for a couple hours in the afternoon and returned to find twice as many cars as before lining the berms on either side of the street, and yep, one blocked access from my driveway.

Kids and adults romped through neighbors' yards, either unaware or unconcerned that they were trespassing on private property.

I phoned the non-emergency California Highway Patrol line three times on Saturday and they did respond each time. One CHP officer said he would clear them, but they would be right back. In fact, the tourists lined up at the top of the street, motors idling, waiting for a car downstream to vacate a space.

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A HEALTHY IDYLLWILD

By Callie Wight

Nothing in this article is meant to be medical advice. Please consult you own healthcare provider for any questions or issues concerning you own health status.

If you're like me, I bet you've heard the saying "trial and error" a hundred times. And that other favorite saying that always seemed to me to be loaded with buckshot, "The least you can do is learn from your mistakes."

Throughout our lives, we have been warned to avoid mistakes. A mistake is failure. "A miss is as good as a mile." "Get it right." "Don't make a fool of yourself." Most of our lives we are graded and evaluated, with our failings listed out for us. "Wrong," "mistake," "failure," words that hurt, and depending on context and other factors, may impact some of us for life.

Now, I do believe strongly in the importance of getting certain things right and, preferably, the first time. As a health-care professional, psychotherapist and coach, there are many important actions I do not want to mess up, especially when peoples' lives or feelings are at stake. Most folk I know feel the same. Throughout each day, we strive to get things right, be mistake-free and succeed.

But here is an interesting fact: The human brain is designed to learn through experimenting. In other words, not getting it right all the time is how we learn.

To perform a task perfectly is a great thing and feels pretty good. However, we probably didn't learn much that time. To learn, grow and develop, we need to try things out; to see what happens. If I do this, then what? Yikes. Or fantastic.

Too much emphasis on avoiding errors, failures and mistakes can undermine self-esteem and self-confidence, and even stimulate feelings of shame, fearfulness and inadequacy. These feelings block our ability to try things out, learn, grow and develop.

By reflecting on our experiences, and then affirming and celebrating our strengths and victories, we create the confidence to improve, to keep moving forward.

So how about if we change our old adages to something new like "trial and learn"; "trial and grow"; "trial and change"? Let's try and just see what happens.

Without those "mistakes," there is no learning.
Callie Wight is a California state-licensed registered nurse with a Master of Arts in psychology.

Readers Write

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I've heard many stories of Idyllwild visitors' lack of respect, ignorance and trespassing: tobogganing down a resident's steep driveway, wanting to use a bathroom, helping themselves to a resident's garden chairs as their children played in the snow and so on.

The warning bell rang on snow days last year when our roads were jammed with illegally parked cars and everything from dirty diapers to empty tin cans were left behind for Idyllwilders to clean up.

Idyllwild seems to be "trending" as a snow destination. We understand the attraction of our little mountain town, and we invite the contribution that tourism makes to our economy. Still, locals have a right to expect safe roads and to have their property rights respected.

Action is needed. I suggest a Town Hall meeting with representatives from Riverside County, the U.S. Forest Service and CHP.

For efficiency's sake, I suggest a coherent list of concerns and possible solutions be developed prior to the meeting. This list would then be presented for discussion and, ideally, the Town Hall meeting would conclude with firm commitments to action. I volunteer to take part in this effort.

MARSHA KENNEDY
IDYLLWILD

Obituary

Pamela Fojtik 1948-2016

Pamela Fojtik (nee Killingsworth), beloved wife of Charles "Chic" Fojtik and 12-year Idyllwild resident, passed away on Christmas Day in 2016. She had been struggling for several years with a breathing disorder and a weakened heart.



Born in Alabama in 1948, she was raised by her grandparents until moving to Lakeland, Florida. Pamela attended Florida State University for two years.

She moved to Southern California in 1968, met and married Chic, then finished her bachelor's degree graduating magna cum laude from Pepperdine University.

Pamela went to work as a flight attendant for Western and then Delta Airlines, being the first married person to be accepted for that position, retiring in 1999. As an FA, she was known for her ever-present hair flowers (against company regulations) and her ability to turn around even the nastiest of passengers. Her employment enabled the couple to travel the world, visiting over 35 countries.

In 2004, after 30 years in Manhattan Beach, she and Chic chose to move to Idyllwild. Within months of arriving, the couple adopted two cats and their ARF rescue dog, Burly, who became her constant companion. His passing this past November left her devastated.

Her life revolved around service to the Garden Club and Mountain Disaster Preparedness, maintaining the family grounds, and bringing joy to everyone around her with her infectious smile and laugh. Pamela loved her time in Idyllwild, saying it was what every community should be, "a place where people set aside their differences and instead enjoy their similarities."

A Celebration of Life was held on Jan. 11. Apologies are offered to those who did not hear of it in time to attend. Special thanks to Edith Brix, Ashley Stewart, Deb Gmeiner and all those whose hard work made the time very special. In lieu of flowers and such, please make a donation in her name to ARF, MDP or the other worthy Idyllwild nonprofits.

Grief support group meets

A grief support group meets at 6:30 p.m. every Friday at Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship.

The group, GriefShare, helps and gives encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend.

For more information, call 951-659-0097.

The 2017 board of Mountain Disaster Preparedness was introduced at its yearly meeting Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the Idyllwild Library. From left, back row: Ian Schoenleber, vice president; BJ Brix, communications; Thom Wallace, DAS director; Dick Goldberg, medical coordinator; and Bob Edwards, treasurer. Center row: Mike Feyder, president. Front row: Françoise Frigola, Internet communications; GiGi Kramer, medical coordinator; and Sue Harper, secretary.

PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Chess club at the library

Dick Goldberg and friends started a chess club that meets every Friday, from 2 to 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this event at the Idyllwild Library.

