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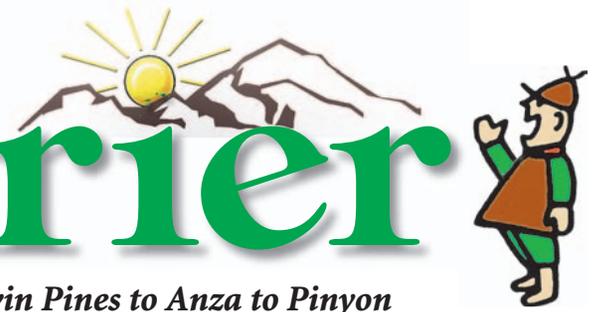
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THURS., JANUARY 24, 2013

A new community center is coming to your neighborhood

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

We're getting a community center," replied Chris Trout, when asked what do you want the community to know. She is the spokesperson for the reinvigorated and soon to be revised San Jacinto Mountain Community Center.

Following a thoughtful and reflective period, David and Lois Butterfield knew, "We have the same vision and the same passion," as they did seven years ago when they donated property for a community center.

Lois, a former elementary school teacher and real estate broker, said in an email, "I am heavily involved in multiple construction projects and passionate about Idyllwild

and the world of design."

Now they have reaffirmed that decision and agreed to donate the money for construction of, what may be the first, community center facility on the property between Pine Dell road and Ridgeway Drive on Highway 243 — nearly five acres that they had bought and previously donated to be developed for the community's benefit.

Originally the Butterfields had offered to match whatever funding the Idyllwild Community Center Committee raised by the end of December 2012. Committee Chair Bill Sanborn said they had several firm commitments, but "it's not nearly enough."

David Butterfield said he and Lois were prepared
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Dawn Sonnier and Bill Sanborn stand below Strawberry Plaza at the future entrance to the Idyllwild Community Center.
PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Idyllwild spelling bee champs move to district competition

By TERESA GARCIA-LANDE
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Students pitted their skills against each other in friendly competition at the Idyllwild School Spelling Bee on Thursday, Jan. 17. Participants were separated into two categories. Fourth and fifth graders were the first to compete, followed by sixth through eighth graders.

Though all students had worked very hard, only two students in each division could continue to the district-wide spelling bee, which will be held in

Hemet at the district office on Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Fifth grader Maggie McKimson came out on top in the elementary category. She successfully spelled "receptacle." She and the runner-up, fourth-grade student Sophia Carver, will continue onto the district wide spelling bees.

The elementary competition was narrowed with words such as "eruption," "dire" and "positive."

Sixth-grader Dilyn Selkirk won the middle school division with the correct spelling of "evaluate." He
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Maggie McKimson, left, was the finalist and will be representing Idyllwild School grades 4-5 in the district spelling bee on Tuesday. Sophia Carver, right, is the runner-up.
PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Two new GSOB-infected oaks found

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

An audible gasp filled Town Hall when CAL FIRE Mountain Battalion Chief Gregg Bratcher announced there are two more Goldspotted oak borer-infected trees in Idyllwild.

The November confirmation of GSOB arrival in Idyllwild, 30 miles north of its last point of detection in San Diego County, was al-

most certainly the result of firewood transported from San Diego County, according to meeting speakers.

The first GSOB tree identified in November was on Highway 243 across from La Bella Montagna Italian restaurant. The recently identified GSOB trees are at Town Hall and Mountain Top Liquor on Highway 243. GSOB has already inflicted high mortality rates on San Diego
[See GSOB, page 12](#)

NEWS OF RECORD

Flu spreading; deaths increasing

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Monday, Jan. 14 to 21, 2013:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Jan. 17 — Walk-in medical aid.

Jan. 17 — Medical aid, Marian View Drive, Idyllwild.

Jan. 17 — Hazardous condition, Cedar Street, Idyllwild.

Jan. 18 — Medical aid, Country Club Drive, Idyllwild.

Jan. 18 — Medical aid, Lake Fulmor, north of Pine Cove.

Jan. 18 — Medical aid, Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

Jan. 18 — Walk-in medical aid.

Jan. 19 — Medical aid, Forest Hill Drive, Idyllwild.

Jan. 19 — Walk-in medical aid.

Jan. 20 — Medical aid, Highway 243, Pine Cove.

Jan. 20 — Medical aid, Delano Drive, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Jan. 15 — False alarm, Highway 243, Pine Cove.

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Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Jan. 15 — False alarm, 24640 block of Highway 243.

Jan. 19 — Wildland fire, Thomas Road and Humphreys Lane, Aguanga.

CHP log

Log unavailable.

Sheriff's log

Log unavailable

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

On Friday, Jan. 18, Riverside County officials announced that a 22-year-old Hemet man and a 4-year-old Perris girl died last week. Both tested positive for influenza virus; "though Riverside County health officials are saying the cause of death has not been determined."

Nevertheless, the circumstances re-enforce state and federal officials' recom-

mendations that it is still prudent for people at risk for flu to get a shot.

"Activity has increased slightly throughout Riverside County," confirmed Barbara Cole, director of Disease Control for Riverside County Department of Public Health. "But no individual area stands out as a more significant location of new flu cases."

Also on Friday, Dr. Gil Chavez, chief epidemiologist for the California

See [Flu, page 6](#)

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 or Palm Springs:

- Hemet Family Care Center, 880 N. State St., Hemet, CA 92543. Phone number: (951) 766-2450.
- Banning Family Care Center, 3055 W. Ramsey, Banning, CA 92220. Phone number: (951) 849-6794
- Palm Springs Family Care Center, 1515 North Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Phone number: (760) 778-2210

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



Gary Fox of Cathedral City was with his Rottweiler and neighbor for an afternoon of fishing at Lake Fulmor Friday. Fox was walking down an icy path with his dog and slipped, suffering a laceration and a possible broken femur. Idyllwild Fire was summoned to transport him to Desert Regional Medical Center.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Tartaglia sentenced to three years

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Court records recently confirm sentencing details for Alfredo Tartaglia, 26, of Idyllwild. According to the record of proceedings held on Thursday, Jan. 10, Tartaglia withdrew his not guilty plea for assault of a person by force and entered a plea of guilty to a violent felony.

The court denied probation and imposed a medium sentence of three years with credit for time served of 20 days plus three for a total of 23, leaving a balance of sentence of

1072 days or 2.9 years.

The court record notes that Tartaglia requested his state prison sentence be served in fire camp.

Details in our Jan. 17 report came from John Hall, senior public information

specialist for the Riverside County District Attorney's office, not from the court record, which has subsequently been made available.

Email Marshall Smith at marshall@towncrier.com.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 1/24	Friday 1/25	Saturday 1/26	Sunday 1/27	Monday 1/28
64/38 <small>Partly sunny</small>	62/33 <small>Chance of showers.</small>	56/30 <small>Chance of showers.</small>	52/27 <small>Chance of rain.</small>	48/27 <small>Chance of rain.</small>

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
1-14	38	12			59	34		
1-15	47	18			na	na		
1-16	58	34			na	na		
1-17	58	40			53	24		
1-18	67	31			62	29		
1-19	64	30			66	32		
1-20	66	28			62	35		

<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Moisture in inches</p> <p>To date this season (Idy): 8.13</p> <p>To date last season (Idy): 9.85</p> <p>Total last season (Idy): 20.01</p> <p>To date this season (PC): 10.96</p> <p>Total last season (PC): 22.06</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Snow in inches</p> <p>To date this season (Idy): 9.1</p> <p>To date last season (Idy): 7.1</p> <p>Total last season (Idy): 42.1</p> <p>To date this season (PC): 18.25</p> <p>Total last season (PC): 73.25</p>
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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.

Editor's note: The "To date last season (Idy)" moisture total has been updated to reflect two 2012 measurements not earlier reported. They are 0.13 inches on Dec. 16 and 0.28 inches on Dec. 17. The "To date last season (Idy)" snow total has been updated to correct a typo in last week's edition.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

BY BRUCE WATTS

A day at the beach ...

On Saturday, Jan. 19, I got a text message from Les and Cheri Walker asking if I wanted to ride out to Lake Hemet with them and Boulder, the newest member of the Walker clan.



Boulder is a mixed-breed puppy that is as cute as a pup could be. This would be his first time going to the lake. How can anyone say "No" to that proposition?

So Les, Cheri, Tiwi, Koda, Boulder and I all piled into Les' car, Floyd Jr. Jr., and headed off to Garner Valley.

It was a marvelously warm sunny day with temperatures in the 60s and not a cloud in the sky. It seems as if we get a few days like this every January, which makes for a nice break from winter.

The first thing we noticed as we approached the lake was that it seems to have shrunk from the water levels of the dry summer season. In fact, it has shrunk a lot since the last time I was there.

After we parked and walked out toward the dam, it was really noticeable. Places that were at the water's edge were now 30 feet or more from the lake.

This left a wide-open sandy beach area that made walking around the lake toward the dam similar to a stroll on the beach. Rock piles that we climbed over in the past were bone dry and stood above our heads as we walked by them. You could see rocks at the base of the dam and the two dams were both bone dry as well.

After we made our safari from the parking lot down the long desert slope to the waters edge, Boulder, who had never seen this much standing water before, ran directly into the lake. He then proceeded to backtrack directly out of the lake.

I am sure he was not ready for the frigid water even though the air temperature had to be near 70 in the sun.

I spotted a blue heron about 20 feet away that was standing on a boulder near the waters edge. It is not unusual to see blue herons at Lake Hemet; but anytime I see one so close to me, I turn into a bird stalker.

