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*The Silver Sabertooths and the Lions took to the field Monday afternoon, despite the cold weather. The young players bundled up in warm clothes under their jerseys to get through the game. From left, **Leath Daley, Manuel Guzman and Ashtyn Ortiz Gaceta.***

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Idyllwild's nature girl Shelley Kibby retiring

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Shelley Kibby will retire from the Idyllwild Nature Center this Thursday after 13 years as its interpreter. Kibby came to the Nature Center in 2000 after working for a historic park in Banning, the Gilman Ranch. When the interpreter position became available at the Nature Center, Peggy Parker, an Idyllwild resident (and a big supporter of Kibby) told Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space General Manager Paul Franzen that Kibby was the person for the job. Kibby was hired with the caveat that she would handle both parks.

And so it went until 2008 when Franzen retired. "Paul asked me what he could do for me since I had done so much for him," Kibby explained. "I asked him if he would make me full-time [at the Nature Center] and he did. I got to be full-time from 2008 to 2011."

Kibby explained her position: "A park interpreter takes their natural surroundings, whatever it is — the forest, the culture, the history, the natural landscape — and they interpret it so you can understand it. We help you connect to what's out here."

One of Kibby's favorite programs was learning about the Cahuilla people. "The first people I met doing this job was Alvino Silva and Katherine Siva Saubel who

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Rainfall higher than normal

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Rainfall in a high fire-hazard area is precious. Since July 1, the beginning of the 2013-14 rain year, Idyllwild (at the Keenwild Fire Station in Mountain Center) has received about 5.2 inches of rain — 50 percent greater than normal through October. Pine Cove has received about 4.8 inches of rain and 2 inches of snow, according to amateur weather recorder George Tate.

Is this bountiful precipitation a harbinger of a weather year such as 2005, when 41 inches fell — nearly 60 percent greater than normal? Or will we slip into continuing dryness?

"As a statewide average in 2013, California has experienced the driest year on record in 119 years' worth of data collection," according to the Southern California Geographic Coordination Center's "November 2013 Seasonal Outlook." In early September, the State Department of Water Resources advised Californians that 2014 might be another dry year.

"Water year 2013 ... began with above-average precipitation but then turned dry. ... If 2014 is dry, its impacts are expected to be more widely felt due to reduced carry-over storage statewide," according to a Sept. 5 DWR press release.

State reservoirs are well below normal and desired levels. The National Weather Service's recently released November outlook forecasts the persistence of drought conditions throughout the state. Longer term, through January, NWS does not foresee the drought conditions relenting.

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Local target of Medicare scam

BY JAY PENTRACK
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Long-time resident and local businesswoman Marge Muir received a call last Wednesday morning informing her that in accordance with the Affordable Care Act she would be receiving a new Medicare card. The caller wanted to confirm some information first. "He asked to confirm my address; the one he recited was not correct. Next he asked if I still banked with [name omitted] and said he needed it for research purposes. I said I did not bank with them. He was talking very fast and then asked me to read the string of numbers along the bottom of my check," Muir said. "I immediately hung up the phone."

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Suicide following CHP stop

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

A California Highway Patrol officer attempted a traffic-related enforcement stop on the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 3, in the unincorporated community of Anza. The driver, described as a 43-year-old Caucasian male, fled to a residence on Red Shank Road.

At 4:17 p.m. Riverside County Sheriff's Department received a call from the CHP requesting assistance at the Red Shank residence where the suspect closed and locked gates preventing CHP entry. Despite numerous commands to the driver to walk out of the locked gate the driver refused to follow the commands.

On entry to the property, deputies and CHP officers entered the residence and discovered the driver unresponsive with an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. A death investigation was initiated with the assistance of the CHP. The man's name has not been released.

Anyone with information is asked to call Investigator Burden at the Hemet Sheriff's Station at 951-791-3419. Jay Pentrack can be reached at jay@towncrier.com.

Business owners cautioned on phony fire inspectors

Riverside County Fire Department cautions business owners to be mindful of phony fire inspectors who have targeted businesses within the county. According to Riverside County Fire Marshall James Frater, his office is aware of about five instances of this occurring.

During these challenging economic times, predators posing as "fire inspectors" take advantage and prey upon unsuspecting business owners. Fire departments in California are indicating an increase of both individuals and fire protection companies posing in "official-looking" clothing and performing questionable "inspections" in local businesses.

These individuals will typically enter businesses suggesting they represent the fire department and request to look at or inspect their fire protection systems. Once granted access by the business owner and the "inspection" is completed, the owner is left with an invoice to pay for their "inspection."

"I'm not aware of any incidents in Idyllwild," said Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz.

Frater encourages business people to ask for credentials, especially badges, when someone enters and asks to inspect.

Uniformed Riverside County Fire Department personnel inspect businesses. Proprietors and other key employees should refrain from permitting anyone to inspect fire sprinkler systems, fire extinguishers, kitchenhood fire extinguishing systems, fire alarm systems or any other fire protection devices unless contractual agreements are in place and specific services or inspections have been requested by the business.

The county strongly urges business owners to consider the following prior to securing fire protection system services:

- Is the technician clearly identifiable; including a business card? Refrain from allowing anyone to enter the business or grant access to the fire protection system if unsure.
- Request to view the company's current business license permit, a contractor's C-16 (fire sprinkler/fixed protection systems) or C-10 (fire alarms) license. Also check the validity of their license by logging on to <http://cslb.ca.gov>.
- Never pay for services in cash. Make sure to obtain an estimate for any required services. Keep copies of all invoices and pay documents.
- Insist on keeping all replaced or changed parts and a signed invoice.

If in doubt, a business has the right to refuse service in order to verify the legitimacy of the "inspection services." Idyllwild businesses should call Idyllwild Fire Station at 951-659-2153, Reitz said.

If needed, call the Riverside County Fire Department Fire Protection Planning for assistance to verify legitimacy and qualifications of a fire inspector who comes to a business. Formore information, or to report a possible phony inspector, call 951-955-4777.

NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Tuesday, Oct. 29, to Monday, Nov. 4:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

- Oct. 29 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- Oct. 30 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- Oct. 31 — Medical aids,

Idyllwild.

Nov. 1 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.

Nov. 2 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.

Nov. 2 — Medical aid, Pine Cove.

Nov. 3 — Medical aids, Idyllwild.

Sheriff's log

Log unavailable.



A turkey vulture came a-callin' at the Ainsworth's Garner Valley home recently.

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Idyllwild Weather

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74/35 Sunny	69/35 Sunny	67/34 Sunny	64/33 Sunny	62/30 Sunny

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year				
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S	
10-29	na	na			75	46			
10-30	na	na			75	45			
10-31	na	na			75	40			
11-1	73	36			66	37			
11-2	72	36			na	na			
11-3	na	na			na	na			
11-4	na	na			na	na			

Moisture in inches					Snow in inches				
To date this season (Idy):	4.59				To date this season (Idy):	0.00			
To date last season (Idy):	2.64				To date last season (Idy):	0.00			
Total last season (Idy):	14.02				Total last season (Idy):	42.8			
To date this season (PC):	4.81				To date this season (PC):	2.00			
Total last season (PC):	19.94				Total last season (PC):	44.75			

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

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

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Idyllwild HELP Center Services Administrator **Colleen Meyer** and her kids, **Peyton**, 11, **Brynnley**, 4, and **Caden**, 2, set up Angel Christmas Trees at BBVA Compass Bank and in the back of the Idyllwild Library by the fireplace Monday morning. These trees have tags with presents or items that children are looking for that their families might not be able to afford this holiday season. Anyone in the community can take one of the tags and purchase the item at a store, returning the present with the tag to the Idyllwild HELP Center. This act of kindness may make that one child's holiday season a bright one.

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HELP Center Health Fair a success

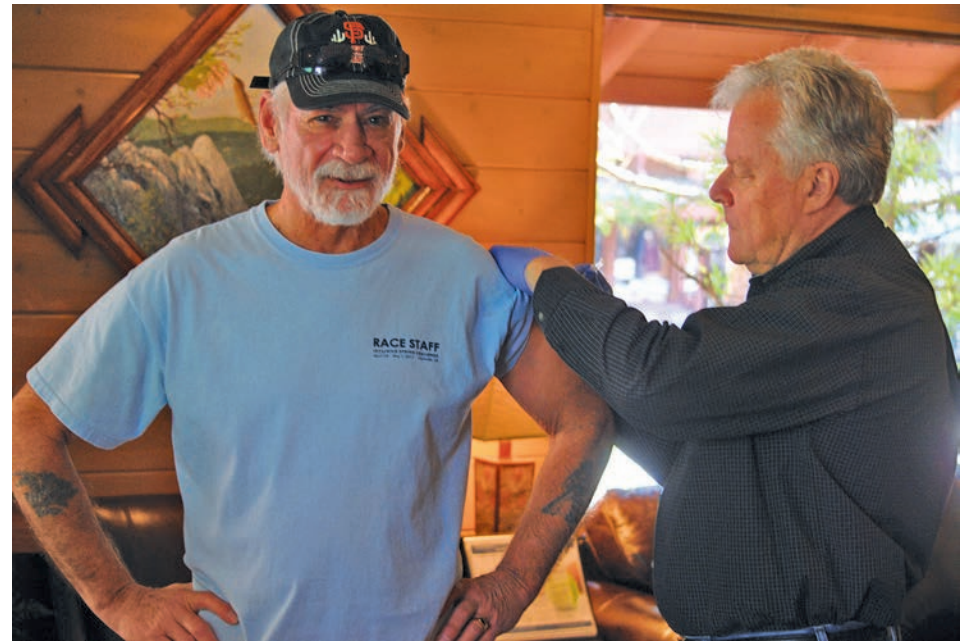
By JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

The Idyllwild Health Fair held Saturday at the Fern Creek Medical Center presented by the Idyllwild HELP Center and Dr. Ken Browning was a success, according to Dr. Richard Goldberg who has been involved with the Health Fair since its inception in 2009.

"We gave 108 flu vaccinations of the 150 provided by the county," Goldberg said. "There were several cases with previously undiagnosed high blood pressure handled as well."

And while the number of flu vaccinations given was the most they have ever administered, Goldberg would like to give all of the vaccinations provided by the county.

"Next year we will try to put it [the Health Fair] out more aggressively," he



Bob Edwards bravely receives his annual flu shot from **Dr. Kenneth Browning** of Fern Creek Medical Center at the Health Fair Saturday. More than 100 vaccines were administered during the fair's three hours. The Idyllwild HELP Center and Dr. Browning jointly sponsored the Health Fair.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

said.

The services offered at the Health Fair, in addition to flu vaccinations, includ-

ed a variety of screenings, nutritional counseling and Medicare counseling.

"People seemed to be

grateful," Goldberg said.

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Recreation fee changes considered

The U.S. Forest Service seeks public comments on proposed changes to Recreation Fee Areas on the Cleveland National Forest. The forest is proposing to eliminate or substantially reduce the size of fee areas in Corral Canyon, Holy Jim, Mt. Laguna, Ortega, Tenaja and Wildomar.

These proposed changes result in more than 30,000 acres becoming free to the public. Comments should

be submitted by Jan. 3, 2014.

The proposed changes will be presented to a citizen's advisory committee, called the California Recreation Resource Advisory Committee (R-RAC). Committee members represent a broad array of recreation interest groups. The public is welcome to attend and comment at all R-RAC meetings.

More information about

the R-RAC can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/main/r5/recreation/racs.

If adopted, the fees could be implemented in the winter of 2014.

For more information, contact Jacob Rodriguez

at 951-736-1811 or at jfrodriguez@fs.fed.us. Submit comments to Cleveland National Forest, Trabuco Ranger District, 1147 East Sixth Street, Corona, CA 92879 or by email at jfrodriguez@fs.fed.us.

