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Dean England (right), a neighbor of Tom and Marlene Pierce (left) in Pine Cove, is a dog lover and owns several rescued Samoyeds. He recently adopted two dogs from Living Free in Mountain Center. In gratitude, England loaded his pickup truck to donate all of these dog and cat goodies, collected from friends, neighbors and Operation Blankets of Love. Animal Rescue Friends was also a beneficiary. PHOTO BY TOM PIERCE

Fern Valley Water raises its rates

Large turnout for hearing, but directors united

By JP CRUMRINE
 NEWS EDITOR

In 2018, Fern Valley Water District customers will see higher water bills. After the public hearing Friday, Dec. 29, FVWD directors unanimously approved the proposed increase for the basic charge and rate changes.

Nearly 20 people attended the hearing and most raised questions about the need for an increase, ways to reduce expenses or simply the amount of the increase. The questions and responses from the directors
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TOP 10, PART II

From snow visitors to eclipse, the top stories of 2017

Editor's note: Each year, the Town Crier reviews the top 10 news items on the Hill. These stories were the favorites of TC readers who attend the weekly news meetings. This week, the TC reviews the final five of these stories. Last week featured the other five.

2017, which began in 2016, was the onslaught of off-Hill snow-play visitors after major snowstorms. Heavy snow in winter 2016 and 2017 generated unprecedented numbers of new visitors seeking snow-play areas.

The problem is that Idyllwild has few public snow-play areas, or public bathrooms and infrastructure to accommodate thousands of weekend visitors seeking the best snow in which to play. Visitors passed through lower elevations to high-altitude residential neighborhoods where snow is more plentiful and lasts longer. Fern Valley Road, with signs advertising a park (Humber Park) at its end, experienced the worst

of it — with visitors parking on both sides of the road, trespassing onto private property to play in the snow, using land around residents' homes for personal bathrooms and often belligerently confronting property owners when asked to leave.

Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz was among the most vocal in calling for parking restrictions, given his concern that visitors' illegal parking, with vehicles protruding onto roadways, would make it difficult for emergency vehicles to navigate illegal obstructions.

Citizen activists in Fern Valley and Pine Cove, led by Fern Valley resident Marsha Kennedy, met with county representatives,

including 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington and staff, and secured both concrete actions and proposed solutions.

Chief concerns of Kennedy's snow group (www.idysnowtalk.com), numbering more than 350 online supporters, were issues of legal liability of property owners for injury of trespassers; blocking of personal driveways preventing regular and/or emergency entrance and exit of owners and family; blocking emergency vehicles; trash left behind; and discourteous and belligerent behavior by snow visitors. "Our ultimate goal is to involve county, state and federal agencies to help
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Snow play visitors disrupt peace and tranquility of many Idyllwild neighborhoods

By MARSHALL SMITH
 STAFF REPORTER

Another significant story of

Private surveillance seems to be helping

By JP CRUMRINE
 NEWS EDITOR

Three months later, the presence of a night-time security team seems to have dissipated the conversation about a crime wave submerging the Hill.

In September, after a series of public meetings discussing the growing threat of crimes on the Hill, a group of local business people and residents contracted with Valley Forge Private Security in Hemet.

Led by Dan Hinojosa, its operation manager, VFPS has had someone patrol the business areas of Idyllwild four to five nights weekly. The actual days and exact hours rotate weekly so that a pattern does not create criminal opportunities.

"I think we've done a really well," said Joel Feingold, one of those instrumental in obtaining the assistance of VFPS. "There is no perfect solution. A lot of businesses look for and

count on Danny."

During this period, Hinojosa has had some encounters with possible criminal acts and break-ins, but Feingold said nothing major has occurred.

While the presence of VFPS and Hinojosa driving along North Circle Drive or parked in an easily seen space seems to have contributed to the diminishment of the break-ins, Hinojosa has contributed other vital services beyond crime stopping to the town's safety and benefit.

Some of the late-night establishments have asked Hinojosa to escort or to help a patron get home safely, according to Feingold.

Kelly Cooper, co-owner of Idyology, says she is very happy to have Hinojosa and VFPS in the area. She has requested some help aiding customers.

She stressed that these occurrences were for their safety, and unrelated to any security or danger in the area.

Another example is the night Hinojosa

helped a visiting family find their lost child.

Hinojosa's contributions are not all that simple. "There was a lot petty crime and vandalizing of businesses going on and not reported," Feingold said. "But with a plan, someone is watching Idyllwild. The bad guys don't like that stuff."

More than a dozen local businesses share the cost of VFPS, according to Feingold. The contract with VFPS will continue as long as the financial support is available, he added.

Feingold added that the group is prepared to offer some watchful vigilance to local residents for probably \$25; VFPS can drive by one home and check security in the neighborhood.

Gisela Stearns is one local resident who expressed concern about what was happening in Idyllwild. But she feels better now. "We have the blessing of the Sheriff's Department. They came to the meetings and said, 'Protect yourself.' It's the only security we have. [The sheriff] can't reach us fast enough. But the bad guys know at night we have a security guard."

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SNAP SHOT OF THE IDYLLWILD REAL ESTATE MARKET

2017 saw an increase in both sales volume and home price values in the Idyllwild/Pine Cove areas. The chart below shows sales data for Idyllwild/Pine Cove single family residential properties, as reported to the Idyllwild MLS for years 2015, 2016 and 2017. Properties not reported to the Idyllwild MLS are not included.

Currently, our Real Estate market is very active, characterized by a low inventory of single-family homes. If you are considering selling and would like to know the value of your property, please give us a call.

PERIOD	# SALES	SALES PRICE		DAYS ON MARKET TOTAL		SQUARE FEET		PRICE PER SQ. FT.	
		AVERAGE	MEDIAN	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	AVERAGE	MEDIAN	AVERAGE	MEDIAN
2017	222	\$335,207	\$297,000	142	84	1,507	1,389	\$238	\$233
2016	186	\$287,826	\$269,750	163	101	1,391	1,250	\$221	\$211
2015	198	\$264,043	\$236,250	211	143	1,467	1,394	\$189	\$183

From the top



Above and below, attached are a couple of images of San Jacinto Peak (to which the photographer hikes some 20 to 50 times per year). One he took Tuesday, and by way of comparison, almost the identical shot taken on Christmas Eve 2016. Based on his research, this new year is apparently the first time in living memory, and recorded Idyllwild history, that San Jacinto Peak has been completely free of snow at the turn of the year. There have been two very light dustings of snow on the peak so far this winter — in early November and in mid-December, but in neither case did the snow persist more than 48 hours. Although last winter proved to be a slightly above-average winter for precipitation, the image from Christmas Eve 2016 is not particularly unusual for that time of year. The current snow situation on the mountain appears to be unprecedented in the recent history of the region.

PHOTOS BY JON KING



Idyllwild Fire captain retiring

The Idyllwild Fire Department has announced the retirement of Capt. Alan Lott, who has served more than 25 years with the department. He started Dec. 1, 1989, according to Chief Patrick Reitz.

A celebration of his career and party in his honor will be at the Idyllwild Fire Station from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6.

The public is invited and Reitz encourages people to stop and say “good-bye” to Lott.



Capt. Alan Lott of Idyllwild Fire Department in a November 2009 photo. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Undergraduate internship program

The Riverside County District Attorney’s Office is looking for motivated and enthusiastic undergraduate college students to participate in an eight-week, unpaid internship. Students must be currently in college (incoming sophomore, junior or senior for the fall).

Students gain hands-on experience dealing with the various aspects of the criminal justice system, while working closely with attorneys, paralegals, investigators or victim advocates. They will also attend workshops on criminal procedures, tour several law enforcement facilities and more.

For more information contact Amy McKenzie, at 951-955-5400 or outreach@rivcoda.org.

Applications are due by April 2, 2018. Visit www.rivcoda.org for applications. Summer session begins June 19, 2018.

Free/reduced-price school lunches

Hemet Unified School District is distributing application forms to all households for free and reduced-price meals for enrolled children. Applications are also available at the principal’s office in each school.

To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits, complete an application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year.

The information households provide on the application will be used to determine meal eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or program officials.

Requirements for free and reduced-price benefits are as follows: For households receiving Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits, applications need only include the enrolled child(ren)’s name, Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member.

For households who do not list a Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP or FDPIR case number, the application must include the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the signature and corresponding Social Security number of an adult household member.

Grinding facility closed Mondays

The Idyllwild grinding facility stopped Monday operations effective Thursday, Nov. 30. The facility is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, from Nov. 29 through April 30, 2018. (It is closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.)

The facility will then open again on Mondays from May through November due to high tonnage volumes and customer participation.

The grinding facility accepts wood waste affected by the bark beetle. Prohibited waste includes household waste, appliances, e-waste, metals, tires and other hazardous, explosive and medical wastes. Customers who use the facility pay a per-ton rate on pre-paid accounts.

For more information, contact the Riverside County Department of Waste Resources at 951-486-3200 or visit www.rcwaste.org.

Scholarship donations accepted

The Idyllwild Scholarship Board is requesting community donations to support scholarships for 2017 high school graduates.

Hannah Hardy and Max Swanson were last year’s recipients.

Donations may be sent to Idyllwild Scholarship Fund, PO Box 778, Idyllwild, CA 92549. All donations are tax-deductible.



Last week, a Riverside County Transportation Department crew installed new road signs for Humber Park along Fern Valley Road. They also will install signs reminding visitors that Humber Park may close during snows. Here, transportation staff Dwayne Donohue (left) holds the new “closed” sign and Johnny Rosas (right) holds the new Humber Park direction sign. The sign will be hinged to “close” sign will only be activated during snow storms. The signs are an effort to deter masses of snow visitors from Fern Valley Road and environs. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

<p>Thursday 1/4</p> <p> 62/38</p> <p>Mostly sunny.</p> <hr/> <p>Friday 1/5</p> <p> 61/40</p> <p>Mostly sunny.</p> <hr/> <p>Saturday 1/6</p> <p> 60/38</p> <p>Partly sunny.</p> <hr/> <p>Sunday 1/7</p> <p> 60/39</p> <p>Mostly sunny.</p>	<p>Monday 1/8</p> <p> 60/40</p> <p>Mostly sunny.</p> <hr/> <p>Tuesday 1/9</p> <p> 56/35</p> <p>Chance of rain.</p> <hr/> <p>Wednesday 1/10</p> <p> 51/30</p> <p>Rain.</p>
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Find the latest weather information from the National Weather Service at www.weather.gov.

Idyllwild this year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
12/26	62	37	0.00	0.0	
12/27	66	37	0.00	0.0	
12/28	69	36	0.00	0.0	
12/29	70	37	0.00	0.0	
12/30	65	36	0.00	0.0	
12/31	62	36	0.00	0.0	
01/01	64	35	0.00	0.0	
01/02	68	42	0.00	0.0	

Idyllwild last year					
Date	High	Low	M	S	
12/26	46	21	0.00	0.0	
12/27	59	30	0.00	0.0	
12/28	64	31	0.00	0.0	
12/29	64	33	0.00	0.0	
12/30	47	35	0.05	0.0	
12/31	41	40	0.32	0.0	
01/01	42	27	0.43	0.0	
01/02	39	29	0.12	0.0	

Moisture in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	0.97
To date last season (Idy):	10.64
Total last season (Idy):	28.61
To date this season (PC):	0.86
Total last season (PC):	37.56

Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	0.0
To date last season (Idy):	1.0
Total last season (Idy):	31.3
To date this season (PC):	0.0
Total last season (PC):	63.3

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.