With camera in hand, I inched closer and closer to



A blue heron and two ravens share a rock at Lake Hemet.

PHOTOS BY
BRUCE WATTS

try and get a decent photo. I would have to get pretty darn close to get a good picture with my 18-55 mm lens.

Finally I got too close and the heron took off, but only flew a few feet before resting again.

Les spotted the heron and called me to come around to the right side of the rock pile. I began the stalking all over again. I could only see about half of the heron's upper body so I, not so silently, moved in closer.

I used a large boulder to shield me from the heron's sight line. When I finally peeked out, I could see the heron and much to my surprise he was sharing a rock with two ravens.

Of course this was a photo, I just had to have, so I kept sneaking closer and snapping away until the heron took off once again followed by both ravens,

Pleased with my new heron photo, I spent the rest of our time at the lake taking pictures of Boulder the Wonder Dog, and world's most photogenic puppy.



Boulder stands on a boulder and studies Lake Hemet.

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Countdown to Tax Time

TAX TIPS

BY STEPHEN T. PEPPLER, EA, CFP

About this time of year, we begin to collect all the information we will need to properly file our income tax returns. Since it's been a year, I have listed below some of the items you will want to find.

Your employer is required to send you your W2 form by Jan. 31. If it looks wrong, please contact your employer. If you can't locate your employer, you will need to collect your pay stubs.

You will need to locate the 1099-INT and 1099-DIV forms for each account that pays interest or dividends. Even tax-exempt interest must be listed on the return. Many brokerage firms will not be sending out their 1099's until mid or late February.

Sales of stocks, bonds or mutual funds are listed on Form 1099-B. You will need to research your original cost and purchase dates for stocks and bonds and obtain a cost basis statement for the mutual funds you sold.

If the company does not furnish you with a cost basis statement, you will need to assemble a complete history of your time in the fund, including deposits, redemptions and reinvested dividends. Your financial

planner should be able to help you with this.

Form 1098 reports the interest you paid on your mortgage last year. If you refinanced last year you will want to get the Form 1098 or settlement statement showing the points you paid.

If you have a seller-financed mortgage, you will need their Social Security number in addition to name and address.

You will need to know the date and amount of estimated taxes paid.

If you sold property, you will need the settlement statement, plus a record of the improvements made to the property over time.

If you had childcare expenses, your preparer will need to know the name, address, telephone number and tax identification number of the provider in addition to the amount paid.

Student loan payments are reported on Form 1098-E and tuition is reported



on Form 1098-T. Both can be used to lower your taxes.

You will want to assemble all the necessary records of your charitable contributions, everything — cash, checks and non-cash (stuff).

If your non-cash contributions total more than \$500, you will need the date contributed, items donated, the receiving organization, its address, the value of the items and how you determined it. If a single gift is more than \$250, you should have a receipt from the charity for it.

If you donate a car, consult your preparer for special requirements.

If you are receiving Social Security, you will need the Form 1099-SSA which lists

your gross benefits before the deductions.

If you expect to receive a K-1 from a partnership, S corporation, trust or estate, you may not receive it until March or April; so you will want to wait for it before filing your final return.

If deducting business mileage, you will want to make sure your log showing dates, miles driven and business purpose is in order. This expense is a frequent audit target.

When you make a purchase of equipment, furniture or vehicle for business use, you need to list these items separately and show the date bought.

January is a good time to get started on the sometime demanding task of assembling your records.

Now is a more relaxed time to contact your tax preparer to ask questions regarding the records and documentation required to ensure you receive all the deductions to which you are entitled.



Doves were released after a memorial service for Anna Bielecki at the Chapel in the Pines in Mountain Center Sunday afternoon. PHOTO COURTESY OF MKE RENO

Strange but true

It was Albert Einstein who offered the following explanation of relativity: "Put your hand on a hot stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with a pretty girl for an hour and it seems like a minute. That's relativity."

TOWN HALL Idyllwild Recreation District

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SCHEDULE

After School Open Recreation Monday-Friday

Kindergarten 12:30-3:30 p.m.;
1st-8th Grade 2:45-5:30 p.m.
Bus Passes available at
Idyllwild School office.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Forest Folk Pot Luck & Movie Night

"Shakespeare in Love"
Thursday, Jan. 24, at 5:30 p.m.

February Adult Field Trip

Balboa Park, leave from Town Hall
Wednesday, Feb. 20, 8 a.m.-6p.m.

CLASSES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN: \$10 per class. Space still available.

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- TUESDAY:** 10 a.m.-noon
Free Senior Wii
- WEDNESDAY:** 9-10 a.m.
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- FRIDAY:** 2:30-3:30 p.m.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the *Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar*, see "On the Town," on page 10.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

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

• Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m., Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.

• Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.

• AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

• "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. 24

• 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.

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

• Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.

• Idyllwild Fire Auxiliary initial and organizational meeting, 7 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. 25

• Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or email jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

• County Supervisor Jeff Stone, noon-3 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr. Call 1-866-383-2203 for appointment.

• 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. 26

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

SUNDAY, JAN. 27

• Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.

• Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m. 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. 28

• Alcoholics Anonymous

women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr., Contact Betty (619) 895-0934 for location.

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

• "Achieving optimum health," 1 to 5 p.m., at The Wellness Resource Center, 54790 North Circle 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.

• Movie Night: "A Mythic Journey" with Joseph Campbell, 6:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

• Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

Thank you! ...



Thank you David and Lois Butterfield. Your generosity humbles me personally and, with no right, but nevertheless, thank you very much on behalf of the current and future community.

As Chris Trout said, "This is your moment, Idyllwild. Every barrier has been removed. It is now up to all of us to make the Idyllwild Community Center [nee the Butterfield Family Center] a reality."

All of the volunteers — time, food and tools — who contributed to construction of the playground on the ICC site made a substantial impression on the Butterfields.

It was a recreation of the stories about the community's collective construction of Town Hall.

Hammering, sawing and painting won't begin immediately. Several steps, including obtaining a revised county use permit will occur over the next year. But the Community Center board hopes these mellifluous sounds can again waft through our hamlet in 2014.

I am truly amazed at this gift. It's not simply a square building with water and electricity. When this phase of the Community Center is completed, we'll have an amphitheatre for performances, especially the summer concert series, significant dust-free parking and a protected vista along the entrance to town.

Reading about the attendance at the summer concerts and the town's enjoyment also impressed our benefactors. While I haven't heard from Ken Dahleen, I'm sure he's proud that his idea to shift the concert series from the State Park site to the then new ICC site has contributed to its future development.

I have no doubt that last June's effort to erect a plastic fort and slides can easily be repeated when the new facility is ready for construction, since it will benefit a much larger segment of the community — teens, adults, seniors and youngsters.

So rest and prepare during 2013 to be in shape in 2014 to help create a new and contemporary Idyllwild Community Center.

I'm sure it won't be easy — otherwise, it wouldn't have the "Made in Idyllwild" scars — but I am sure we can do it. The property has been acquired, so we don't have to shop and argue over the setting. The funds are now available, so we don't have to supplicate, beg, and be embarrassed.

Those obstacles have been removed. We do have to plan, negotiate, organize and then volunteer. But isn't this what the community does best?

And if you want some practice before 2014, think about Idyllwild Fire's potential auxiliary. That organization is just beginning, so their first steps will be defining mission, goals, funding sources and projects.

The Community Center comes with several of those steps already in place.

As the planning proceeds, we promise to keep you informed, share the plans and designs so you can envision the facility.

J.P., EDITOR

Flu

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Department of Public Health, said flu activity is expanding throughout much of the state. Visits to emergency rooms and the percentages of influenza detections exceed what is expected at this point in the flu season; consequently, the state reported "widespread levels" of flu this week to the federal Centers for Disease Control.

While flu is spreading in California, Dr. Tom Frieden,

director of CDC, said in a Friday press conference that "It's shaping up to be a worse than average season and a bad season particularly for the elderly. Last week, hospitalization rates increased sharply in people 65 and over."

He stressed there is still time to obtain a flu vaccination and recommended that everyone 6 months old and older receive a flu vaccination each year.

Twenty-nine children have already died from flu this season, compared to

READERS WRITE

Gun insanity

EDITOR:

I never cease to be amazed by the gun lobby. They want restrictions on marijuana, prescription drugs, straight sex, gay sex, alcohol, pornography and speed limits but they don't want to discourage the sale of any firearm to anyone.

The National Rifle Association crowd leaves their old city slicker ZIP code behind due to the ever increasing criminal element and moves to mountain enclaves like this one but want gun laws left unchanged.

Gun worshippers oppose reining in gun shows in Nevada and Arizona where California criminals stock up on arms and ammo. Then they claim California's stricter gun control laws don't work.

Gun lovers buy guns to fight off government tyranny someday, but want the government to go after mentally ill people who own guns even though both the Aurora, Col., and Virginia Tech shooters passed two background checks.

I grew up reloading ammo with my dad in the 1970s. We used our RCBS reloading press in 90 percent white Idaho.

I went to a gun safety class at the local VFW hall in order to hunt legally in Washington when I was 13. We walked to our neighbor's meadow and shot gallon milk jugs filled with water from 150 or 200 yards.

That was 40 years ago, and the world has changed since then.

Low scores mean less

34 in 2011-12, according to Frieden. However, medical officials stress that last year's flu season was abnormally light.