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On Saturday, Oct. 26, Idyllwild's **Emma Klingaman** finished eighth in the Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals cross-country meet, in very muddy conditions. The day before, she raced the Division 1 short track in miserable conditions — 15 degrees F and snowing — and finished 10th. Emma is a freshman at Lees-McRae College in North Carolina.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL MORTON

Salter misses national but sets sights on Olympics

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Idyllwild's Lauren Salter didn't earn a spot on the 2013-14 National Women's Skeleton team, but she has only been a skeleton racer for three seasons and still has her sights on the 2018 Olympics to be held in Korea.

"We just concluded our team selections, so it was an extremely busy couple of weeks," Salter wrote in an email. "Unfortunately, I didn't perform well enough to be named to a tour, but

I've been in this situation before so it's not as devastating."

This is just one interruption in her quest to become an Olympian. In the spring of 2010, Salter graduated from Northern Arizona University and by fall she began her journey to go to the Olympics, representing her country in the skeleton.

While many people recognize the luge or bobsled, the skeleton team is less well-known. Although similarities exist among the three downhill ice races, such as speeds exceeding 70

to 80 mph, the luge is feet first. Skeleton sliders lead with their heads and faces. Salter has actually felt the ice shavings coming off the sled's runners. Another difference is the skeleton is an individual sport, while the bobsled is either a two-or four-person team race.

Four of the five women who made the national team have all been competing since 2004. Experience is an important attribute and Salter intends to gain more.

"My plan is to spend this season sliding mainly in

Park City and Lake Placid, with a week in Calgary and possibly some time in Whistler," she stated. "I'll be purchasing a new sled within the year, so much of this time is going to be spent testing different sleds and talking to those few folk who build them.

"I'm excited to gain more experience on these tracks here in North America, and I am excited to make changes to my equipment and training," she said proudly.

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Property tax seminar in desert

Riverside County Fourth District Supervisor John Benoit invites property owners to a free seminar on property taxes at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Palm Desert Library, 73-300 Fred Waring Dr.

Taxpayers will be given an over-

view of the property tax process and answers to questions.

Benoit, Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder Larry Ward, Treasurer-Tax Collector Don Kent and Auditor-Controller Paul Angulo, the elected officials who administer

Riverside County's property tax system, will be present.

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- How to disagree with an appraised property value.

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Nobody got this one during the past two weeks, so there are lots of clues in this week's photo, which is worth six tickets to the Rustic Theatre.

PHOTO BY JACK CLARK

BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE

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

Open to all ages. It doesn't matter how you submit your entry, as long as it's in writing, delivered by noon Monday (or Tuesday if the Town Crier office is not open Monday) to the Town Crier, attn: Jack, and you convince the judge that you found the exact spot. Just saying something like, "The wall around _____ restaurant" is not enough. You must describe the actual spot by pacing off or some other specific description.

Taking your own photograph of the spot would be ideal, but is not necessary to win as long as you persuade the judge that you have found the exact spot depicted in the contest photo. The decision of the judge is final. If there is no winner, clues will be given and the weekly prizes will accumulate. This is not a race. If there is more than one person with a correct answer, a drawing will determine the winner, so keep your answer to yourself. Check out this week's new photo.

Supes may extend time to keep emails

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

In times when many feel that government is becoming darker and less transparent, the Riverside County supervisors plan to take a step in the openness direction.

The county's policy on electronic media (A-50) requires that all emails — either sent or received — shall be deleted after 45 days. There is no exception.

However, at the Tuesday, Oct. 29 session, Supervisors Kevin Jeffries (First District) and Jeff Stone (Third District) asked their colleagues to double the retention period to 90 days.

"The current policy results in the deletion of many records that can be useful in the conduct of business and more importantly, can impede the ability of a constituent to receive relevant information from an otherwise timely Public Records Act request," they wrote in their memorandum to the board.

"Telling a constituent that all records relating to a meeting held less than two months ago have already been deleted fuels suspicion and can make it difficult for staff to produce evidence that might otherwise prove their compliance with regards to alleged violations of policies or statutes," they argued.

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Fourth-graders **Matilda Terry** (left) and **Dylan Stewart** are Students of the Week. Teacher **Thomas Dillon** picked Matilda because her written work is filled with excellent examples and detail. Her essay on the Miwok tribe was terrific, he said. She has done great math work as well. Dylan has been a very productive and responsible student. He did great research on the recent Night at the Museum unit and has excelled at math problem-solving.

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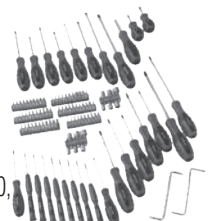
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OUT LOUD

Public corruption ...



Amongst the Halloween photos, columns and big news stories in this issue is

a small article you may have missed and I don't want you to.

Read the little page 5 story J.P. Crumrine wrote and this is why it's significant.

Right now, as I write this column, the Inland Regional Joint Corruption Task Force is holding a press conference on the largest underground bribery case in history involving former Moreno Valley Councilman Marcelo Co, who has pleaded guilty to taking \$2.36 million — trading confidential information to fund his personal bank account.

The FBI, the lead agency, and both San Bernardino and Riverside district attorney offices, as members of the task force, have been involved in several public corruption investigations. "This task force utilizes both local and federal laws to root out corruption within government entities and prosecute offenders," as stated on the Riverside DA website.

With the corruption we've seen in recent times in San Jacinto, San Bernardino and now Moreno Valley, it is particularly relevant to see two Riverside County supervisors treating their constituency as fellow citizens and urging more transparency of their public actions.

Also, a judge in Los Angeles recently declared a serial meeting had occurred with the City of Malibu involving email exchanges that evolved into reaching decisions hidden from the public — a direct violation of the Brown Act.

And so, with so much secrecy among local governments close to home, it is refreshing to see at least two members of a governmental body take an opposite approach and actually embrace their roles to serve without disrespect, greed and arrogance guiding that decision.

In a position of power, government officials hold great influence in the jurisdictions they serve; but they must not single out to serve those who can satisfy personal gains. Not in a public office; not on our tax dimes.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

Real weapons spoil Halloween

EDITOR:

I've been a volunteer member of the Mountain Community Patrol for many years. On Thursday, Oct. 31 at the Halloween parade I observed two persons.