All welcome at food share

The USDA food distribution is the first Tuesday of each month at the Mormon Church at the corner of Highway 243 and Tollgate from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bring a box. The next distribution will be Tuesday, Feb. 7. No one has to qualify for distribution.

How to harden your home

Cal Fire has a free video and app called "What You Need to Know — Hardening Your Home," on the subject of saving your home from wildfire.

Visit www.periscope.tv/w/1kvKplyZknwKE to watch or download the app on IOS or Android devices. Other tips are available at www.readyforwildfire.org/Hardening-Your-Home/.

Shannon Ng is new Idyllwild Community Fund president

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Shannon Ng, branch manager of the Idyllwild Library, is the new president of the Idyllwild Community Fund Advisory Committee. She was unanimously elected by members of the 2016 board. She brings strong managerial and communication skills to her new position as ICF president.

The ICF Advisory Committee manages a fund, started by a local couple in the 1990s, that provides annual grants to local nonprofits. The committee also is charged with growing the fund through events, appeal letters and fundraisers.

Ng, who has a master's degree in library and information science from UCLA, and an undergraduate degree in English from Cal State San Bernardino, has worked for nearly 20 years in the library science field, with emphases on acquisitions and programs for young people.

Throughout her professional life, Ng has always found time to volunteer. "Volunteering is essential to everyone's character," she said. "It's the strong part of being a citizen." Ng is an American Red Cross CPR trainer and has been active with the American Cancer Society's Relay of Life and the National Charity League. She has been active in many capacities with the Girl Scouts of America, including directing fundraising drives.

Joining the 2017 board are three new ICF board members: Kathy Davis, Father Dan Rondeau and Carol Mendoza. Current board member Bruce Ross was elected as the new vice president for event management. He also will continue to assist Fundraising VP Chris Scott with the board's critical mission of growing the fund in order to provide more money for annual nonprofit grants.

There are still openings on the board. Contact Ng at 951-659-2300 if interested in serving.

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



Shannon Ng is the new president of the Idyllwild Community Fund Advisory Committee.

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- A Life of Meaning Reasoning Not Required
- Is Humanity Getting Better?
- Is Europe's Tolerant Society Backfiring?
- How Should We Respond to Evil?
- Need Art Be Beautiful?
- Why You Don't Know Your Own Mind (Findings in Cognitive Science, Social Psychology and Neuroimaging)
- Love. Labor. Lost (Regarding Our Cultural Idealization of Love)
- Conservatives Have Moral Intuitions That Liberals May Not Recognize
- The Future of the Arts

Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 25, from 7:00 to 8:30pm at Silver Pines Lodge, (25955 Cedar St)

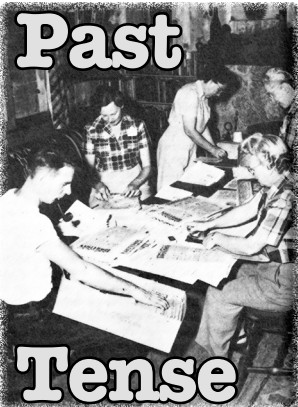
Dick Goldberg will offer talking points on Steven Pinker's essay "THE MORAL INSTINCT".

(<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/01/13/magazine/13Psychology-t.html>)

RWBS (refreshments will be served)

Hope to see you there,
Dick Goldberg and Jenny Egan

P.S. Our sincere thanks to Chris Singer for generously offering the use of Silver Pines Lodge.



70 years ago - 1947
There were 300 families living year-round in the area.

• • •
Art Morris and his county crew were busy widening Circle Drive.

• • •
Bob Hatch, Roy Bramblett, Paul Kemp and Harold Sanborn were joyful over the arrival of a red fire engine.

• • •
A “come-as-you-are” party was held at Fern Valley Lodge to benefit the Community Building Fund.

65 years ago - 1952
Movie shows at Hillbilly Lodge ended as the Froelichs worked to complete their new Rustic Theatre.

60 years ago - 1957
Hill folk living beside Strawberry Creek reported hearing a strange noise following the heavy rain. Few could remember when water had previously gushed and gurgled over the dehydrated boulders.

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Emax reported he had seen roadrunners occa-



A couple enjoy lunch following a snowstorm in Idyllwild in the 1960s. FILE PHOTO

sionally around here. He wondered if it portended a change of climate in the mountains.

• • •
Arthur Casebeer, a retired attorney who lived in Idyllwild for 15 years, passed away in San Diego.

• • •
Work started on the horsemen’s campsite at Mountain Center.

55 years ago - 1962
A new boys’ dormitory was under construction at Desert Sun School (now AstroCamp). It was planned for 40 students plus house parents.

• • •
County supervisors accepted an offer of 19 acres near Stone Creek as a park site. The donor was the Idyllwild Mountain Park Co.

50 years ago - 1967
A helicopter crashed and burned near the Black

Mountain lookout station, taking the lives of two men and seriously injuring a third. The men were attending a Palm Springs conference of the Helicopter Association of America.

• • •
The Idyllwild Property Owners Association asked the county to widen and repave North Circle Drive because of increased traffic between the village center and Fern Valley Corners.

• • •
Twice-daily air service was inaugurated from Hemet-Ryan Airport to Los Angeles International.

45 years ago - 1972
At a Banning commission hearing, Tahquitz Lake Estates residents protested the application of a conditional-use permit for a mobile home development in Dutch Flat.

40 years ago - 1977

California faced its second-consecutive dry year and the California Water Commission suggested a number of proposals to ease drought conditions, but Idyllwild and the mountain area would probably not be involved.

30 years ago - 1987
The county approved the 1987-88 Town Hall Recreation Program budget of \$116,240 — a 13 percent increase over the year before.

• • •
Warning that the current enthusiasm for prescribed burning will eventually give way to another wildfire prevention measure, a U.S. Forest Service researcher told members of the Coordinated Resource Management and Planning team to think of the broader urban-wildlands interface problem.

