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Showtime at the Idyllwild CinemaFest for year four began Wednesday, Jan. 9. Our front page photo each year announces the arrival of another festival, this one with 100 films.

Local businesses consider response to burglaries

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Local business owners met last week to consider adopting a coordinated response to the recent spate of commercial burglaries. About 30 people, according to organizers, met on Friday, Jan. 4, at the Idyllwild Fire Station to discuss a range of options that business owners could take to deter further commercial burglaries.

Business owners discussed possible options including employing a private security company to patrol during the hours that most of the recent commercial burglaries have occurred (late night, early morning), creating a volunteer business owner patrol, or beefing up the Mountain Community Patrol with more volunteers that could patrol extended hours.

The problem with increasing MCP staffing, See Response, page 9

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James Reserve director next ICRC speaker

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Jennifer Gee, director of the University of California's James San Jacinto Mountains Reserve, has been a birder since the age of 9. So it is not surprising that she would conduct her fieldwork with birds, specifically quail hybrids.

She will talk about that work as part of the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's popular speaker series at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at the Nature Center on Highway 243.

"Quail Tales: Lessons from quail about the origin of species" promises to be an adventurous exploration of evolution and how diversity develops in species.

"I ask the same questions



Jennifer Gee at work conducting field research in Mexico on the hybridization of quail.

PHOTOS COURTESY
OF JENNIFER GEE

[in fieldwork] that Darwin does," Gee said. "If people are interested in diversity and how that diversity develops, then I think they'll find my research interesting. For instance, why are some spe-

cies [like dogs and birds] so diverse while others, think Koala bear and platypus, are not diversified at all."

As director of the James Reserve, Gee now has the See Speaker, page 26

Cottage food industry imminent

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Preparing food at home for retail sales will become legitimate and, perhaps, a bit easier with the implementation of Assembly Bill 1616, "The California Homemade Food Act."

Gov. Jerry Brown signed the legislation in September 2012 and it became effective on Jan. 1, 2013. The governor's office stated, when he signed the bill, its purpose is to "help small and fledgling businesses produce and sell food made out of their homes under a more streamlined regulatory structure."

The law authorizes California counties to write implementing regulations.

In November, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors requested staff begin this task and a draft ordinance was presented at a Tuesday, Jan. 8, board meeting. According to Keith Jones, deputy director of the county's Division of Environmental Services, a public hearing will be scheduled for the Tuesday, Jan. 29, board of supervisors' session.

"The law tells counties to find a way to permit these businesses," Jones said. But the planning department will be involved as well as Environmental Services, which regulates food preparation and service.

The act authorizes two See Cottage food, page 19

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Monday, Dec. 31, 2012 to Jan. 7, 2013:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Dec. 31 — Medical aid, Middle Ridge Drive, Pine Cove.

Jan. 1 — Medical aid, Strong Drive, Idyllwild.

Jan. 2 — Medical aid, Marion View Drive, Idyllwild.

Jan. 2 — Medical aid, Shadow Oak, Pine Cove.

Jan. 2 — Walk-in medical aid.

Jan. 2 — Smoke detector activation, Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

Jan. 3 — Walk-in medical aid.

Jan. 3 — Medical aid, Liew Oak, Pine Cove.

Jan. 5 — Dispatched and canceled en route, Rimrock and Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild.

Jan. 7 — Medical aid, Johnson Drive, Idyllwild.

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According to CHP Officer **Steve Storm**, around 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 5, **Alex Janowski**, 23, of San Jacinto was traveling west on Highway 74 near Mile marker 53 between Mountain Center and Valle Vista when he lost control of his Dodge 4x4 truck, crashing into a ditch. American Medical Response transported Janowski to Riverside County Regional Medical Center. He suffered minor to moderate injuries, partially attributable to not wearing his seatbelt, which resulted in his head hitting the windshield.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Below average rainfall so far

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The first half of the 2013 rain year ended Saturday. Idyllwild Fire Department reported 7.81 inches fell in town between July 1, 2012, and Dec. 31. The Forest Service's Keenwild Ranger Station recorded 6.76 inches during the same period compared to 8.43 inches from July 2011 through December 2011.

The long-term average rainfall from July through December is 9.22 inches. Thus the IFPD has recorded about 85 percent of the long-term average, while rainfall at Keenwild was about one-third less than average.

Since 2006, the rain volume through December has ranged from 3.85 inches in 2006 to 17.38 in 2010. The six-month total is a rough approximation of the annual rainfall.

For the 12 months from July 1 to June 30, Idyllwild has averaged 25.7 inches of rain annually. Since 2006, the Hill has exceeded that

amount only once — 29.4 inches in 2011.

In 2007 and 2009, the six-month total was slightly more than 8.5 inches each year and the final rain volume was 23.6 inches and 24.8 inches in those years.

As we enter spring, the average rainfall from January through June has been 16.5 inches. For 2013, climatologists foresee neither a wet winter or spring but a continuation of neutral conditions through the spring of 2013. There is currently no clear consensus for an El Niño nor La Niña condition beyond late spring.

The seasonal temperature outlook for January through March 2013 indicates enhanced chances for above normal temperatures for much of the southern half of the continental U.S. except for coastal Southern California, Florida, and along parts of the Southeast coast.

According to the Jan. 1, 2013, Southern California Geographic Area Coordination Center (for the state and federal fire agencies) report, "Troughing may



Tahquitz Creek near the Fern Valley Water District diversion in Humber Park after a March 2012 storm.

PHOTO BY NATANIEL WEST

develop over the central U.S. Thus, a drier northwesterly flow may develop over [California] toward the middle to latter part of [January]. This would lead to drier conditions, especially over Southern California."

Further into the late winter and spring, they forecast: "Precipitation may be slightly above normal in Central California while precipitation may be a bit below normal further south

if the last vestiges of the dissipating [El Niño] influence the weather for a bit longer. But as a district-wide average, the current atmospheric pattern supports near normal precipitation. One or two offshore flow events can be expected each month with slightly more this spring than during the past couple of years."

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

Trivia test

Nouns: What is a group of dragons called?

Answer: A weyr

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 1/10	Friday 1/11	Saturday 1/12	Sunday 1/13	Monday 1/14
47/18 Chance of rain/snow.	39/18 Mostly sunny.	40/17 Mostly sunny.	53/31 Mostly sunny.	63/34 Mostly sunny.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year				
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S	
12-31	na	na			70	36			
1-1	45	21			na	na			
1-2	53	27			70	39			
1-3	53	28			73	39			
1-4	53	26			na	na			
1-5	57	26	.01		na	na			
1-6	40	27			74	37			

Moisture in inches					Snow in inches				
To date this season (Idy):	7.82				To date this season (Idy):	8.1			
To date last season (Idy):	9.33				To date last season (Idy):	7.21			
Total last season (Idy):	20.01				Total last season (Idy):	42.1			
To date this season (PC):	10.58				To date this season (PC):	17.5			
Total last season (PC):	22.06				Total last season (PC):	73.25			

TEMPERATURES AND 24-HOUR moisture and snow totals for Idyllwild are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at the Idyllwild Fire Station. Pine Cove totals are measured by resident George Tate, also at 4 p.m. Moisture inches include all precipitation such as rain, melted hail and melted snow.

Weather season is July 1 to June 30. For Hill road conditions and Hill weather, visit the Internet at <http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com> or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

BY BRUCE WATTS

Systems failure 4 ...

One of the most important parts of your hiking system is navigation. Staying found is very high on the list of priorities when you are out backpacking.

Finding lost hikers is the main reason that the Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit stays so busy. Of course a lot of RMRU callouts could be avoided if people just did a little research before they head out.

But some hikers will inevitably become lost regardless of circumstances. The first step to avoiding this happening to you is to get a good map.

Many maps of the local hiking trails are available at local stores. My favorite is Tom Harrison's Mt. San Jacinto map, which is up to date and very durable because it's printed on waterproof paper. The U.S. Geological Service's quadrangle maps are very good. Unfortunately, they are not updated very often and things do change over the decades between maps.

Even though I am extremely familiar with our local mountains, I always carry a map with me when I go out hiking. I always stay on the trails. Going off-trail is one of cardinal sins that gets hikers into trouble.

I admit I only carry a very rudimentary compass with me when I go out hiking, but it is better than nothing at all. There are literally hundreds of compasses on the market but most people can get by with one of the basic hiking models.

Of course, if you don't know how to use a compass, it won't be of much help. Books are on the market or you could take an orienteering course, which I recommend for some hands-on learning.

The GPS has replaced both the map and the compass for a lot of people; yet it has its own drawbacks.

First, in our electronic age, will probably be easier to learn to use for most people than map and compass. But



Watching the sun set from Idyllwild County Park.

PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS

the GPS is not the end-all to navigation.

Keep in mind that you have to have batteries that are fully charged. In addition, for emergencies, you need a backup battery or some way to charge your GPS when you are out on longer backpacking trips. They can also be damaged or you can sometimes find that you can't get a signal everywhere.

Therefore, a map and compass are still a good backup system just in case. Getting lost is not high on my list of things to do, but that's just me.

New Year's resolution

I believe I took about 10,000 photos last year and possibly a few good ones. While visiting a pro photographer's website he mentioned that he takes about 55,000 to 60,000 photos annually. That the equivalent of between 150 to 165 photos per day.

While I certainly don't see myself trying to break 10,000 photos for the new year, I do want to make a leap forward in the quality of my photographs. So my resolution is simply this — make every photo count, take pains to get the shots right "in the camera" and to use less cropping and editing after the fact.

This translates my New Year's resolution into better megapixel resolution. Or to put it in another way, take better pictures.

LOLA'S KITCHEN

BY DOLORES SIZER

Table manners ...

Most of us have had the experience of dining next to someone with atrocious table manners, such as befitting a Neanderthal. All right, maybe not in your circles.

About a year ago, I was having lunch with a friend in Old Town San Diego. I looked up and he had a horrified look on his face.

I thought there was spinach or something more inappropriate on my teeth. He was looking past me and at a young woman who was having a big Mexican lunch at another table.

She was hunched over her plate with her nose about 3 inches from her food. She was shoveling it in, not even taking time to swallow before consuming a new forkful. But she could engage in conversation with her companions with her mouth open and full of food.

My friend was disgusted; however, I found it fascinating, similar to driving by a car accident. I could not take my eyes off her, similar to the accident lookie-loos.

Here is another one from when I was married to my first husband, whose sister was married to a doctor.

The brother-in-law's father was a retired state senator, and I will not say which state. On Thanksgiving, before anyone was seated for dinner, with the food on the table, the doctor served and started eating by himself. My father-in-law immediately straightened him out.

So, I guess what I am trying to say is poor etiquette is still around and you know who you are.

OK, you heard my worst experience with poor table manners. How about letting me know yours?

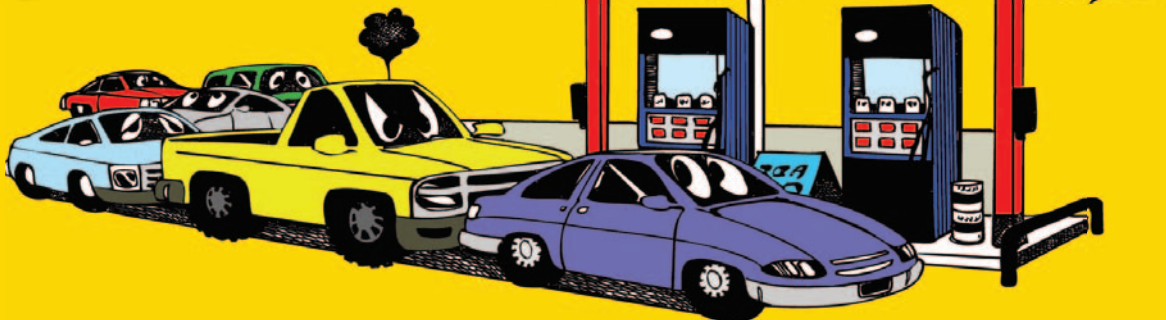
Good table manners are part of the whole dining experience. This is not about forgetting to put your napkin on your lap, it goes much deeper.

Listening to someone drone on and on is boring;

See *Lola*, next page



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Obituary

William H. Botting

William H. Botting, 87, passed away at 3:50 a.m. Dec. 16, 2012, at Life Care Center of Skagit Valley in Sedro-Woolley, Wash., after a brief illness. William was born on Feb. 17, 1925, in Weymouth, Mass., to Eugene and Ruth Botting of Hingham.