Clouds loomed over the Hill on Wednesday afternoon, but there was no sign of precipitation for the thirsty mountains. PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

Water rates

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lasted nearly 90 minutes.

While most of the discussion focused on the proposed increase, several residents brought concerns about water quality to the board's attention and a desire to direct some of the added revenue toward improving the quality of the district's product.

For example, Fern Valley resident Judi Milin, and she was not alone, asked questions about the proposal and the district's expenses, but when water quality became a topic, she said, "My biggest concern going forward is improving water quality."

"At my place, it's pretty poor water quality. It's not what it was and has dropped significantly," Milin continued. "I've complained about the dirty taste for four years and it's not fixed. I don't mind the increase, but I want it to go for something like improving water quality."

But she and others had questions and objections to the increase, or at least the size of the increase.

General Manager Victor Jimenez began the public hearing with an explanation of the need for the increase and how it would be implemented. He stressed that for an average bill (which is for two months) the added cost would be \$23.80, for a total bi-monthly bill of \$100. The monthly increase would be about \$12.

The first water tier will be \$4 per hundred cubic feet compared to the current rate of \$4.35 per hundred cubic feet, Jimenez added.

But comparing the new rates to old water costs, meter charges increased significantly. For a customer with a 5/8-inch meter, but no water usage, the water bill increases from \$32.70 bi-monthly to \$60, nearly an 85-percent increase.

For the average customer who uses 5,600 gallons every two months, the water cost increases \$24.67 (38 percent), from \$65.33 bi-monthly to \$90.

For large water users, there would be a decrease because of the elimination of the highest rate tier. These customers, a mere handful, use about 30,000 gallons per period.

One of the first questions was where will the added revenues be directed, and are they needed for staffing or increased salaries.

The added revenue would support reserves and capital projects going forward, Jimenez and Director Robert Krieger stressed to the public.

One of the newly established reserve accounts

would be for years or periods of drought when the public does conserve and reduce water consumption, which results in a less revenue for the district.

"When drought years don't generate the revenues we expect, then we don't need to raise rates immediately," Jimenez said about the need for this reserve account.

Without the rate increase, the district estimates that its reserves, which are about \$1.2 million currently, will be consumed for operations and capital investments by 2022.

Director Richard Schnetzer and Jimenez replied that FVWD does not offer the highest salaries on the Hill nor intend to increase staff. But salaries need to be competitive with other nearby districts in order to get quality staff.

People asked whether the district had spoken to Southern California Edison about lower electric rates, whether it was maximizing its use of stream water, whether a rain-barrel program could be offered to conserve water, size of payroll, whether salaries could be capped and the cost of health insurance.

Several addressed their surprise at the need for the increase and its size. They noted that many Fern Valley residents rely on Social Security and even \$12 per month is a large increase for a necessity.

"Everybody sees the increase as too much too fast," said one person. Then Milin told the board that "the increases seemed unfair to many people."

The board acknowledged this and replied that rates have not increased in more than seven years. That is one reason it seems so steep. If an increase had been imposed in 2014, after the last five-year period, this change would be a smaller amount.

All revenue goes for projects and staff to provide water to its customers.

"We're a water district and provide the service at cost," Krieger replied. "There are no profits, no dividends. All costs go to provide adequate supply of high-quality water."

While the proposal allows for a 5-percent annual rate increase, Krieger promised that the board would review the need for an increase and it size each year.

The final vote was 3-0. Directors Trischa Clark, Krieger and Schnetzer voted for the proposal. President James Rees was absent and the board has a vacancy.

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Musical rehearsal groups in town

Idyllwild harpist Christian Chalifour is hosting a small orchestra rehearsal group from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays at Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living on Ridgeway Drive in The Courtyard.

He also is hosting a flute rehearsal group on Fridays, time to be determined.

For more information, call 951-205-4119 or email desertmaestro77@gmail.com.

Flowers of the forest for 2017

Throughout their lives, all of the people in this annual tribute were connected to Idyllwild.

And because these are such small communities, many of the names that appear in Town Crier obituaries have appeared in past pages of the Town Crier when those people were alive. In that sense, they live on in the written history of our community, as well as in the memories of the people they left behind.

Patricia Jeanne Abbott
Robert "Bob" Duane Baker
Richard H. Barker
Charles Buckman
Cheri M. Bentley-Buckman
Krieg Campbell
Frederick Carlson
Betty Jean Dravenstatt
Theresa Everhart
Scott Fjeldstad Fisher
Pamela Jean Goldwasser
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Patricia "Patty" Blanche McCaughin
Richard Francis Miller
H. David Mosier Jr., M.D.
Thomas "Thom" Lloyd Pentecost
David Mattson Potter
H. Dail Rankin
Jean Lewis Reid
Geneva Elizabeth McCleary Schlenz
Donald Herbert Schmiedt
Genevieve Eloa Moody Skiles

Vernon R. Spitaleri
Eva Sprague
Wanda Leean Swanson
Jeff Tower
Louis Trongale
Karen S. Visel
Celia Marie Wagner
Byron 'Jim' Walters

Passed away in 2016
Ruth M. Bradley
Pamela Fojtik
Patricia Anne Kane Morris Hair

Fern Valley Water defers selection of new director

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

While the Fern Valley Water District Board of Directors held a special meeting on Thursday, Dec. 28, to interview candidates for the vacant board position, the selection was deferred until the January meeting.

Individuals who applied for the vacancy and were interviewed were James Gates, Fred Hamblin and George Rowell.

At the board meeting the next day, Director Robert Krieger suggested to General Manager Victor Jimenez that since Rowell had taken a tour of the district's facilities, the offer should be extended to the other two candidates. Directors Trischa Clark and Richard Schnetzer agreed.

They also felt that wait-

ing until January would give an opportunity to President James Rees to be involved in the decision.

The vacancy occurred when Jim Wise declined the appointment to the seat following the Riverside County Board of Supervisors' action in July. Following the nomination period in May, FVWD had three candidates for three seats; therefore, holding an election was not necessary. In the summer, the supervisors approved the appointment of the three nominees — directors and incumbents Krieger and Rees. Wise was the third and a new candidate, and appointed, too.

However, he formally declined the position in October. The board could not begin the recruitment and appointment process until

the term officially began on Dec. 1.

At the Dec. 28 meeting, the board also reviewed correspondence from Danny McDonald, a customer and Fern Valley resident. McDonald wrote objecting to using an appointment to fill the vacancy. He argued that a special election must be held.

Jimenez assured the board that he had conferred with the district's legal counsel and an appointment is the normal process to fill a vacancy until a regular election is scheduled. In this case, the appointee would serve until December 2019. The August 2019 election would include a vote to fill the final two years of the term.

Jimenez responded to several of McDonald's let-

ters. In a Dec. 20 response, he affirmed that FVWD is a state water district and not a community-service district, which McDonald had argued it was. Therefore, the Election Code applies to the filling of vacancies.

In that letter, Jimenez invited McDonald to apply for the seat.

In water business, at the Dec. 29 meeting, Jimenez reported that there had been a minimal decrease in the level of the district's wells. "The average decrease of the [11] wells was 1.02 [inches]," he reported.

November's water production was 31 percent greater than a year ago. And wells were providing 42 percent of that production compared to 37 percent in 2016.

Dry winter expected

Drought and fire danger ahead

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

While the 2017 winter La Niña was much wetter than expected, the National Weather Service expects the 2018 version to be significantly drier than normal.

This fall has been one of the warmest and driest on record, according to Alex Tardy, meteorologist with the National Weather Service's San Diego Office.

And the next two weeks may be the exception to the anticipated dry winter

ahead.

Northern California should experience substantial rain this weekend and next week. So, it is possible that the storm track will slip to the south and this region will receive some refreshing rain.

The NWS Climate Prediction Center forecasts the probability of rain as well above normal in Southern California for the next two weeks.

However, its longer-term forecasts — one month and three months — show below-normal precipitation.

A return of the dreaded drought is a possible consequence of the dry and warm

winter, according to Tardy.

"The start of the season mimicked last year, but the past month has seen no rain," Tardy said. "The snow pack is below normal in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Southern California temperatures have been quite staggering. They've been several degrees above normal."

The dry fall and beginning of winter have raised concerns with regional fire agencies, too.

On Dec 29, the Southern California Geographic Area Coordination Center issued an advisory for firefighters effective the next two weeks.

"With the absence of any significant precipitation

this fall, fuels have become critically dry across portions of Southern and Central California ... Dead fuels away from the coast are near all-time record dry levels. The 100-hour dead fuel moisture is normally in the mid-teens, but values in the single digits have been observed across the Angeles, San Bernardino, Cleveland, Los Padres, and Sequoia national forests."

While Tardy offers some hope that next week's storm may slide south, "The rest of the winter is not looking good," he concluded.

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Taxing work

If you are receiving Social Security and have extra income, you may wind up having to pay taxes on a portion of your benefits, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. AMAC says that you can work

with your tax preparer to determine the exact amount of taxes you must pay using your Social Security Benefit Statement (Form SSA-1099/1042S). The Social Security Administration automatically sends that statement out to all benefit recipients each year.

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Back when newspaper advertising dropped in 2009 all over the country after the real-estate bubble burst, we put staff on furlough and slashed costs. I retired in November of that year. After working 23 1/2 years at the Town Crier, striving as publisher-editor to meet financial goals and then having all that work go down the tubes, the job wasn't fun anymore.

Jack retired in 2010 and we did some memorable traveling, thinking we would just live like this the rest of our lives and enjoy our growing grand-family.

But since my retirement, the TC continued to lose advertising and continued to bleed red. So it was no wonder that we learned in early 2013 that it was for sale and the man to whom it may be sold would outsource much of the work to Beijing.

Now, I worked for LB and Dorothy Hunsaker back in the 1980s. They were the last mom-and-pop to own the TC. And I worked for two corporations who bought it later — Chronicle Publishing Co. and Tindle Newspapers Ltd., respectively. None of these folk outsourced anything, including the British Ray Tindle who owned it for nearly 20 years just before we bought it.

Tindle knew me, having promoted me to publisher-editor in 1996. That was all the impetus they needed when Jack and I placed a bid on the TC in 2013. Maybe we didn't make the decision a smart CEO would have made, but we couldn't see staff losing their jobs, and the community losing touch with their local newspaper.

Retirement was over. And it really was! I won't go into the crazy details but the past four-and-a-half years have included two building moves; a major wildfire three weeks after the purchase; a grandchild born on deadline by our daughter, also our employee; loss of two close friends who were employees; a lawsuit by a former employee who took one of the latter two with him; and a heart attack. Those are just highlights. And we didn't get paid.

We downsized and continued to do so. Last year, when an employee left, Mandy, Halie and I took that position and split it among us. So I label papers and prepare them for mailing, as well as handle the subscriptions (now Memberships) for both print and online.

(Interestingly, that is the only TC job I had never known much about before I took it over last year.)

It was last year at a California News Publishers Association summit that we first heard about appealing to readers rather than advertisers to keep the newspaper going. By then, even with all the cuts, the TC was still bleeding red and it was staying afloat through our own money and labor.

We studied and pondered the Membership idea for several months, reading about other newspapers' successes with the idea, until we reached crisis status.

Important to us has been to keep the newspaper local, keep the employees local, keep covering the government agencies when you, our readers, can't get to the meetings. You need to know what they're doing with your tax dollars. You need to know what these three water districts are going to charge you.