25 years ago - 1992
Idyllwild School Principal George Nettleman was working on a grant that could earn national recognition and more than \$1 million for the school in the next year.

20 years ago - 1997
Idyllwild Arts celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding with a special concert in Orange County.

15 years ago - 2002
Balmy, dry weather raised concern for the Pine Cove Water District. Jerry Holldber told the district’s directors that the lack of significant moisture that winter was made worse by

drought-level conditions on the Hill.

10 years ago - 2007
Pine Cove Water District General Manager Jerry Holldber unveiled plans to develop the Dutch Flat complex, that once implemented could add 200 gallons of water per minute to district production. Holldber proposed a four-phase plan with an estimated total cost ranging from \$160,000 to \$300,000.

5 years ago - 2012
The local Red Cross trailer on the Idyllwild Pines property was vandalized sometime after the first of the year. Quite a lot of valuable supplies were taken.

1 year ago - 2016
Local business mogul Shane Stewart bought up property from the southwest corner of Cedar Street and N. Circle Drive to install a 79-space parking lot without removing any buildings.

NEWS OF RECORD

Sheriff’s log

The Riverside County Sheriff’s Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, Jan. 8 to 14.

Idyllwild

- Jan. 8 — Assist other department, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 8 — Public disturbance, 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 8 — Suspicious person, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 9 — Emergency notification, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 9 — Check the welfare, 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 10 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 10 — Follow-up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 11 — Alarm call, Darryl Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 11 — Brandishing/weapon (past), 27000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 12 — Assist other department, Hemstreet Pl. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 13 — Alarm call, Ridgeview Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 13 — Alarm call, Linger Ln. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 13 — Alarm call, Bicknell Ln. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 13 — Public disturbance, 53000 block of Tollgate Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 13 — Danger to self/other, Cedar St. Report taken.
- Jan. 14 — Public disturbance, Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 14 — Noise complaint, Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 14 — Noise complaint, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 14 — Public disturbance, Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 14 — Suspicious vehicle, Upper Rim Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.

• Jan. 14 — Alarm call, Tangewood Ln. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

• Jan. 9 — Alarm call, Avenida El Encino. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Jan. 8 — Suspicious vehicle, Devils Ladder Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 9 — Suspicious circumstance, 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 9 — Burglary, Sylvan Way. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 11 — 911 call, Appleton Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 11 — 911 call, Cedar Crest Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 12 — Public disturbance, Marion Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 13 — Danger to self/other, Marion Ridge Dr. Unfounded.
- Jan. 14 — Trespassing, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

Pine Meadows/Garner Valley

- Jan. 10 — Alarm call, Hop Patch Spring Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 12 — Open door, Butterfly Peak Rd. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Jan. 10 — 911 call, Deer Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 10 — 911 call from business, Orchard Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 12 — 911 call, Deer Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 13 — 911 call, Deer Trl. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 14 — Public disturbance, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Jan. 13 — Search & rescue operation, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 14 — Public disturbance, 23000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

Community service hours

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 N. Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. & Sun. (Mon. holidays.) Group tours by appt. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 10 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon.; Grinding Station, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Mon., Wed. & Fri.

Grants for groups visiting

Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks are presenting a mini-grant field program. Eligible educational groups will receive grants to help offset the costs of visiting the Idyllwild Nature Center. Formal and non-formal educators, schools, youth organizations, adult continuing education programs, scout groups and community outreach groups are eligible. For more information and to apply, contact Park Interpreter Amanda Allen at AmaAllen@rivcoparks.org or 951-659-3850.

Steele to play this week

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

After a week off, Brendan Steele tees it up Thursday of this week in the \$5.8 million CareerBuilder Challenge in La Quinta. The native Idyllwilder now stands fourth on this season’s FedExCup list and is 57th in the Official World Golf Ranking. Brendan tees off Thursday at 9:40 a.m. from No. 1 at La Quinta CC, at 9:10 a.m. Friday from No. 10 at Nicklaus Tournament PGA West, and 8:40 a.m. Saturday from No. 1 at The Stadium Course PGA West. He’ll play with Charley Hoffman all three days. Come join Brendan’s gallery.

dentally tipped it past their own goalie to once again tie up the game for the Gulls. Then, one minute later, **Tyler Longnecker** scored for the Wildcats to make it 3-2. Then with just under two minutes to go, Scott Hommel scored to give the Wildcats their first 2-goal lead of the game. The Gulls pulled their goalie, and with one minute to go, **Nick Clarke** scored an empty net goal. The Wildcats won with a final score of 5-2. The Wildcats play their next game at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, in Panorama City against the California Heat.



Hockey

Youth Hockey Correspondent and proud Dad **Brian Smith** gave this report on Youth Hockey. After last week’s loss to first place Jr. Ducks, the Wildcats were on the road this week, playing the San Diego Jr. Gulls.

In the first period, the Wildcats had many scoring chances, but the goaltender was very strong and kept it scoreless. The second period was more of the same, with multiple scoring chances for the Wildcats and great saves by the Gulls’ goalie. Finally, two minutes into the third period, **Juliette Koepke** snuck one past the Gulls’ goaltender for the Wildcats’ first goal of the game. Three minutes later, the Gulls got a breakaway and tied it at 1-1. Only 15 seconds later, **Scott Hommel** scored to regain the lead for the Wildcats. With five minutes to go, a Wildcats defenseman acci-



For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see “On the Town,” on page 9. Submit listings and changes to becky@towncrier.com.