William served this country as a Navy/Marine medic during World War II and was stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif. He briefly worked as a meter reader for Southern California Edison. He went on to work for Eastern Airlines in Hartford, Conn., and then moved back to California working for Scandinavian Airlines Systems until he retired in 1984.

While a 22-year resident of El Segundo, Calif., he was involved with Boy Scout Troop 267. After retiring to Pine Cove, Calif., he and his wife enjoyed many trips in their RV providing camp hosting services to many state parks in Oregon and Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Fred and survived by his wife, Elizabeth, four children, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at Bay View Methodist Church in Mount Vernon, Wash., on Jan. 13, 2013.



Idyllwild Nature Center interpreter **Shelly Kibby** organized a rescue of a barn owl by telephone last week. The owl was found in Garner Valley and Forest Service District Biologist Anne Poopatanapong rescued the bird.

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Forest fauna



Here's a winter visitor, wary of the big black eye of the camera lens, but not intimidated.

PHOTOS BY DORIS JEAN LOMBARD



The Hill is not a normal habitat for mockingbirds. **Doris Lombard** has seen one in January 2007 and then three times last month. Mockingbirds' upper limit of habitat altitude in Southern California mountains is considered 4,000 feet elevation and lower. Lombard asks, "Is climate change extending the birds' range? I hope so. Their songs are lovely, and they'd be welcome residents here."

Lola

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however, humor is important. It involves good conversation, low key music so the conversations can continue. Yes, a scrumptious meal is part of it, but not all. Laughter and good wine are part of the whole experience (you knew I would bring in the wine sooner or later).

I will give you an appetizer recipe in this column but you probably don't have the appetite for a recipe after this subject matter.

Having made hummus from scratch with a different recipe, the next time I make this particular recipe I will try sauteing the shallots first in a little bit of olive oil. The recipe is from Bon Appetit, "Appetizers & Drinks" booklet, 2006.

Hummus with shallots

Makes 2 1/2 cups

- 2 cups drained canned garbanzo beans, from two 15-1/2 oz cans, liquid reserved
- 6 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/3 cup tahini (sesame seed paste)*
- 3 tablespoons minced shallots
- 1/4 teaspoon (or more) hot pepper sauce
- paprika
- olive oil

Combine garbanzo beans, 2 tablespoons of bean liquid, lemon juice, tahini, shallots, and 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce in processor. Blend until almost smooth, occasionally scraping down sides of bowl. Season hummus to taste with salt, pepper, and more hot sauce if desired. Thin with more bean liquid if too thick. Transfer hummus to bowl. (Can be made 1 day ahead. Cover and chill. Bring to room temperature before serving.)

Sprinkle hummus with paprika and drizzle with olive oil. Serve this with pita chips, yum.

*Tahini is available at Middle Eastern markets, natural food stores, and some supermarkets.

To all my friends and readers, have a wonderful New Year!

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

WORKING TOGETHER
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FOREST AND PARKS

Since the year 2000, the Goldspotted Oak Borer (GSOB) has KILLED approximately 80,000 oak trees in San Diego County.

In November, this invasive species was identified in Idyllwild on a California black oak. This is the first find outside of San Diego County.

We need to work together as property owners on the San Jacinto Mountain to contain and prevent further spread of this destructive pest.

On Saturday, January 19, 2013, representatives from the University of California, CAL FIRE, the U.S. Forest Service, and Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council will be holding a community meeting to provide information about what we can do the stop the spread of this invasive pest.

Community Meeting
Saturday, January 19, 2013
2:00 PM
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25925 Cedar St, Idyllwild

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 16.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m., Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- "This is This conversation" 6 p.m., Oma's European Bakery & Restaurant 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), noon. The Gastrognome, 54381 Ridge View Drive, RSVP. Call Francoise Frigola, 659-4146 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous,

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

- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- RACES, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or e-mail jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
- Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. BBQ 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Raw Food Potluck, 5 p.m to 7 p.m., Nature's Wisdom.

SUNDAY, JAN 13

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town center at "Harmony" monument. Call Sue at (909) 228-6710.

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

- Teen Group, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

MONDAY, JAN. 14

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Friends of the Idyllwild Library board, 9 a.m. Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, meditation from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Drive. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

- Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097

for information.

- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 659-5228 for location.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

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- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Lemon Lily Festival planning session, 10 a.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, Hwy 243.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m., Call 659-6049 for location.
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COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- Chamber of Commerce, 54325 North Circle Dr., 12-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 659-3259.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

ONLY IN IDYLLWILD

Like many retired householders in this down economy, I have dawdled this year over home improvements. But the week before Christmas I was feeling energetic and determined that I needed to bite the bullet and take care of some long overdue tasks.

I went over to Harold K. Smith Materials and asked Keith if he might be able to bring in a scoop of gravel and distribute it on my woefully rutted long driveway.

"Would it be possible by ... Wednesday?" I wheedled. Keith said that he had to let his gravel dry out but he thought it might be do-able. I left with a sense of my task fulfilled.

Wednesday came and Keith never showed up. I was rushing about preparing for an evening event. It puzzled me but I figured it was a busy season and I knew Keith had a lot of responsibilities on and off the Hill. I decided I would let it wait and would call him in the new year.

I went north to spend Christmas with family and returned on Dec. 29, when I was picked up by one of my sisters-in-song from Local Color.

As she drove me down an amazing new driveway, graded and graveled, she said, "Merry Christmas from Local Color."

Local Color had arranged for the road a long time before and through a series of misunderstood travel dates on my calendar had finally been able to bring the gift to fruition, leveling some of the gravel themselves at the final delivery.

Not only had Keith colluded on this Santa secret, but so had my generous and kind neighbor, Larry Bishop, who helped to pre-grade the driveway with his tractor. It was a gift that was so generous, so practical and of benefit to so many, I was bowled over.

I love surprises. This one was an Idyllwild community best! I was impressed and touched that so many would work so hard to "pave the way" for me.

Anna Ancheta
Mountain Center

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

What attracts volunteers? ...



Two weeks ago in this column, I encouraged you to consider getting involved with one of the many local organizations. As I have written in the past, volunteerism not only helps the community, but most individuals benefit from the participation.

They might make new friends, find a reason to become more active or another of many possibilities than could improve their lives as well as the organization's customers or clients.

I anticipated that my list would unintentionally omit one of these valuable groups and within the week, good friend and very active local volunteer Ron Perry sent a message identifying the omission of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council.

Mortification and embarrassment were how I felt. I'm very much aware of the good work the FSC and its Woodies accomplish every month. How could I have forgotten them?

Mike Esnard, FSC president, writes a monthly column for the paper.

Mea culpa. I don't have an acceptable answer. They and you will just have to accept my apology, "I'm sorry."

Nevertheless, my mistake doesn't explain some apparent apathy within our community. Two important groups have failed to attract sufficient interest for more than a year. I wonder why and hope some readers will provide us with reasonable answers.

The Historic Preservation District Local Review Board remains dormant, despite the county board of supervisors approving Ordinance 578 in July 2011. The board is constituted for five members and we're aware that at least four have submitted applications. A fifth, unless one of the original four withdrew, was submitted a few months ago, but the staff for Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone has not been able to get the names from his office to full board's agenda.

Despite the staff's lack of alacrity, one wonders why residents seem uninterested in helping organize and create the board's initial voyage. The ordinance originated after a San Diego attorney began suing Julian businesses for failing to comply with federal and state disability laws.

Despite some recent state legislation, the possibility still exists and the establishment of the district might ameliorate those conditions. It would not abrogate them. But the initial actions will set a tone and direction for years.

The County Service Area 36 (Idyllwild) Advisory committee is another malfunctioning board. They haven't met since September and that was only meeting since April. Chair Bob Schraff has already canceled this month's scheduled meeting.

Several years ago, first the Chamber of Commerce, then the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council, had the recreation provision contract with the county, which is funded from the CSA 36 revenues. Consequently, the CSA 36 Advisory Committee was simply in the middle between the county and the implementing organization.

With only a review responsibility that overlapped the county's, I understand the lack of interest from bona-fide activists in the community. But the situation has changed.

Since August 2011, when the county revoked the recreation contract, the advisory committee has direct oversight of the local recreation activities. One would think that would be a significant attraction for committee vacancies. But the advisory committee has been seeking two new members for more than year. No one seems to have volunteered to take this responsibility.

So while I rave and proudly tout how many water boards, fire commission and festivals are organized and produced through the time and efforts of local residents, I wonder why these two boards have been essentially inoperable for more than 18 months.

And compare these formal, county entities with the recent efforts to address pests and interlopers to our community. Next Saturday, the FSC, mentioned earlier, is sponsoring an afternoon meeting about the recent identification of the Goldspotted oak borer in our community.

While its attack on a single tree may be the extent of its local foray, that's unlikely and

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



the risk is too great to make that assumption. Experts won't be able to verify whether other trees have been attacked until late spring or early summer. Nevertheless, the FSC is trying to spread the warning and educate residents of the potential danger and advise us of possible actions.

Similarly a group of local business people have begun discussing what they can do to thwart the recent spate of burglaries. The number of Sheriff's deputies has fallen in the unincorporated areas because of county budget decreases. And the county can't afford to finance a new group of deputies. The Board of Supervisors has already authorized Sheriff Stan Sniff to re-staff. But finding the right people and training them takes more than a year.

Until then, we are mostly dependent upon our own resources and some business folks are talking about the options.

Obviously when pests, such as the oak borer or burglars, threaten our domestic tranquility, we respond. But for some reason, protecting our historic resources or overseeing our recreational opportunities draws little interest.

Come on, we need volunteers for everything!

J.P., EDITOR

IRS not ready until Jan. 30

Following the January tax law changes made by Congress under the American Taxpayer Relief Act (ATRA), the Internal Revenue Service announced plans to open the 2013 filing season and begin processing individual income tax returns on Jan. 30.

The IRS will begin accepting tax returns on that date after updating forms and completing programming and testing of its processing systems. This will reflect the bulk of the late tax law changes enacted Jan. 2. The announcement means that the vast majority of tax filers — more than 120 million households — should be able to start filing tax returns starting Jan 30.

The IRS estimates that remaining households will be able to start filing in late February or into March because of

the need for more extensive form and processing systems changes. This group includes people claiming residential energy credits, depreciation of property or general business credits. Most of those in this group file more complex tax returns and typically file closer to the April 15 deadline or obtain an extension.

The IRS will not process paper tax returns before the anticipated Jan. 30 opening date. There is no advantage to filing on paper before the opening date, and taxpayers will receive their tax refunds much faster by using e-file with direct deposit.

The opening of the filing season follows passage by Congress of an extensive set of tax changes in ATRA on Jan. 1, 2013, with many affecting tax returns for

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TOWN TALK

By DOLORES SIZER

What do you think of the rash of commercial burglaries? What should be done?



Emily Pearson
Real estate agent
Idyllwild

"It's very scary and we need more law enforcement and more security personnel."



Todd Fowler
Apprentice woodworker
Idyllwild

"I just moved to Idyllwild so I don't know much about it."



Cheryl Vladika
Rustic Theatre
Idyllwild

"I think it's stupid. It needs to stop!"



Elizabeth Negrete
Server
Idyllwild

"I moved up here six months ago to be in a safe community and I am more afraid for myself and my belongings than I have ever before."

Strange but true

The English word "toast" to describe a piece of browned bread comes from the Latin word "tostare," which means "roasted." The word "toast" to mean kind words spoken while sharing wine also comes from the same root, though in a roundabout way. In the Middle Ages, wine was not always of the highest quality; as a gesture of goodwill and hospitality to guests, a piece of toast was sometimes added to improve the flavor. Eventually (as vintages improved, one might assume), the browned bread was forgotten and only the words remained.

RENATE'S THOUGHTS

By RENATE CAINE, PH.D.

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What teachers do ...

Have you ever wondered how we learn? No, I am not talking about memorization or learning in school. But rather how we were designed by nature to learn.

You've been doing this kind of learning from the day you were born and you continue to do it every day.

Here is what biologists and some neuroscientists tell us and almost all schools only allow it at recess, during sports, working with art, or while experiencing life. This kind of natural learning is engaging, ongoing, and can happen anywhere or any time.

• Learning begins when you become curious or have a problem to solve.

Learning begins when you find something that really matters to you. The situation grabs and requires your attention. It can be a problem or something you want or need to know more about. Let us assume that you are suddenly thinking about whether to buy a new car.

• The next thing you do is to formulate a question or multiple questions.

Once you are really interested you ask yourself some more or less specific questions. Examples of these questions include, "What do I need to know?" "How do I go about doing this?" "Will it work?" and "How did he, she, they, do that?"