The first one had a real ax over his shoulder. I went up to him and touched the ax; it was real. I spoke to him and asked him to be very careful — there were many babies and small children around and accidents do happen.

The second person had a rifle on his arm. It looked real to me. These two people were adults, not children, and my reason for writing this letter.

Unfortunately, we are forced to be extra careful and alert when there are large crowds gathering. Last week a 12-year-old and a 14-year-old killed their teachers. On Nov. 1, a 23-year-old opened fire at LAX International Airport at the screeners.

We all should have a feeling of responsibility and respect for each other. Brandishing real weapons is not necessary for a costume.

Idyllwild is a wonderful and spiritual place. Let's keep it that way.

I love you, America. You've been very good to me.

GISELA M. STEARNS
IDYLLWILD

Editor's note: As part of the Common Core standards being taught at Idyllwild School, teacher George Campaniott had his eighth-grade students write letters to the editor. Over the next few weeks, Town Crier will print a few of these.

Events needed for local youth

EDITOR:

As an Idyllwild juvenile, I've noticed a lack of youth programs in the community. My eighth-grade class and I devised a survey to assess youth needs, and the people surveyed agree there are not enough youth activities in the community.

There have been efforts to solve this issue. For example,

a community center will be constructed in a few years.

According to Dave Butterfield, the center will be "a place for kids to call their own." This is a significant advancement, but until then, Idyllwild needs enthralling activities for adolescents. Clearly, our community needs more youth projects.

Idyllwild Middle School eighth-graders noticed a lack of community youth activities and created a survey to assess youth needs. First, the survey revealed the majority of the youth community wanted a festival in the community park. The festival would take place on a Saturday and be paid for by fundraising.

Second, 83 percent of people surveyed agreed there are not enough community youth activities.

Third, 48 percent of youth and adults thought sports would be the best youth program while 36 percent disagreed and thought art the best. Eight percent said technology would appeal to most and another 8 percent said a different program would entice youth more.

Fourth, when asked about arts programs, 34 percent of survey takers wanted a drama art program; 28 percent contradicted this and wanted a visual art program; 30 percent wanted a musical program; and 8 percent wanted a different program.

Finally, 17 out of 18 (or 94 percent) of people agreed that youth need to volunteer in the community more. In conclusion, according to the survey results, Idyllwild youth should volunteer more, participate in a drama program and create an art program.

I believe Idyllwild is in pressing need of captivating, invigorating and compelling youth programs for three main reasons. First, the school lacks appealing activities as there are no technology classes, smARTs is not offered to middle-school students and only six sports are provided.

Second, indolent youth can turn to drug use, violence and crime. Third, recreation would not only benefit the youth, a youth program would be an advantage to the community by bringing in more tourists,

which means more consumerism and employment opportunities.

The program, according to the data survey, would be a festival in the community park. Idyllwild needs to come up with youth recreation events to surpass its contemporaneous condition.

CARMEN PRATT
IDYLLWILD MIDDLE
SCHOOL

Teen center needs youth activities

EDITOR:

Idyllwild lacks recreational activities for youth to participate in. I think that 13- to 17-year-olds have nothing to do in town. The eighth-grade class of Idyllwild School made a survey to give to the community to find out what the youth needs are. In the Town Crier newspaper from Sept. 18, 2013, there was an article about the new recreational center being built. "Phase 2 is the recreational center, essentially a gymnasium available for sports and indoor events such as concerts."

Our survey has many questions that had to do with the lack of sports events and community facilities available to young people.

The eighth-grade class survey was given to community members of all ages to assess the needs of the youth in Idyllwild. Overall, about 130 surveys were given out.

One example of a question on our survey is, "What

days of the week would be best for participating in youth activities?" Eighty percent of people said Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. More than 50 percent of people said that visual art programs for youth are lacking in the community. Seventy-five percent of people in Idyllwild said they sometimes attend youth activities in Idyllwild.

Ten out of 11 people think that the youth should volunteer in the community. I have learned that a majority of people would participate in more youth activities in the Idyllwild community and that more youth volunteerism is wanted.

Youth are lacking things to do in Idyllwild. Our survey questions addressed this problem in the community. The new community center is the perfect solution to our program. The Idyllwild Community Fund Youth Grant Makers could possibly accept grant proposals to help organize activities for youth that could be held in the new community center.

Without things to do at the new community center, I think it will be kind of pointless to have it. Making youth aware of the new center's activities will help get them involved in the community. I really think that the community center is going to be the perfect place for teens to hang out, but without fun things to do, the teens won't go.

EVAN BILEY
IDYLLWILD MIDDLE
SCHOOL

How to get a letter published

The Town Crier welcomes letters reflecting all opinions. Letters should be concise and to the point. They should be no longer than 400 words. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and in upper/lower case (not in all caps).

Letters must be signed (unless e-mailed) and must be identified with the writer's name, address and weekday phone number.

Deadline is 10 a.m. Monday.

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Veterans Day at Post 800

By JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

As is the tradition since World War I in 1918, the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year, veterans and observers across the U.S. will celebrate Veterans Day.

At 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, Idyllwild's American Legion Post 800 observes the event with speaker Rob Almanza followed by a complimentary lunch served by the Women's Auxiliary.

Almanza attends military events and distributes a commemorative coin (about the size of a 50-cent piece) to veteran. The coin has "USA" in the center and "Thank you for your service" around the circumference.

And while Almanza could not serve in the military, he is the son of a very strong military family. His father served in World War II in Europe and is buried at the Riverside National Cemetery.

The Honor Guard will demonstrate the folding of the flag and explain what each of the folds mean. The American Legion website explains that "the flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded."

The ceremony lasts about an hour.

The entire community is invited to attend. The American Legion Post 800 is located at 54360 Marion View Dr. For more information, call 951-659-3517.