- Wednesday, Jan. 18**
- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Town Crier news meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
 - La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
 - Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
 - High Valleys Water District board, 3 p.m. HVWD office,

- 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Idyllwild Water District board, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
 - Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive debting and spending, 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

- Thursday, Jan. 19**
- AA women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; “We Don’t Know” Agnostic & Atheist, 6-7 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
 - Free warm lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creek-

- stone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Lake Hemet Municipal Water District board, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
 - Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
 - American Legion Post 800 board, 6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Friday, Jan. 20**
- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
 - Fern Valley Water District board, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
 - AA, Daily Reflections, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
 - Feeding America, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; GriefShare Support Group, 6:30 p.m. Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
 - Overcomers (Biblically based), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

- Saturday, Jan. 21**
- AA, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tah-

- quitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- Sunday, Jan. 22**
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
 - AA, Book Study meeting (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m. Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd., Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
 - Al-Anon “Mixed Nuts” open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

- Monday, Jan. 23**
- AA women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; AA, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

- Tuesday, Jan. 24**
- AA, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Idyllwild Fire Protection District board, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
 - Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
 - Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m.; Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit

- Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.

- Wednesday, Jan. 25**
- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
 - Town Crier news meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
 - AA, noon. St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
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IAA grad wins short film best actress

Analia Lenchantin wins best supporting actress

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild Arts Academy 2010 dance graduate Dakota Bailey won Best Actress, Short Film, at the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema awards ceremony at the Rustic Theatre on Sunday, Jan. 15. Bailey won for her performance in "Standpoint," in which she acts and dances the role of Aliza, a Jewish dancer in Nazi-occupied Poland. "Standpoint" won best short film and garnered another three awards — Best Director, Best Supporting Actress and Best Cinematography.

It was a local coup inasmuch as the film was produced by Idyllwild Arts Academy's Department of Film and Digital Media, and was written, produced and directed by IAA 2016 graduate Erik Hirschhorn who won for Best Director, Short Film. "Standpoint" also starred local musician and performer Analia Lenchantin who won Best Supporting Actress, Short Film. "Standpoint" cinematographer Mauricio Garcia Parker, IA 2016 grad won for Best Cinematography.

The film featured IAA dance instructor and actor Jonathan Sharp, and music by 2016 IAA grad Miguel Soto. It was produced by current IAA film student Shirley Sui whose film "Please" also was featured in IIFC 2017 and is making the festival rounds as well. "Standpoint" won best film in the most competitive category, said IIFC Executive Producer Trinity Houston.

"There were over 50 films entered in the Short Film category and the competition was very strong," Houston noted. "And this was judged by our panel not based in Idyllwild, so there was no Idyllwild bias. The film was amazing and hard to believe it came from a 17-year-old filmmaker."

IIFC Founder and Director Stephen Savage had made a point of connecting with IAA in order to showcase at this year's festival more of the quality film-



Dakota Bailey, Idyllwild Arts Academy graduate, won Best Actress, Short Film, at the IIFC Awards Ceremony Sunday night. She is seen here in a scene from the film "Standpoint," an IAA student film that won for Best Short Film. The film was set in Nazi-occupied Europe. PHOTO COURTESY DAKOTA BAILEY

making being made by IAA student filmmakers. So in many ways, a win by an IAA film validated Savage's outreach and vision.

Bailey majored in dance at both IAA and the University of California, Santa Barbara, from which she received a bachelor's degree in dance in 2014. But it was her start at IAA that convinced her to pursue an artistic career. "Idyllwild Arts opened up my eyes to the world of artists and set me on a path to creativity and collaboration."

During her time at both institutions, she began appearing in student films and discovered a passion for acting. She took acting classes every year at UCSB. "I'm now incorporating more acting and film making in my life," said Bailey. "I'll keep dancing [she started at age 4] but now acting is what I want to pursue. I've found this great passion in it." At age 15, she landed her first role in a film written and directed by Sabrina Jaglom, daughter of writer/director Henry Jaglom.

She is now doing what most aspiring actors do in Hollywood — taking classes, making the rounds of auditions, See Film fest, page B8



Analia Lenchantin (right), winner of the IIFC Best Supporting Actress, Short Film, seen here with longtime friend Gaston Biraben, noted film sound director and writer at the IIFC Awards Ceremony. PHOTO COURTESY ANALIA LENCHANTIN

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Awards and recognition at film festival



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Shirley Sui, winner of the Best Student Film under 18 Award gives her acceptance speech at the IIFC Awards Ceremony. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Cassie Jaye, director of “The Red Pill,” accepts the Chuck Washington Best of Festival Award at the IIFC Awards Ceremony on Jan. 15. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Chuck Washington, Riverside County supervisor, addresses the audience at the Awards Ceremony prior to awarding the Chuck Washington Best of Festival Award. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK



Anne Archer accepts the WeSpark Inspirational Award for her humanitarian work, including founding Artists for Human Rights. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

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Attendees of the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema take a break outside the Rustic Theatre on Saturday, Jan. 14.

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Popcorn and movies made an enjoyable afternoon for everyone who attended the Children's Film Festival on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Idyllwild Library. The second Saturday of the event, held in conjunction with the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, featured films whose audience was children (and adults) ages 10 and up.