But you also care about other things, too, like being able to read the word games in the back, which has been difficult with the other company. King Features, that syndicate that provides the good ones, was cut sometime back. And with it went a feature LB Hunsaker began in the 1980s that was very popular: "It's Different."

But because of your Membership, we've re-signed with King Features and not only do you get readable word games, but "It's Different" is back!

Master gardeners available

The Riverside County Cooperative Extension has master gardeners available to answer questions.

You can ask about how to save water in your landscape, what's damaging your plants, how to make and use compost in your own backyard, what's ailing your trees, or any gardening-related question. Calls are taken between 9 a.m. to noon Monday to Friday at 951-683-6491, ext. 231, and from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. at 760-342-2511.

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The Town Crier will not publish "thank-you" letters, consumer complaints, form letters, clippings from other publications or poetry. Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word but are not accepted the week before an election.

We reserve the right to reject or edit letters for length, taste, clarity or frequency of submission. Only one letter per author within a 28-day period. Letters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Town Crier staff. Letters may be submitted in person, by mail, by fax (659-2071) or by e-mail (becky@towncrier.com). Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

A salute to the Town Crier's Angels and Heroes

BY BECKY AND JACK CLARK
CO-PUBLISHERS

Five Angels and four Heroes head the Town Crier's Membership list as we begin a new year. They are folk with the means and willingness to give huge boosts toward saving and supporting the Town Crier for our community. The TC now has five Angel members at more than \$1,000 [Nancy Borchers \$2,000; Ying Chen & Andrew Lichtman, attorneys at law \$1,006; Kathy & Tom Kluzak \$1,250; Sub Rosa Apothecary (Julia Meadows & Marc Peterman) \$1,200; plus one Anonymous at \$2,500] and four Hero members at \$1,000 [Anne & Barnaby Finch; Charles "Chic" Fojtik; Janice Lyle; plus one Anonymous].

These top TC supporters have gone way above and beyond in ensuring that we have the Town Crier working for our greater Hill community. We all cannot thank them enough.

Next week, we salute our Patrons and Sponsors, who also are contributing more than their share toward saving our Hill's newspaper.

And the Town Crier's Membership list now boasts 15 business, four nonprofit and two public agency Members — and climbing.

Please remember that the TC's weekly news meeting, where we decide on the next week's stories, is open to the entire public at the Town Crier's office at 54405 North Circle Drive. Some folk have been attending and contributing for years. After this Thursday morning's Jan. 4 meeting, the next news meeting will return to Wednesdays, the next one on Jan. 10, at 8:30 a.m.

We wish all our Members and readers the very best possible 2018!

Town Crier Charter Members

Saving and Supporting the Town Crier for our Community
(361 Charter Members as of Jan. 3, 2018)

Angels (5) — Other amount, unlimited above \$1,000 annually: Nancy Borchers \$2,000; Ying Chen & Andrew Lichtman, attorneys at law \$1,006; Kathy & Tom Kluzak \$1,250; Sub Rosa Apothecary (Julia Meadows & Marc Peterman) \$1,200; (1) Anonymous \$2,500.

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Search for flying squirrels

EDITOR:

Regarding the flying squirrels search in the San Jacinto Mountains in Idyllwild, would it be possible to relocate some of the flying squirrels from Big Bear to the San Jacintos?

This would help establish a new colony in Idyllwild and better assure they won't be wiped out by a single massive forest fire incident.



BEAR AND MONA WILLIAMS
FERN VALLEY

(Editor's note: As always, the views of our columnists and letter writers are not necessarily the views of the Town Crier editors. The Town Crier welcomes views from all writers, including those in letters to the editor.)

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In October 2017, IHP and the Town Crier published our annual **Fall-Winter Explore Idyllwild Directory** and **Explore Idyllwild Map**. Thousands have been printed and distribution on and off the Hill.

Please contact Lisa Streeter at 951-659-2145 to place an ad for your business in our two Explore Idyllwild publications coming next spring.

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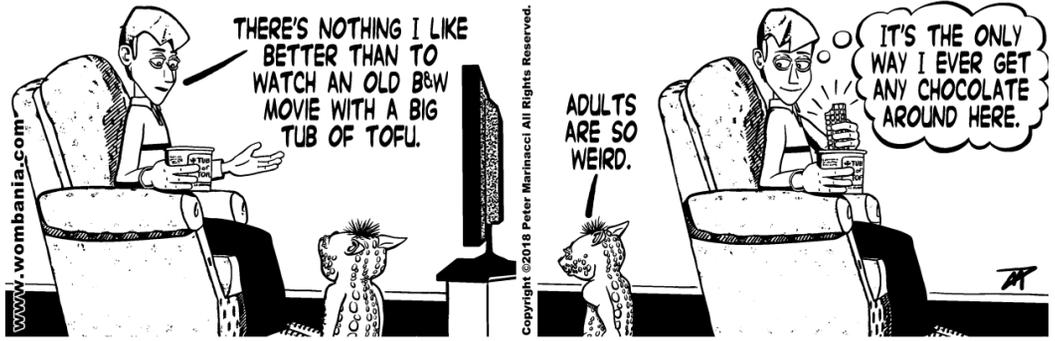
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by PETER MARINACCI



Idypark is a work in progress

More to come in March

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Residents curious about the master plan and final look of Idypark in the center of town will have to wait until March for a more complete picture of the park's ultimate design.

Shane Stewart, who is overseeing the property's transition from restaurant site to public park, said

basic infrastructure, such as sidewalks near The Fort, is being built and a complete picture of what the park will look like will come later.

"We're pretty tight-lipped about it at this point," he said. He suggested the park plan would be available for publication in March.

Residents seem uniformly supportive of the return of the town center to a public park. The low stone walls and towering sequoias are what remain of the original Eleanor Park, named after Gerald "Jerry" Johnson's wife Eleanor (Poates), grandmother of Jay and Steve Johnson. It was

Jay and Steve's father Jimmy who built the original restaurant, the Tax Shelter in Eleanor Park, thereby beginning a commercialization of the site that grew to become JoAn's Restaurant which, with its often loud outdoor music, became a source of controversy in town.

That commercial legacy was ended by the purchase of the property by Dave and Loie Butterfield in October 2017 and their decision to return it to a tranquil and beautiful public park.

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

Flu here and spreading

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

It's January and, of course, the influenza season has begun. While headlines and breaking news stories are not calling attention to the annual illness, it is here and spreading.

In its weekly "California Influenza Surveillance Report," the state's Department of Public Health announced at the end of December that the flu bug is "widely circulating in California."

California is one of 30 states with a high incidence of influenza-like illnesses, according to the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Both outpatient visits and hospitalizations related to influenza-like illnesses are above the expected levels for this stage of the flu season. Seventeen deaths already have been identified in the state.

In Riverside County, the flu is not quite as widespread. Visits to physician offices and emergency rooms remained within normal ranges for the end of December, according to the county's Department of Public Health.

Public health officials are urging people to get vaccinated. It's never too late for people to get their flu shot since flu season typically lasts from October to April. The CDC

urges a vaccination for everyone 6 months of age or older.

Those most at risk of getting the flu include the young and the elderly, as well as those with underlying conditions, such as HIV, suppressing their immune systems.

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Flu vaccine appointments encouraged

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The crew has constructed a new sidewalk and curb along the Park Lane side of Idypark.

PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

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And we know our Members appreciate that we cannot allow the fact of their Memberships to control the paper's ongoing editorial policies and decisions. If you previously had an uncompleted subscription before we went "free on the Hill," or if you have an off-Hill subscription now, you may contact Becky for credit against or an extension of your new Membership. But she currently is extending Memberships for subscription holders without being asked.

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

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk
Pub. TC: Dec. 21, 28, 2017, Jan. 4, 11, 2018.

RICI722093
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name: CASEY SMITH AND DAVID BALLARD TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: CASEY SMITH AND DAVID BALLARD filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: THANDIE CLOVER SMITH changed to Proposed name: THANDIE CLOVER BALLARD
b. Present name: CASEY CELINDA SMITH changed to Proposed name: CASEY CELINDA BALLARD

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: 1/8/2018 Time: 8:30, Dept. 12.
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: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: NOV 22 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2017, Jan. 4, 2018.

RICI720717
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. Branch name: LAURA ANN SPERAKOS TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: LAURA ANN SPERAKOS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: LAURA ANN SPERAKOS changed to Proposed name: LAURA ANN REDONDO

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
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Date: DEC 08 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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RICI722903
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4175 Main Street, Riverside, Ca. 92501. Branch name: Riverside Family Law Courthouse.

ANH DUNG VU NGUYEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: ANH DUNG VU NGUYEN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: ANH DUNG VU NGUYEN changed to Proposed name: JAKE VU NGUYEN

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: JAN 16 2018 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. 12.
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: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: DEC 7 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2017, Jan. 4, 2018.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as THE REYES LAW FIRM at 3017 Sun Delight Way, Hemet, CA 92545; Riverside County, LUIS FERNANDO REYES, 3017 Sun Delight Way, Hemet, CA 92545. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) Registrant Signature: LUIS FERNANDO REYES
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 14, 2017.

FILE NO: R-201715992
NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF 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).

Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5 days intervening between the respective publication dates not counting such publication dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

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

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk
Pub. TC: Dec. 28, 2017, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 2018.

RICI723912
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. Branch name:

BASHIR ABLAHAD SHALLAL TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: BASHIR ABLAHAD SHALLAL filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: BASHIR ABLAHAD SHALLAL changed to Proposed name: BASHIR ABLAHAD SHALLAL
b. Present name: BEN ABLAHAD SHALLAL changed to Proposed name: BASHIR ABLAHAD SHALLAL

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: 1-30-18 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. 12.
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: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: DEC 20 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Dec. 28, 2017, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 2018.

RICI723766
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name: Civil Division.

ELENA FILARCA TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: ELENA FILARCA filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: ALEXANDRA NICOLE UGALE changed to Proposed name: ALEXANDRA NICOLE UGALE FILARCA

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: 01-30-18 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. 12.
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: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: DEC 19 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Dec. 28, 2017, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 2018.

RICI724009
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. Branch name:

TYLER DANIEL LITTLETON TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: TYLER DANIEL LITTLETON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: TYLER DANIEL LITTLETON changed to Proposed name: TYLER ALAN JOHNS

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: 02/05/18 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. 12.
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: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: DEC 22 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Dec. 28, 2017, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 2018.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as BEETHOVEN MEDIA SOLUTIONS at 11587 Bobolink Lane, Moreno Valley, CA 92557, Riverside County. JASON ALEXANDER BALL, 11587 Bobolink Lane, Moreno Valley, CA 92557. This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) Registrant Signature: JASON ALEXANDER BALL
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 1, 2017.

FILE NO: R-201714290
NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF 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).

tion dates, are sufficient. The period of notice commences with the first day of publication and terminates at the end of the twenty-eighth day, including therein the first day.

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

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk
Pub. TC: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2017, Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as DESERT FOLIAGE at 7549 Marilyn Dr. Corona, CA 92881, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 2310, Palm Desert, CA 92261. DEREK WOLFGANG HUFF, 7549 Marilyn Dr. Corona, CA 92881. This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on 08/20/2013.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).) Registrant Signature: DEREK WOLFGANG HUFF
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 18, 2017.

FILE NO: R-201716155
NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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

PETER ALDANA, County Clerk
Pub. TC: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018.