In terms of buying a car, for example, you may ask yourself, "What kind of car?" "New?" "Used?" or "Low mileage?" and "What style?"

• You more or less naturally search for an expert or expert information.

Because the question is important to you, you seek help or advice. Who can help you with your problem? Where can you go for answers?

Again, if we use your search for a car as an example, you may talk with friends about their cars, get online to experts, read up on your car and think and ponder what you have discovered. You eventually make a decision.

• You apply or implement what you have learned.

Once you have enough answers or information, you apply what you have learned. In the case of your car purchase, you visit a dealer either online or in person. You take action and actually buy the car after figuring out how to pay for it and so forth.

• You get feedback.

Finally, after driving your car for a while, you get feedback on how well your researched information worked for you. Is the car truly comfortable? Is the mileage as low as promised? Overall, did you make a mistake or a great decision?

This entire process has of course an endless number of possible variations. And the cycle is never so pure because at any time you may veer off into a smaller cycle and when a cycle is done, you may have to go through a new cycle, based on feedback.

We all know situations, when despite all the research we have done, the results are incomplete or disappointing and

See [Renate, page 19](#)



OFF THE MAIN ROADS

By HELENE LOHR, RMRU MEMBER

Toasty toes: stay warm hiking ...

On the last few rescues, a very distinct chill has been in the air. I've learned through hard experience that the essence of staying safely warm in the winter wilderness is having proper clothing layers and knowing how to use them effectively.

Here's some info to help keep you toasty while hiking this winter.

• Why are some materials warmer than others?

It's all in the air. Clothing helps hold "dead air" against your skin. The body heats this dead air which creates a layer of warmth within the covered area.

The actual insulating value of your clothing is due to the thickness of dead air space it can hold. Your body is the true heat source. The clothing layers only serve to trap the heat and slow down your heat loss to the cold environment.

• So what are the best ways to save this "dead air"?

Choose the right layers. The key to staying toasty is having a number of versatile layers of clothing, which provide an appropriate amount of dead air space.

Each layer should have unique properties to hold, protect and allow you to adjust your temperature as necessary.

Importantly, cotton fabric should be avoided. During the winter cotton is downright deadly. It loses all its dead air when wet; thus its insulating properties disappear. Wet cotton is worse than dry bare skin and will rapidly suck the warmth from your body.

Polypropylene or other synthetic fabrics make for a good base layer. Keep your body in a snug (not tight) synthetic layer designed to wick moisture away from your skin. Synthetic fibers such as polypropylene don't hold water, so your sweat is driven outward beyond the synthetic layer and away from your skin. This prevents evaporative cooling and creates a thin protective layer of warm air.

Wear wool, it's a good warming tool. Wool's insulating ability comes from the elastic, wavy crimp in its shape, which traps air between fibers. Depending on texture and thickness, as much as 60 to 80 percent of wool cloth can be air. Because the water "disappears" into these fiber spaces, wool absorbs a large amount of moisture while still keeping enough dead air space to keep you warm.

Although fleece is not as versatile, it is still an acceptable option as well.

Down jackets are valuable. Lightweight and highly compressible, down feathers are very efficient insulators. They provide excellent dead air space for very little weight.

Unfortunately, if the feathers get wet they clump, lose dead air space and all their insulating power. Keep your down safely wrapped in a waterproof bag until you need it.

The outer shell should be wind and waterproof. It is essential to have an outer layer that is wind and waterproof while still able to ventilate and to allow excess heat and sweat to escape. Gore-tex and other similar fabrics are good options. Having underarm (pit) zippers on jackets greatly increases your ability to ventilate.

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Commercial recycling law a mandate with no teeth

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

A 2012 law mandating commercial recycling for businesses generating four cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste per week or multifamily residential dwellings of five units or more lacks any enforcement provisions, according to Riverside County Waste Management Department Recycling Specialist Janet Moreland. It leaves the adoption of any enforcement provisions to municipal jurisdictions, which is Riverside County in Idyllwild's case.

The law, Assembly Bill 341, adopted in January 2012, reads like a set of principled goals and desires intended to benefit the environment — specifically to “reduce greenhouse gas emissions; keep valuable materials out of landfills and create healthy community environments for today and future generations by recovering natural resources.”

According to a 2008 study, the commercial sector gen-

erates nearly 70 percent of solid waste in California. The study also found that much of what is deposited in landfills is clean enough to be recycled, thereby eliminating much of the waste that goes into landfills. Cited recyclable materials that could be separated out include paper, plastics, glass, metals, cardboard, green waste, food waste, and construction and demolition materials. Enactment of AB 341 makes businesses subject to the requirements of the Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939).

What is curious about the law is its lack of strong enforcement provisions. The law states that jurisdictions may “choose” to implement an enforcement program, but no jurisdiction is required to do so by the law.

Moreland acknowledged that Riverside County at this time has no ordinance or provision designed to enforce the law currently in the works.

“An enforcement program has not been determined and there is no agency that will send anybody out to inspect

[whether or not commercial businesses are complying with the “mandate”]. She admitted that the law currently has no “teeth.” She did not know if any other state jurisdictions had yet adopted enforcement provisions.

Moreland noted that her department has begun monitoring waste haulers and that there is some evidence that businesses are voluntarily complying with the law's recycling provisions. The law requires that businesses “arrange for recycling services.”

They can do so in a number of different ways: self-haul; subscribe to a commercial hauler; arrange for pickup of recyclable materials; or subscribe to a recycling service that may include mixed waste processing that yields diversion results comparable to source separation. Businesses are urged to source-separate recyclables or donate or self-haul those materials to recycling facilities.

Property owners of commercial or multi-family complexes are required to provide recycling service to their ten-

ants. And each business or apartment complex “shall be responsible for ensuring and demonstrating its compliance [with the law's requirements].” Moreland said that discussions are underway in her department for transfer stations to issue receipts to commercial businesses that self-haul their recyclables to local stations.

Key implementation dates specify that jurisdictions must, on or after July 1, 2012, implement an education, outreach and monitoring plan; specific businesses and apartment complexes “shall” recycle [with no enforcement provisions]; and that in August 2013 and 2014, jurisdictions shall report progress in compliance and achievement of recycling goals.

Drafters of the law noted that removing many recyclables from landfills could reduce greenhouse gas emissions and decrease methane emissions at landfills, a chronic problem.

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Next concerned-with-crime business meeting

6:30 p.m Friday, Jan. 11 at Town Hall

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Strange but true

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Response

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according to RCSD Deputy Walter Kurtz, or putting another volunteer patrol under the aegis of the Sheriff's Department, is the time to conduct background checks for volunteers could be three to four months. Also, the difference between a private security patrol and MCP or a business owner patrol is that private contracted response would be armed and the others would not be.

Complicating the issue is reduced staffing at Hemet Station, the Sheriff's Department station in Valle Vista is responsible for Hill patrols. Hill patrols include a very wide swath of mountain territory from Pinyon and Anza

to Idyllwild and north to Poppet Flat. Reduced staffing means that only one RSCD car is allocated to the Hill at any time, but off Hill emergencies or incidents could divert it elsewhere.

A deputy from the Riverside County Sheriff's Department attended the meeting at the invitation of business organizers.

Idyllwild business owners said they felt the need to convene and respond because of reduced staffing and patrols at Hemet Station (see separate interview with Hemet Station officers). The objective of business owners, in whatever strategies they agree to and adopt, is to keep criminals off guard with increased patrols and to let them know that there is no

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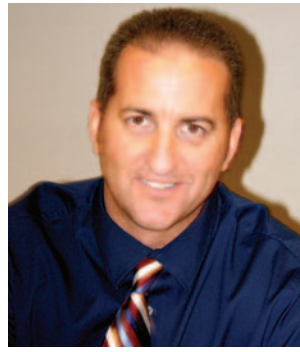
Hemet Station officers discuss commercial burglaries

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In a meeting with Town Crier staff at Hemet Station in Valle Vista, Lt. Dean Agnoletto and Sgt. Wallace Clear reviewed recent commercial burglaries in Idyllwild and Lake Hemet, station response, and limits placed on both investigation and response by reduced staffing.

Agnoletto confirmed that there are, as yet, no suspect leads for the seven incidents that have recently targeted commercial businesses in Idyllwild and Lake Hemet Campground.

"We have had Investigator [Brian] Robertson go up to look at similarities in the burglaries," Clear said.



Hemet Station
Lt. Dean Agnoletto

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Even with some fingerprint dusting, the department has been unable to confirm any matches with available databases, he added.

Agnoletto explained that surveillance videos have yet to confirm evidentiary data that could be used for

prosecution.

"It's all circumstantial at this point," Agnoletto said. He also noted the severe constraints that reduced staffing and having only one car on the Hill place on effective patrolling.

"The mountaintop area we patrol is very large," he acknowledged. "And at any time, off-Hill violent incidents could require that [assigned Hill] deputy to come down the Hill to bolster response to violent incidents. Violence always trumps."

Agnoletto said that incident dispatch is based on the concept of triage — the most serious offenses draw the most immediate response and can, in fact, divert station resources

from the Hill.

Nevertheless, Agnoletto said, a program is in place and has been for a month to identify and apprehend the Hill commercial burglars. "It is not something we can talk about at this point," he said.

Both Agnoletto and Clear spoke positively about the coalescence of local business owners to consider and adopt commercial burglary response strategies. But he cautioned about the effectiveness of mounting late-night patrols by the Mountain Community Patrol.

"We're cautious about how we use our volunteers," Agnoletto said. He wondered how effective

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New family justice center opens in Indio

The third Family Justice Center in Riverside County is now open and providing much-needed services and resources to the Coachella Valley.

The Indio Family Justice Center is located on the first floor at 82-675 Highway 111, Indio, 92201. The Family Justice Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and the telephone number is (760) 863-8363.

Advocates are at the center to provide services to victims of domestic violence,

adult and child sexual assault, and physical abuse to both children and the elderly.

"This Family Justice Center in Indio is long overdue," said Riverside County District Attorney Paul Zellerbach in a press release. "Now residents in all three geographical areas of the county will have these very important support services available to them."

Family Justice Centers throughout Riverside County bring resources together to provide comprehensive

services to victims in a safe, secure and private environment.

Services available to those in need include crisis intervention, legal assistance with temporary restraining orders, information provided about the criminal justice system, victim compensation assistance and referrals to community organizations. Off-site community

partners at the Indio FJC currently include Shelter from the Storm, Coachella Valley Sexual Assault Services, the CARE (Curtailling Abuse Related to the Elderly) Team, Riverside County Child Protective Services, Inland County Legal Services and all area law enforcement agencies.

Other Family Justice Centers are located in Riverside

at 3900 Orange St., (951) 955-6100, and in Murrieta at 30045 Technology Drive, Suite 101, (951) 304-5680. The Riverside FJC opened in March 2005 followed by the center in Murrieta in November 2006.

In 2012, at Family Justice Center in downtown Riverside, advocates or partner agencies assisted 3,269 people and also assisted

196 people with temporary restraining orders.

Funding for the three centers comes from public and private sources including the Verizon Foundation, Verizon HopeLine, the Riverside County District Attorney's Office, the Riverside County Department of Public Social Services and other area businesses and individuals.

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Goldspotted oak borer town hall meeting on Jan. 19

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Editor's note: The reporter in this article had \$49,000 of tree-removal costs during the 2003 bark beetle infestation. Fortunately, Southern California Edison paid for all but \$10,000 of the removal costs, since the very large pines threatened power lines. The Goldspotted oak borer, recently identified in Idyllwild, could cause similar if not greater tree loss and property damage for Hill homeowners.

A meeting important to Hill land and homeowners, one that could impact their land and home values, takes place from 2 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Idyllwild Town Hall.

Forest Service scientists and CAL FIRE incident leaders in this investigation will discuss the recent discovery of one Idyllwild tree evidencing infestation by the Goldspotted oak borer, and what options are available to the community at this point.

Speakers include Gregg

Bratcher, CAL FIRE Forest Battalion Chief, Tom Coleman, U.S. Forest Service entomologist and lead Goldspotted oak borer scientist, Tom Scott, UCR conservation biologist, Kevin Turner, UCR Goldspotted Oak Borer Program Coordinator and Edwina Scott, Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council executive director.

It is important for part-time homeowners from San Diego County to attend since that county is the present site of the great-

est tree loss caused by this invasive beetle. Firewood imported from San Diego County is the likely cause of the Idyllwild infestation. Scientists involved with the investigation of the Idyllwild incident identified firewood brought from San Diego County as having evidence of oak borer infestation.