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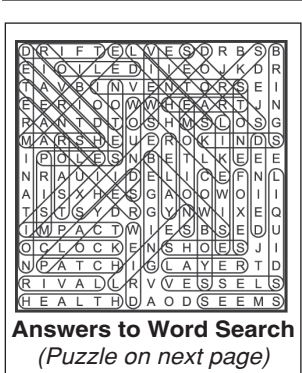
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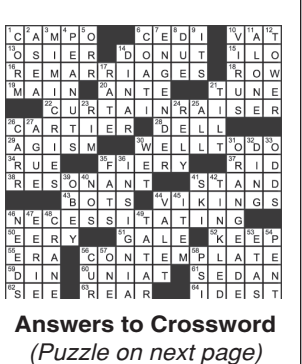
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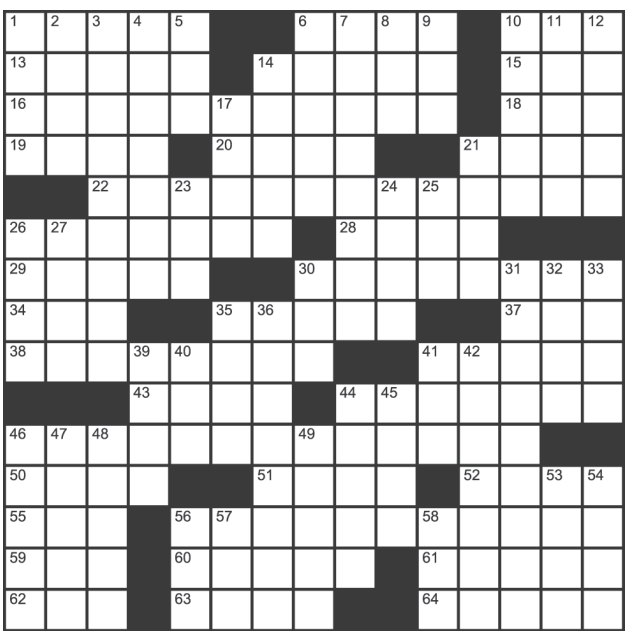
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CROSSWORD

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- ACROSS**

 - Grassland plain in South America
 - Monetary unit of Ghana
 - Big wine holder
 - Basket material
 - Coffee break snack
 - 1969 Peace Prize grp.
 - Marrying again
 - Brouhaha
 - Cardinal
 - A chip, maybe
 - Air
 - Short opening act
 - French navigator Jacques
 - Farmer's place, in song
 - Unfair treatment of old people
 - Rich
 - Morgue, for
- one

 - Passionate
 - Free from, with "of"
 - Strong and deep in tone
 - Bear
 - Artificial
 - Intelligences
 - Early pirates
 - Making something required
 - Mysterious: Var.
 - Battering wind
 - Castle part
 - Victorian, for one
 - To consider
 - Kipling's "Gunga ____"
 - A Christian adhering to an Eastern rite
 - Alternative to a convertible
 - "Comprende?"
 - Back
 - Clarification
- lead-in

DOWN

 - Base of a crocus stem
 - Fishing, perhaps
 - Copies of other's behavior
 - Small change
 - "Catch-22" pilot
 - Cousin of a raccoon
 - Bring about
 - Directly
 - "____ alive!" (contraction)
 - Computer woe
 - "Home ____"
 - Eiffel ____
 - Void
 - Miles per hour, e.g.
 - Knight fight
 - Backboard attachment
 - Bank
 - "Is that ____?"
 - "The Alienist" author
 - Chill
- All ____
 - Citrus drink like lemonade
 - "What are the ____?"
 - Saturated substances
 - A badge of honor or authority
 - Comply with
 - Discouraging words
 - Schuss, e.g.
 - Passed urine (child saying)
 - Hotel employee
 - Any thing
 - Demands
 - Like "The X-Files"
 - Construction site sight
 - Golden Horde member
 - Flight data, briefly
 - Confined, with "up"
 - Blackguard
 - "____ moment"
 - Chi follower

WORD SEARCH

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| Begging | Foxes | Marks | Robot |
| Blows | Health | Marsh | Seems |
| Brings | Heart | Notes | Shine |
| Cowboys | Impact | O'clock | Shoes |
| Denied | Inventors | Oiled | Sorts |
| Determination | Issue | Owned | Stone |
| Divide | Kinds | Patch | Tense |
| Drift | Layer | Played | Vessels |
| Earlier | Likewise | Poles | Views |
| Earth | Linen | Prism | Vital |
| Elves | Lines | Relay | Weird |
| Emotions | Liquids | Rival | Whole |
| | Marble | Roast | Wounds |

SUDOKU

Difficulty: Hard

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VALENTINE'S DAY:
Tuesday, Feb. 14
Valentine's Day paper: Feb. 9
Advertising deadline: Feb. 6

UP NEXT:
Mother's Day:
Sunday, May 14
Mother's Day paper: May 11
Advertising deadline: May 8

HOROSCOPES

January 2017 — Week 3



March 21 – April 19

Of course, you know what is best for a loved one, but is it worth getting into? This week it is. State your opinion, Aries. Be bold. Be brave.



April 20 – May 20

Whew, Taurus. What a week this is going to be. Surprises are in store at every turn. Go with the flow, and you will come out on top. A note inspires.



May 21 – June 21

Say what you will, Gemini, but you know your friend is right. Give them their due. A budget review reveals a major surplus. Put it to good use.



June 22 – July 22

Guilt can make you crazy, if you let it, Cancer. Don't. Admit your mistakes, apologize and move on. There are more important things to focus on.



July 23 – August 22

Rumors swirl at the office. Pay them no heed, Leo. All will come out in due time. A change in protocol makes things right and brings peace to your home.



August 23 – September 22

Some things are worth waiting for. Be patient, Virgo, and that which you seek will be yours, if not this week, next. A senior is feeling blue.



September 23 – October 22

Lost in thought these days, aren't you, Libra? Keep dreaming, and a solution will arise. The web of opportunity builds at work. Don't miss out.



October 23 – November 21

Passion ignites with the smallest of gestures. Enjoy, Scorpio. It's been a while. A delivery causes quite the commotion at work, just as intended.



November 22 – December 21

Drop it, Sagittarius. There is nothing more left to say. A mission in organization comes to a screeching halt with the arrival of guests.



December 22 – January 19

This is not the time to mince words, Capricorn. Speak up and make your stance clear. There is too much at stake not to. A date is set, and a venue is selected.



January 20 – February 18

My, oh my, Aquarius. Time is of the essence this week, so forget the need for perfection and just get tasks done. People are counting on you.