RICI724397
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. Branch name:

JAMES MICHAEL RAWSON TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: JAMES MICHAEL RAWSON filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: JAMES MICHAEL RAWSON changed to Proposed name: GONZALO JAMES MORENO

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: FEB 13 2018 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. 12.
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: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: DEC 28 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018.

RICI724512
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name: BRENNAN BURTON MATTHEW CACKETT TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: BRENNAN BURTON MATTHEW CACKETT changed to Proposed name: BRENNAN BURTON MATTHEW BENOITT

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: FEB - 8 2018 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. 12.
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: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: DEC 29 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018.

RICI724510
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., Riverside, CA 92501. Branch name:

CHERE ALICE VAN FLEET CACKETT TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: CHERE ALICE VAN FLEET CACKETT filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. Present name: CHERE ALICE VAN FLEET CACKETT changed to Proposed name: CHERE ALICE VAN FLEET BENOITT

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: 02/08/18 Time: 8:30AM, Dept. 12.
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: Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: DEC 29 2017
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2018.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described Personal property will be held at the hour of 12:00 PM on January 18th, 2018 at: Lockaway Storage, 1181 N. State Street in the city of Hemet, County of Riverside, State of California. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, boxes, misc. tools & equipment. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 ET. Seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

A123 & D104 West, Elizabeth G102 Brown, Armando G100 Fields, Logan H29 Huizenga, Cody E102 & E303 Rosales, Javier C307 Smith, Brenda

Auction to be held on January 18th, 12:00 PM
Lockaway Storage Hemet
American Auction Service
Bond # FS8632014
Pub. TC: Jan. 4, 11, 2018.

LIEN SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 1/18/2018, AT 732 WILLIAMS RD, PALM SPRINGS CA 92264 AT 9:00 AM, 15, CHEV, SONIC, 5D, 7LDB684, CA, 1G1J1C6S2F4130532
Pub. TC: Jan. 4, 2018.

LIEN SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 1/18/2018, AT 178 SAN RAFAEL, PALM SPRINGS CA 92262 AT 9:00 AM, 15, NISS, ROGUE, UT, 7JJN686, CA, 5N1AT2MV8F763173
Pub. TC: Jan. 4, 2018.

LIEN SALE

On 1/19/2018 AT 1915 S. SANTA FE AVE. SAN JACINTO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1988 VIP HULL: VVNPN737788 STATE: CA CF#: 9504JS at 10:00 AM AND

On 1/19/2018 AT 1915 S. SANTA FE AVE. SAN JACINTO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1988 ZIEMN VIN: 1ZCB19012WV242876 STATE: CA LIC: 1BA1559 at 10:00 AM
Pub. TC: Jan. 4, 2018.

LIEN SALE

On 01/16/2018 at 1066 SERENA DR SAN JACINTO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1994 BOMBARDIER HULL: ZZN83943394 STATE: CA CF# 1517NN at 10:00 am AND

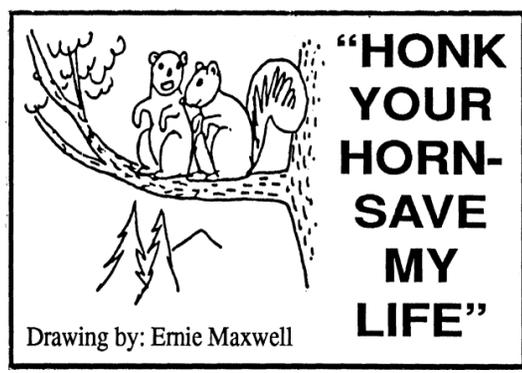
On 01/16/2018 at 1066 SERENA DR SAN JACINTO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1994 ZIEMVIN: 1ZCS14016RW266466 STATE: CA LIC: 1EL4110 at 10:00 am
Pub. TC: Jan. 4, 2018.

LIEN SALE

On 01/16/2018 at 2886 GRAM DR THERMAL, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1978 SILVRLINE HULL: SILV47713M77A STATE: CA CF# 40905F at 10:00 am AND

On 01/16/2018 at 2886 GRAM DR THERMAL, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1978 RDRVIN: RR13832 STATE: CA LIC: 4CM8880 at 10:00 am
Pub. TC: Jan. 4, 2018.

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For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page B7. Submit listings and changes to becky@towncrier.com.

Thursday, Jan. 4

- Town Crier news meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.; 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.
- Idyllwild Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 951-852-2306 for more information.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Healing Rooms, 3-5 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54295 Village Center Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Friday, Jan. 5

- Free community Mat Pilates classes, 9 a.m. Call 760-200-5757 for information & directions.
- 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.
- Celebrate Recovery (hang-ups, hurts & habits safe talk place), 7 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.

Saturday, Jan. 6

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr.
- American Legion Post 800 meeting, 10 a.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 5:30 p.m. Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.

Sunday, Jan. 7

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, open meeting, noon-1p.m., 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. 8

- Alcoholics Anonymous women, (open), 9 a.m. & Womens Alanon Step Study, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.;

- AA, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Chronic Pain/Illness Community Support Group, 4-5:30 p.m. Hill House, Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive. Call 659-6208 for information.
- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Grapevine, 5:30 p.m. Spiritual Oneness Center, 151 Cedar St.
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
- 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. 10

- 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.
- Qigong, 9-10 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Pine Cove Water District board, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m.

- Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Mountain Area Safety Taskforce, 1:30 p.m. Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.
- County Service Area 38 Advisory Committee, 3 p.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- From Shame to Grace (SAA) 12 Step Group, 5-6 p.m.; Co-dependents Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

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 Facility, 8 a.m.-noon & 1-4 p.m. Wed. & Fri.
- Idyllwild Ranger Station, 54270 Pine Crest Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri.-Tues. 909-382-2921.

NEWS OF RECORD

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls Sunday to Saturday, Dec. 24 to Dec. 30.

Idyllwild

- Dec. 24 — Alarm call, 1:54 a.m., 52000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 24 — Alarm call, 1:59 p.m., Tahquitz View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 25 — Alarm call, 9:51 a.m., Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 25 — Unattended death, 3:46 p.m., address withheld. Report taken.
- Dec. 25 — Suspicious circumstance, 5:18 p.m., Meadow Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Public disturbance, 4:07 p.m., 54000 block of South Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Danger to self/other, 4:45 p.m., 25000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.
- Dec. 27 — Illegal lodging, 6:09 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Public disturbance, 6:11 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 28 — 911 call, 9:46 a.m., 25000 block of Fern Valley Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 28 — Vandalism, 1:14 p.m., Indian Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 28 — Noise complaint, 7:50 p.m., address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Public disturbance, 6:47 a.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Alarm call, 9:39 a.m., Lake Ln. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Alarm call, 12:26 p.m., Upper Rim Rock Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Noise complaint, 11:43 p.m., Village Center Dr. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 30 — Alarm call, 5:29 a.m., Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 30 — Public disturbance, 8:45 a.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 30 — Noise complaint, 11:36 a.m., Pine Crest Ave. Unfounded.
- Dec. 30 — Alarm call, 11:37 a.m., Pine Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 30 — Vehicle theft, 12:35 p.m., 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Report taken.
- Dec. 30 — Battery, 1:51 p.m., Live Oak St. Unfounded.

Mountain Center

- Dec. 24 — Unknown trouble, 2:51 a.m., Pine Needles Ln. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 30 — Public assist, 10 a.m., Fern Land Dr. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Dec. 30 — Suspicious person, 3:31 p.m., Cryer Dr. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Dec. 25 — Suspicious person, 5:23 p.m., 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 26 — Public disturbance, 3:27 p.m., 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Public disturbance, 11:25 a.m., 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 28 — Assault w/ deadly weapon, 11:12 a.m., 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Report taken.
- Dec. 28 — Follow-up, 11:52 a.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 30 — Follow-up, 4:31 p.m., address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Dec. 27 — Check the welfare, 11:48 a.m., Woodcliff Dr. Handled by deputy.



Idyllwild Garage started to return this upside-down vehicle to standing order to tow. On Thursday, Dec. 28, a white pickup driving southbound on Highway 243 crossed over into the northbound lane around 1 p.m. according to California Highway Patrol Officer **Graham Aanestad**. **Jane Meier**, 66, of San Diego County, who also owns a home in Idyllwild, was traveling northbound in her Toyota Highlander when she swerved to the right to avoid a head-on collision with the white pickup, causing her to hit a boulder, which flipped the car onto its roof. Two dogs and two cats were in the vehicle. They were a little shook up but uninjured. Meier complained of knee pain, but was not transported to a hospital. The white pickup did not stop nor did it hit Meier's vehicle. The U.S. Forest Service, Idyllwild Fire Department, Riverside County Fire, CHP and Idyllwild Garage all helped in clearing the scene. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



According to the California Highway Patrol incident report, a black mustang veered off Highway 74 near Highway 243 around 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30. No one was injured and no other vehicles were involved. CHP, Idyllwild Garage and Idyllwild Fire Department responded to the scene. The westbound lane of Highway 74 was closed for a short period of time to clear the scene. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Two traffic crashes last week, one with pets

Two vehicle crashes occurred on Hill roads last week, according to official California Highway Patrol reports. A third occurred but no official report was completed.

At 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, Jose Meza, 41, of San Diego, was driving a white 2017 Chevy truck westbound on Highway 74, 5 miles west of McCall Park Road, when, in trying to execute a left curve in the road, he allowed his vehicle to drift to the right onto the dirt shoulder and hit a rock. Meza was not injured, had no passengers with him and no other vehicles were involved. The vehicle was towed by Idyllwild Garage.

At 1:05 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Jane Meier, 66, of Bonita (with a home in Idyllwild), was driving a silver 2004 Toyota Highlander northbound on Highway 243, miles north of the intersection with Highway 74 in Mountain Center, when, according to Meier, she swerved to avoid hitting a white pickup that had crossed over the double-yellow line. CHP Public Information Officer Darren Meyer said his agency could not document the fact of the truck since it was not at the scene at the time of the officer's arrival.

In making an abrupt swerving movement, Meier's vehicle collided with the mountainside and overturned. Although Meier complained of pain to her knee, she did not request transport. There were no human passengers in the car, but according to TC photographer Jenny Kirchner who was at the scene, there were two dogs and two cats.

Canines and felines were uninjured, although shaken up, in the crash. Meier's vehicle was towed by Idyllwild Garage.

According to Kirchner and a CHP note, at around 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, a black Ford Mustang driven by Brent Parker (age and address not available) veered off the road on Highway 74 at the intersection of Highway 243, closing the westbound lane of Highway 74 for a time until the vehicle could be removed. Fire departments were initially called because of potential fire danger, but were canceled upon arrival.

Meyer said Parker declined filing a CHP report, which was his right since no other vehicles were involved or damaged. Meyer said that was why the information the CHP had was not as complete as other incidents in which a formal report is filed.

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Thank you, all!!

Holistic healing circle at retreat

Suzie Bennett leads a holistic healing circle from 2 to 4 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month in either the Hill House or the Contemplative Garden at Spirit Mountain Retreat. The next is Jan. 17.

Participants will explore and experience their chakras, learning how to heal, nourish and vitalize themselves utilizing intention, color, sound and essential oils. The event is free but donations are accepted.

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us with solutions,” said Kennedy, which is what her group proceeded to do through numerous meetings with county agencies, including Washington’s office, Riverside County Sheriff’s Department, Caltrans, California Highway Patrol and Riverside County Transportation Department.