The current flu season appears to have started earlier than previous years, perhaps as much as a month earlier, according to Frieden, who added, "overall activity is beginning to go down ... but some parts of the country, particularly in the West, are showing increases."

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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



educational opportunity, which means more perpetuated poverty, which always means more crime for that community.

Four out of five high school dropouts end up in prison or on government assistance. Or didn't you know that SoCal's Palos Verdes Estates and Wilmington are just a few miles apart?

Children grow up. Even angry entitled unmentored ones. Arming the idle with assault weapons from Nevada and Arizona gun shows is absurd.

Earth to Idyllwild. High capacity assault weapons are fired right here on public land. The brass scavengers love them.

Ending only-cash-needed gun shows nationwide where five people were accidentally shot last weekend is a start.

We need mentor-led gun safety classes like the one I took. We need to ban resale of high capacity assault weapons and magazines until spontaneous human violence can be eradicated.

Oh, I know. Guns don't kill people. People kill people.

But people also distribute child pornography, illegal drugs, and break speed limits. Shall we disregard or disregard those laws too?

Criminals will always get guns. Sex offenders will always get kiddie porn. Drug dealers will always deal drugs and reckless drivers will always speed. It's what enables them.

But inanimate objects don't need laws to behave. People do. Don't you love NRA logic?

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SCIENCE & REALITY TODAY

BY HECTOR TRUJILLO, SAN DIEGO

Biocentrism and the universe as the expression of life itself ...

I still remember my earliest childhood memories of looking up at the stars and having a feeling that even though I was down here and they were so far away we were somehow connected.



It was almost a sense of yearning to be one with the stars, which made me want to be an astronaut when I was only five. I remember every time they blinked, I could imagine them taking a breath as though they were alive.

As luck would have it, my most recent research has led me to a theory called Biocentrism (or the theory of everything). In 2007, Robert Lanza, chief scientific officer at Advanced Cell Technology, and adjunct professor at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, first proposed "Biocentrism" arguing that biology and not physics is the central driving force in the universe.

The theory, which is an offshoot of Heisenberg's uncertainty principle where the act of measurement by the observer affects reality itself, states that life creates the universe and not the other way around.

For Lanza and his supporters, biology builds upon the discoveries of quantum physics and states that what we consider space and time are simply forms of animal sense perception rather than something external. The observer becomes as important, if not more, than the observed.

In other words, there can be no universe without life; therefore, life is the precursor to the universe. So, if a tree falls and there is no one there to see it, does it mean the tree did not fall?

Biocentrism says that same tree has fallen, is standing, and is in every state in between until the observer (or measurer) comes in and defines the tree's state.

Just as the uncertainty principle tell us that we can never know the exact position and momentum of a particle at the same time (the more we know of one the less we can know of the other), Lanza suggests that this applies to big objects in our everyday lives. While many theoretical scientists are trying to find a theory of everything by exploring string theory, the theory of everything will always continue to elude them because it does not take in to account for us.

Did the Big Bang (the linchpin of modern science) truly happen then if there was no one there to see it happen? Well,

if time and space do not exist "out there," just as the falling tree example, the answer is the Big Bang is happening. But nothing is definite because life is creating reality.

You can imagine more than a few famous physicists and astronomers are not pleased with Lanza. But you would be surprised how many, including some Nobel Prize laureates, support his theory.

This debate may lead to more questions than answers. For example, is life so imperative that it is all there can be (in one way or another)? Is life a lonely electron whizzing by the nucleus of an atom or a guy writing a science column for the Town Crier or both? Do I exist because "I think therefore I am" or is my own consciousness an illusion of something grander that I have no way to fathom?

See what I mean? But hey, what could be cooler than searching for the truth, even it is always one step ahead?

For your reading, an interview with Lanza from Wired after he published his Biocentrism article: <http://www.wired.com/medtech/genetics/news/2007/03/72910news/2007/03/72910>

For your view: (Lanza and Biocentrism clips): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zI_F4nOKDSM and <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Phep6qqmtmk>.

SPEAKING FOR THE ANIMALS

BY SHELA BOYNTON, IDYLLWILD

Save lives: spay and neuter ...

The issue of spaying or neutering your pet is one of the most widely discussed animal welfare topics of our time. Most people agree it's for the best.

Yet, it's estimated that 70,000 dogs and cats are born in this country each day. Even if you don't do the math, it's obvious there aren't enough homes to go around.

As a result, more than four million cats and dogs are euthanized in shelters annually. That's well over 11,000 innocent creatures that die needlessly every day. Take a minute to think about what that figure represents, if you can stand it. It doesn't speak well for us as a nation.

Rita Gutierrez, commander of field services for Riverside County Department of Animal Services, says the law mandates that all cats and dogs be spayed or neutered by the age of four months [Riverside County Ordinance 630]. If that doesn't convince us, there are plenty of other reasons that should.

The procedure prevents many health problems, such as cancer. Altered females live longer. Both males and females are better behaved, less aggressive, cleaner, and roam less. Ask anyone who has tried to live with a cat in heat.

While many people avoid the surgery to save money, it actually costs more when you figure in dealing with the expense of litters and vet bills for related health problems over time. Finally, it's good for our communities when there are



fewer strays on our streets and in desperately overcrowded shelters.

Alter one; save hundreds.

Arguments opposed to altering our cats and dogs can't stand up against the statistics. Yes, there are risks with any surgical procedure.

Of course, you can't breed them. Well, that's the idea. Does it contribute to weight gain? Sorry, but too much food and not enough exercise cause that.

Some feel quite strongly that prohibiting reproduction goes against what's natural for the animal. Are we to assume, then, that it's more natural for any animal to be euthanized?

Finally, and this is a good one, it keeps our children from experiencing the miracle of birth. Please, rent a video. Let's teach our children to be responsible pet caretakers instead.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' website (aspc.org) can help you locate the lowest-cost spay or neuter facility in your area.

Ramona Animal Hospital in San Jacinto will alter puppies and kittens that are at least eight weeks old. Fees for cats range from \$32 to \$42. For dogs, depending on weight and gender, the cost is from \$52 to \$107. Their phone number is (951) 654-3110. Ask about special rates, which they offer at certain times during the year.

Actors and Others is an organization that will send a voucher to help cover costs. Call them at (818) 755-6045 after you've made your vet appointment. The line is very busy, so you have to be persistent.

Animal Samaritans in Thousand Palms will alter feral cats for \$25. Their number is (760) 343-3477.

Maria Lehman, director of Idyllwild Animal Rescue Friends, says ARF can provide assistance in some cases. Call (951) 659-1122 for more information.

Because of the immensity of the problem, the solution can't be left just to our shelters and rescues. We can help by educating friends, family and neighbors about the importance of spaying and neutering. Offer resource information or transportation, if needed. Some of us might be in a position to give financial assistance to a senior on a limited income.

Individual involvement and action can make a difference in reducing the number of animals that will be put to death in 2013.

Questions for the animals can be sent to Shela Boynton at shelab@greencafe.com.

Strange but true

You might be surprised to learn that the man who was the lead designer for the original GI Joe action figure also designed the inaugural medal for the John F. Kennedy-Lyndon Johnson administration.

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Idyllwild Water reviews staff benefits

Concerned about water supply to Idyllwild Arts

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

In a busy first meeting of the year, Idyllwild Water District directors addressed familiar topics such as employee benefits, additional water service to the Idyllwild Arts campus and current water conservation status.

As part of a continuing review to accommodate employee benefits and the district's financial resources, the board set a cap on future employee vacation and sick-leave accumulation.

Beginning next month, employees accrual of vacation time will be limited to 320 hours and sick-leave will be capped at 250 hours during the first 10 years of employment with IWD and 350 hours for employees with more than 10 years service.

These adjustments will then affect retirement calculations. Overtime and on-call hours will no longer be added to retirement time. Vacation time will be paid at 100 percent of current pay and sick-leave will be 25 percent of pay for employees with less than 10 years service and 50 percent for those with more than 10 years at the district.

General Manager Terry Lyons estimated the dis-

trict's savings would be about \$25,000 to \$35,000. Each of these changes has been discussed with the employees, who have agreed to them.

In its efforts to test possible ways to increase fire-flow water supply to the Idyllwild Arts campus, school staff and Idyllwild Fire Department Chief Patrick Reitz planned to open a gate valve near the campus entrance. This valve bypasses the school's meter and supplies twice the water capacity. Apparently it was installed years ago and has rarely, if ever, been used.

Lyons interceded to stop the test opening and explained that, without certain safeguards, such as a backflow device, there was potential for IWD's water system to be contaminated. In addition, the much greater flow and volume have the potential to damage the district's pipeline infrastructure in the Tollgate zone, he added.

The district is continuing to work with the school and fire department regarding increased water supply, he told the board. However, the district's engineer, Anders Wistrom, has told Lyons that a fire-flow test is not required but could be done with hydraulic network calculations on paper.

"Idyllwild Arts is work-

ing with IWD and IFPD to determine the appropriate time and circumstances to test the 6-inch bypass fire protection line," wrote Steve Fraider, executive director, Idyllwild Arts Foundation, and director of the summer program. "The results of this test will provide all of the parties involved with some of the information needed in order to determine fire-flow protection for the Idyllwild Arts campus."

The state Department of Public Health, in discussions with IWD, expressed concern about water and materials on the school's side of the bypass valve flowing back into the district's system and possible contamination. Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz said all the agencies are still working on a solution, including research to determine whether health and fire codes are in conflict.

Lyons and the IWD board are considering whether and under what conditions a future test may occur. No announcement of a next step was made at the water meeting.