February 19 – March 20

Tsk-tsk, Pisces. You've been much too flippant as of late, and word is starting to get around. Better change your ways, and fast, before it is too late.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Submittal forms may be picked up at the Town Crier, or email becky@towncrier.com. Event charges may apply.

- Wednesday, Jan. 18**
- Fireside Book Club, 2-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Fundraiser for Hunter Perales, 4-8 p.m. La Casita.
 - Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Courtyard Building.

- Thursday, Jan. 19**
- Mahjong Club, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Friday, Jan. 20**
- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - “Corks & Color,” Adult Coloring Book Happy Hour, 4-7 p.m.; Luca Jacaruso (original jazz and R&B keyboard), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 - Visual Arts Junior Show Opening Reception, 6-7:30 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Peter Curtis with Baba Elephant, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

- Saturday, Jan. 21**
- Visual Arts Junior Show, noon-4 p.m. p.m. Parks Ex-

- hibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Sons of Soboba board game, 4-9 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
 - Jac Jacaruso (pop & soft rock guitar), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 - Kristen Lynn Trio (Old American originals, Italian folk), 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.
- Sunday, Jan. 22**
- Sons of Soboba board game, 4-9 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

- Monday, Jan. 23**
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children’s Storytime, “Chinese New Year,” 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Visual Arts Junior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24**
- Visual Arts Junior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Jazz night, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

- Wednesday, Jan. 25**
- Visual Arts Junior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m.; Idyllwild Photographers, 5-6 p.m.

- Idyllwild Library.
- Movie Night, 6:30 p.m. Center for Spiritual Living, Courtyard Building.
 - The Idyllwild Community Forum, 7-8:30 p.m. Silver Pines Lodge.
- Thursday, Jan. 26**
- Joseph Campbell video, “Beyond Space and Time: The Romantic Philosophers,” 10 a.m.-noon. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
 - Visual Arts Junior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Theatre Labworks #3, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Home-schoolers Art Class, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Friday, Jan. 27**
- Visual Arts Junior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Choir Concert, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lowman Concert Hall; Theatre Labworks #3, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - “Corks & Color,” Adult Coloring Book Happy Hour, 4-7 p.m.; Joe Baldino (smooth jazz guitar), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 - Forest Folk Potluck, 5 p.m.; Movie Night, “Snowden,” 6:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

- Saturday, Jan. 28**

- Visual Arts Junior Show, noon-4 p.m. p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- “Afternoon with the Artists,” opening reception for the new exhibit “The Idyllwild Collection: HeART & Soul,” 1-4 p.m.; Christian Chalifour (pop & light jazz guitar), 1-4 p.m.; Miles Thomas (soft & pop rock guitar), 5-8 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Sons of Soboba board game, 4-9 p.m.; Meet Ryan Hurst. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- Magician Dean Apple, Associates of Idyllwild Arts Foundation fundraiser, 7 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

- Sunday, Jan. 29**
- Sons of Soboba board game, 4-9 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

- Monday, Jan. 30**
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children’s Storytime, “Hibernating Animals,” 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Visual Arts Junior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

- Tuesday, Jan. 31**
- Visual Arts Junior Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center; Music Department Concert, 7:30-9:30 p.m. TBA, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Jazz night, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ferro Restaurant.

CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in Days of Our Nine Lives, the ARF cats were missing those who were recently adopted.

Bobbie: Have you guys heard what our ARF humans are doing now?
Sadie: Trying to find us forever homes?
Bobbie: Oh, they’re always doing that.
Sadie: I know. But they need to work harder in getting humans in to meet us!

Bobbie



George



Sadie



Mr. Gray

George: I think they work pretty hard at that. Hopefully the Creature Corner in the Town Crier helps.
Bobbie: Yes, yes, yes! But I am talking about the Pets of the Year contest ARF is having to raise funds to get medical care for pets whose families cannot afford it.

Mr. Gray: Oh boy! So, I could be a pet of the year?
Bobbie: Sorry, no. Only pets that have forever families can enter.

Sadie: Wow. Now I’m really sad about not having my own family. I just don’t get it. I’m beautiful and I love to wind my way in and out of humans’ legs. Why am I still here?



Grace

Mr. Gray: Yeah! And I have the most beautiful gray hair and little white booties on my feet. Why am I still here?

Grace: And I’m a Russian Blue! Cats don’t get any more beautiful than I, and I’m super friendly on top of that!

Bobbie: None of this makes any sense, especially the fact that I’m still looking for a forever home. I’m over-the-top friendly!

Mr. Gray: So, if humans visit ARF’s website or Facebook page, they can see photos of us?



Pepper

Bobbie: Yes, and they can learn about the contest.

Pepper: And if we get adopted by the end of this month, we may also be in the running for pet of the year. Wouldn’t that be amazing?

Pepper: Amazing, wonderful, and a dream come true.

Will you visit ARF’s cats this weekend? Be sure to keep up with the animal antics of Days of our Nine Lives each week. And please stop in to say hello to the entire adoptable cast at the ARF House, 26890 Hwy 243 on Saturdays 10-4 and Sundays 10-2, or by appointment M – F by calling 951-659-1122. Check us out online at: www.IdyllwildArf.com

In memory of Snuggles

So You Think You Know the Hill?

By JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

Last week’s photo garnered quite a few entries. It was the Buddha statue at the front of Funky Bazaar near the top of North Circle at Fern Valley Corners. I received 12 correct entries from Susan Barmore-Wade, Maurie Bousquet, David Curl, Dave Hunt, Marsha Kennedy, Kris Kirschbaum, Teresa Lease, Rue Pine, Chloe Schelly, Colin Smith, John Thomford and Emily White. Out of the hat Katy Kirkpatrick pulled John Thomford’s name, so he wins the \$25 VISA gift card, available through the continuing courtesy of June Rockwell and Jo’An’s Restaurant and Bar in the center of town. So, John, please come to the Town Crier within 30 days to claim your prize. This week’s photo is of another sculpture. Where is this one?