Kennedy’s group also held a town meeting to familiarize residents and business owners with the problems caused in residential areas by lack of snow-play infrastructure.

To date, Kennedy’s group has gotten signs at the base of Fern Valley Road and above Forest Drive that previously advertised “Humber Park” changed to “Humber Park Trailhead,” with the promise from the county that when snow and ice conditions merited, flip-down signage showing “closed” would be added.

Kennedy thinks visitors drove up Fern Valley Road to what they believed was a snow-play park, and that clarifying that message to read “trailhead” could deter travel up Fern Valley Road. Also, the county has posted signs from Encino Road to Forest Drive noting no parking on holidays and weekends, from December through April. Those notices also apply to residents and guests who park on the roadway’s shoulders.

In December, Kennedy’s group got agreement from Riverside County’s Watershed Protection Agency to delete mention of Humber Park as a snow-play area in a newsletter email. The email blast had advertised “Humber Park in the Santa Ana Watershed is another prized spot often recommended as the best location for sledding in Riverside County.” The inadvertent mention was soon stricken. “We’re not done yet,” said Kennedy, when contacted on Jan. 2. “Franklin Drive in Pine Cove also had major problems.

“I had no idea when we started what we could accomplish,” said Kennedy, of her group’s community activism.

Idypark replaces controversial Jo’An’s Restaurant

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

A longtime landmark, Jo’An’s Restaurant, disappeared from the Idyllwild culinary scene in 2017.

Not only did the well-known eatery close, but the building was razed.

Replacing Jo’An’s will be Idypark, a re-creation of the original use of the center of town. For many years in the 1950s into the 1970s, the site was called Eleanor’s Park, a reference to Eleanor Johnson, wife of Jerry Johnson, one of the builders of Idyllwild after World War II.

“As the center of town, we envision it to be a peaceful, beautiful location for all to enjoy,” wrote Dave Butterfield, who with his wife Loie, own Idypark LLC, which is the new owner of the parcel as of October 2017.

“We plan to make the property a public park,” he added. “We will continue to support the tree lighting and other community programs that for years have been held at the site.” The Butterfields also are the generous donors to the community of the Idyllwild Community Center site, as well as donors of much of its future structures.

Already the change is creating a new town ambience. Recently, a film producer contacted Idypark about using the site for filming a movie this winter.

Two other local business people have helped in the transformation of the town center, according to Butterfield.

Both Shane Stewart, owner of Idyllwild Realty, who waived his commission, and Bob Hughes of Hughes Properties have contributed to this effort



Idyllwild Librarian **Shannon Ng** handed out solar eclipse viewing glasses at the library Monday morning, Aug. 21, for locals to come enjoy watching the eclipse safely. People were thrilled, some seeing a solar eclipse for the first, and maybe last, time in their lives. PHOTO BY HALIE WILSON

to make Idypark a reality for the benefit and enjoyment of the community.

Stewart, local realtor and investor, also has been managing the site renovation, which took a few weeks to convert from a commercial location into an open space. Work is continuing and will be completed in 2018.

Pine Cove Water victim of major water theft

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

While common crime — break-ins and DUIs — occurs in Idyllwild and throughout the Hill, this year saw the discovery of an unusual and rare crime.

Someone, without permission, appropriated more than 2 million gallons of water from the Pine Cove Water District. General Manager Jerry Holldber reported the theft to the board at its August meeting.

Since unaccounted-for water production was at an all-time high, Holldber originally attributed the loss to unfound pipeline leaks. He even purchased new detection equipment and hired a service to help find the leaks.

In early July, staff and some customers noticed a water leak at a hydrant near Pine Cove and McGovern roads. After the first call, his staff investigated and turned off the water to the hydrant.

The next day, more calls about a leak at the hydrant were received. So, he investigated again and found the valve had been turned back on. He then reported this to the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department. An investigation revealed that the water was being used for a marijuana plantation in the forest.

“It was obvious that someone was messing with the district’s hydrant,” Holldber told the board. “Because of the amount of water flowing, we knew someone was stealing our water.”

In September, Joel Vargas-Hernandez, 28, of Mead Valley, was arrested on suspicion of the theft of PCWD’s water. He was quickly released on \$52,000 bail.

According to the Sheriff’s Department’s press release, investigators received several search warrants that led them to Vargas-Hernandez.

He was charged with three separate felonies, include stealing water and tampering with a fire hydrant.

Two separate hearings have been postponed for future dates. Currently, another readiness conference has been scheduled for Feb. 13, 2018.

Holldber estimated that, at mini-

mum, 2.3 million gallons of water have been stolen from the district. The value of this water is more than \$17,000. In Holldber’s opinion, it is likely the water theft began during the summer months of 2016.

Besides the cost of the stolen water, Holldber estimated that other costs, such as staff time searching for leaks and detection equipment have cost the District an additional \$42,000.

This water theft poses another problem for the District. PCWD has several water hydrants on the periphery of the District. These are available to the U.S. Forest Service and Cal Fire in case of fires in the forest near Pine Cove.

Locking them would be a hindrance for the fire departments in case of an emergency. Holldber is investigating options for protecting the hydrants while ensuring access in case of fire emergencies.

Solar eclipse draws viewers to Idyllwild Library program

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

One of the major events of 2017, and a feel-good news story, was the August 2017 solar eclipse that drew a large and celebratory crowd to the Idyllwild Library’s solar-eclipse festivities and educational programs.

Although the path of the total eclipse passed well north of Idyllwild, the Monday, Aug. 21, event drew an excited crowd of 75 or more to the library’s programs both indoors and out.

At its apex, 65 percent of the Sun was blocked as viewed in Idyllwild by the moon’s orbital passage. That occurred at about 10:24 a.m., causing an ethereal light to color the village.

Although total eclipses are not rare, ones passing across the continental U.S. are not common. The last was in 1979. A total eclipse is when the Moon passes between the Sun and the Earth, causing the light of the Sun to be blocked by the Moon.

The U.S. path of the 2017 “total” eclipse crossed 14 states beginning in Oregon around 9 a.m. Pacific Standard Time and ending in South Carolina around 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

The Idyllwild Library provided “solar” sunglasses for viewing the event because looking directly into the Sun without an appropriate filter can cause significant damage to eyes.

The library’s eclipse events began with John Garrett hosting a discussion

about eclipses, their history and the science behind the phenomenon on Saturday, Aug. 19. Garrett also brought a telescope to be set up for viewing the event on the 21st.

At the library on the 21st, events included a viewing party, live streaming of the total eclipse from NASA videos, special children’s events, an eclipse red carpet photo opportunity and screenings of two movies in which eclipses play a part.

What made the event special was the childlike excitement of those who came to the Idyllwild Library viewing party. It was a feel-good community event with a sense of awe and wonder about it.

The next U.S. “total” eclipse will be in 2024, again missing Idyllwild, with a trajectory from Texas northeast to New England.

Long-awaited Idyllwild Brewpub opens to rave reviews

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Southern California is home to one of the largest number of craft-beer breweries, the fastest-growing segment of the beer industry.

In 2017, the Idyllwild Brewpub opened, bringing the popular concept to the Hill.

After an unofficial New Year’s Eve opening on Dec. 31, 2016, the official opening was in March 2017.

In less than a year, Head Brewer Don Put is able to offer more than a dozen local brews to customers. The choices vary from the Idyllwild IPA, to a smooth and soft Pilsner to a beautifully crafted porters and stouts. Choices matter and the Idyllwild Brewpub’s selections challenge the more well-known and national brands — Stone and Ballast Point — that originate in Southern California.

Also, few breweries offer customers the choice of sitting at a bar crafted from a single, 40-foot plank. Some choose the outside venue (enclosed for cold weather) to view Strawberry Creek and the trees.

Put has been a homebrewer for more than two decades and the Brewpub is the realization of his private dream. The facility is state-of-the-art for brewing and a showcase for conservation — from solar panels to generate electricity, to its own well and waste treatment equipment.

Its notoriety is not limited to its many satisfied patrons. In May, Riverside County honored the Brewpub for its contribution to sustainability.

At the Board of Supervisors’ May 2 meeting, Hans Kernkamp, general manager-chief engineer of the county’s Department of Waste Resources, announced the Sustainability Award for each supervisory district.

The Idyllwild Brewpub, which was the smallest organization honored, was the award recipient for the 3rd District.

“Idyllwild Brewpub implements many environmentally responsible practices,” said Corinne Awad, public affairs coordinator for the Department of Waste Resources.

After the ceremony, Lori Ferro, co-owner of the Brewpub with husband Frank, said, “It was a very proud moment after such a long time.”

While some residents were concerned about the Brewpub’s waste overwhelming the Idyllwild Water District’s waste treatment facility, General Manager Jack Hoagland assured them of just the opposite.

During periods of heavy rainfall, such as last spring, the runoff can stress the treatment plant. He may ask the Brewpub to increase its discharges, which would improve the water plant’s ability to process the sewer waste.

Currently, the Brewpub’s discharges are well below its permitted volume, he emphasized.

And Put added, “I’m proud of what we accomplished and feeling fortunate to have been a part of it.”



Last January, the California Highway Patrol patrolled 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.

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The Goat goes big

Local band gets New Year's surprise

BY HALIE WILSON
OPERATIONS MANAGER

Idyllwild punk rock-metal band Throw The Goat got a big present to kick off 2018.

The newly resurrected Combat Records label, which went dark for 15 years before reemerging in 2016, specializes in thrash metal bands under the EMP Label Group. It announced the winners of a Band-to-Band Combat contest on Jan. 1. Throw The Goat was among 25 bands that won from thousands of entrants, thanks to fan votes (with 24,013) and will be featured on the new compilation album "Combat Bullets, Vol. 1" alongside artists including Raven, Helstar, Dead by Wednesday, Wrath and Marc Rizzo.

But the biggest prize was the ultimate dream package given to only one band from the 25 Band-to-Band Combat winners and hand-picked by David Ellefson, Combat president and bassist for Megadeth, and the Combat staff.

The prize includes an artist services and distribution deal with Combat Records plus "a pile of gear from our sponsors," including a guitar and bass package from Jackson Guitars.

"It was a pretty hard decision because we got a lot of stuff. I mean, a lot, a lot, a lot of bands," Ellefson said Monday via Facebook Live.

"A lot of the artists we choose to work with at EMP are bands that are in the trenches. A lot of them have been relentlessly working for years, popped up on our various radar screens over the years many times; they've toured endlessly ... They 100 percent embody the DIY ethos that is Combat Records ... Work ethic is important," Ellefson added.

And then, "The winner is ... Throw The Goat!" he announced.

Throw The Goat just finished production on its new album "The Joke's On Us," and it will now be released and distributed by Combat Records.

The new album was entirely recorded, engineered and mixed from Emesis Studios in Idyllwild, which also serves as the band's rehearsal space and guitarist Brian Parnell's residence.

The "Joke's On Us" was mastered by Dave Klein, drummer for California surf punk legends' Agent Orange.

"It still doesn't seem real," Parnell said the day after learning of the news. "We're honored and humbled to be picked as the first band to be offered a deal from Combat Records. It's a total shock to us, but everybody else seems like they knew all

along that this would happen," he said.

The band was formed in 2011 by bassist and lead singer Michael Schnalzer and drummer Tim Olivier. Lead guitarist Parnell and rhythm guitarist Johnny Wilson joined soon after and they got to work on their first LP "Black Mountain," released in 2012.