In San Diego County alone, this insect has already killed 90,000 oaks. Once it is ensconced in an area, there are no current treatment options available to stop its

further spread.

To prepare for the meeting, there is web site information to use as a primer. That information is found at www.gsob.org, and includes how to identify infested trees, how citizens can report that infestation as well as diagnostic questions that will help scientists better understand how long the infestation has been in a particular area and where it may have come from. Also included is a section on "Best Management Practic-

es" for preventing the spread of Goldspotted oak borer through the movement of logs and firewood.

In a section called "Early Warning System," University of California scientists are asking woodland owners to help monitor the condition of their oaks and immediately report signs of declining health, leaf loss in tree crowns and other signs of impending oak mortality.

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

Bald eagle count continues Jan. 12

Volunteers needed

The Forest Service needs help to count bald eagles for the 35th season in the annual winter bald eagle counts in and near the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains on Saturdays, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, and March 9.

Migrating eagles typically begin arriving in the area in late November and leave in late March or early April. During the winter, Southern California bald eagles are typically found at many of the lakes, including Big Bear Lake, Baldwin Lake, Silverwood Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Green Valley Lake, Grass Valley Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains and Prado Dam, Lake Perris, Lake Hemet, Lake Skinner, Diamond Valley Lake, Lake Matthews, and the Salton Sea to the south.

Concurrent bald eagle counts are held at Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Lake Silverwood, Lake Perris, and Lake Hemet. Volunteers are stationed at vantage points around the lakes, where they watch for bald eagles during a 1-hour period on the count mornings. Volunteers record their observations on maps and data sheets. This is a wonderful opportunity to catch a glimpse of our breath-taking national symbol. A brief orientation is conducted prior to the count so volunteers know where to go and what to do.

Through radio-tracking bald eagles, biologists learned that some of the same individual eagles re-

turn to the San Bernardino Mountains year after year. We also determined that there is a lot of movement of eagles between the different mountain lakes and that the lakes do not have distinctive separate populations—the eagles regularly move between the mountain lakes.

"Through this method, the agencies and land managers have learned a lot about which areas are important to eagles and how the populations are doing. But we can't do it without a lot of volunteers — we need their eyes to help us look," said Forest Service biologist Robin Eliason.

No experience needed. Signing up ahead of time is unnecessary — just show up at the designated time and location, dress warmly, bring binoculars and a watch.

Volunteers planning on going to the Lake Hemet count should meet at the Lake Hemet Grocery Store at 8:30 a.m. for orientation. Contact Anne Poopatanapong (apoopatanapong@fs.fed.us or 909-382-2935) for more information.

For the Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead and Lake Gregory counts, volunteers should contact Eliason (reliason@fs.fed.us or (909) 382-2832 for more information. Contact the Discovery Center (909-866-2789) for information about Eagle Celebrations.

Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area volunteers should contact



In March 2012, this male bald eagle graced the skies over Lake Hemet while humans counted the eagles for the Forest Service.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

Kathy Williams or Mark Wright for more information about volunteering or taking an eagle tour (760) 389-2303 between 8 p.m. and 4 p.m. or email: khwilliams@parks.ca.gov.

If interested in the counts at Lake Perris State Recreation Area, volunteers should contact the office for more information at (951) 940-5600.

Breeding populations of bald eagles in Southern California were extirpated by the late 1950s. Until reintroduction efforts began in the 1980s on Catalina Island, the southern-most nest site known in California was in Lake County.

Since 2003, several pairs of bald eagles have made the Southern California mountains permanent homes. They built nests and have successfully

raised families. Nesting bald eagles can now be found at Lake Hemet, Lake Skinner, Lake Matthews, and Big Bear Lake.

At Lake Hemet in Riverside County, the female eagle with orange wing tags "02" hatched at San Francisco Zoo in 2000 and was released on Catalina Island as part of the reintroduction efforts. In 2004, she arrived at Lake Hemet and decided to take up year-round residence with the male bald eagle that was already there. Together, the pair has raised successful nests ever since then.

See the following websites for additional information about the San Bernardino National Forest (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/>) or the California State Recreation Areas (www.parks.ca.gov).

Experts explain oak borer concerns and local action

What: The presence of the Goldspotted oak borer in Idyllwild: An opportunity to learn what we can do to stop the spread of this invasive property damaging pest.

When: Saturday, Jan. 19, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Idyllwild Town Hall
25925 Cedar Street

Speakers will include:

- Gregg Bratcher, CAL FIRE Forest Battalion Chief
- Tom Coleman, entomologist, U.S. Forest Service
- Edwina Scott, Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council
- Tom Scott, a conservation biologist at the University of California, Riverside
- Kevin Turner, Goldspotted Oak Borer Program Coordinator, UC Cooperative Extension

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Michelle Adler, kindergarten teacher at Idyllwild School, has chosen **Ashtyn Ortiz Gaceta** (left) and **Ember Campbell** as students of the week for Jan 7. Ashtyn was chosen for always trying his hardest and doing a great job in class and Ember was chosen for being an all-around wonderful student who is great to her friends.

PHOTO BY CAREENA CHASE

Steele opens 2013 season at La Quinta

By JACK CLARK
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele will begin a new PGA Tour season, and his third season, next week in our desert back yard.

The Idyllwild native will play in the \$5.6 million Humana Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation Tournament, which will be held Thursday, Jan. 17, through Sunday, Jan. 20, on three different courses in La Quinta.

Other popular players competing include Phil Mickelson and Rocco Mediate.

This season is particularly important for Steele because he has no pre-existing exemption for next season. His final 2013 performance in FedEx Cup points or ranking on the official PGA Tour money list will be the basis for earning his 2014 card.

So get away from the snow for a while and enjoy some time in the desert watching some great golf and cheering

on our local favorite.

Steele's tee times for Thursday and Friday can be found at the www.pgatour.com website, along with driving and parking directions and ticket prices.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL



Members of the Red Kettle volleyball team (left) and Idyllwild Inn team (right) congratulate each other after 1 of the 3 games played on Monday night at Idyllwild School. Idyllwild Inn defeated the Red Kettle (3-0).



The Idyllwild Inn (green) player prepares to bump the ball to a teammate during the game against the Red Kettle in Monday's Adult Co-Ed Volleyball match at Idyllwild School.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER



At the net, the Red Kettle's **Robbie Levitt** (left) attempts to block the spike from Idyllwild Inn's **Jason Sonnier** (right) Monday night, while referee **Brian Wilson** watches the net play.

Speaker Series 2013

5:30pm wine & cheese reception :: 6:00pm speaker presentation::

January 17th

Idyllwild Nature Center "Quail Tales: Lessons from quail about the origin of species" by Jennifer Gee co-sponsored by the Friends of San Jacinto Mountain County Parks

February 21st

Creekstone Inn "A Short History of Physics and Astronomy Explorations in and Near Idyllwild: The Pine Cove Speed-of-Light Marker, Palomar Observatory, and What Could Have Been Under the Mountain" by Larry Kawano co-sponsored by Astro Camp

March 15th—FRIDAY

Silver Pines Lodge "History and Technology of Pine Craft Furniture" co-sponsored by Idyllwild Historical Society & Community Arts Network (CAN)

April 11th

Rainbow Inn "Georges Seurat" by Ken Young co-sponsored by Friends of the Library

May 16th

Silver Pines Lodge "Importance of Local Native Plants in Nature and in Your Garden" by Harold Voorheis co-sponsored by Idyllwild Garden Club

June 13th

Quiet Creek Inn "Painting in the Outdoors—Plein Air" co-sponsored by Art Alliance of Idyllwild



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Flu season has begun; vaccinations available at county clinics

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced in late December that the number of influenza cases in several southern states jumped dramatically recently and it was an early start for the flu season, which normally peaks later.

There have been no flu-related deaths in California. And Riverside County officials say influenza activity is at or below normal in the region, but it is expected to increase in the coming weeks and months. They stressed that getting vaccinated is one of the best ways of avoiding the flu.

Based on increased levels of influenza-like illness and laboratory detections, overall influenza activity in illness and laboratory detections, and overall in-

fluenza activity in California through the end of 2012 was upgraded to "regional."

"The flu shot is one of the most effective public health measures we have. It only takes a few moments but can be so beneficial to one's health," said Dr. Cameron Kaiser, Riverside County interim public health officer. "There are so many places where shots can be obtained that access to the vaccine should not be an issue."

The vaccine that has been widely distributed appears to be a match for the influenza strain that health officials are seeing, meaning the flu shot should be effective.

Riverside County health officials recommend annual vaccinations for all people age 6 months and older,

regardless of risk group. Some children younger than age 9 will need two doses of seasonal flu vaccine this season.

Generally vaccination should begin as soon as the vaccine is available with special emphasis on people with conditions that put them at increased risk for complications from influenza.

Specifically, annual flu shots are recommended for everyone over the age of 6 months, but are especially important for:

- Pregnant women;
- Children younger than 5 years;
- People 50 years and older;
- People of any age with chronic medical conditions;
- People who live in

nursing homes and other long-term facilities;

• Health care workers, household contacts and home caregivers for high-risk individuals

Flu clinics are scheduled at the county's 10 Family Care Centers. Flu clinic hours are 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling (800) 720-9553.

The three clinics closest to Idyllwild are in Hemet, Banning and Palm Springs:

• Hemet Family Care Center, 880 N. State St., Hemet CA 92543. The clinic phone number is (951) 766-2450.

• Banning Family Care Center, 3055 W. Ramsey, Banning, CA 92220. The clinic phone number is (951) 849-6794.

• Palm Springs Family Care Center, 1515 North Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262. The clinic phone number is (760) 778-2210.

For all clinic locations, call (800) 720-9553 or visit www.rivcofamilycarecenters.org/flu.htm.

Tens of thousands of flu

shots are given each year in Riverside County and more than 112 million people have been vaccinated nationally so far, according to the CDC. Nationally, thousands of people die each year during the flu season and hundreds of thousands are hospitalized.

Sheriff

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current MCP volunteers would be at the hours apparently needed (late

night and early morning), and also expressed concern for their safety. With commercial burglaries, Agnoletto noted criminals are often of a different breed and caliber and

require greater caution and awareness by citizen reporters and volunteers.

"Citizens are always the most effective eyes and ears within a community. Whether part of an organized volunteer group or just as individuals, ordinary citizens throughout the county are honored each year for their contributions to crime deterrence. Call dispatch (951) 776-1099 if you see something in

progress, request a deputy and a call back on status," he advised.

Sgt. Clear recommended Hill businesses install and set alarms, including those clearly audible both inside and outside the business. He noted silent alarms may work in metropolitan areas but are less effective in rural areas far from official responders.

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

Strange but true

Many people see dogs as doing heroic work in tandem with law enforcement and the military, but they're not the only animals put to such use. In Mozambique, sniffer rats are being used to find unexploded land mines so experts can disarm them. They're known as HeroRATs.



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Adult Yoga with Trine

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House Speaker **John Boehner** (left) of Ohio performs a ceremonial swearing in for **Rep. Raul Ruiz** (second from right), CA 36, at the opening, Thursday, Jan. 3, of the 113th Congress in Washington. Accompanying Ruiz, are his mother, **Blanca Ruiz** (center) and friend, **Monica Rivers** (far right).

PHOTO COURTESY OF WHITNEY MITCHELL, REP. RUIZ'S DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION

Rep. Ruiz to serve on Veterans' Affairs Committee

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

In addition to his earlier appointment to the House of Representative's Natural Resources Committee, Rep. Raul Ruiz was also appointed to serve on the House's Veteran's Affairs Committee.

"I am deeply humbled to have been chosen to serve on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs," said Congressman Ruiz in a press release. "My top priority in Congress is serving others, and this position will allow me to work with both Democrats and Republicans to make a meaningful impact in the lives of veterans in the 36th District and across the nation."

"I look forward to applying my knowledge of public health to my work on the Committee to ensure our veterans are receiving the high-quality health care and benefits they deserve," he added.

The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs has jurisdiction over legislation pertaining to veterans' benefits and is responsible for authorization and oversight of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The committee handles issues pertaining to veterans' health care, disability compensation, the GI Bill, job training, life insurance policies, and the national veterans' cemetery system.

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



Over the weekend Everitt's Minerals moved their business across N. Circle Drive to share space with the Quiet Creek Living Room Gallery. **Janet Everitt** carries the sign that will identify her new business space.

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MAYOR MAX

Happy New Year Dearest Idyllwild Community!