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

Holiday closings

Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Monday, Nov. 11, to observe Veterans Day:

- Area post offices
- Idyllwild Water District
- BBVA Compass Bank
- Pine Cove Water District
- Hemet Unified School District
- Riverside County offices
- Idyllwild Library
- U.S. Forest Service

These will be open:

- Fern Creek Medical Center
- Idyllwild Pharmacy
- Fern Valley Water District
- Idyllwild Town Crier & Visitors Center
- Idyllwild Health Center
- Idyllwild Transfer Station

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Remembering Allan Morphett

A few months ago, Allan Morphett passed away — quite unexpectedly, in fact. Most of us who knew him were shocked when we first heard the news. Since his death, for one reason or another, there has been little in the way of commemorating his life, let alone acknowledging his many contributions to our community. There was no obituary, no funeral, not even a celebration of his life.

It's probably too late for any of that but Allan deserves better and our community is a better community than that. As we often say, we're all in this together and none of us escape alive.

Like many of us, Allan Morphett was a very complicated person and like most of us he had a good side and what some would consider a bad side. But Allan was a person who, more so than most of us, gave freely of his time and energy when it came to things he believed in.

Those of us who have lived here for a while can

remember when there was a big push to consolidate our three water districts and may also remember that Allan and his wife Maggie were right in the middle of it.

They probably made a few friends with people who shared their point of view and made a few enemies with some who did not agree with what they were trying to accomplish. But making a few enemies didn't seem to bother either of them very much. What they cared about was bringing about the change they believed was best for our community.

As we know, Allan served as president of the Idyllwild Water District Board of Directors for many years, having been re-elected year after year, and was still active at the time of his death. Doing so was not only a big responsibility, it consumed a considerable amount of his time and attention and those of us who live in the district owe him a debt of gratitude.

I knew Allan primarily because we were both members of the local Rotary Club. Not long after I joined the club in 2002, Allan was elected club president

and true to form, set out to make a difference. And without a doubt he succeeded. At some point Allan had decided the Town Hall kitchen needed a complete remodeling and upgrading and, as he did with everything he undertook, he went about enlisting almost all of the able-bodied people in the club — and a few who were not in the club — to show up every weekend to help Allan achieve his goal, which, of course, became our goal as well.

Needless to say, Rotary isn't the only organization to benefit from his vision, his organizational skills and his determination. As is so often the case, people drawn together for a common cause wind up becoming good friends and that was certainly true in this case. Allan was my friend for many years.

But something happened to Allan during his final

years of life. He became bitter and even a little mean at times. And much as I hate to say it, he was not my friend when he died. Nevertheless, I strongly believe that Allan deserves our appreciation and gratitude for the things he did for our community and his willingness to fight for what he believed in.

I will always try to remember the Allan I knew a few years ago, the one who, along with his wife Maggie, invited dozens of us to their home for dinner and other gatherings on many occasions, and the one who raised heaven and earth to make sure we were able to enjoy the bagpipers at our annual Independence Day parade.

And so I say to Allan, rest in peace my friend and know that we'll never forget you.

BEN KILLINGSWORTH
IDYLLWILD

Placing an announcement

To place a birth, wedding or obituary announcement, please email to lisa@towncrier.com or fax to 951-659-2071. Please include your name, address and telephone number. You will receive a proof with the cost via email or fax. If you have any questions, please call 951-659-2145, Ext. 13, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 13.

- WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6
- 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.
 - Pain Without Meds Group, 10 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Garner Valley Women's Group, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Rd.
 - 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).
 - American Legion Auxiliary, 5 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
 - Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
 - AWANA for ages 3-fifth-grade, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
 - Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- THURSDAY, NOV. 7
- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
 - Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243,

- Mountain Center.
- Idyllwild Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 951-852-2306 for more information.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Ave. Persons interested may show up or phone 951-659-4910.
 - Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 6 p.m. Restaurant Gastrognome, 54381 Ridgeview Dr.
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- FRIDAY, NOV. 8
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Monica Sierras at 951-659-5932 for information and location.
 - Feeding America, 3 p.m. Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center. Distribution at the former Morning Sky School on Hwy. 243.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
 - Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. Barbecue 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 951-659-0097 for information.
- SATURDAY, NOV. 9
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.;

- 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Raw Food Potluck, 5-7 p.m. Nature's Wisdom.
- SUNDAY, NOV. 10
- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
 - Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Town center at Harmony monument. Call Sue at 909-228-6710.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study (closed) meeting, noon, Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd, Poppet Flat, across from Cal Fire Station 6.
 - Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- MONDAY, NOV. 11
- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
 - Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - Free Medicare Seminar, Amante and Associates, 10 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
 - Veterans Day Ceremony & Auxiliary Lunch, 11 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
 - Idyllwild Community Meditation, 7-8:30 p.m., the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Instruction and

- consultation available at 6:30 p.m.. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for information.
- TUESDAY, NOV. 12
- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. Call 659-6208 for information.
 - Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
 - La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
 - Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 5-7 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
 - International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
 - Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
 - Riverside County property tax seminar, 6 p.m. Palm Desert Library, 73-300 Fred Waring Dr., Palm Desert.
 - Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 951-659-0097 for information.
- WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13
- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.

- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.
- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Pain Without Meds Group, 10 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Medicare Information Seminar, 10:30 a.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous,

- noon, St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
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 - Anza Valley Municipal Advisory Committee, 7 p.m. Anza Community Hall, 56630 Hwy. 371, Anza.
 - Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)

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Chapel in the Pines Christian Fellowship
Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer.
Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School, 10am plus Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097, 659-2038.
International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild First 3 Tuesdays., 5-7pm 659-5255 • On Hwy 243 in Mountain Center.

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

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

Idyllwild Bible Church
25860 Highway 243, Pastor Tim Westcott.
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Sunday Worship & Nursery Care, 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship, Nursery Care & Sunday School, 10:45 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Studies & Youth Groups.
Hymn Singing 6:30 p.m. 2nd Sunday
Call Church Office for Information. 659-4775

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

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54960 Upper Pine Crest
Pastor Kristeen Bandelin 659-2416
Sunday Worship 10 am - Thurs.
Bible Study 7 pm

Spiritual Living Center
Idyllwild Religious Science
26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building) 659-3464.
Dr. Betty Jandl. Classes available - contact Church;
Sunday service, 10:00 a.m. Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.; Meditation, 9:00 a.m. Sundays.