While the IWD water system can be protected with proper equipment, Lyons told the board that the proposed Tollgate water storage tank should be in place before the school can draw

water through the 6-inch pipe.

A draft memorandum of agreement between the school and IWD was part of the board's agenda package. This agreement would be the basis for IWD to construct an additional storage tank for the Tollgate zone. Lyons said this would support the implementation of a larger water-flow pipeline to the campus, while maintaining consistent water pressure for the other Tollgate zone customers.

Lyons also reported on a meeting with Chief Reitz regarding maintenance of fire hydrants. In 1991, IWD and IFPD signed an agreement in which IFPD assumed responsibilities for hydrants within IWD. According to Lyons, Reitz wishes to renegotiate the 20-year-old agreement.

Reitz said he has been told that a previous fire chief had returned all equipment necessary for the fire department to test the hydrant system and therefore, the agreement is probably void, but he has staff researching that issue, too.

In water business, Lyons reported that Foster Lake's level has risen slightly since December. But the status of the November declaration of a Stage 1 Water Conservation emergency has not been af-

fect.

The recent cold spell has damaged many pipes, mostly customer equipment, in the district. Related to that, the district's unaccounted for water production in December surged to 11 percent, twice the 12-month average.

Total December production was 6.6 million gallons,

six percent less than December 2011. The total 2012 production of 82.9 million gallons was the least water produced since 2003.

Water sales revenue has totaled nearly \$485,000 through the first six months of the fiscal year, about 50 percent of the annual projection.

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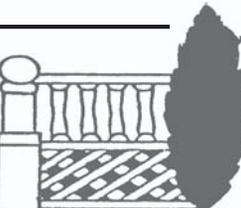


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Center

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at one point to invoke the reversionary clause in the original deed.

Yet, they were very impressed with the community's response and contributions to the construction of the new playground on the site. "We were absolutely blown away and gratified that 700 people and local businesses joined together to provide tools, food and time" to build the playground.

Then they heard and read about attendance at the Summer Concert Series, which also takes place at the same site. They recognized how valuable the location is to the community.

Consequently, they felt that they should complete this initial challenge to the community and fund the first phase of the center. The initial sketches are for a building with several meeting rooms, a kitchen and rest rooms.

But the Butterfields are not simply erecting a building to be named the Butterfield Family Center. For several years, they had attempted to gain access to the ICC property from the rear, below Strawberry Plaza, along the creek.

Frustrated in this effort,



A sketch of teens using the future center.

COURTESY OF THE ICC COMMITTEE

they recently purchased the property from Isabelle DuBois. The principal entrance to the center will be from Village Center Drive, although another exit will be on Ridgeview Drive, adjacent to the Verizon property. Highway 243 will not be used for access to the future center.

The new land and repositioning of the parking will preserve the view from the highway and provide more open space and green space along the highway.

Taken by the community's love of music, the Butterfield's gift will also include the construction of an amphitheatre on the slope facing Strawberry Creek.

"What it won't include will be a gymnasium and

swimming pool," he said. If the community wants those facilities, they will have to raise the money for them," Butterfield said.

The future community center will have separate activity rooms for seniors and teens. David Butterfield grew up in a small town and has experienced the lack of opportunities for teens to collect and assemble. Consequently, he hopes that a fully developed teen center will be one of the early additions to the Butterfield Family Center.

But their generosity will continue beyond the opening ribbon cutting. The couple plans to endow a trust fund to ensure the center's operation for the first 10 years,

"We want the community

to know there will be support to operate this facility after it's built," Butterfield said. Sanborn said the lack of a definitive plan for operating the facility had an affect on prospective donors. "We had commitments, but not nearly what we envisioned. Our dream was humbled by what we could afford," he lamented. But now their dream has been revived.

All of this, a new entrance, parking, an amphitheatre and the center facility will be a gift to the community from the Butterfields. Overseeing its operation and possible expansion are the roles for the rejuvenated SJMCC committee. The new version will combine the current missions of the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council and the ICC committee.

Members of the new board will be Lois Butterfield, Bill Sanborn, Dawn Sonnier, current ICRC president, Janice Lyle and Robert Priefer. They will be responsible for the overall administration and endowment.

Lyle is the former direc-

tor of the Palm Springs Art Museum and has led the California Association of Museums.

Under this larger umbrella, ICRC will be responsible for the recreation activities on the site. This will include fees for its use that will pay for the operation and maintenance of the facilities.

The use fees would cover the cost to the center for its use, similar to the school district charging for the use of its facilities.

Any deficit in the annual operating budget will be provided from the Butterfields' endowment.

The other committee assumes the function of the ICC and will be responsible for future capital improvements and raising the funds for their construction. To date, the ICC group has raised about \$375,000.

The individual members of these groups are listed in the accompanying table.

Moving quickly, the new committee has already identified its short-term tasks and hopes to meet later this month. First steps will include new bylaws and rules of governance for the committee. Meanwhile, new sketches of the facility, including the amphitheatre and parking sites, are being drawn. These will evolve into architectural plans, engineering designs and cost estimates.

Sanborn and Sonnier believe it's possible to have a new conditional use permit approved in a year. This will be the door to begin construction sometime in 2014.

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Trivia test

U.S. States: The Catskill Mountains are located in which U.S. state?

Answer: New York

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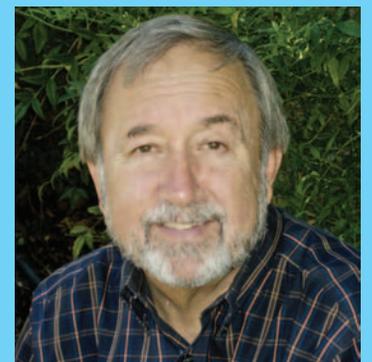
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A practitioner and teacher of Christian Science healing, Rob Gilbert has a Master of Theology degree from Boston University School of Theology and served as a chaplain in the United States Army.

More recently he co-produced two educational videos for medical nursing schools and hospitals, answering commonly asked questions about the practice of spiritual healing, how it informs healthcare decisions, and spirituality in nursing care. Gilbert is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship and travels from his home in Upland, California.



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Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment



Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.
Lenny Hansell, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
"Les Miserables," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Jan. 24

Forest Folk Movie Night & Potluck Featuring "Shakespeare in Love," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"Les Miserables," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Jan. 25

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.
Thats All Folk, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jo'An's.
Lawrence Spector, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
"Lincoln," 7 p.m., Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, Jan. 26

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
"Lincoln," 2 & 7 p.m., Rustic Theatre.
Live entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Jac Jacaruso, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.
Karaoke with Scott, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, Jan. 27

David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba's.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," His-



Cid Castillo and Scott Foster perform a duet during Open Mic Night on Tuesday at Jo'An's Restaurant.

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Friday, Feb. 1

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.

Saturday, Feb. 2

torical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
"Lincoln," 2 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Keith McCabe, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile.

Monday, Jan. 28

Free Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.
Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.
"Lincoln," 7 p.m., Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.
"Lincoln," 7 p.m., Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m. Town Hall.
"Lincoln," 7 p.m., Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Jan. 31

"Lincoln," 7 p.m., Rustic Theatre.

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

Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba's.
Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
Karaoke with Scott, 8-11 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, Feb. 3

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.
Orchestra Concert, 2 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

Monday, Feb. 4

Free Cribbage, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.
Open Mic Night with Scott Foster, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's.
Tuesday, Feb. 5
Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon Town Hall.



Sunday night was an action-packed, auction-packed evening when Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation sponsored its annual Bid 'N Buy dinner and auction at the Rainbow Inn. IAF President Anne Erikson reported that this year's event topped the 2012 fundraiser for Idyllwild Arts scholarships. Auctioneer Janice Lyle (left) talks up the shawl being modeled for bidding by Monique Zander.

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Many more local CinemaFest passes

But weather affects off-Hill attendance

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Asked to summarize attendance and ticket sales for Idyllwild CinemaFest 2013, festival Chairman Phil Calderone cited stronger local sales but chilled off-Hill attendance and sales, largely due to weather. He noted the result was comparable attendance and sales figures from last year to this year.

For each year but this, the festival has had less severe weather. This year, very cold temperatures, fog and some snow seemed to have discouraged off-Hill attendance and prevented some featured film directors from attending. Calderone estimated a 40 percent decrease in non-local festival pass purchases, including both day and full access passes, which he attributed to weather.

The outlook for continued strong local attendance was far sunnier. Calderone said local festival pass purchases, almost all of them full-access passes, increased 55 percent from last year, also evidenced by a 50 percent decrease in local single ticket purchases.

Calderone said overall festival attendance increased this year by approximately 500 to 600. Online ticket sales through the Town Crier website nearly doubled from last year. But, he noted, the increase in numbers and sales was largely due to sell-outs for Stephen Savage's new film "Vertical" and for two busloads of high school rugby players and their supporters from Los Angeles that came up for the premiere of their documentary, "Red, White, Black and Blue." He pointed out those are both out-of-the-ordinary events that would not occur each year.

Calderone said if you factor out the two capacity-event shows' attendance, dollars in 2013 were similar to 2012. "I frankly view that as a good result given that the weather hit us this year and I didn't have the time to market as I had intended," he said. "Next year, both the beneficial factor of better weather and more extensive marketing should be in play."

Calderone noted that per screen attendance was also

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Kremer new arts communications director

By J.P. Crumrine
Editor

Lydia Kremer is the new director of communications for Idyllwild Arts.