Here are the highlights for the very festive and wonderful holiday month of December!

December 5. *A Christmas Carol.* I attended The Friends of the Idyllwild Library production of *A Christmas Carol* performed by Duffy Hudson, well-known Broadway and film actor who did an excellent job with this performance. I was able to hear the performance from the Mayor Mobile, and on the break, I was able to imbibe in more cheese. Thank you, Library and Duffy!

December 7. This was a big day for me. I attended four events in one day! I started out in Hemet and participated in their fund-raiser to support three families who lost their homes due to a recent fire. I then attended the Children's Tree Lighting Ceremony in Idyllwild. The children were so cute in their performances and holiday outfits. I particularly loved the jumping snowman in the performance of "Frosty the Snowman." We then attended the American Legion dinner (the food was excellent, thank you!). We then attended "A Wintry Evening of Art" at The Spruce Moose. The Spruce Moose is a must-shop venue for all times of the year and a truly fabulous art gallery and gift store.

December 8. We attended "An Isis Christmas" at the Caine Learning Center. This was a wonderful set of performances by everyone involved, and on the break, I



Rocky Raccoon, Mayor Max, and Pamela Allen of Wooley's during one of many holiday visits by Mayor Max to Wooley's, a great place to shop! Thank you, Pamela and staff for my new raccoon. I love it!!

was provided with a little more cheese. You can't get too much cheese during the holidays!

December 14. Rocky Raccoon and I were asked to make a VIP visit to the children of The Whitworth School, a K-8 in Orange, California. This was so much fun, and all the kids tried petting me at once, which I loved! You can never get too much petting! We then attended the annual holiday party at Rancho Fruit Market in Temecula, very dear friends of our family. I had more snacks and petting here too, and I know I was a big hit in my Santa outfit!

December 16. Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) meeting. I

attended the AAI meeting at the Nature Center (from my Mayor Mobile) while Phyllis offered to provide some marketing assistance for upcoming AAI events which are now posted for 2013 on the AAI web site, www.artinidyllwild.org. Definitely, check out this web site and mark your calendars for these fantastic events! With my advanced sniffing capabilities, I deduced that Phyllis had pet a cat during the meeting. Whom can I talk to about this? ;-)

December 17. Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce Mixer. I attended the Chamber Mixer at Merkaba. What fun, and a great store. We made plans for the future and the new membership drive for Chamber members. We also purchased several Christmas presents at Merkaba. Last but not least, I was able to secure more cheese during each of the photo opps. Yes, the holidays have been very good to me.

December 18. Idyll-Beast meeting. I met with the Idyll-Beast to make further plans for the holidays, the Chamber, and planning a safari with the Idyll-Beast! That was fun. By the way, he sheds more than I do!!

December 20. Forest Folk Holiday Celebration. I had a great time attending the Forest Folk holiday celebration potluck at Town Hall. I just loved the turkey, and Phyllis ate all the stuffing. Forest Folk



(C) Max. Here I am, poised and ready to go on the Big Night, December 24th, helping Santa deliver presents!



(C) Max. Resting after the Big Night of present delivery, we finished at 5:00 AM on Christmas Day.



Max, Rocky Raccoon, and the Mini Me's visiting with the family of Hal Dahlstrom (far right) and Cindy Ifould-Dahlstrom (second from right).

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Mayor Max and Rocky Raccoon make a VIP visit to the children of The Whitworth School, an excellent K-8 school in Orange, California. Carol Whitworth is the Executive Director.

is fully committed to re-establishing a Senior Center in Idyllwild and is now a tax-exempt non-profit organization that can accept your donations. If you would like to help create the new Senior Center, we would love to have you join our group. You can also help by sending your donation to Forest Folk at PO Box 260, Idyllwild, CA, 92549. Thank you for your help. It is greatly appreciated!

December 21. Idyllwild HELP Center Santa visit. I was invited to meet with Santa and the children at the Idyllwild HELP Center. I loved seeing the kids, and it's always great to be at the HELP Center. They do such a great job in every way. Throughout the holidays, we

made several donations to the Idyllwild HELP Center and to the Spark of Love toy drives. Thank you community for everything you do to help!

December 24 and 25. On the evening of the big night (the 24th) and throughout the wee hours of the 25th, I helped Santa deliver presents and Mini Me's to children. It was a long and wonderful night of giving. I was ready for a nap and slept well during the day of the 25th. I love Christmas, and I love helping Santa and bringing good cheer and happiness to everyone I encounter. At the end of the day on the 25th, I retired my Santa suit until next year!

December 31. Jo'An's New Year's Party with Change Required. We closed out the year by attending the New Year's party at Jo'An's. Change Required was on fire that night with their musical performances! The party was so much fun. Thank you, Joann and Mike, for providing such a wonderful venue for this delightful way to bring in the New Year. We love you very much.

Throughout the month, we continued to support our favorite charities on and off the Hill. This includes contributing to many human and animal rights organizations. We, of course, continued our support of ARF. You can never do too much to help animals! I love ARF so much. If you know anyone that would like to adopt a pet or foster a pet or simply volunteer at ARF for a few hours a week, please contact ARF at www.idyllwildarf.com or call 951.659.1122.

I and my staff wish you the best of everything in the New Year and that all your dreams come true. I look forward to seeing you in town. Please always stop by to say hello. If you need any help of any kind, please call me at my office, 951.659.0283.

Love always,

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Inspired by the Idyllwild Town Crier's reporting on the Kenya safari of the Gilden's, Zimmerman's, and Buchanan's, Mayor Max and the Idyll-Beast begin making plans for a safari on a budget!



The Idyll-Beast and Mayor Max make a run for their lives on their "do-it-yourself" safari. Fortunately, they did escape!

On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment



Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Wednesday, Jan. 9

Idyllwild CinemaFest, noon to 8 p.m. Various Locations. See ICF Program for movie showings.

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.

Lawrence Spector, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Thursday, Jan. 10

Idyllwild CinemaFest, noon-8 p.m. Various Locations. See ICF Program for movie showings.

Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck Featuring "Oh Dogs," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Friday, Jan. 11

Idyllwild CinemaFest, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Various locations. See ICF Program for movie showings.

Krafty Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; **Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.

Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.

"The Written Image," Opening reception, 6 p.m.; **Creative Writing Readings**, 6:45 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts. Show runs through Jan. 25.

Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Saturday, Jan. 12

Idyllwild CinemaFest, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Various locations. See ICF Program for movie showings.

Adult Field Trip to Balboa Park, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Town Hall.

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

Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.

Don Reed, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Karaoke with Scott, 8-11 p.m. JoAn's.

Sunday, Jan. 13

Idyllwild CinemaFest, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Various locations. See ICF Program for movie showings.

David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.

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

Mayor Max's 12th Birthday Celebration, noon-3 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.

Bill Saitta, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Idyllwild CinemaFest, Award Ceremony, 6 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Jan. 14

Free Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.

Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. JoAn's.

Tuesday, Jan. 15

Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.

Wednesday, Jan. 16

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.

Peter Curtis, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Thursday, Jan. 17

ICRC Speaker Series, Wine & Cheese Reception, 5:30 p.m. Speaker **Jennifer Gee**, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.

Friday, Jan. 18

Krafty Kids Art Class with Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; **Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz**, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.

Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's.

"Aloha Say the Pretty Girls" a comedy by Naomi Iizuka, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Saturday, Jan. 19

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

Sadie's Clinic Speaker Series with Dr. Monica Diedrich, 12:30-2 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center.

Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.

"Aloha Say the Pretty Girls" a comedy by Naomi Iizuka, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.



Sandii Castleberry (left) and the Hot Flashes performed at the Palm Desert Community Center on Sunday, Jan. 6. "There was standing room only and many Idyllwild fans came from the mountain including **Doug Austin**," **Sally Hedberg** wrote. On stage from left, Castleberry, **Barnaby Finch** at keyboards and **Ann Finch** on strings.

PHOTO BY SALLY HEDBERG

Karaoke with Scott, 8-11 p.m. JoAn's.

Sunday, Jan. 20

David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.

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

Museum.

"Aloha Say the Pretty Girls" a comedy by Naomi Iizuka, 2 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Monday, Jan. 21

Children's Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Free Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.

Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. JoAn's Restaurant.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.

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Many Idyllwild writers and filmmakers

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

The fourth Idyllwild CinemaFest opened Wednesday morning, Jan. 9, with 100 films to be screened over the festival's five-day run. The 50 percent increase in number of films scheduled (67 last year) is a huge leap forward for the festival, as is the addition of a large new venue, the Astrocamp Galaxy Theatre.

This year the festival is truly international with quality films from Russia, Iran, Egypt, Guyana, the Netherlands, Germany, Italy, Australia and the United Kingdom.

And Idyllwild, being a town with a disproportionate number of creative types, is unsurprisingly well-represented with projects in ICF 2013.

Local talent can be seen in this year's festival as directors, writers, composers and stars of a number of featured festival films.

One, Piper Dellums, directs "Red Road," a film about Mestizo musician and Renaissance man Carlos Reynosa, also an Idyllwild local. Reynosa is co-director for "Red Road." Reynosa's flute albums have topped New Age Billboard charts. Dellums also directs "The Rent Party: Paying it Forward in Rhythm and Hues," the chronicle of her Idyllwild event to raise money for Idyllwild's needy through music and performance.

Familiar Idyllwild actor Chris Pennock appears in Billy DaMota's featurette "Posey," starring Oscar nominee and Golden Globe winner Sally Kirkland, a story of a grand-

mother facing the beginning stages of Alzheimer's disease, her coping struggle, and the bond that builds between her and her granddaughter. This will be the world premiere for "Posey," a film that has already received good press because of its subject matter.

Recently arrived local Scott Foster has a project for which he both produced the film and co-wrote the screenplay. The short, "Success Driven," is the story of an Iranian musician and singer who becomes a successful Hollywood multi-platinum recording artist. Foster also penned lyrics for the title song.

His introduction to the project was itself a story of serendipitous Hollywood good fortune — a chance meeting at a Beverly Hills bar produced an invitation to an Oscar party at which another chance meeting linked Foster to a record producer handling an Iranian artist. The rest is in the story. Yancey Arias directs "Success Driven."

Idyllwild local Derek Ellingson returns with the short "Nothing Ventured." Ellingson also had a short in IFC 2012, "In Sickness and in Health."

"The Visit," director Fara Pasarell's featurette family saga of mother-daughter estrangement and possible reconciliation, costars Idyllwild local Sharon Lawrence.

Idyllwild Arts will showcase five student projects from its Moving Pictures Department:

"The Wingman," a short (15 minutes) directed by Gabrielle and Angelo DiMarco;

"Perfect," a short (2



Scott Foster, producer, screenwriter and title song lyricist for ICF 2013 short, "Success Driven."

minutes) directed by Anna Q. Mayer;

"A Family Like Mine," a short (22 minutes) directed by Katherine "Tia" Dearn;

"Life After Death," a

short (12 minutes) directed by Armani Rodriguez; and

"Love Without End," a short (17 minutes) directed by Ziqing "Rosey" Xu.

Idyllwild Arts Moving Pictures Department has built a national reputation with the quality of the films its high school students produce. The department competes with university film department heavyweights such as the University of Southern California, CalArts, UCLA, American Film Institute and Chapman College. Idyllwild Arts films will also screen in a KCET Festival of Student Films in North Hollywood on Jan. 15.

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Borchers blogs ICF

By J.P. Crumrine
Editor



Nancy Borchers

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Nancy Borchers, a Pine Cove resident, has been an avid fan of the Idyllwild CinemaFest since it began in 2010. She has once again agreed to share her thoughts about the ICF with readers in a Town Crier exclusive blog.

Borchers provided comments and opinions for the 2011 Festival too. Here's a sample of Nancy's insight:

"Coyote Hunt" was way too short. I can watch Director Melissa Townsend's work all day. I enjoyed her 'Poet Soldier' last year [2010] and was especially anticipating her work this year. I realize that to be a 'short' there are some very rigid time constraints. I loved 'Coyote Hunt' and it left me wanting more.

"We saw 'Cut From Home' next and up until the last 30 minutes it was interesting though hard to follow," Borchers said. "I'd like the writers of this film to know that there are other words in the English language besides 'f**k.'"

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Art Alliance has new president, board and goals

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Gary Kuscher is the new president of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild. He takes over from Lea Deesing, with whom he served as vice president and hospitality coordinator.

"We have some new board members, some exciting new projects and expanded revenue from last year's events," Kuscher said. "We're very excited about our year coming up."