Yokoji Zen Mountain Center
58900 Apple Canyon Rd., Mtn. Center, CA 92561
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Please call 951-659-5272 or visit <http://zmc.org> for more info.

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26905 Hwy. 243 • (951) 659-2696

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Room to Roam..... Addition to ICC site is significant

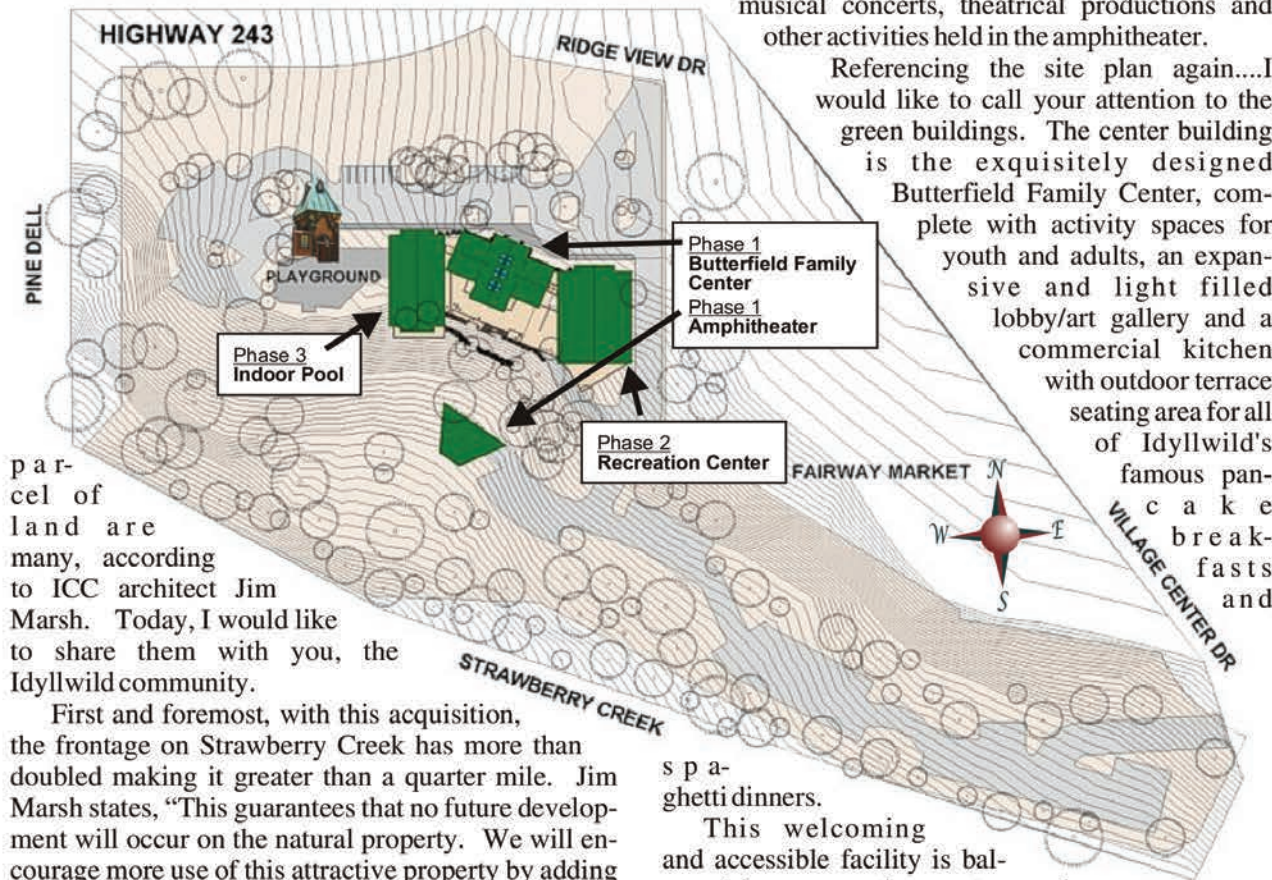
by Chris Trout

Recently, a new site plan was unveiled for the Idyllwild Community Center. It includes an additional three acres of property along Strawberry Creek with an entrance on Village Center Drive made possible by the generosity of David and Lois Butterfield. The salient features and benefits of this newly acquired

ations on the land adjacent to Hwy 243, leaving its pristine wooded beauty for all to enjoy as they pass by.

Now take a moment to look to the right of the amphitheater and you will note a paved parking area in very close proximity to the seating area. The elderly and handicapped will have easy and level access to musical concerts, theatrical productions and other activities held in the amphitheater.

Referencing the site plan again....I would like to call your attention to the green buildings. The center building is the exquisitely designed Butterfield Family Center, complete with activity spaces for youth and adults, an expansive and light filled lobby/art gallery and a commercial kitchen with outdoor terrace seating area for all of Idyllwild's famous pancake breakfasts and



parcel of land are many, according to ICC architect Jim Marsh. Today, I would like to share them with you, the Idyllwild community.

First and foremost, with this acquisition, the frontage on Strawberry Creek has more than doubled making it greater than a quarter mile. Jim Marsh states, "This guarantees that no future development will occur on the natural property. We will encourage more use of this attractive property by adding meandering paths, picnic gazebos and meditation and sculpture gardens."

And because a great many of the required parking spaces for activities at the ICC will, assuming County approval, now be located on this three-acre parcel, more trees on the front of the property will be saved creating a majestic and beautiful entrance to the facility. If you will take a minute to study the site plan, you will see that the entrance to the ICC is now on Ridgeview Drive. Follow the roadway as it travels down the hill to the level of the amphitheater and then turns westerly to the exit on Village Center Drive. Not only will our fire department be pleased about an additional emergency access, there will be less congestion at the main entrance and Cal-Trans will be less likely to request alter-

s p a-ghetti dinners.