Appointed in December, Kremer has had a career spanning both marketing and public relations. Most recently in her 30-year career, she was the owner of Vortex Public Relations in Palm Springs. Her goal at Vortex was to bring people and ideas together.

Kremer is a longtime Palm Springs resident. Through her passion, she has worked with "Palm Springs Life" magazine, the Palms Springs Bureau of Tourism, Fashion Week El Paseo, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs International Film



Lydia Kremer, Idyllwild Arts' new communications director.

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Festival, Bighorn Institute, Palm Springs Follies, and the Eisenhower Medical Center.

In accepting this position, Kremer shifted from being self-employed for 11 years to being a member of the Idyllwild Arts staff, which is

a very exciting challenge for her.

"I've worked in arts and with nonprofit cultural events most of my career," she said. "Even accepting this position, I'm working in an environment in which I'm very comfortable."

As a Palm Springs resident, Kremer has visited Idyllwild often and now believes she has the best of both worlds. So dramatically different, she loves the opportunity to enjoy both. Not only will she work here, she will have a part-time residence here too.

Her goal will be to tell the school's whole story to the world, she said.

"I think Idyllwild Arts understated its own success," she stressed. "This is a private

excellent arts educational institution. Their [public] focus has been elsewhere and I intend to change that. I think it's a fabulous institution which the world needs to know."

Kremer's experience as a public relations and communications professional, will be a welcome addition to the Idyllwild Arts community. "We believe she will enhance our internal and external written communications and will function as a solid and thoughtful link with the community of Idyllwild in providing timely and appropriate information about the school," said Steve Fraider, executive director of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation and director of the summer program.

Farewell CinemaFest 2013, awaiting 2014

Editor's note: Throughout the 2013 Idyllwild CinemaFest, Nancy Borchers has provided daily commentary, which we have posted on our blog site. These are her final 2013 thoughts.

The Idyllwild CinemaFest 2013 is over and we had a great time. I got to see 45 films, which is 20 more than last year. The crew that

selected the films did a great job.

I only walked out of three: one because of gore, one because of over-the-top narcissism and one due to sheer amateurishness. That leaves 42 that were either wonderful or at least just OK. Several were so professional that I hope general release is in the offing soon.

The enthusiasm and hard

work of the festival crew and leaders were evident everywhere. Great job!!

I understand that next year the festival might be non-profit. I'm eager to find out what this will bring to our community. I suppose there will be some changes but if it is for the better, I'm all for it.

I really regret missing the awards ceremony. Last

year's was a lot of fun. And I understand this year's was too.

Sallie, Lou and Annamarie and I all agree that we are looking forward to next year's festival. If the festival keeps improving at the rate it as has for the last four years, the Idyllwild CinemaFest for 2014 will be spectacular.

I wonder when the tickets go on sale.

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GSOB

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County oaks, at levels never seen before.

Key GSOB scientists, Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone, representatives from CAL FIRE, U.S. Forest Service and the Hill's Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council spoke at the Saturday, Jan. 19, meeting about the threat to oak stands, potential costs to landowners of tree removal and affects on property values.

"We want to get the word out and help you help yourself protect your property," Bratcher said. He said the two new confirmed GSOB finds make it more likely GSOB infestation is not confined to a few Idyllwild trees.

In his opening remarks, Stone said, "We [the Board of Supervisors] are working on an ordinance that will make it more punitive for [transporting and selling] imported oak."

"Code Enforcement can't be here 24 hours, so we're asking you, the public, to tell roadside sellers it is unlawful. Get their license plate numbers and call my office. We must make sure this does not spread. There really is no cure other than trying to prevent its spread," Stone told attendees.

The full scale of devastation may not be seen until spring (beginning in March), Stone reminded people. He said he is committing all



Dr. Tom Scott, UCR, points out "D" shaped exit holes indicating GSOB infestation on the tree at Town Hall, one of two newly infected trees in Idyllwild.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

the resources of his office to this fight. "We all need to be involved to prevent the spread."

Lead GSOB scientist, Dr. Tom Coleman of the U.S. Forest Service, said surveys between Idyllwild and San Diego County have not detected any GSOB evidence. "It must have been brought in [to Idyllwild] by firewood," he said.

The Idyllwild Garden Club plans to install signs at the base of the Hill, advising against importation of oak to Hill parks and communities, said Toni Bertholette, club president.

Before GSOB was identified in California, oak mortality in the state was very low, according to Coleman. With the arrival of GSOB, oak infection and injury rates began to spike to 90 percent, with 45 percent mortality to date. Mortality

rates are likely to increase with time, said Coleman.

He told attendees GSOB is so deadly in California because, outside of its native habitat in eastern Arizona, there are no natural predators to hold it in check. California oaks, weakened by years of sustained drought, are particularly vulnerable to GSOB, Coleman added.

He also said altitude is no defense against GSOB, since the beetle survives well in eastern Arizona mountains and in San Diego County's 6,000-foot-plus elevation mountains.

Early detection of GSOB infection is key, stressed Coleman. "That's why we're having this meeting."

Although Coleman talked about possible efficacy of systemic insecticides and topical sprays to fight GSOB, none have been tested in the field in California. He also spoke about research into importation of a GSOB predator from Arizona (biological control), but the research into that is in the very early stages and actual importation is a long way off. Currently, removal of infected trees is the best option to prevent further spread.

Coleman said landowners with oak should monitor their trees closely for crown thinning, bark staining, D-shaped exit holes and extensive woodpecker foraging — all signs of tree injury from GSOB infestation.

Coleman explained that deciduous California black oaks are most threatened



It was standing room only at the Saturday, Jan. 19 Town Hall GSOB meeting.

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locally. At particular risk are large-diameter trees — 20 inches or more in diameter.

Each speaker advised attendees not to transport firewood, even within Hill neighborhoods.

Dr. Tom Scott, UC Riverside, said this is a community issue. "Treat it like a public health emergency, how to contain an outbreak," he advised. "We have never seen rates of oak mortality such as we have seen in San Diego County. Our [California oak] trees don't have much resistance. We have never found a tree that has successfully fought off GSOB. We desperately need to find all infected trees."

Scott and others noted oaks that have been debarked, cured for a year, tarped or screened (with window screening) for that period, generally pose no threat of spreading.

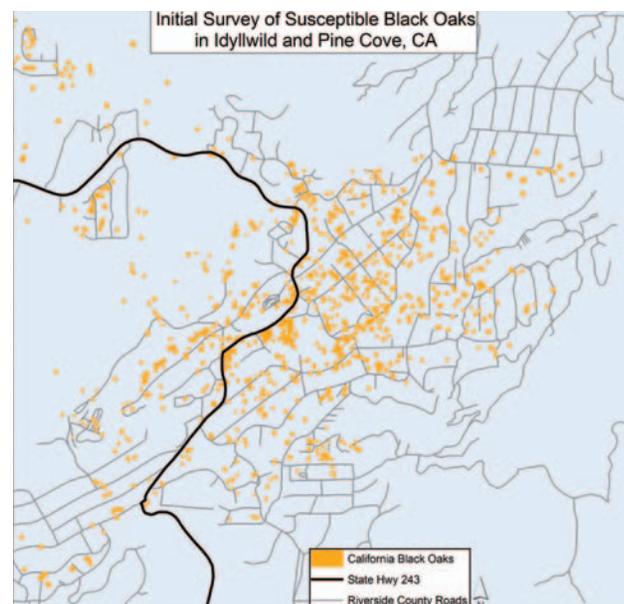
Fire Safe Council Executive Director Edwina Scott said her organization is launching an early warning effort to identify infected trees. "We're starting a pilot

We have one hope [to contain this outbreak] and that is each and every one of you."

By meeting's end, 18 Hill residents had signed up to be "citizen scientist" volunteers in the GSOB Early Warning System. Interested volunteers should call MCFSC at (951) 659-6208.

For more information on GSOB, visit www.gsob.org. To report possible GSOB infection, call (951) 827-2973 (Kevin Turner, UCR GSOB program manager) or the Idyllwild Nature Center GSOB hotline at (951) 659-3850.

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Map depicts location of Idyllwild's black oak population. Black oak are GSOB susceptible.

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up, except for beginning and end-of-day screening slots. "I'm thinking about shortening the [festival] day and adding one more to compensate," he said. That would lengthen the festival from five to six days. "I'd like to stay at 100 films for now. It's a comfortable number in serving filmmakers

and spreading out activity for the local businesses."

Calderone said a planned conversion to non-profit status would allow many more companies and organizations to support the festival. "I don't see being nonprofit affecting our film content. We have a nice indie film niche with growing connections and I expect that to continue." Calderone said he is hoping to fund an annual Native

American project, narrative or documentary. "We'll be approaching the local casinos about that."

International directors attended ICF 2013 from Iran and England, and U.S. directors came from as far as New York, Indiana, Wyo-

ming and Texas.

Comments from locals who attended centered on the overall strong quality of films screened at the festival.