Kuscher said the alliance owes a great debt to Deesing. "She saw the bigger picture and had excellent marketing and managerial skills," he said. "We saved money on advertising and overall expenses, using bulk mailings as an example. And instead of separate post cards for each event, we used one that advertised all. She was a remarkable president."

Kuscher said the new board, including members at large Phyllis Mueller

and Pat Hughes, and new board Secretary Halie Johnson, augment an already top-notch group of artists and producers. Other board members are Scott Fisher, vice president, Reba Coulter, treasurer, Bryan Tallent, gallery and inn liaison, Patti Cooper, membership, Kristen Ingbretsen, marketing and publicity coordinator and Mike Ahern, member at large.

Kuscher noted a new banner program would unveil this year under the direction of Pat Hughes, who spearheaded the Lemon Lily Festival original art banner program. Hughes had developed similar programs for the Banning Cultural Alliance and brings considerable experience as an event planner. "The goal is to have 20 banner locations throughout town and with a greater concentration on North Circle," said Kuscher.

And, similar to the Lemon Lily Festival banner project, Idyllwild artists will paint one side for AAI

events, and the other will have the AAI logo. Kuscher said other community organizations would be able to use the hardware for their own banners. He suggested AAI would welcome donations from other local organizations to purchase the banner hardware, but once the hardware is funded, use would be open to all non-profits that are promoting their events and Idyllwild.

The board has another public art project that they'll announce once logistical planning and board adoption is completed. They plan two new events at the Nature Center, judged shows running with the Wildflower Festival in May and the Lemon Lily Festival in July. The alliance will again partner with the Garden Club and Gary Parton's AlpenGlow Gardens for the two-day Lilac Festival in April. "We're also looking forward to the Labor Day event at the Idyllwild Community Center, the Art and Treasures Weekend, Aug. 31

through Sept. 1."

Kuscher has a long career in the hospitality industry, much of it spent working for Sonny Bono. Kuscher was also the volunteer coordinator for Bono's first Palm Springs Film Festival, of which Bono was the initial proponent and organizer.

He credits falling in love with Idyllwild and having George Baker as a mentor for his evolution as an artist and Idyllwild resident. "I fell in love with Idyllwild when I moved to Palm Springs in 1986," he recalled. "Even then I knew this is where I have to be, this art town. George Baker got me interested in sculpting manzanita and in photography."

Kuscher said the board's goal this year is to restore Idyllwild as the important art town it had been. Part of that goal is to expand public art throughout the Idyllwild business core.

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AAI's new president **Gary Kuscher**.

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Will you join me for my 12th birthday party?

My 12th birthday party will be at the Idyllwild Nature Center, in the Auditorium room, which is heated and indoors — Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013, from noon to 3 p.m.

The Nature Center is at 25225 Highway 243, Idyllwild, less than a mile north of downtown Idyllwild on Highway 243. If driving from downtown Idyllwild, watch for the sign on the left side of the highway. Some navigation systems require state highways be formatted as "CA-243." See map at www.mayormax.com/birthday.htm.

We will be serving food, snacks, beverages, and birthday cake for everyone. There is NO charge to attend my birthday party, and you do NOT have to bring anything other than yourself and your appetite! Your friends are also welcome.

For my party guests, there is no entry fee for the Nature Center; just let any Nature Center staff know you are my guest.

For my birthday, I want (1) to see you, and (2) petting. That's ALL that I want. NO presents are required or requested.

For those of you who are NOT inclined to OBEY, I like donations of any amount (small, medium or large) to Idyllwild Animal Rescue Friends (ARF) so we can rescue more animals on the Hill.

Or ... a stuffed animal raccoon is also good as I chew up more than 20 of these a year. I can't help myself. They keep showing up, so I have to chew them!! In Idyllwild, I have chewed up stuffed animal raccoons from Wooley's, Idyllwild Gift Shop, and Bonnie's Happy Look.

Because I am on a restricted diet due to my health, dog biscuits actually upset my stomach. So even though I love them and I eat them whenever I get a chance, it is best if you do NOT bring me or feed me any dog biscuits! Thank you.

If it's snowing that day or has been snowing recently, bring your sleds and warm clothes if you would like to go sledding. The Nature Center has a nice area for sledding.

All children and adults both on and off the Hill are welcome to attend my birthday party.

Also, this is a dog-friendly event, so dog owners can bring their friendly dogs. Friendly dogs are welcome!

I love you very much, and I really want to see you at my birthday party. If you plan to attend, please let me know by calling me at 951.659.0283 and leaving me a message, or email me at max@mayormax.com. If you already have or will confirm via Facebook, that is sufficient. This helps me to know how much food and birthday cake to prepare for my party. Thank you.

Love always,
Mayor Max



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Cottage food

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types of food operations — Class A and Class B. Both types must register with Riverside County. Class A operations need to register with the county and complete a self-certification form. Class B operations will need a permit from the county, including an initial onsite inspection before the permit is issued.

Class A operations may engage only in direct sales of cottage food products from the cottage food operation, or from direct sales venues within their county. In other words, the consumer purchases the food product directly from the operator.

Locations are generally temporary, such as holiday bazaars or certified farmers' markets or special events.

The county is proposing a \$72.50 registration fee. Class A operations may be inspected if a consumer complaint is filed.

Class B cottage food operations may sell directly to the consumer or indirectly through a third-party retail food facility such as a res-

What foods may a cottage food operator produce or prepare?

The new state law limits the types of foods that cottage food operators may prepare and sell. They are defined as "non-potentially hazardous." Essentially, these are foods that do not require refrigeration to keep them safe from bacterial growth that could make people sick.

The California Department of Public Health will establish and maintain a list of approved cottage food categories on their website. The list included in the new law includes the following items:

- Baked goods without cream, custard, or meat fillings, such as breads, biscuits, churros, cookies, pastries, and tortillas
- Candy, such as brittle and toffee
- Chocolate-covered non-perishable foods, such as nuts and dried fruit
- Dried fruit
- Dried pasta
- Dry baking mixes
- Fruit pies, fruit empanadas, and fruit tamales
- Granola, cereals, and trail mixes
- Herb blends and dried mole paste
- Honey and sweet sorghum syrup
- Jams, jellies, preserves, and fruit butter that comply with the standard described in Part 150 of Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations
- Nut mixes and nut butters
- Popcorn
- Vinegar and mustard
- Roasted coffee and dried tea
- Waffle cones and pizzas

taurant or market. These operations are also subject to different inspection requirements.

The proposed annual Riverside County permit fee is \$290.

Both types of operators

are required to meet conditions such as a training course, which the state is developing. Another example of the requirements includes the prohibition of food preparation or handling in the home kitchen concurrent with any other domestic activities, such as family meal preparation, dishwashing, clothes washing or ironing, kitchen cleaning, or guest entertainment.

Home food products must have labels that comply with federal laws and clearly state "Made in a Home Kitchen." Cottage food operations are not allowed to manufacture potentially hazardous foods, acidified foods, or low-acid canned food products that would support the growth of botulism if not properly prepared.

In 2013, the gross sales of a cottage food operation must be less than \$35,000. This ceiling increases to \$45,000 in 2014 and \$50,000 in 2015.

Riverside County's existing Ordinance 492 regulates all food facilities. The new ordinance will specifically regulate the cottage food industry.

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Nan Arthur, noted dog trainer speaks on Sunday, Jan. 6, as part of the ARF speaker series.

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Record

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Jan. 7 — False alarm, Highway 243, Idyllwild.

Jan. 7 — Dispatched and canceled en route, Jaybird Lane, Anza.

Jan. 7 — Medical aid, Terwilliger and Wellman roads, Anza.

Jan. 7 — Medical aid, Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove, Garner Valley and Pinyon

Reports unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Thursday, Jan. 3 to Monday Jan. 7. This may not be a complete list of all responses:

Jan. 3 — Solo, noninjury collision, Highway 74 west of Santa Rosa Truck Trail, Pinyon.

Sheriff's log

Log unavailable

Renate

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that glitches are everywhere, each one requiring a cycle.

In terms of more formal learning, this is how we continually learn by being interested and involved, getting expert knowledge, applying new knowledge, and getting feedback. And often the cycle is not systematic.

Just think of sports. Athletes usually want to perform; if they don't, the story usually ends there. They have to want to get involved and this propels them into practice and into playing with others.

Feedback happens almost instantly as in basketball when someone starts with shooting baskets by themselves and gets feedback instantly on how well they are doing.

But once they join a team and play, all sorts of questions emerge and they need an expert coach. At this point learning invites lots of practice, practice, practice. Each practice ses-

sion results in more feedback from the coach and ongoing application and improvement.

All of this, of course, means ongoing feedback but the real payoff comes with playing in competition. Have you noticed how players and coaches study videotapes after a game as they review their collective performance? They look at what happened, surface and formulate new questions, review what needs to change, practice in new ways and get feedback at the next competitive game.

We call this process natural learning. In the next column, I would like to explain how this process can work even with academic learning in schools.

On Saturday, Jan. 19, we are resuming our conversations sponsored by the Natural Learning Research Institute from 10 a.m. to noon at the Caine Learning Center. Our topic will focus on meditation. What are the real purposes and benefits for you?

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

Off the road

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• The correct fit is important

Right size clothing is critical. Layers that are too tight will constrict the body's circulation which delays the time to warm up. You will especially experience this delay in your extremities. Tightness will also compress your clothing and actually reduce dead air space, which decrease your insulation volume.

But the opposite is also a danger. If it fits too loosely, your clothing will act as a bellow and actually blow out warm air and suck in cold.

• Protect your fingers and head too.

Your hands will appreciate mittens. Ever notice your hands feel colder after putting on a thin pair of gloves?

It's physics, baby! When a thin layer of insulation is wrapped around a small diameter curved surface (finger), it increases the surface area and can actually increase heat loss

until a thickness of about 1/4 inch. Thus, good motivation to bring backup mittens (which get around this problem by combining finger pockets) for extra-cold conditions.

And for your head, hats are essential in winter travel. The head has a very high surface to volume ratio and is heavily vascularized, so you can lose a great deal of heat without headgear. A balaclava or facemask may be required if it is windy to prevent facial frostbite.

• If you lose the dead air, what to do?

Have a dry backup and use it. Always have a dry backup of critical clothing and don't wait too long to change into it after you stop moving. Heat loss from a wet surface can be up to 25 times quicker than a dry one.

I've hiked with a person who forgot this cardinal rule. She went to bed too exhausted to take off her wet socks. She woke up with toes permanently damaged from frostbite.

Thanks to my good buddy and RMRU member Les Walker for the inspiration for this article. Have a great winter, and stay toasty!

County needs volunteers to survey homeless population on Jan. 23

Volunteers throughout Riverside County are needed to assist with a survey of homeless residents that will help determine the need for services and guide decisions about how to use available resources.

The County of Riverside Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) will host volunteer orientation meetings in San Jacinto and Lake Elsinore for those interested in participating in the 2013 biennial survey.

The countywide count will be done between 5 and 9 a.m. Jan. 23. The survey is a one-day, street-based and shelter-based effort to identify how many people in the county are homeless on a given day.

Results of the 2013 count and survey will provide benchmark numbers. Those numbers establish a basis for developing local community and countywide strategies to help alleviate homelessness and measure the effectiveness of programs currently serving homeless individuals and families.

During Riverside County's last survey in 2011, volunteers, homeless advocates, providers and homeless individuals counted 4,321 people countywide. This included 3,208 people found living in abandoned buildings, on the street, at freeway over/underpasses, in cars, RVs, encampments and other areas. Another 1,113 were living in shelters. The total number was a 28 percent increase from the previous count in 2009.

People interested in volunteering can find more information and register for one of the 90-minute orientation meetings at: <http://www.riversidehomelesscounts.com>.

At the orientation, volunteers will learn how to conduct a brief survey of every person they count, what to do if a person is uncooperative and learn other safety and logistical information. Volunteers will be paired in teams and given maps of areas they will be assigned to for the count. The orientation meeting schedule is: San Jacinto, 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 14, San Jacinto Community Center, 625 S. Pico Ave.; Lake Elsinore: 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 21, from Ortega High School Conference Center, 520 Chaney St.

Prospective volunteers also may contact Elizabeth Calanche, DPSS Homeless Programs Unit, at (951) 358-5640 or email: ELCALANC@riversidedpss.org; or Don Smith, Institute for Urban Initiatives, at (909) 373-2754 or email: DonSmith@urban-initiatives.org.

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Vita Mix 3600. Gently used. \$50. Call (951) 659-3994.

19" flat screen monitor, \$50. Call (951) 303-4666 ask for Mike.