Olivier and Wilson left the band in 2014 before the release of the "Blood, Sweat & Beers" LP in 2015. Drummer Troy Whitford joined in 2016. (Whitford also drums for Coachella Valley bands 5th Town and The Sweat Act.) Throw The Goat next released the "Vote Goat" EP in 2016.

The group has toured the U.S. several times and the U.K. twice. It has built an international following without the help of an agent, label or manager. It produces its own graphics, merchandise, music videos and many of its songs. "Throw The Goat has been a DIY machine since day one," its online bio explains.

"We're very excited to take Throw The Goat to the next level," Parnell said. "We've worked very hard to get this far. Now the real work begins."

Throw The Goat's next appearance is at the Doll Hut in Anaheim on Jan. 25. More information is available at throwthegoat.net.

Halie Wilson can be reached at halie@towncrier.com.



Throw The Goat includes Troy Whitford, Brian Parnell and Michael Schnalzer.

PHOTO BY JARA RUIZ-ANCHIA

About 'The Joke's On Us'

While albums past have blended songs of a more lighthearted nature with songs more politically charged ("Beef" vs. "Too Late" on 2012's "Black Mountain" album, "8 More Minutes" vs. "Drown" on 2015's "Blood, Sweat & Beers" album, and "Utah" vs. "Ameritude" on the 2016 EP "Vote Goat," respectively), "The Joke's On Us" weighs in much more on the political side.

Songs like opener "Shackles & Wings" and "The Truth Is Worse" take aim at the establishment, while "You Want It, You Got It" and the title track are scathing observations of the president and his devotees. "Melt Away" ends side A with a downright unsettling look at our environmental crisis and the album concludes with "Forward," which ends on a much more positive note, trying to make sense of it all.

But the album does also contain TTG's signature wit and whimsy on songs like "Chuck Don't Give A F**k" and "Droppin' Bottles." Plus, the Goat continues to expand on its already genre-defying tendencies with tracks like lead single "High" and the beautiful psychedelic melancholy of "Epilogue." (via throwthegoat.net)

Academy student to speak Saturday

Ekaterina "Kate" Protasova, and Idyllwild Arts Academy visual arts students from Russia, will speak at the Pine Cove Property Owners Association meeting that begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Pine Cove Fire Station.

The public, including non-PCPOA members, is invited to attend the free event.

Kate paints portraits of houses to fund her future college education.

Free ESL classes in Idyllwild

Mt. San Jacinto College Adult Education is partnering with Hemet Unified School District to offer free English as a Second Language classes on the Hill.

The classes are designed to develop listening, speaking, reading and writing skills, and to help learners reach their education and employment goals.

The Multi-level ESL I classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Jan. 30 to May 24, in the Computer Room at Idyllwild School.

Registration occurs in class from Jan. 30 to Feb. 9. No early registration is required. Classes are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be evaluated to determine their level at time of registration.

Sign language author to speak

Author Janie Lancaster presents her book "Opal's Secret Code," a series recently featured in the Town Crier, from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Idyllwild Library.

The topic of the book is deafness in children and how sign language allows them to communicate. Families are encouraged to bring their children to this book talk and discussion on diversity. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library.

'The Little Paris Bookshop'

The Fireside Book Club will discuss "The Little Paris Bookshop" from 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Idyllwild Library.

All are welcome to the book group. Amazon's description of "The Little Paris Bookshop" by Nina George is: "Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he

prescribes novels for the hardships of life.

"Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends broken hearts and souls. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself; he's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter, which he has never opened."

'Ancient Fire, Ancient Wisdom'

Spirit Mountain Retreat invites everyone to participate in "Ancient Fire, Ancient Wisdom" from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at the retreat.

"While the ancient fires of winter still cast their glow on our consciousness, come join us in a unique celebration," reads a flier about the event.

The participatory event invites attendees to celebrate and reflect upon these first transformative moments of the new year with music, drumming, ritual, spoken and written reflection.

Bring instruments, poetry (your own or others), and other means of sharing in this shamanic evening of connection with the community, the Earth and spirit.

Meat and vegetarian soup will be provided. Facilitators are Katya Williamson, author and writing instructor, and Mary Morse, SMR director.

Bald eagle count Jan. 13

The U. S. Forest Service has scheduled one more bald eagle count for this winter. The count will be on Saturday morning, Jan. 13.

Two bald eagles reside on the shores of Lake Hemet. In 2014, they produced two eaglets.

The local count will be at Lake Hemet. Volunteers meet at the Lake Hemet Market at 8:30 a.m. on the above dates for orientation. Contact Ann Bowers (annbowers@fs.fed.us or 909-382-2935) for more information.

Other counts that day within the San Bernardino National Forest will be at Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Lake Gregory, Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area and Lake Perris State Recreation Area.

Naturalist to speak at library

Local U.S. Forest Service Naturalist Ann Bowers will present a nature and science program to the community from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Idyllwild Library.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library, this monthly program series will present a variety of guests educating us on various science and nature subjects.

Free tax preparation

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program provides free tax preparation that helps filers access the tax credits and refunds they are entitled to. There are VITA sites throughout Riverside County. Sites are staffed by volunteers representing Community Action Partnership of Riverside County. Volunteers are required to go through training (November/December) and become IRS VITA-certified. Tax preparation sites are open from Jan. 31 to April 15 annually.

Schedule appointments at 951-848-7607 or online at capriverside.itfrontdesk.com/programs/.

Freedom from smoking clinic

The Hemet Unified School District is sponsoring a clinic to help attendees quit smoking at the Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 North Circle Drive.

For questions about this free clinic, contact Valerie Velez at 951-765-5100, ext. 3509, or vvelez@hemetUSD.org.

Saving for Success program

The county's Community Action Partnership has a Saving for Success program that is a matched-savings incentive program for citizens of Riverside County who qualify. Participants attend a series of both mandatory and elective workshops to increase financial knowledge as well as to become better prepared for their goal. Participants open a savings account and contribute to reach the goal of \$1,000 savings to be matched.

Participants attend a series of workshops which assist in financial 2-1 match of \$2,000 to purchase the following:

- Purchase first home.
- Pursue education.
- Start or expand a small business.

Those who participate must have earned income from a job or self-employment to be eligible for the program.

For more information, visit www.capriverside.org/program/individualdevelopmentaccounts.



Paul Teel (originally from Idyllwild) and Tawnie Gadband from Temecula performed an acoustic evening at Ferro Saturday night. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



On New Year's Eve, dancers at Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery enjoyed the music of Jason Lohrke, who performs as an early Neil Diamond. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING

Idyllwild Library is encouraging participants who completed at least one Random Acts of Kindness to make sure to bring their list in from until Friday, Jan. 12, to receive a small prize from the front desk staff. There are prizes available for all ages. PHOTO COURTESY IDYLLWILD LIBRARY



Saturday evening, Dec. 30, these clouds in the sky over Idyllwild appeared to be possible UFOs. PHOTO BY PETER SZABADI

On New Year's Day, Tom Pierce saw this Flowering Crab blooming months ahead of schedule due to the unusually warm season. PHOTO BY TOM PIERCE



Kris Krisbaum and Dave Hunt visited Vietnam over the holiday weekend and brought their Town Crier along. Here, they are visiting the Pháp Viện Minh Dong Quang (temple and Buddhist institute) in Ho Chi Minh City on Monday. PHOTO COURTESY KRIS KRISBAUM

Past Tense

70 years ago - 1948
A Christmas fire at the dump caught many firemen in their Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes. Swede Pitt tramped among the the burning debris in a starched white shirt and his best pants rolled to the knees.

65 years ago - 1953
Hope Bell, librarian, reported that circulation in the local library doubled in 1952 over the previous year.

60 years ago - 1958
California Water and Telephone scheduled visits by representatives to instruct adults and children on how to use the new dial telephones.

55 years ago - 1963
Idyllwild firemen tallied 1962 calls — first-aid services was first (392), followed by 80 ambulance runs. There were 39 fire runs and nine wind patrols.

50 years ago - 1968
Joe Fichera, previously associated with Johnson's Realty, purchased the Har-



A cold winter in February 1949 when after a tree split the barn on Fleming Ranch in Garner Valley, allowing livestock to feed. FILE PHOTO/DICK SHIDELER

old Taylor Realty Office in Fern Valley.

45 years ago - 1973
Despite freezing weather and a sprinkling of snow, 30 bird counters sighted more than 50 species in the end-of-year bird count. Two unusual varieties were spotted: the varied thrush and Clark's nutcracker.

40 years ago - 1978
Lake Fulmor overflowed during heavy rain storms. Lake waters spilled into Hall Canyon.

35 years ago - 1983
A cross-country skier died and two hikers were rescued in the San Jacinto Mountains the previous week in three separate incidents.

30 years ago - 1988
Doris Lombard's third-grade class collected the

most cans during the Canned Tree Drive and were treated to a party by the Idyllwild Board of Realtors.

25 years ago - 1993
Nearly 150 attended IFD's New Year's Eve dance. It raised \$800 for the station.

20 years ago - 1998
Town Hall was transformed into a mythical undersea world, thanks to the music and dance of "O Lungo Drom" and friends. David Reid-Marr and Mark Taylor, with "O Lungo Drom," joined with Jennifer, Jovielle and Vesper McEwen.

15 years ago - 2003
Dr. Candide Petrol and Dr. Ray Webb found an abandoned home on a hike, and turned it into the vacation home of their dreams. The Fern Valley home was featured on "Homes Across America" on the Home and Garden Television Network.

10 years ago - 2008
The Astronomical Society of the Desert held its monthly meeting and star party at sundown at the Sawmill Trailhead parking lot in Pinyon.

5 years ago - 2013
Vandals struck La Bella Montagna Italian Restaurant in the early morning hours of New Year's Day, breaking glass in a large bay window.

1 year ago - 2017
Mary Aebischer, department head of the Modern Language Department at Idyllwild Arts Academy, opened Spotlight on Leadership, a new IAA speaker series.



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Bob and Adele Smith leave the Hill

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Bob and Adele Smith, 17-year residents of Idyllwild, are leaving the Hill for health reasons, moving to The Village in Hemet from their Alpen Woods Estates home at the top of Fern Valley.

With their departure, Idyllwild loses two extraordinarily accomplished individuals with distinguished careers, each of whom are warm, gracious and fun to be around. They have contributed much to this community and they will be missed.

"Idyllwild is our spiritual home," said Bob, whose Hill roots go back generations to his grandfather's purchase of land in Pinewood, north of Pine Cove. Then as now, it was off-the-grid living. "We came up for a month every summer, basically living outdoors," said Bob. "The cabin was mostly for storage. When living outdoors you become acquainted with your neighbors, the plants and animals, canyons and peaks that are your living space." Pinewood also was the magnet that drew the Smiths back to the Hill after retiring from careers in Las Vegas and Ogden, Utah.

They met while students at Wheaton College in Illinois, both ministers' kids. Bob, who graduated one year ahead of Adele, went to Cal Berkeley to pursue his doctorate degree in organic chemistry. They married in Phoenix in 1959, where Adele's parents lived and where she had gone to high school, and drove to Berkeley in their VW bus.

In 1961, they settled in Las Vegas where Bob spent the next 20 years helping to create the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He served as assistant, then associate, professor of chemistry. Seven years after joining the faculty, he became the founding dean of science, mathematics and engineering while continuing as professor of chemistry.