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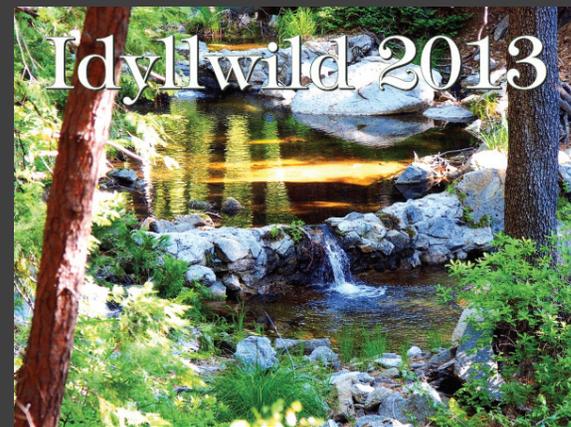
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Local business shuffle continues

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

January, traditionally a difficult post-holiday time for local businesses, brings several closings and one change of ownership. Closing, with no sale or change of ownership, is Creekside Postal. Also closed because of registration of only one child is Town Hall's preschool.

Current owners of Country Farms on Highway 243, Sandi and Jim Fulcher, have just purchased the ice cream

shop on North Circle. The Fulchers intend it to be a quick stop eat-in or take-out food establishment.

They will rename it Country Farms Quik Stop and plan to open in February with a different marketing intention, profile and menu. First, the long-standing ice cream shop will no longer have ice cream, only frozen yogurt and gelato. The Fulcher's plan to expand food service to include bagels, chili, soups, hamburgers, hot dogs, and

possibly salads.

"We'll also have our gourmet coffee and hot chocolate that we have at our main store available at the Quik Stop," Sandi said. "We plan to be open every day," Jim said, "with regular hours. We'll be customer-driven and finalize hours based on customer demand."

They noted they wanted to be open during hours that could serve the Rustic Theatre population. "We'd like locals to come in and eat a bite," Sandi said. The

Fulchers plan to be closely involved in managing both businesses and hope to make their newest location an attractive dining experience for locals.

"We're not just desert people [they have a home in Palm Desert] up here to buy a store," Jim said. They said they pride themselves on providing quality products and service to their customers.

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Sandi and Jim Fulcher, now owners of two Idyllwild businesses.

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Water sales down at FVWD

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The Fern Valley Water District board met with a minimum quorum and discussed topics including significantly lower water sales, cold-weather damage to

infrastructure, ongoing taste and odor problems with Tank 11 water, a pending comprehensive agreement with Idyllwild Fire Protection District and funding retiree health benefits.

It was a full plate of issues led by inquiries from

the board starting with why water sales had dropped so precipitously in both residential and multiple connections, down 22.7 percent from \$36,800 in the November and December 2011 billing period to \$28,500 in 2012. Water consumption dropped 17.7 percent in the same period from 5.5 million gallons to 4.5 million for the comparative two-month billing periods. General Manager Steve Erler posited that fewer part-timers were coming up. The 2012 billing period shows a continued decline in water consumption over the last 10 years.

Abnormally cold weather caused infrastructure damage, but mostly to customer pipes, Erler said. The district's responsibility is to

the street meter. Erler noted several broken meters and a frozen service line. "The freeze was deep," he said, "about a foot down."

Erler discussed an in-the-works-written agreement with Idyllwild Fire Protection District for hydrant testing and maintenance. Erler noted IFPD has agreed in principle to conduct all hydrant testing. The district would color-code hydrants based on capacity and pressure. Erler said a full agreement requires signoff by both the IFPD commission and his board.

Erler noted that tank 11, taken out of service more than nine times since it was recoated, continues to generate taste and odor complaints. Erler plans to get an arms-length report

from a disinterested third-party expert about the cause of the problem before pursuing further action.

Lastly, the district will begin funding retiree health benefits, which to date it has carried as a liability on its books. Board President Charlie Wix was adamant that the district must begin funding its obligation. Jessica Priefer, district office

manager, will obtain an actuarial quote to show current liability and the district will discuss at its February meeting what minimum level to begin funding. "We need to select a number and go with it," said Wix. The district funds its obligation through CalPERS.

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Pine Cove underground tank case to be closed

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The underground storage tank cleanup site at the Pine Cove Market was to have been closed by now.

In late October, the county Department of Environmental Health was to issue a notice requesting comments on its plan to close the case.

Unfortunately, the announcement was never posted properly and the process had to be restarted.

The county DEH plans to issue a case closure and no further action letter regarding the cleanup of petroleum at the site.

The DEH's case closure summary states, "The groundwater petroleum plume has been fully assessed and impacts are located in the immediate vicinity of [Monitoring Well] 1 and MW2 near the [underground storage tanks], and have not migrated off site ... Vapor and groundwater sampling show a major reduction of hydrocarbons in the soil and groundwater beneath the site. The estimated hydrocarbon mass remaining in the groundwater beneath the site is one pound."

After the 60-day comment period, if county DEH proceeds with its proposed action, all wells (monitoring, extraction, sparging, etc.) will be abandoned, all site improvements relating to the UST cleanup, and disposal of all waste materials (and containers) associated with this cleanup will be removed and the wells shall be destroyed.

A summary of the case closure proposal can be found on the Town Crier website at <http://idyllwildtowncrier.com/2013/01/22/pine-cove-underground-tank-case-to-be-closed/> or at the State Water Resources Control Board site: http://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/view_documents.asp?global_id=T0606500406&enforcement_id=6147170.

Written comments on the proposal should be sent to the Riverside County DEH by March 21, care of Linda Shurlow, County of Riverside Department of Environmental Health, 47950 Arabia St., Indio, CA 92201.

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Bee

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will also represent Idyllwild with runner up, eighth-grader Ben Cruz, who won a run off spelling "incredible." In the middle school division "canteen," "humility," "calendar," "recipient," and "garment," tripped up contestants.

Diane D'Arcy, former teacher, was at the helm once again this year, leading a team of teachers and community members that made things run smoothly.

Each division began with a practice round that allowed students to become familiar with how the Bee would run before the actual competition started.

Local musician Barnaby Finch announced the words for students in a common spelling bee format. He read aloud a word, a creative sentence using it in context, then repeated the word. Students could ask for the sentence or word again, or they could request a definition before responding.

Participants responded by stating the word before spelling, to ensure they had heard correctly, then repeated



Diane D'Arcy, left, was in charge of the spelling bee on Thursday afternoon. D'Arcy explains the rules to the students before they compete for their chance to represent Idyllwild School in the district spelling bee on Jan. 29.

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the word to signify they had finished. Students had 60 seconds from when they first said the word to complete spelling it. At the 30-second mark, Christy Tilley provided a silent warning, letting participants know their time remaining. Head Judge Karen Smith announced whether or not the spelling was correct.

Teresa Garcia-Lande can be reached at itc@towncrier.com.



Grace Davis stands to recite a word during the grades 6-8 spelling bee on Thursday afternoon.

At left, **Dilyn Selkirk**, left, was the finalist and will be representing Idyllwild School grades 6-8 in the district spelling bee on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the district office. **Ben Cruz**, right, will be the runner-up in the big competition.



The Idyllwild School Winter Concert was held in the music room on Thursday night. Young music students from the Intermediate Strings group performed 6 songs.



Director **Dwight "Buzz" Holmes** (right) conducts the Middle School Orchestra combining mixed strings and wind instruments on Thursday night's Idyllwild School Winter Concert. From left, **Danika Brown**, **Vinny Parillo**, **Matthew Hamlet**, **Sidney Cruz**, **Chance Vladika**, **Abby See** and **Autumn Detzel**.

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The Idyllwild School boys and girls basketball teams both beat San Jacinto Valley Academy on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Here the boys players, **Mika Hitchcock** (left), **Chance Vladika** (center) and **Ben Golding** travel up the court.

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After rocky start, Steele shines in La Quinta

By JACK CLARK
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Brendan Steele's superfan — André Pilon, who flew to the desert from Montreal with his equally superfan wife Pierrette Filion — says that Steele was consistently hitting pin-point irons during his practice rounds on Tuesday and Wednesday before the Humana Challenge in La Quinta last week. The Idyllwild native was high on his game then, too, stating that even Thursday morning on the practice tee everything was clicking.

But minutes later on the first tee of the first round, it somehow vanished.

Steele struggled through the first 27 holes on Thursday and Friday. He managed to be only even par at the turn on Friday. His fellow pros were shredding all three courses.

He pulled his Friday second nine together well enough to finish the second day two-under-par, thanks to sinking a 30-foot putt at La Quinta Country Club's 18th hole. This and the 45-footer, which he had canned at Palmer Private's 14th hole on Thursday, helped his score immensely.

But that only left him in 130th place, well below the projected cut line.

Fortunately, the cut comes after three days at Humana,

not the usual two, because the tournament is played on three different courses, with each player playing each course during the first three days. Still, it appeared that Steele would need a near-miracle round of 65 on Saturday just to get to the nine-under-par projected cut line by Saturday night.

During that third round, it became evident that even nine under par would not be good enough to make the cut for Sunday — ten under par would be needed.

So Steele had to shoot an eight-under-par round of 64 on Saturday, just to be able to play the next day.

By the halfway point on Saturday, Steele had accumulated four birdies against one bogey to pick up three strokes and stand at five-under-par for the tournament. He still needed five more birdies during Saturday's closing nine.

What developed was a wild, nerve-wracking ride for spectators. Steele parred the first hole of that final nine, then ripped off four consecutive birdies, followed by a bogey, then two more birdies — six birdies in seven holes — to make the cut on the number.

On Sunday, Steele finished with a fine five-under-par 67 to post a fifteen-under-par 72-70-64-67 — 273 for the tournament. He won \$12,432 in prize money and a dozen FedEx Cup points. He will go into this week's Farmer's Insurance Open coming off solid play on his 45 final holes at the Humana.

During a post-tournament interview, Steele said that he feels far more comfortable on the tour this year compared to 2011, his first year. But this year, just as that first year, he has the pressure of playing to gain playing privileges for next year.