Two new contest rules: You must: 1) Pick up your prize within 30 days of the date on the Town Crier issue that announces your win, and 2) bring with you that Town Crier issue that shows you won. OK? This really is not something we want to have to try to keep track of beyond that. Thanks!

One entry per household. Contest deadline: Monday noon. Not a race — correct entries go into a hat for a drawing. Full contest rules and guidelines available at the Town Crier office.

‘American Pickers’ films in California

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team plan to film episodes of the hit series “American Pickers” throughout California in spring 2017.

The documentary series explores the world of antique “picking.” The show follows Mike and Frank as they hunt for America’s most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.

They are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics. Along the way, the pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America’s past along the way.

The show is seeking leads. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send them your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 1-855-653-7878.

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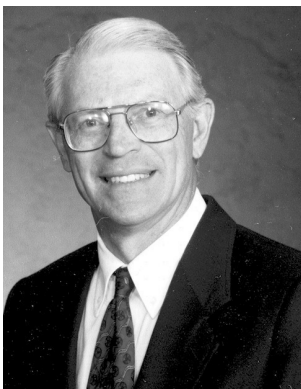
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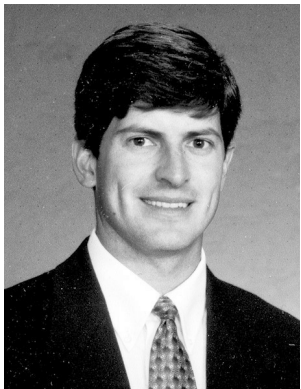
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INAUGURATION DAY

Every four years on January 20, the President of the United States officially takes office. The day is called Inauguration Day, and it has many special events. Inauguration Day begins with the swearing in of the President. A judge makes sure the President is ready to serve the American people, and the President makes a speech afterwards. The event continues with special music, readings and more. After being sworn in, the President has lunch with Congress and takes part in a parade in front of the White House. That evening, the President attends special dances called inaugural balls and dances with their spouse.

Name That President

Over 40 people have served as President of the United States. Fill in the blanks to name some of them.

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2) FRA ____ LIN D. R ____ SEVELT

3) JO ____ N F. KE ____ ED ____

4) A ____ RAHA ____ LI ____ OLN

5) J ____ MM ____ CA ____ ER

6) GEO ____ GE WA ____ ING ____ ON

7) BA ____ A ____ O ____ AMA

Answers: (1) Bill Clinton, (2) Franklin D. Roosevelt, (3) John F. Kennedy, (4) Abraham Lincoln, (5) Jimmy Carter, (6) George Washington, (7) Barack Obama

Jokes and Riddles

Q: Why did the President put money in the freezer?

A: He wanted cold, hard cash.

Q: Where did the President learn how to make ice cream?

A: At Sunday School!

Fact or Fiction? Inaugural Ball Challenge

Inauguration Day ends with the inaugural balls. Here are some questions about the balls. How many can you answer correctly?

1) The President goes to every inaugural ball held. *Fact or Fiction?*

2) The President always goes to at least one inaugural ball. *Fact or Fiction?*

3) President Woodrow Wilson went to 10 inaugural balls. *Fact or Fiction?*

4) President Bill Clinton had the most inaugural balls with 14. *Fact or Fiction?*

5) Tickets to the President's inaugural balls are free. *Fact or Fiction?*

6) Money made from the President's inaugural balls pays for earlier Inauguration Day events. *Fact or Fiction?*

7) The biggest question for some people is what the First Lady will wear to the inaugural ball. *Fact or Fiction?*

8) The First Lady always wears a new gown to the ball. *Fact or Fiction?*

9) Many famous singers have performed at the President's inaugural balls. *Fact or Fiction?*

10) Jennifer Hudson performed at one of the inaugural balls for President Barack Obama in 2013. *Fact or Fiction?*

Answers: 1) Fiction, inaugural balls are held across the country—the President attends only those known as official inaugural balls. 2) Fiction, some Presidents have chosen not to have a ball. 3) Fiction, President Wilson cancelled the ball to save money. 4) Fact. 5) Fiction. 6) Fact. 7) Fact. 8) Fact. 9) Fact. 10) Fact. Carter wore a gown from her closet. 11) Fact.

IIFC awards ceremony takes place before packed house

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

With growing polish and confidence, the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema closed out a hugely successful eighth year stronger than ever. The awards ceremony was co-hosted by Oscar-nominated actress Anne Archer and IIFC Director Stephen Savage. For the first time in festival history, the top awards went to documentaries. Cassie Jaye's controversial examination of the Men's Rights Movement, "The Red Pill," took the Chuck Washington Best of Festival trophy and Fran Strine's in-depth homage to studio-backing musicians, "Hired Gun," took Best Documentary and Audience Choice statues. "The Red Pill" also garnered awards in directing and producing.

Feature film "Changeover" from Estes Tarver took top honors in its category and "Standpoint" from Idyllwild Arts Academy took home five statues, including Best Short Film and four honors in acting and production. On the international scene, top honors went to films from India, Kosovo and the United Kingdom. Audience draw was strongest for the premiere of Stephen Savage's "Tucker's War," a Western drama TV pilot which played to two standing-room-only houses. IIFC Executive Producer Trinity Houston said, "We received overwhelming response from our international filmmakers that this festival is, as was reported by the Hollywood Reporter a few years back, 'The greatest little film festival on earth!' We got the most compliments from attending filmmakers that we have ever had. They were charmed by the town, our staff and the warmth they felt from Idyllwild. We're really focusing on independent filmmakers and helping them to hone their craft. "I was also able to meet with more Idyllwild locals and felt more support from them. We look forward to building and expanding that relationship in the years to come." The full list of winners may be found at <http://idyllwildtowncrier.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/IIFC-1st-Round-Nominations.xlsx.pdf> Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.