While in Las Vegas, Adele taught junior high school, then became a reporter and feature writer for the Las Vegas Review Journal. She served as volunteer director for Planned Parenthood of Southern Nevada. In 1980, Adele found what she called her "dream job" as assistant to the station manager of KNPR, Nevada's first public-radio station. "Truth be told," said Bob, "she did as much as anyone to get Nevada's first public-radio station on the air."

In 1981, the Smiths moved to Ogden, Utah, where Bob spent the next 16 years as academic vice president and provost at Weber State University. For five years, he chaired the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, which accredits all colleges and universities in a seven-state region from Alaska to Nevada.

For 10 years, he co-directed a national leadership institute for chief academic officers of state universities. He was twice sent by the U.S. Information Agency to assist former Soviet bloc countries implement national educational accreditation systems, working in Estonia and Poland. Similar consulting projects took him and Adele to Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Slovakia, Japan and the United Arab Emirates.

But it was being in Lithuania in 1991 during a short-lived Soviet clamp down on Lithuania's sprouting democracy and independence movement that deeply affected both Bob and Adele. "Thousands of Lithuanian citizens surrounded the Parliament building and the invasion collapsed," remembered Bob.

While there, Adele counseled Lithuanian women who



Bob and Adele Smith, at home in Idyllwild, prior to their Jan. 9, move off the Hill.
PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

wanted to start businesses. "They had never heard of advertising," remembered Adele, who tutored them on the basic tenets of private business ownership and management. This frontline experience of democratic self-expression in action was what motivated Adele to run for city council in Ogden. "That's why I ran for council," she said.

Not only did she run, as the first-ever woman and non-Mormon candidate, she was elected and served two terms, one as chair. Adele had previously been membership director for the Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce and in recognition of her advocacy on behalf of women in management careers, the mayor and city council declared a day in March 1985 as Adele Smith Day.

Bob's career-long quest to change the way in which science was taught, to make it more experiential, project-oriented and as fascinating to students as possible, was what he remembers as the high point of his academic career. "It was vitally important to get students out into the world, to see nature in the desert and the mountains, to be part of experiential learning of the first order and train elementary school teachers in this approach," he stressed.

In each of their careers Bob and Adele were strong advocates for women and minorities. Bob, as provost at Weber State, actively recruited women and minority candidates for faculty positions, and in the process, changed the culture of the university.

Volunteering was a key component of both Bob and Adele's professional lives. As a community volunteer in Ogden, Bob supported family planning and literacy as treasurer of both Planned Parenthood of Utah and the Treehouse Children's Museum in Ogden.

As full-time residents of Idyllwild after their retirements, both continued to volunteer — Adele with service on the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce Board of

Directors and Bob as vice president, then treasurer, researcher and archive consultant, with the Idyllwild Area Historical Society, consultant for Idyllwild Arts Foundation's five-year-plan task force for its Krone Museum and historical architecture adviser for the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council Shake Roof Replacement Program.

Bob also wrote a regular column for the Town Crier, and published two books about Idyllwild and the San Jacinto region, a journal article and three digital family histories.

"Along the way, I found time to enrich my life through reading widely, cultivating a taste for a wide variety of good music, presiding over a Las Vegas grand jury, dabbling in public radio as a classical disc jockey and program producer, and traveling widely for education and pleasure in the United States, and such less familiar places as Ecuador, Saint Lucia, Hungary and southern Mexico," noted Bob.

For 45 years an avid jogger, Bob continued as a race walker in the annual Idyllwild 5k/10k Race and Fitness Walk, and hiked the back country of his San Jacinto mountain home, capturing its beauty as a nature photographer.

For both Bob and Adele, it was not just what they accomplished in rich and varied professional careers and volunteer service that is so remarkable. It was their interest, energy and commitment to pushing the boundaries of social structure to expand opportunities for all.

Their Alpen Woods home faces Tahquitz Peak. Bob related that when Adele first saw the house and its relationship to Tahquitz, she knew she had found home. "I hate to leave Idyllwild," said Adele. "But, at this point, we have to."

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Spotlight on Leadership features Bruce Ryan

Leading Hollywood set designer and longtime IA Board of Governors trustee

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild Arts Academy continues its Spotlight on Leadership series from January through May 2018. The series is designed to bridge the gap between town and gown, providing opportunities for townfolk to learn about the academy's administration, teachers and long-time supporters.

Featured next, at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, is Bruce Ryan, one of Hollywood's most prolific and honored set designers. Very few people in Hollywood have 12 pages of credits on IMDB, a signature site of Hollywood accomplishments. Ryan does. His credits are numerous and span many disciplines from television specials, award shows, sitcoms and permanent set installations, such as mega churches and theaters.

Ryan is an ISOMATA alumnus, former Summer Program instructor, longtime member of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation's Board of Governors, and one of the original proponents and developers of IAA Film Departments programs and production facilities. He is happily married to wife Lauren Tripp and the proud parent of two IAA grads, Quincy and Peter.

He is, despite his many accomplishments, a self-effacing and approachable man with a keen sense of humor. He also is an engaging conversationalist and an ardent supporter of the academy.

Ryan's production credits include award shows (the Emmys and MTV Awards,) sitcoms ("It's Gary Shandling" and "Will & Grace"), music specials for Cher, Celine Dion and Whitney Houston, entertainment series ("American Bandstand" and "Soul Train") and standup comedy specials for George Carlin, Dave Chapelle, Ellen DeGeneres, Chris Rock, Jon Stewart and Robin Williams. He is a four-time Emmy nominee and three-time Art Directors Guild nominee.

School dates to know

Kindergarten registration began Tuesday, Jan. 2, for the Hemet Unified School District.

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Bruce Ryan, noted Hollywood set designer and longtime supporter of Idyllwild Arts, is the next speaker at the academy's Spotlight on Leadership series. Seen here is one of Ryan's sets, for the NAACP Image Awards on television. Ryan's talk is at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Nelson Dining Hall on campus. Ryan is uniquely qualified to talk about the evolution of the academy, having been an ISOMATA student, later an instructor, the parent of two IAA grads and on the IAF Board of Governors. The talk is open to all.
PHOTO COURTESY BRUCE RYAN PRODUCTION DESIGN

Ryan is uniquely qualified to talk about the Idyllwild Arts Foundation and its growth from summer program to preeminent arts boarding school, having experienced it at many different points in its and his development — as a student, instructor, parent of IAA students, longtime academy supporter and member of the IAF Board of Governors.

His free talk is in the Fireside Room of Nelson Dining Hall on the IAA campus. It is sponsored by the Associates of IAF and community members are encouraged to attend to learn about the academy and its work.

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April 20 — May 20
You're torn between your sensible self and the part of you that enjoys acquiring lovely things. Best advice: Wait for an end-of-month sale, and then buy something wonderful.



May 21 — June 21
Your artistic side has practical applications this week, such as redecorating your home or redesigning your personal stationery. Whatever you do, someone special will like it.



June 22 — July 22
You could be drawn into a problem 'twixt friends or family members. Best bet: Ask the questions that go to the heart of the matter, then get them all together for a group hug.



July 23 — August 22
As much as you love being the center of attention, your big Lion's heart impels you to share the spotlight with a colleague who helped you with that well-praised project.



August 23 — September 22
Your eagerness to act on a challenge is wisely tempered early in the week by a lack of necessary information. Things begin to clear up during the weekend.



September 23 — October 22
A relationship you'd hoped would keep going seems to be going nowhere. Close it out and move on to a brighter romantic aspect just beginning to manifest itself.



October 23 — November 21
Things don't go completely as planned this week. But enjoy the surprises, even if you have to adjust your schedule. Some of them could be quite delightful.



November 22 — December 21
Making choices is usually easy for straight-shooting Archers. But a new development could deflect your aim. Try to put off decisions until you know more.



December 22 — January 19
While part of you might prefer taking a more familiar path, let your more daring and -- admit it -- super-curious self see what the unexplored has to offer.



January 20 — February 18
Those nasty types have slithered back under the rocks and present no more problems. Now's the time to move ahead on that promising new relationship.



February 19 — March 20
A new offer could clear up that lingering money problem. Also, a more confident attitude on your part might well help get that personal situation back on track.

FOR ENTERTAINMENT PURPOSES ONLY

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CROSSWORD

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Winter woe
 - 4 Movie fragment
 - 8 Restaurant employee
 - 12 Deteriorate
 - 13 Stash
 - 14 Head light?
 - 15 Formed rust
 - 17 Too
 - 18 Felon's flight
 - 19 Tasted
 - 21 Miss Muffet's bugaboo
 - 24 Prune
 - 25 Candy in a dispenser
 - 26 Deli buy
 - 28 Rid of frost
 - 32 Sandwich cookie
 - 34 Yuletide quaff
 - 36 Crucial time
 - 37 Re ebb and flow
 - 39 Existed
 - 41 Individual
 - 42 In medias —
 - 44 Libra symbol
 - 46 Sweet girl in an old song
 - 50 Yale student
 - 51 Poi base
 - 52 Worried greatly
 - 56 Ear-related
 - 57 Links warning
 - 58 Detergent brand
 - 59 Timid
 - 60 Applications
 - 61 Rep. rival
 - 64 Father
 - 65 Chic, in the '60s
 - 66 Location
 - 67 Actress Gilpin
 - 68 Take off
 - 69 Violinist's need
 - 70 Put on a pedestal
 - 71 Petrol
 - 72 Hawaiian souvenir
 - 73 Parts of an act
 - 74 Big glitch
 - 75 — Baba
 - 76 Teeny bit
 - 77 Piece of info on an invitation
 - 78 Great Lake
 - 79 Ids' counterparts
 - 80 Raw rock
 - 81 Before
 - 82 Beavers' construct
- DOWN**
- 1 To and —
 - 2 Bagel topping
 - 3 Worked with often
 - 4 Doorbells, often
 - 5 Claiborne of fashion
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 - 7 Accelerator, e.g.
 - 8 In need of balm, maybe
 - 9 Corridor
 - 10 Differently
 - 11 Comestibles

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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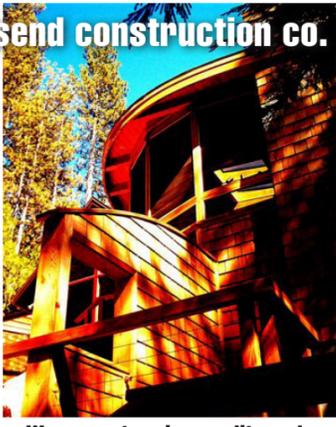
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Idyllwild local musicians **Carlos and Family** were rocking out at Idyology Saturday night. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



On Dec. 28, (from left) **John King, Steve Zaccardi and Vincent Day**, performed at Middle Ridge Winery. PHOTO BY STEVEN KING



The **Cocktail Monkeys** performed at Idyllwild Brewpub on Saturday night, bringing in some dancers. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

- Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Email becky@towncrier.com. Event charges may apply.
- Wednesday, Jan. 10**
- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Holistic healing circle, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
 - Ping Pong, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
- Thursday, Jan. 11**
- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.
- Friday, Jan. 12**
- Disco night/DJ Bill, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 - Paul Carman Duo (jazz sax & bass), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Saturday, Jan. 13**
- Don & Dennis Reed (acoustic roots Americana music), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 - Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Monday, Jan. 15**
- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Snow Plows," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 16**
- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
 - Mahjong, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Wednesday, Jan. 17**
- Chess Club, 2-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Ping Pong, 6:30-8 p.m. Town Hall.
- Thursday, Jan. 18**
- Spotlight on Leadership, Bruce Ryan, Associates of IAF, 10 a.m. Fireside Room, Nelson Dining Hall, Idyllwild Arts.
 - Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Snow Plows," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Friday, Jan. 19**
- Disco night/DJ Bill, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
- Saturday, Jan. 20**
- Willy B. & John King (classic rock guitar), 4-7 p.m. Middle Ridge Winery Tasting Gallery.
 - Karaoke, 7-11 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
- Sunday, Jan. 21**
- Small orchestra rehearsal group, 1-3 p.m., Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living.
 - Mahjong, 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
 - Pool Tournament, 6 p.m. American Legion Post 800.