It makes a huge difference, he said, that he knows the courses so much better, and it's even a big help knowing the non-golf issues such as airports, hotels, restaurants, and other facets of a playing professional's life on the road.

Steele also has a new caddie this year. Long-time British caddie Mick Doran (pronounced DORE-en) has looped for



Brendan Steele poses with two fans.

PHOTO BY JACK CLARK

several top PGA pros. Steele said Doran is a strong caddie who knows when his advice is needed and (when Steele is playing well) when to leave him alone.

In other news, Steele's fellow PGA Tour pros just recently elected him to the 16-person Player's Advisory Council for 2013. The PAC has input regarding various matters affecting the PGA touring pros.

One specific current issue is the implementation of the new rule that will ban so-called anchored putters in 2016. Steele himself currently plays with a belly putter (which is "anchored" to his abdomen).

He does not understand the logic of the USGA waiting well over a decade after players began winning some tournaments with such putters before deciding to ban them. Even though Steele does not personally favor the ban, he states that he will represent the will of the players as a whole while serving on the PAC.

Steele will tee it up this Thursday at the Farmers Insurance Open on the Torrey Pines course in La Jolla. His tee times for the first two days can be found at <http://www.pgatour.com>.



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SPORTS

Town Hall Adult Volleyball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on Town Hall Adult volleyball for the week of Jan. 14.

The week's games got started with a good one between the Idyllwild Garage and Idyllwild Inn. The game went back and forth as both teams played well throughout the match. Idyllwild Inn's **Jason Sonnier** played great.



Forest Lumber's **Michelle Adler** (center) takes to the net in Thursday night's victory over the Red Kettle.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

He hustled and dove all over the court as they took a two games to one lead. The Garage battled back behind **Art Torrez's** serving and sets for his teammates. They won the fourth game, forcing a fifth game to decide the match. The Inn took control early and won the game and the match (25-21, 14-25, 25-19, 22-25, and 15-9).

On Tuesday, Idyllwild Inn played a second game. Silver Pines Lodge was their next opponnet. Winning the first two games put Silver Pines in control of the match as **Lance Fogle** hit and served well. Idyllwild Inn won the third game behind **Paula Shirley's** nice setting. Silver Pines won the next game and the match (25-22, 25-23, 13-25, and 25-17).

On Wednesday, Idyllwild Chevron faced Forest Lumber. Chevron got going early as **Brennen Priefer** played great at the net and served well. Forest Lumber's **Michelle Adler** played great defense but it wasn't enough. Chevron won the match in three games (25-15, 25-21, and 25-19).

On Thursday, Jan. 17, Forest Lumber its second game of week against the Red Kettle. After the Red Kettle took the first game, the match stayed close. **Jeff Adams** for Forest Lumber and **Connie Chavez** for the Red Kettle each played and set well for their teammates. Forest Lumber won the key points and the match in four games (15-25, 25-21, 28-26, and 25-22).



Buddy Beagle of Forest Lumber spikes the ball toward **Connie Chavez** (center) of the Red Kettle.

Volleyball Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Silver Pines	7	0
Idyllwild Garage	4	2
Idyllwild Chevron	3	3
Forest Lumber	3	4
Idyllwild Inn	3	4
Red Kettle	0	7

SPORTS

Town Hall Youth Basketball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on youth basketball for both the College League (kindergarten through third-grade) and the Pro League (third- through sixth-grade) for the week of Jan. 14.

College League (Kindergarten through third-grade)

The College League (grades K-3) played two days this week.

The first game, Tuesday, Jan. 15, was between the Rotary Bears taking on the Bluebird Cottage Inn Jayhawks. The Jayhawks **Silas Tiso** played great defense and point guard helping his team to a 7-5 halftime lead. The Bears got hot in the second half as **Preston Pino** scored eight points to help the Bears come back and win 15-8.

Tuesday's second game had the Wooley's Wildcats facing the Gastrognome Broncos. **Geneva Dagnall** scored an early basket to give the Broncos a first quarter 6-2 lead. The Wildcats' **Briana Garcia** played great defense in the second quarter as the Wildcats took the lead and pulled away for a 22-11 win.

On Friday, the Wooley's Wildcats played the Bluebird Cottage Inn Jayhawks in a very close game. **Fiona McMullen** played great, scoring eight points for the Jayhawks. **Seth White** played outstanding defense harassing everyone with the ball. The Wildcats took the lead in the second quarter and won 17-14.

In Friday's second game, the Pacific Slope Tree Co. Bulldogs and the Gastrognome Broncos played a close game. The Broncos jumped out to an early lead by playing tough defense. **Daniel Najar** played great defense on the Bulldogs' post players. The Bulldogs got back into the game in the second quarter behind **Edgardo Rincon's** big steals. But the Broncos kept the lead and won 14-10.



The Lakers have a fast break against the Clippers Firday night.

PHOTOS BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Team

Team	Wins	Losses
Wooley's Wildcats	5	0
Idyllwild Rotary Bears	3	1
Gastronome Broncos	2	3
Pacific Slope Bulldogs	2	3
Blue Bird Inn Jayhawks	0	5

Pro League (Third- through sixth-grade)

The Pro Leagues also had two sets of games last week.

The first game, Monday night, Jan. 14, was between the Idyllwild Arts Clippers and the Town Crier Cavs. The entire game was a defensive battle. Both teams proved to be hard to score on. The Clippers took the lead in the third quarter as **Maggie McKimson** played great defense and grabbed a bunch of rebounds. **Christian Ramirez** played great for the Cavs, hustling on defense and scoring a first-half basket. The Clippers scored just enough and won 8-6.

Monday's second game was between the Fairway Market Lakers and the Suburban Heat. The Lakers got off to a hot start and a big first-quarter lead behind **Jadon Meskimen's** tough defense. Durnig the Heat's comeback, **Austin Gooch** played hard all game and scored a basket in the third quarter. The Lakers extended their lead in the fourth quarter and won 26-13.

The first Pro League game Friday night, Jan. 18, the Idyllwild Arts Clippers met the Fairway Market Lakers. The Clippers got a quick start moving the ball well to gain some great shots. **Pierce Pramuka** played good defense and scored a basket for the Clippers' early lead. The Lakers battled back and regained the lead in the second half. **Lilah Whitney** played scrappy defense and got some important rebounds as the Lakers pulled away late for a 24-16 win.

In Friday's second game, the Town Crier Cavs and the Suburban Heat played. The Cavs proved again to be

a tough team to score on as **Joseph Tiso** played great defense and the Cavs held a 6-2 lead at half-time. The Heat got some better looks at the basket in the third quarter as **Josh Gray** dished out

nice passes to help the Heat take the lead in the third quarter. The Heat played tough defense in the fourth quarter and won 9-8.

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties
Fairway Market Lakers	4	1	1
Idyllwild Arts Clippers	3	3	
Suburban Heat	2	3	1
Town Crier Cavs	2	4	

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The ball is within reach for the Clippers as the play The Lakers Friday night at Idyllwild School.



The Cavs and the Heat fight for the ball during Friday night's Heat win.

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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,

See Public notices, page 22

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might feel bolder as each new success falls into place. But caution is still advised through the end of the week. Until then, a step-by-step approach is best.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) That cooperation you request could come at too high a price. Since few can beat the Bovine at being clever and resourceful, why not see what you can do on your own?

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Aspects favor a quieter time spent getting closer to the people who are especially important to you. There's always much more to learn and appreciate about each other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The concerned Crab will act to resolve workplace misunderstandings before they get out of hand and cause more-serious problems. Co-workers rally to support your efforts.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What the Big Cat might see as a disturbing act of disloyalty might just be a failure of communication on both sides. Take time for mediation rather than confrontation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be more patient with those who seem unwilling to accept your version of what's right. The fact is, there's a lot more to learn on all sides of this issue.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It should be easier to assess the facts you'll need

to make an important decision. But don't commit if you still have doubts. There could be more you need to know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your excitement level remains high as you continue working on that new project. Expect some setbacks. But on the whole, all will move pretty much on schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It might be wise to be more prudent with expenses right now. But your financial situation should soon clear up, and you could be back shopping, happily as ever.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might prefer sticking with your current schedule. But some newly emerging information could persuade you to consider a change. Keep an open mind.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to reject a suggested change. But it could be wise to go with the flow, at least for a while. You can always return to your first plan if you like.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You're bolstered by both the practical and poetic sides of your nature as you maneuver through some unsettled emotional situations. Things ease up by week's end.

BORN THIS WEEK: People reach out to your generosity and wisdom, and consider you a trusted and treasured friend.