Heavy duty tire chains for 15" & 16" wheel, 2-length spacing. Cost \$200 new. Asking \$50. Call (951) 659-2239.

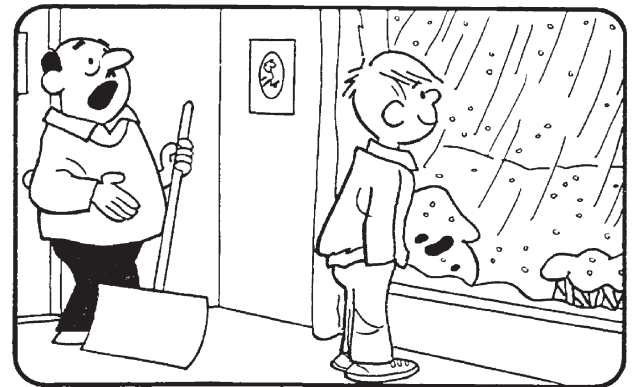
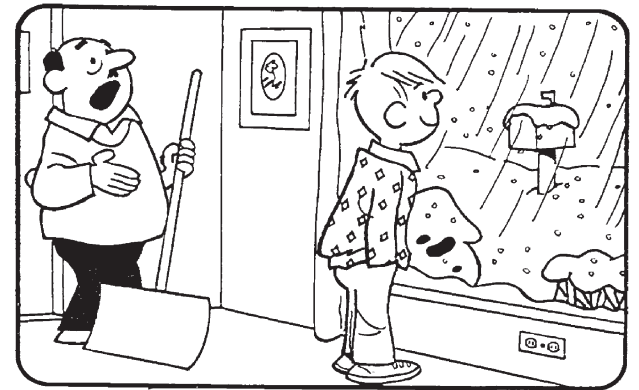
Glass building blocks, 14, 7-3/4 square. \$50 for all. (951) 659-2752.

Lg. ornate wood **stove**, 2000 sq. ft. heater, \$500 OBO. Antique **lamp** brass, glass, \$75. Oak teacher **desk** w/ cable access top, \$100. Motorized **bike**, 66cc, 30mph, 100 mpg, \$400. Antique **oven/range** 1937 nice, \$400. 5 ton IH, 20,000 GVW, 4x4 w/chains. 8x10 flatbed, 1/2 ton boom plow/rocks/wood? \$6,000. (951) 303-4666 ask for Mike.

Husqvarna snowblower 27". Heavy duty electric start. Like new \$600. Call Jim at (951) 659-3231.

Autos Wanted

DONATE YOUR CAR, truck or boat to Heritage for the Blind. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. 888-902-6851. (Cal-SCAN)

IT'S DIFFERENT

CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.

DIFFERENCES: 1. Arm is moved, 2. Handle is shorter, 3. Picture is different, 4. Shift is different, 5. Mailbox is missing, 6. Outlet is missing.

Rentals Wanted

Responsible, professional person seeks sunny, bright, unfurnished, 2-3 BR home with view. Open floor plan and hopefully a garage in quiet area. Good local references. Call (951) 440-1524.

For Rent or Lease

Small cabin with sleeper loft, kitchen with stove & fridge, new carpet, small fenced yard. \$550/mo. + \$300 deposit. Call (951) 961-7246.

Studio cabins, fridge, stove & woodstove. On plowed road & sewer in Idyllwild. \$485/mo. and \$525/mo. Avail. now. Call (760) 469-5905.

1 BR, 1 BA, \$500/mo. + utilities. Avail. Feb. 1st. **2nd unit 1 BR, 1 BA, \$600/mo. + utilities.** Avail. March 1st. Both are newly remodeled on plowed road. No smoking. Small pet OK. Call Emily at (951) 206-9671.

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House of Light!! Retreat only 5 minutes from town. 3 BR, 1-1/2 BA, fully furnished. \$1475/mo. Call for an appointment (951) 217-1064.

Spacious 2 BR apartment. Great location. New carpet, paint & blinds. Free laundry & water. No pets. Rent is only \$650/mo. for 1st 3 mos. w/year lease. \$775/mo. + security deposit after. Call (951) 659-5424 or (951) 492-1116.

Desperate for a rental?

Place your classified ad in the best read "bulletin board" in town, the Town Crier. Call Sandy 659-2145.

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Ask about our YARD SALE KITS!

Each kit contains:

- 3 All-Weather Yard Sale Signs 11x14" (Bright Pink, Glossy, Thick)
- 275 Fluorescent Pre-Priced Labels
- Pre-Sale Checklist
- Sales Record Form

Stop by the Town Crier and check them out.
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- Idyllwild Calendars
- Idyllwild License Plate Frames
- Topo & Relief Maps
- Yard Sale Kits
- Subscriptions
- And more!

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Answers to Sudoku
 (Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
 (Puzzle on next page)

Classifieds

Continued from previous page

For Rent or Lease

Idyllwild Property Management
54585 North Circle Dr. #B
Office: (951) 659-4200
Check out our website
www.myipmoffice.com

25815 Sunset View
Gorgeous home with 3 BR, 1-1/2 BA, wrap-around deck, eat-in kitchen, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances.
Secluded. \$1100/mo.

25860 Shady View
Beautiful two story 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA home in Fern Valley w/new carpet & paint. Lg. 2-car garage. Very private on cul-de-sac.
\$1450/mo.

54970 Darryl Road
Cute! Cute! Home in Fern Valley. 1 BR, 1 BA, living rm. w/FP. Has large rear deck & side patio.
\$700/mo.

54055 Pinecrest Ave. #5
Downstairs apt. with 1 BR, 1 BA, kit/din. combo. Propane heat. \$675/mo.

Fully furnished 2 BR, 2 BA house. Large patio, garage w/auto opener. In town. No smoking/pets. \$799/mo. Short-term \$129/night. Call (760) 831-7447.

For Rent or Lease

3 BR, 1-1/2 BA, lg. great room w/loft and skylights, propane heat, woodstove & FP, tri-level, W/D and all appliances, furnished. Large deck. Plenty of space, quiet location, above elementary school, minutes from village. 6-mo. to year rental lease. \$1150/mo. + security. kateidycabin@gmail.com

Commercial Rentals

Mountain Manor Reduced rates.....
54585 N. Circle Dr. Suite B, \$550/mo. 2 offices & bath. Approx. 460 sq. ft. Pete Daly (619) 871-7235.

FREE 1st month rent with one year lease. Office space 13'x12' in the Town Crier building. 54295 Village Center Dr. Ample parking. \$300/mo. Call (951) 659-2145.

Place a classified and sell your stuff!
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Commercial Rentals

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PRIME RETAIL/COMMERCIAL SITE
Corner N. CIRCLE AND CEDAR
PHONE IAN @ 714-269-7666
EMAIL JITIAN@VERIZON.NET

SUDOKU

(Answers on previous page)

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Real Estate

Owner/builder, quality built 2 BR, large loft, 1-1/2 BA cabin on a fairly level lot. Easy year-round access, \$165K. Homes in the Pines. Van Leuven Realty. (909) 225-9555.

Health

Canada Drug Center is your choice for safe and affordable medications. Our licensed Canadian mail order pharmacy will provide you with savings of up to 90 percent on all your medication needs. Call today 1-800-273-0209, for \$10.00 off your first prescription and free shipping. (Cal-SCAN)

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Do you know your Testosterone Levels? Call 888-904-2372 and ask about our test kits and get a FREE Trial of Progene All-Natural Testosterone Supplement. (Cal-SCAN)

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Medical Alert for Seniors - 24/7 monitoring. FREE Equipment. FREE Shipping. Nationwide Service. \$29.95/ Month CALL Medical Guardian Today 866-944-5935. (Cal-SCAN)

CROSSWORD

(Answers on previous page)

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ACROSS

1 Household member
4 Shock
8 Baby bed
12 Retirement plan acronym
13 Acknowledge
14 Humdinger
15 Sports fans' party site
17 With dexterity
18 Journey segment
19 Blue quality
21 Light color
24 Frat-party need
25 Matterhorn, for one
26 Slight touch
28 Staff members?

32 Pacific rings?
34 Standard
36 Bar
37 Red Square
39 Hee follower
41 Rage
42 Silent
44 Deceived
46 Lottery payment, perhaps
50 Legislation
51 Eye part
52 Exhaust outlet
56 Gambling game
57 Mexican entree
58 Pen point
59 Verve
60 Old World duck
61 Society new-comer

DOWN

1 Trench
2 Geological period
3 Severe decline
4 Rough, as rocks
5 Eggs
6 Oodles
7 Adapt slightly
8 Din
9 Cartoonist
10 Goldberg
11 Troubles
12 Purchases
16 Allow
20 Lair
21 Cover of gloom
22 Sheltered
23 Once around the track
27 Scrooge's cry
29 Aid when airborne

30 Hibernia
31 Coaster
33 Springfield surname
35 Aries
38 Greek consonants
40 Cricket-bat wood
43 Mongrels
45 Fool
46 Board game, cereal or magazine
47 Caspian Sea feeder
48 Actress Sorvino
49 "Just the facts, -"
53 "Rocks"
54 Slapstick missile
55 Recede

JUST LIKE CATS & DOGS

YOU SAID LET'S STAY SOMEWHERE THAT HAS NICE AMENITIES. THIS IS THE ONLY ONE IN THE AREA THAT HAS THE NFL SPORTS PACKAGE.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your good works flow from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

"HONK YOUR HORN-SAVE MY LIFE"

Drawing by: Ernie Maxwell

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New American Taxpayer Relief Act

TAX TIPS

By STEPHEN T. PEPPLER, EA, CFP

After months of wrangling, Congress passed the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 on Jan. 1, 2013, ending months of "Y2K" style handwringing by the media.



compared to the previous 35 percent.

Marriage penalty relief provisions related to the standard deduction and tax brackets that were destined to sunset have been

extended.

The law extends many of the Bush tax cuts for most taxpayers. This article will touch on some of the most important provisions, which apply for tax years 2013 and beyond.

The ATRA makes permanent the Bush-era income tax rates for all except single taxpayers with a taxable income greater than \$400,000, heads of household whose income exceeds \$425,000, and married taxpayers who file jointly and income greater than \$450,000.

For those with taxable income above these thresholds, there will now be a 39.6 percent tax bracket,

The ATRA raises the top rate for capital gains and qualified (stock) dividends to 20 percent, from the Bush-era maximum of 15 percent. This top rate will apply to the extent that a taxpayer's income exceeds the new 39.6 percent tax bracket thresholds (\$400,000-single filers, \$425,000 head of households and \$450,000 joint filers).

All other taxpayers will continue to pay tax on qualified dividends and capital gains at a maximum 15 percent rate.

A zero percent rate will

continue to apply to capital gains and qualified dividends to the extent that income falls in the 15 percent bracket or lower.

The Alternative Minimum Tax is patched by increasing exemption amounts and providing for an annual inflation adjustment beginning in 2013.

Limitations on itemized deductions and personal exemptions are revived, although they apply at high-

er income levels than in the past. The thresholds are \$300,000 for married filing jointly, \$275,000 for heads of households and \$150,000, if married but filing separately.

The ATRA institutes a maximum federal estate tax rate of 40 percent, with a \$5 million exclusion that will be annually adjusted for inflation.

Equally important, the act makes permanent the

portability of exclusions between spouses. This permits a surviving spouse to make a portability election in order to apply a decedent's unused exclusion to the surviving spouse's own transfers during life and death.

The child tax credit of \$1,000 has been extended permanently for children under 17 years.

The payroll tax holiday whereby employees paid only 4.2 percent of the nor-

mal Social Security contribution of 6.2 percent of wages has ended. Originally enacted in December 2010, this had been intended as a temporary measure.

The American Tax Relief Act of 2012 represents the best compromise that could be obtained in today's political climate.

Most taxpayers will not see their taxes go up and many of the Bush provisions were made permanent.

California Franchise Tax Board tax tips

The Franchise Tax Board announced it is now accepting 2012 state tax returns, and announced the following updates on law changes and filing services for California taxpayers.

American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012

Due to changes contained in this federal legislation, the California Schedules CA (540 & 540NR), 540/540A and 540NR Booklets, and other products that reference federal Schedule A, are delayed as FTB staff analyzes the changes. The most California taxpayers use Schedule CA to make adjustments for differences between federal and state tax laws.

Taxpayers who file using FTB's CalFile, ReadyReturn, or Form 540 2EZ are not affected. Check FTB's website for updates about when these schedules will be released.