This welcoming and accessible facility is balanced by a recreation center on the right and an indoor pool on the left. The amphitheater, designed by Sander Architects, is nestled just below the Butterfield Family Center with bird's eye views from both the deck and the terrace.

To learn more about the plans and designs of the Idyllwild Community Center, just email chris@idyllwildcommunitycenter.org. We now have a masterfully designed conceptual presentation complete with fly-overs and architectural renderings created by Mike Hickman. We are thrilled to be able to share it with everyone. You can easily schedule a presentation for your organization, group, or neighborhood. You may also arrange for a guided site tour of the entire facility for any number of people.

Join the I'M HELPING build the Idyllwild Community Center campaign today. This is your moment, Idyllwild. We want everyone to own the Idyllwild Community Center.

To join the I'M HELPING campaign, you may send a donation to Idyllwild Community Center, PO Box 1770, Idyllwild, CA. Or use Paypal on www.idyllwildcommunitycenter.com. Your gift will be appreciated.

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Step by step...a monthly update of the activities of the SJMCC board and its committees.

Program and Activities Committee: The ICC Horseshoe Tournament will be held Saturday, November 16, 2013 from 11 a.m. until dusk. There will be separate tournaments for men (24 spaces available) and women (12 spaces available) and prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each tournament. Random pick for teams starts at 11:00 a.m. with play beginning at 11:30. Bring your kids to the playground and join us. The horseshoe site is located right next to the playground.

This year's **ICC Speakers' Series** begins November 21 at the Rainbow Inn, 54420 South Circle Drive. Wine reception begins at 5:30 with a program from 6-7 pm. The series premiere event is a joint presentation by Bob Smith of the Idyllwild Area Historical Society; Robert Priefer, the preeminent designer and advocate for the center; and Jim Marsh, the architect for the ICC building project. "The Idyllwild Community Center, Past, Present, and Future" will open with an historical overview of the property, continue with an introduction to current opportunities for community use of the site, and end with an amazing visual unveiling of the building project complete with flyovers and architectural renderings.

Building Campaign Committee: The Idyllwild Community Center project will be featured at a series of three informational events planned for December 2, 3, and 4, 2013. This series of presentations will offer the business community a chance to see first hand the conceptual plans for the ICC building and site. Business owners will have an opportunity to explore the ways in which they can participate in the community-wide I'M HELPING build the Idyllwild Community Center campaign. For more information email chris@idyllwildcommunitycenter.org.

San Jacinto Mountain Community Center: The Executive Board reports that Robert Priefer and Jim Marsh are working on final design details, e.g. window locations as part of the process of submitting an application for a Conditional Use Permit. In addition to plans and elevations, the civil engineer will be submitting a grading and storm water erosion plan as part of the application process.

Welcome two part time support professionals assisting the ICC team. With a background in Parks and Recreation Management, Roland Perales knows how to make sure the ICC site is always beautiful and welcoming. Look for Roland next time you visit the Idyllwild Community Center. Rhonda Andrewson will be setting up and managing systems for finance, data base development and facility use. She will support all of the efforts of the SJMCC and its two committees. Reach Rhonda at the Idyllwild Community Center phone number (951) 965-0456 or email: info@idyllwildcommunitycenter.org.

Join the I'M HELPING build the Idyllwild Community Center campaign!

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Architect Jim Marsh outlines plans for the Idyllwild Community Center.

Frazier Drake, ICC Project Photographers

FIRE AND FOREST

By MIKE ESNARD,
MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

Roof replacement going well ...

News about the Mountain Community's Fire Safe Council's reroofing program has appeared in this column before, but now that it is in full swing I think it's worth going over in more detail.



What with the Affordable Care Act web site working so poorly, I thought it a good time to talk about a government program that works well.

The program's purpose is to reduce fire risk in our community by replacing wood-shake or shingle roofs, which are easily ignited by fire embers, with Class A fire-resistant roofs.

The money comes from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, through the California Office of Emergency Services, and is administered by Riverside County's Office of Emergency Services.

Here's how it works. Executive Director Edwina Scott gives the go-ahead to a homeowner on our approved list to get bids on replacing their wooden roof. The homeowner then solicits bids from at least three roofing contractors (C-39). A list of approved contractors who want to participate in the program is provided for their convenience. The homeowner then gives these written bids to our project managers Pat Boss and Don Patterson, along with the owner's choice of one of the contractors for the job.

Our bid committee of Chris Kramer, FSC vice-president, and myself review the bids to bring another set of eyes on the process. (This procedure of bid committee review is something we learned to do on abatement work.)

The homeowner is not required to accept the lowest bid, but they have to pay the difference if they don't.

When the bid is approved, the owner can formally contract with the contractor, who can then begin the job. When the roof is replaced and the work is complete, the county inspects it. After it signs off, the homeowner pays the contractor the balance owed.

Our project managers take pictures of the new roof and give the file to Edwina, who prepares a package that goes to the county. The county reviews the documentation, and when satisfied it is in order, authorize payment. A check is then sent to the homeowner for 75 percent of the cost, with a job cap (maximum) of \$8,400, making a typical check of \$6,300.

We have a list of 120 homes we hope will be able to use this grant, and have completed seven of them thus far. An initial go-ahead was given to 30 homeowners, and a second go-ahead was given this past week to 22 more. We hope that with good weather we can replace all the roofs by fall of 2014.

Like any grant of this nature, paperwork and record keeping is extensive. Paperwork just to create the homeowner list was demanding. Recently, the bids were not as complete as needed in some cases, but with good communication between contractors and project managers, the paper is now flowing smoothly. We have at this point five contractors who have joined the process, and they have been very cooperative in meeting government guidelines.

Someone from the community stopped Edwina to comment approvingly on one of the first houses to be finished, saying the new roof not only made the neighborhood safer but looked much better. We hope to be hearing many more of those comments as this project continues.

BEFORE OUR TIME

By ROBERT B. SMITH

Past photographers looked to future ...