Film fest

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and meeting with casting agents and producers. "I recently met with a producer and will be doing a short film, a drama, that will begin shooting in February/March," said Bailey. "I'm very fortunate to be working this much." Lenchantin has a deep connection with IAA having moved here from Woodland Hills when her 15-year-old daughter started at the academy. She has appeared in other IAA student films, and has acted and performed as a musician in Idyllwild for many years. She said she was enjoying attending the Sunday awards ceremony, cheering on the winners, when the

category for Best Supporting Actress, Short Film, was announced. "I never expected to win, so I prepared nothing to read," she said. "I heard my first name called and heard nothing after that. I'm not sure what I said. I spoke from my heart." Lenchantin, a native of Argentina, said she is thrilled to be living in Idyllwild and believes that this community, with so many artists, creates a special energy that is conducive to creativity and collaboration. "It is so good for all of us to be here in this town, working together, doing our best and putting our best efforts forward," she said. Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.

A few hardy souls were out at Lake Hemet on Saturday for the eagle count, led by biologists from the U.S. Forest Service. Both bald eagles were seen Saturday, according to District Biologist Ann Bowers. One eagle was spotted sitting and observing the observers from afar, across the lake (inset). The next count will be Feb. 11. PHOTO BY TOM KLUZAK

Audrey Carver, IAA senior visual artist, next ICC speaker

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Editor's Note: The long-standing Idyllwild Community Center Speaker Series is partnering this year with the Idyllwild Arts Academy, presenting IAA seniors discussing their paths as developing artists, part of the school's focus on growing artists who feel the responsibility of contributing to society. Audrey Carver, visual artist, is proud to be an Idyllwild "Hillbilly," having attended all eight years at Idyllwild School and is in her fourth year at Idyllwild Arts. Asked how young she was when she first found an interest in art, Audrey said, "As soon as I could hold a crayon. I grew up like this barefoot wild child, always painting. There was never a question if I could go to Idyllwild Arts. My parents told me that if

I was accepted they would make it happen." Audrey will be talking about her early interest in art, what it has been like at IAA and what her plans are for the future. "I'll be talking about the role art plays in society and how I fit into that. My primary interest is in creating public art." She credits IAA visual art teachers David Reid-Marr and Linda Santana with having contributed most to her growth as a visual artist. Audrey is aiming for a career in photojournalism. She'll be attending the women's march in Washington at the inauguration and will be accompanied by her mother and grandmother. "Yes, there'll be three generations and I'll be taking photographs, video and doing some interviewing," she said. While at IAA, Audrey has won Arts Enterprise

Laboratory grants in each of her three previous years. The grants helped fund her senior show and public murals in the mailroom and art gallery. She said she also has stepped out of her comfort zone this year, acting in a student film for the first time and doing art as part of performance pieces—piling clay on a musician while he was playing and improvising a 32-inch-by-8-foot abstract painting in ink to an improvised piano piece by another IAA student. When asked how long she had to create the piece, she answered "Five minutes and eight seconds." Audrey said she has a condition called synesthesia that is partly hereditary. "Every sound prompts a color," she said, which makes improvising to sound very interesting. Audrey also will talk

about her internships in San Diego with the San Diego Climate Science Alliance and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. "I painted murals based on data from climate change scientists and taught kids about climate change in classes and public presentations." She is planning to attend a liberal arts college, not a purely art-based institution. "I want to balance art and academics, just as I have been doing at Idyllwild Arts," she said. Audrey will speak and show a PowerPoint presentation of her art. There is no charge to attend the series. Her presentation is at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at Silver Pines Lodge. There is a wine and cheese reception at 5:30 p.m. Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.

ARF Pets of the Year Contest helps low-income family pets

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild, in an effort to raise funds to provide medical care for low-income families' pets, are hosting a Pets of the Year Contest. Funds raised also will help fund medical testing and treatment for senior pets coming into ARF's care. There is no entry fee. Proud four-paw, four-footed or two-claw parents simply enter a photo of their companion and campaign for votes for their entry. Designated friends receive an invite via email, Facebook or Twitter to donate \$1 per vote on their entry. The campaign is designed to raise the profile of the sponsoring organization, expand its constituent list and build a fund for charitable use. Entering is open as of this writing but ends online at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31. Voting starts at 12 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 1. There are three categories of entry: dog, cat and other. A first place in each of the three categories wins: a case of Baily Wine, donated by Baily Winery in Temecula with each bottle's label featuring a photo of the winning pet; a specialty cocktail named for each winning pet on the Uptown Bar at Café Aroma's menu; and a set of etched wine glasses donated by Idyllwild Decal and Design featuring contest title and the winning pet's name. Winning pets and their guardians will be invited to ride on the ARF Fourth of July parade float or receive a photo of their pet; all winning pet photos will be displayed at the ARF house throughout 2017; and the winning pets' names will be featured in the kids' zone at ARF's June 3, 2017, Paws for Rhythm and Brews beer festival. A second-place dog winner will receive a "paw print" art session, and finished and framed art donated by Images Gallery, and personalized jewelry donated by Pawsomeness. A second-place cat winner will receive a pastel portrait donated by local artist Lois Shepherd. Second prize for other will receive a pet rock portrait donated by local artist Terri French of Let It Shine and personalized jewelry donated by Pawsomeness. Third-place winners in each category will receive gift baskets with pet and human gifts donated by local merchants, including Mountain Paws Pet Boutique, Mountain Feed and Hay, Pretty Bird Pottery, Miriam Hasani, Mountain Pawlytechnic Canine Education and Sue Parker's doTERRA Essential Oils. Contest rules are available on www.gogophotocontest.com/arfpet-softheyear. Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.