Standard deduction

The standard deduction for single or filing separately

tax statuses increased from \$3,769 to \$3,841. For joint, surviving spouse, or head of household filers, it increased from \$7,538 to \$7,682.

Exemption credit increases

The dependent exemption credit increased from \$315 to \$321 per dependent. The personal exemption amount for single, filing separately, and head of household filers increased from \$102 to \$104. For joint or surviving spouses, it increased from \$204 to \$208.

Tax rates increase for some

Income tax rates increased by up to 3 percent for individuals making \$250,000 or more.

The income tax changes apply retroactively to all income earned or received since Jan. 1, 2012. The law waives the underpayment of estimated tax penalty that results from a retroactive tax law change that takes place during the year.

See [FTB](#), page 26

Public Notices Legals • Doing Business As

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Every day throughout the United States, newspapers publish thousands of public notices about events, conditions or actions that affect countless individuals, families, neighborhoods and businesses. Public notices cover many topics, including business matters, liquor licensing, public auctions and sales, estates, zoning, public meetings, bids to sell goods and services to the government, local government finances and state and local elections. Public notice is a fundamental component of our system of representative democracy, which depends upon the participation of educated, responsible citizens.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as GOTCHA COVERED PRODUCTIONS, 27157 Golden Rod Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 3420, Idyllwild, CA 92549. CLAYTON WAYNE HELGREN and ROBERT GARY BUSH, 27157 Golden Rod Rd., Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on May 4, 2006.

Signed:

CLAYTON WAYNE HELGREN

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 4, 2012.

FILE NO.:

R-2012-12958

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 4, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 4, 2017. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: B. Villegas, Deputy

Pub. TC: Dec. 28, 2012, Jan. 4, 10, 17, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as BETTERWAY AUTO SALES, BETTERWAY CARS AND TRUCKS, 651 Burwood Court, Riverside CA, 92506, Riverside County. BETTERWAY CORPORATION, 651 Burwood Court, Riverside, CA 92506.

This business is conducted by a California Corporation.

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

Signed:

PATRICK M. NELSON

President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 26, 2012.

FILE NO.:

R-2012-13640

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CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,

County Clerk

By: J. Gonzalez, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2013.

LIEN SALE

CIVIL CODE 3071 & 3072

On 1/23/2013 at 17801 Lake Perris Dr., Lake Perris, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1963 GLASS, HULL: 80, CA CF#: 1247CC at 10:00 a.m.

Pub. TC: Jan. 10, 2013.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

TS NO. 12-0077365

TITLE ORDER NO. 12-0138826

APN NO. 561-162-007-8

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 04/10/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by JOYCE R REYNOLDS, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN, dated 04/10/2006 and recorded 4/14/2006, as Instrument No. 2006-0271941, in Book , Page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Riverside County, State of California, will sell on 01/31/2013 at 10:00AM, In front of the Corona Civic Center, 849 W. Sixth Street, Corona, Riverside County, CA at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash or check as described below, payable in full at time of sale, all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust, in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 53230 DOUBLE VIEW DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA, 92549. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$268,241.63. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to

do business in this state. Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder, with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon as provided in said Note, plus fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. If required by the provisions of section 2923.5 of the California Civil Code, the declaration from the mortgagee, beneficiary or authorized agent is attached to the Notice of Trustee's Sale duly recorded with the appropriate County Recorder's Office. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS If you are considering bidding on this property, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on a property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 1-800-281-8219 or visit this Internet Web site www.recontrustco.com, using the file number assigned to this case 12-0077365. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 93063 Phone/Sale Information: (800) 281-8219 By: Trustee's Sale Officer RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. is a debt collector attempting

to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. FEI# 1006.172366 1/10, 1/17, 1/24/2013

Pub. TC: Jan. 10, 17, 24, 2013.

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ATTENTION IDY BUSINESS OWNERS ...

Did you know?

- You are required to file a DBA (Doing Business As), also called an FBN (Fictitious Business Name), statement with the county when you start a business.
- Your DBA expires after 5 years, and you need to refile.

The Town Crier can file your DBA for you, saving you from the paperwork hassle and the time and gas it would take to go to the County Recorder's Office.

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

Idyllwild Service Directory

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

Questions? Call Sandy at (951) 659-2145 or Email: sandy@towncrier.com

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- 2 COL. x 2" = \$27.60 PER WEEK
- 2 COL. x 2-1/2" = \$34.50 PER WEEK
- 2 COL. x 3" = \$41.40 PER WEEK
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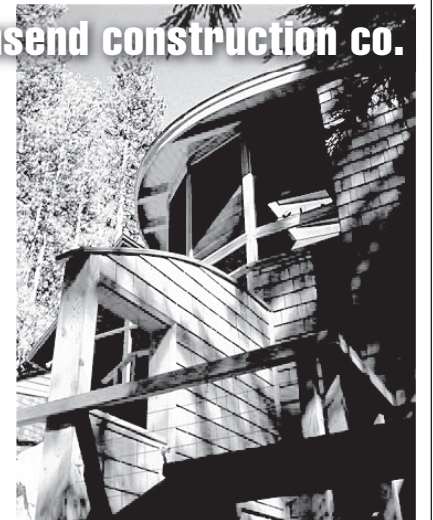
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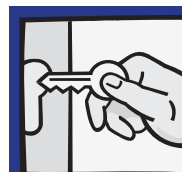
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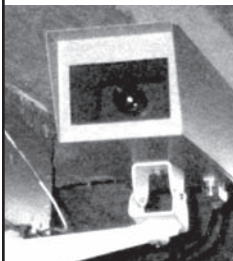
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Speaker

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opportunity to study evolution in her own backyard. One of the zones where two types of quail have hybridized, Gambel's and California, is in the Santa Rosa Mountains near Pinon.

Another area where Gee conducts research is in the central Sonoran desert in Mexico, near Alamos. "What are the factors that bring these two types of quail together and cause them to interbreed?" asks Gee, a constant question she is always investigating. "The two areas have the same two types of quail but the circumstances are quite different. In Mexico there are ranches, more supplemental food sources, and consequently more quail. Here there are fewer quail and fewer opportunities to mate and yet the hybridization continues in both areas."

Gee said she would be speaking about how a field biologist conducts field research. She'll also explain, using the Santa Rosas in the San Jacintos as an example, how one can actually watch the evolutionary process and better understand how diversity is created.

"I'll be talking about ecological diversity in our own mountain island environment and what kind of evolutionary scenes are happening in our own backyard," she said. "What environmental, climate and molecular changes allow some species to adapt and survive while others could not."

Gee, who has been the James Reserve director only since early summer, accepted the speaking engagement for another reason too. "This will also be an introduction of me and the reserve to the broader Idyllwild community," she said.



Jennifer Gee

COURTESY JENNIFER GEE

Gee holds both master's and doctorate degrees in ecology and evolutionary biology from Princeton University. She subsequently taught and conducted fieldwork in the Galapagos Islands, Barbados and the Concord Field Station in Massachusetts, and completed postdoctoral work at Harvard, Cornell and the University of California,

Davis.

Gee's presentation is co-sponsored by the Friends of the San Jacinto Mountains. A wine and cheese reception precedes the event at 5:30 p.m. Gee speaks at 6 p.m. There is no charge for either the reception or Gee's talk.

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FTB's other free e-file program, ReadyReturn uses information the state already has to generate a completed state tax return online for selected taxpayers. Eligible taxpayers must have used the single or head of household filing status the prior year, had one employer, claimed no more than five dependents, and took the standard deduction.

The following services are also available at the FTB

website:

- MyFTB Account — used to change a mailing address or get information about wages, California withholding, estimated tax payments, balances due, or FTB-issued 1099 forms.

- Check Your Refund Status —After filing the 2012 tax return, taxpayers can use this service to see where their refund is.

- Pay Taxes Online — FTB's Web Pay allows individuals and businesses to authorize a payment from their bank account to pay their return balance due or extension payment. Payment must be made on or before April 15, to avoid penalties and interest.

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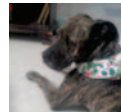
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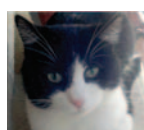
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At the Idyllwild Dairy, Liz, a 7-year-old Guernsey, hit a maximum yield of 11 gallons of milk per day.

60 years ago - 1953

A single-engine Navy Sky Raider crashed into the mountain, killing its pilot. The plane was one of four flying a routine night flight. It became separated from the others and plunged into the canyon near South Fork.

55 years ago - 1958

Harry James reported discovery of a 15-foot pictograph in the Black Mountain region. He thought it might have been a ceremonial site used by Mountain Cahuillas.

50 years ago - 1963

The Riverside County Boy Scout Council sent more than 100 boys and elders to camp in the snow in Skunk Cabbage Meadow on a cold weather weekend outing in the Wild Area.

40 years ago - 1973

Gertrude Millikan called



Idyllwild's first tree monument goes up in the center of town in the photo published Jan. 9, 1997.

FILE PHOTO

the fire department for help. Then, Jim Johnson happened to stop by and solved the problem. The snake under her sofa was a rubber one, left by mischievous grandchildren.

35 years ago - 1978

California Highway Patrol officials reported that seven people died on local mountain roads in 1977 — a substantial increase from no reported traffic-related deaths in 1976. Most of the deaths

were attributed to drivers exceeding the speed limit.

30 years ago - 1983

When a dead, 85-foot pine tree was cut down in Fern Valley, Southern California Edison crews had to put up a utility pole to reconnect power lines and a street lamp light that had been attached to the tree. But when crews were drilling a hole for the pole they hit a water line, causing a gusher.

20 years ago - 1993

Strawberry Creek was turned into a roaring rapid and the pedestrian bridge at the Highway 243 Strawberry Creek Bridge replacement project was washed away due to several days of heavy rain.

15 years ago - 1998

It was announced that two gifts totaling \$20,000 had almost doubled the Idyllwild Community Fund's invested capital. The fund, established in 1996 with an anonymous \$10,000 gift, was set up to provide grants to local nonprofit organizations serving the community.

10 years ago - 2003

About 65 peace activists gathered at the Tree Monument to protest a possible war with Iraq.

1 year ago - 2012

The Lawler Fire, which started Jan. 8, burned about 14 acres within the San Jacinto Ranger District of the San Bernardino National Forest near the area of Eagles Nest.

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Naida Israelson with her catch.

IRS

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2012. While the IRS worked to anticipate the late tax law changes as much as possible, the final law required that the IRS update forms and instructions as well as make critical processing system adjustments before it can begin accepting tax returns.

The key forms that require more extensive programming changes include Form 5695 (Residential Energy Credits), Form 4562 (Depreciation and Amortization) and Form 3800 (General Business Credit). A full listing of the forms that won't be accepted until later is available on IRS.gov.

Updated information will be posted on IRS.gov.

Crime

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longer an open door.

"I thought the meeting was very productive," said Larry Donahoo, Village Hardware owner and fire commissioner. He also thought that MCP would not be the right

fit for the job being contemplated — i.e. late night and early morning hour patrols.

Business owners and other interested parties next meet at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11, at Town Hall for further planning.

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

Trivia test

Language: What is the meaning of the Latin phrase, "Cogito ergo sum"?

Answer: "I think, therefore I am"



Ten-year-old **Haley Morton** caught a 6.32-pound trout on mini jigs off the shore. **Naida Israelson** caught her first fish ever, weighing in at 2.35 pounds, using nightcrawlers, on the shore.



Chou Thao from Cherry Valley caught a 27.80-pound blue catfish using sardines.

Trivia test

Chemistry: What is the symbol for the element tungsten?

Answer: W

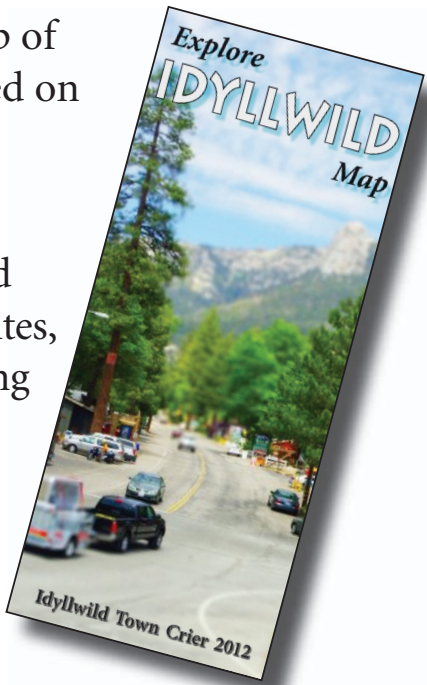
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