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Practice boxing
- 5 Has permission
- 8 Suspend
- 12 Mah-jongg piece
- 13 Yoko of music
- 14 By word of mouth
- 15 Surmounting
- 16 Kvetch
- 17 Shrek is one
- 18 Fancy French cake
- 20 Offer as an example
- 22 \$ dispenser
- 23 Comic DeLuise
- 24 Light bulb measure
- 27 Lengthwise and contiguous
- 32 Hearty quaff
- 33 "The Matrix" role
- 34 "There's - in team"
- 35 Huge
- 38 Norms (Abbr.)
- 39 GIs' entertainers
- 40 Work with
- 42 "The - of the Shrew"
- 45 Finicky cat in TV ads
- 49 Eye layer
- 50 Gorilla
- 52 Facility
- 53 German city
- 54 PC linking system
- 55 Cleo's river

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- 1 Unescorted
- 2 Pocket bread
- 3 Greatly
- 4 Echo
- 5 Memorial building
- 6 Literary collection
- 7 Quiet exercise
- 8 Jinx
- 9 Fight
- 10 DEA worker
- 11 Jane Lynch's show
- 19 What @ means
- 21 Banned pesticide
- 24 Humorist
- 25 - Baba Book" suffix
- 26 Enveloping membrane
- 28 Verdi's "giardin del bello"
- 29 Paper
- 30 Affirmative action?
- 31 Insult (Sl.)
- 36 Easterners
- 37 "Smoking or -?"
- 38 Tranquil
- 41 Therefore
- 42 Big brass
- 43 Shakespeare's river
- 44 Strong wind
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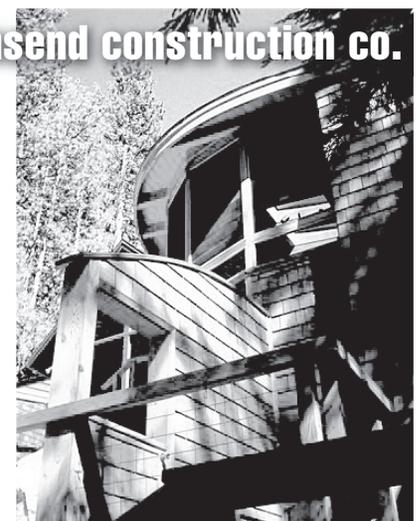
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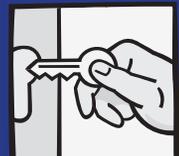
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Pub. TC: Jan. 10, 17, 24, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as TRIUNE HOME INSPECTION SERVICES, 32600 Hwy 74 #67, Hemet, CA 92545, Riverside County, DOUGLAS CALVIN ZEISSLER, 32600 Hwy 74 #67, Hemet, CA 92545.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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

Signed:
 DOUGLAS ZEISSLER
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 15, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-00480
 NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 15, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 15, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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

LARRY W. WARD,
 County Clerk
 By: C. Teran, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as SAFE ARMS TRAINING INSTITUTE, BLASTINGCAMP.COM, KINETIC REACTIVE TARGET SYSTEMS, 54380 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 517, Idyllwild, CA 92549. RALPH CONRAD HOETGER III, 54380 South Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, and BENJAMIN LEE BLOOM, 54025 Strawberry Valley Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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Signed:
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FILE NO.: R-2013-00555
 NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 16, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 16, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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 County Clerk
 By: L. Sibley, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person IS doing business as TRANQUILITY VINEYARDS & WINERY, 42191 Little Lake Road, Hemet, CA 92544, Riverside County. Mailing address: 26637 Soboba St., Hemet, CA 92544. WILLIAM FRANCIS SHINKLE, 26637 Soboba St., Hemet, CA 92544.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Jan. 17, 2013.

Signed:
 BILL SHINKLE
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 17, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-00630
 NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 17, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 17, 2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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 By: M. Llaneras, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 24, 31, Feb. 7, 14, 2013.

LEGAL NOTICE STRAWBERRY AND WEST RIDGE FUELBREAK MAINTENANCE PROJECTS USDA FOREST SERVICE SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE

SAN JACINTO RANGER DISTRICT
 The San Jacinto Ranger District, San Bernardino National Forest proposes to maintain the Strawberry and West Ridge fuelbreaks. This action would reduce fuel loading on approximately 166 acres of National Forest System lands, and 7.4 acres of Private Lands under easement to the Forest Service for fuelbreak purposes, around the communities of Idyllwild and Pine Cove, California. Vegetation would be treated through a combination of mastication, hand cutting, and pile burning during winter months. Trees would be limbed and pruned. Implementation would continue for the next ten years.

A complete description of the proposed action and maps can be found at the project website: http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/project_list.php?forest=110512.

This comment period is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this proposal an opportunity to make their concerns known

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CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Rachel and Dillon have found their forever homes. They are two of the four Christmas puppies at ARF. They will both grow up here in Idyllwild in the best of forever homes. Paws up to you.



And then there were two — that leaves **Noah** and **Olivia**. About 12 to 13 weeks old now, and full of puppy kisses and fun, they are in puppy school to learn not to jump, and are already paper-trained. No teaching needed for the love they will give you over all the years. These babies are forever in your life and your heart.



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Oreo is our black Chihuahua-Boston terrier mix. He is young and loves to twirl and dance when he knows you and when the food bowl arrives. He loves the sun, as you see. And he loves spending time with **Mama Sandy**, our Chihuahua. Sandy has raised her children, is getting her girly figure back, and always has a toy in her mouth when she greets you at the door. Both are good with other canines, a bit inquisitive about the feline world, and a bit shy with humans at first.



Momma Sandy has raised her kittens and actually is young enough to like to play. She is content to snuggle down in her warm bed, and absolutely loves to play in the water. She most likely has a bit of Bengal in her, but mostly is made of purring cat love. Good with all other felines, not so great with the canine world.

ARF has many cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Go to www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com and click on Petfinder. All pets are spayed, neutered, and current on shots. ARF is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays. Call (951) 659-1122 or email info@idyllwildarf.org for appointment on any other day.

Creature corner is sponsored this week in memory of Barb's Toby-Dog. To sponsor the column, call Shane Fender at the Town Crier, 659-2145.

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PAST TENSE

65 years ago - 1948

Idyllwild's barber Bert Playle moved away, leaving local men mourning. There were still three beauty operators to take care of the ladies' hair.

55 years ago - 1958

Despite property owner protests, county supervisors approved plans for a Girl Scout Camp near Saunders Meadow.

50 years ago - 1963

Lou Adams assumed presidency of the Chamber of Commerce and announced she intended to run the organization "like a business."

45 years ago - 1968

The Riverside County Planning Commission placed Idyllwild's population at 2,536. In 1950, the population of Idyllwild, Pine Cove and Mountain Center was less than 500.

40 years ago - 1973

The Idyllwild Property Owners Association asked the three local water dis-



Sled dog races were held at the top of the Palm Springs Aerial Tram in January 1973.

FILE PHOTO

tricts to request a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) feasibility study regarding consolidation of the districts.

35 years ago - 1978

Trustees of the Hemet Unified School District refused to allow a smoking section for students at Hemet High School.

30 years ago - 1983

The Hemet Valley Ambulance Service Inc. estab-

lished a satellite station at the Mt. San Jacinto Center of the California Conservation Corps in Garner Valley, serving residents of Garner Valley, Anza and Pinyon.

25 years ago - 1988

Visitors and residents took advantage of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday by enjoying the winter wonderland created when 12 inches of snow fell in town.

15 years ago - 1998

Vandals tore down the letters above Fairway Market and knocked down the soda machine in front of Forest Lumber in an attempt to break it open.

10 years ago - 2003

Free English classes were started in Idyllwild. They continue to this day twice a week at Idyllwild School.

5 years ago - 2008

The U.S. Forest Service spearheaded an effort to help the Lake Hemet bald eagles in their annual nest construction. A platform, made from redwood pieces and available pine branches, was constructed for the eagle parents to use for a more durable nest.

1 year ago - 2012

The annual spelling bee at Idyllwild school saw fierce competition. The winners, Shelby Read, Maggie McKimson, Adrian Hernandez and Nick Anderson, were to represent Idyllwild in the Hemet School District Spelling Bee.



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Jennifer Gee, James Reserve director at Lake Fulmor, gave a talk at the Nature Center on local wildlife on Thursday evening. She was the second of the ICRC 2012-13 Speakers Series.

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The Art Alliance of Idyllwild presents a check to the smARTS program at Idyllwild School on Friday morning. Each year AAI donates money from the Art Walk & Wine Tasting fundraiser to benefit the smARTS program. From left: **Joann Tomsche** smARTS; **Gary Kuscher**, AAI president; **Reba Coulter**, AAI treasurer; **Cheri Mack** (smARTS), **Colin Smith**, smARTS artist; **Dianne Suechika**, smARTS; **Marin Campbell**, smARTS, with daughter, **Ember**; and **Mallory Cremin**, smARTS.

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Legals

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prior to a decision being made by the Responsible Official. Those who provide comments or otherwise express interest in the proposal by the close of the comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 36 CFR, part 215 regulations.

Written, Facsimile, hand-delivered, oral, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days beginning on the date of publication in the newspaper of record: the Idyllwild Town Crier. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period. The preference for receiving comments is by email. Please send comments to: comments-pacificsouthwest-san-bernardino-san-jacinto@fs.fed.us with the words "Fuelbreak Maintenance NEPA" in the subject line. Please specify which fuelbreak(s) your comment(s) apply to. If you are unable to send comments electronically, you may send them to the following address: Fuelbreak Maintenance NEPA, Attn: Ed Wieringa, San Jacinto Ranger District, P.O. Box 518, Idyllwild CA 92549.

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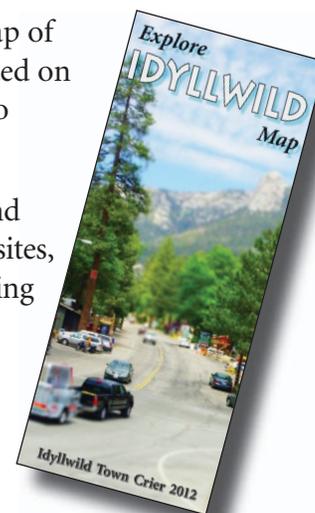
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