CREATURE CORNER

By JANICE MURASKO

Last week in "Days of Our Nine Lives," ARF cats and dogs discussed their new year hopes.

Little Girl: Happy New Year!

Anabel: And I hope it will be, Little Girl.

Little Girl: It's off to a good start. Batman found his forever home.

Anabel: And he really deserves to start his new year with a family. He is such a sweet little boy.

Boots: And so is Alvin! What a cute puppy.

Little Girl: He truly is. There just has to be a family who has the room and the love for a pup.

Boots: And if a puppy is too much, there is always me!

Anabel: Good point. You're still lots of fun, and you're also house trained and beyond all the puppy antics.

Alvin: Hey! I'll soon be house trained. And puppy antics are just adorable.

Pepper: Everyone settle down. Remember, there is someone out there for each of us. We just need to be patient.

Little Girl: You dogs now have the advantage.

Boots: How's that?

Little Girl: Don't you know that 2018 is the year of the dog?

Alvin: Wow! A whole year devoted to us canines?

Little Girl: That's right. Does anyone know if there is a year of the cat?

Indigo: I don't know, but there is a good song about it!

Little Girl: Just so humans don't think 2018 is restricted to adopting dogs!

Boots: No way. There are just too many cat lovers out there.

Indigo: Let's all adopt a New Year's resolution, OK? Let's resolve to win over any human who comes to visit us.

Little Girl: Well, OK, but I think we've been trying to do this all along.

Boots: If you need pointers, I'll help. Everyone loves me!

Alvin: Me, too!

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.

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Boots



Little Girl



Batman



Indigo



Alvin



Pepper

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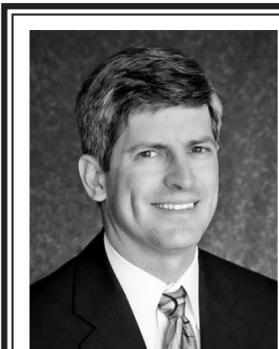
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In addition to these basic needs, as sponsors of the "Soroptimist Women's Cabinet" located at the HELP Center, local Soroptimists also emphasize that donations of feminine products, including sanitary napkins, tampons, razors and panty liners, as well as toilet paper, are desperately needed. Contact Theresa Teel at thursa@gmail.com or Karen Doshier at 951-452-4599 to donate items mentioned.



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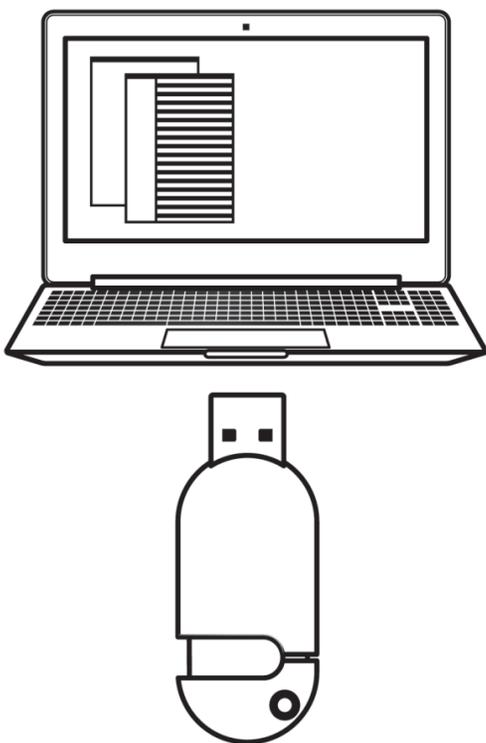


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Golf

Jim Crandall, Palms to Pines Golf Association handicap chair, provided this report about the association's regular monthly tourney held on Friday, Dec. 15 at the Oak Valley Golf Club in Beaumont.

Bob Wadlow (course handicap 14) took first place with a net 71; **Scott Schroeder** (22) was a close second with a net 72; **Pete Holzman** (16) ended third with a net 73; **Ken Garelick** (27) took fourth with a net 74; and **Dennis Chavez** (10) took fifth with a net 76.

The winners of the closest-to-the pin contests on the four par 3s were Wadlow on holes no. 3 and 14, Crandall on hole no. 6 and Chavez on the 11th hole.

After five tournaments for the 2017-18 season, Here are the current point standings for the club championship playoffs for the new season, which runs from August 2017 through July 2018:

Place	Golfer	Points
1	Pete Capparelli	19.5
2	Scott Schroeder	16.33
3	Pete Holzman	15.33
4	Dennis Chavez	11.5
5	Bob Wadlow	8.5
6	Ken Garelick	8.33
7	Dave Robb	5.5
8	Lee Lanfried	5
9	Mike Brown	4.5
tied	Jim Crandall	4.5
11	John King	4
12	Gary Brown	1
tied	Mike Higginboth	1
	Barry Wallace	1
15	John Newman	0.5
tied	Robert Priefer	0.5
	Jeff White	0.5
	Les Widerynski	0.5

Flight B comprises high handicappers (greater than 24.4 as of Oct. 1) who don't qualify to compete in the club championships, but participate in the monthly tournaments.

David Hiemenz (42) took first with a net 76; **Jerry Daquila** (27) was second with a net 84; **Dave Curl** (34) finished third with a net 86; **Barry Zander** (40) was fourth with a net 94; and **Dale Calderon** (42) took fifth with a net 97.

The B-flyers will go into their own playoffs at the end of the year, to determine the B-Flight Club Champion.

Place	Golfer	Points
1	Dave Hiemenz	24.5
2	Dave Curl	22.5
3	Jerry Daquila	20
4	Don DePalma	6.5
tied	Barry Zander	6.5
6	Tom Flanagan	3.5
7	Dale Calderon	2
8	Chris Kramer	1

Points are awarded at each tournament as follows: first place, 6 points; second place, 4 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 2 points; fifth place, 1 point. Also, one-half point is awarded to everyone who participates. A member has to compete in at least five regular-sea-

Steele in this week's Tournament of Champions

By JACK CLARK
PRO GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele will tee it up this Thursday in the \$6.3 million Sentry Tournament of Champions in Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii. He gained entry into the TOC by winning the Safeway Open in Napa at the start of this PGA Tour season. Last year, Brendan tied for 6th place in the TOC in Hawaii.

In this young PGA Tour season, the Idyllwild

native goes into this week's tournament in 4th place on the FedEx-Cup points list and in 45th place on the Official World Golf Ranking, both of which are important to determining eligibility to play in the majors and in other prestigious PGA Tour tournaments during the year.

B's tee time for Thursday is 1:10 p.m. PST but Friday is yet to be determined.

Jack Clark can be reached at jack@towncrier.com.

So You Think You Know the Hill?
By JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

Well, I guess I was a bit tough on you all this week — one entry only, that I know of: **Rochelle Ainsworth** correctly identified the roofline of the **William M. Lowman Concert Hall** on the campus of **Idyllwild Arts Academy**. So, Rochelle wins this week's prize without a drawing and can pick up her winning at the **Town Crier**.



OK, now it appears official: the folk at the new **Village Market** have graciously and generously informed me they wish to sponsor this column and will provide a \$20 gift certificate good for anything in the store to each week's winner. That should stoke up some interest in playing our game here! Our sincere thanks to Village Market folk for their support.

OK, so, where have you seen the fellow in this week's photo?

For entry into this column's weekly contests, please email me at jack@towncrier.com, if you can. (Much preferred.) Otherwise, enter however you can get it to me.

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.

son tournaments to qualify for the playoffs. The club is a member of the Southern California Golf Association and is sanctioned to establish SCGA handicaps for members.

If interested in joining the club or playing as a guest, contact Crandall at jim.crandall@verizon.net or 951-265-5732, or Capparelli at pete@capparelli.com or 951-452-5552.

Chess club at the library

The Idyllwild Chess Club meets from 2 to 5 p.m. every Thursday at the Idyllwild Library.

Also, the group will meet from 1 to 4 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month for free lessons for those interested in learning to play chess or improving their skills. The Wednesday afternoon schedule was selected to encourage school-age children to participate. Bring a chess set if you have one. The next Wednesday session is Jan. 24.

'The Guide for Charities'

California Attorney General Xavera Becerra has released "The Guide for Charities" to give charities the tools they need to comply with laws. The guide seeks to promote best practices to help directors and officers of charities better understand their responsibilities.

The guide is available at www.oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press_releases/guide_for_charities.pdf.

Churches & Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

Calvary Chapel Idyllwild
To Know Jesus Christ & Make Him Known
Meeting at 10 am Sundays at Tahquitz Pines Camp, 55251 S. Circle Drive
Tuesday Bible Study
Pastor Earl Somerville: 714-333-7493

Idyllwild Community Church
54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935
Sunday Worship - 9:30 a.m. • Rev. Dr. J. Matthew Soeter
Celebration: 5th grade & under during worship - Child care available •
Wednesday: Men's Breakfast, 6:15 a.m. - Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.

Christian Science Church
25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m.
Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday, 6-7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-Noon.

Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church
54525 N. Circle Dr., P.O. Box 1106, Idyllwild, CA
Father Charles E. Miller
Mass Schedule: Tues.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.; Sat. 4 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. + 10 a.m.;
Confession: Sat. 3:30 p.m. or by appt. 659-2708

Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship
Pastor Wally Boer • 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center
Sundays at 10:00 am - Worship service
Children's & Youth Ministries
Weekly Bible Studies & Home Groups
951-659-0097

Shiloh Christian Ministries
~ FULL GOSPEL ~
54295 Village Center Dr.
Pastors Wayne & LaDonna Slemo 659-2416
Sunday Worship 10 am - Thurs. - Bible Study 6 pm
Shiloh Christian Ministries announces the opening of their "Healing Prayer Room" on Dec. 3.

Idyllwild Assembly of God
Every Sunday at 10am
Idyllwild Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street
(951) 581-0012 • Everyone is welcome!
Visit us on Facebook or at iaagchurch.com

Idyllwild Bible Church
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott
A Family Friendly Bible Based Fellowship.
Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups.
Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

Idyllwild Center for Spiritual Living
54240 Ridgeview Dr., Ste. 104 (Courtyard Building)
659-3464
Classes - Weddings - Memorials
Sunday service, 10:00 a.m.

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church
An Anglican House of Prayer for all people
Rev. Daniel Rondeau • Sunday Service, 10:00 am
25525 Tahquitz Dr. (in Fern Valley off South Circle Dr.)
Phone (951) 659-4471

Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild
Rabbi Malka Drucker
Erev Shabbat: Friday January 12, 6 P.M. Dairy potluck dinner
Shabbat morning: Study session 9:30 A.M. Coffee and bagels.
Services held at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive
951 468-0004 • templeharshalomofidyllwild@gmail.com