Along with Avery Field, about whom I wrote last month, Idyllwild was the beneficiary of two other outstanding early photographers, Harry Wendelken and Stephen Willard.



Like that of his contemporary, E.B. Gray, Wendelken's legacy is preserved largely in postcards, identifiable by his imprint and typically sharp photo images. Willard also left a trail of mountain postcards, especially depicting Tahquitz Lodge at Keen Camp (Mountain Center), but lacking a signature.

Willard was the most renowned of this quartet, thanks to his exquisite hand-tinted desert scenes. But he spent only the summer of 1920 here, returning occasionally for short stays at the Idyllwild Inn. In 1947, convinced the desert was being sacrificed to Hollywood-driven overcrowding, he abandoned Palm Springs for Owens Valley, where he turned to mountain photography in the Eastern Sierras.

Wendelken, however, came to Idyllwild as a war veteran in 1921 and stayed. He found work at C.L. Emerson's sawmill and tended the steam boiler that generated the Idyllwild Inn's electrical power. By 1924, when he built his own four-room cabin in lower Fern Valley, he'd become better known as a stonemason.

But it was 1933 before he found his ultimate niche, replacing Sarah Hannahs, the widow of Idyllwild founder George Hannahs, as village postmaster. His temporary appointment became permanent in 1934, and Wendelken served until ill health forced him to retire in 1949.

Harry and Flora (Flo) Wendelken had three children, one of whom died shortly after birth. Flo and their daughter, Sandra, became familiar subjects in Harry's

photographs. Both apparently had a flair for drama: Flo acted in the 1950 Ramona pageant, and Sandra organized a teenage acting company here.

Photography remained Harry's main preoccupation. He documented Idyllwild events, celebrations, landmarks and institutions, but was especially drawn to the landscape. Thanks to the generosity of Sandra Wendelken Smith and the Town Crier, a collection of more than 1,000 of his original negatives now resides in the Idyllwild Area Historical Society's archive.

In a letter just before his death in 1950 he wrote to the Town Crier from Wadsworth Hospital at Sawtelle Veterans Home in Los Angeles, denouncing the Palm Springs Tramway proposal, but first provided this self-portrait:

"... I am back in the old ward for the third time. Had a cordial welcome and am given the service which an old and valued customer is awarded. I have been looked at through and through, and I got a market report this time. They use a cardiograph and get a tape showing the highs and lows of a measured period of trading. I am told my stock is normal in value.

"I have improved. I still am to stay much in bed and do nothing. I do notice that I'm doing nothing much easier than I did a month ago. May get it all done in a couple of weeks or months ..."

Sadly, Harry Wendelken died five days before his 54th birthday. Had he enjoyed a more normal lifespan, the historical record of the Idyllwild area would be that much richer.

Bob Smith is a researcher and archivist with the Idyllwild Area Historical Society. He welcomes comments, questions, corrections, and suggested topics for this column at rbsmith9@greencafe.com.

Time of year to change batteries

Daylight Saving Time ended Sunday and also marked the 26th anniversary of the Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery® Program, sponsored by Energizer and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

The Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery program reminds people to change and test the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Non-working smoke alarms rob residents of the protective benefits home fire safety devices were designed to provide.

The most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms are missing or dead batteries.

"Eighty percent of child fire fatalities occur in homes without working smoke alarms. It's a tragic statistic that could be reduced

by adopting the simple habit of the Change Your Clock Change Your Battery® program," said Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz. "I

personally have had my life saved by a carbon monoxide detector activation in the middle of the night due to a malfunctioning woodstove."

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Clockwise, from top left, **Dustin Ledbetter, Raegan Ing-bretsen, Nicole Cochran** and **Jannelys Santiago** were winners of the Crazy Hair Contest at Idyllwild School on Halloween.

PHOTO BY JOHN PACHECO

MATTER OF FACT

In the 2013-14 Winter Guide, the Rotary Club's Harvest Festival and the Idyllwild Tree Lighting Ceremony both are listed on the wrong dates.

The Harvest Festival is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29 and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at Town Hall.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony downtown is at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30.

Also in the Guide, John (not Jim) Tyler wrote the Forest Service story on page 28.

Town Crier regrets the error.

Public invited to festival meeting

The Lemon Lily Steering Committee meets at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Idyllwild Nature Center.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting that will focus on the fifth Lemon Lily Festival next July.

ONLY IN IDYLLWILD

Lasca Terhorst (who is a beautiful 93) and I went to lunch last Wednesday at the Gastrognome. We had a lovely lunch by the fire. When we were finished, our waitress asked, "Did you see those two Marines sitting in the back?"

I looked but they had already gone. She then said, "They picked up your tab, and wanted to do it as a random act of kindness."

Perhaps they thought we were mother and daughter, but that really doesn't matter. It just lifted our spirits.

Here, our soldiers put their lives on the line and still want to give more. I appreciate this from the bottom of my heart.

Theresa Christy-Vesci, 58
Idyllwild

IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT NOVEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER

IWD Mission Statement: To provide reliable water & sewer service in a safe, cost effective & environmentally sound manner in accordance with the community needs.

SURVEY – A survey letter was sent to our customers regarding our grant application for federal and state funding programs for a proposed recycled water project for irrigation usage. The Idyllwild Water District has retained, through the California Rural Water Agency (CRWA), a third party contractor - Specialized Utility Services Programs, Inc. (SUSP), to assist us with the survey. This survey will be used by funding agencies to determine Idyllwild Water District's eligibility for low interest loans and grants. Income surveys require a high percentage of residents to respond to be considered valid under current guidelines. When you have completed the form return it to: Michelle MacLellan, SUSP, Inc., 4131 Northgate Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834. Your responses to this survey are strictly confidential. No personal identifying information will be reported in the results. Your participation will help the District evaluate and consider the best program from federal and state funding agencies. We thank you for your assistance.

FVIA WELL REPAIRS – This has been our most productive well and is in need of some repairs. The 400 feet of pumping equipment is in the process of being pulled and inspected. It will require us to remove the roof skylight hatch and lift the pump through the roof. It will take about a month to complete the well repairs. We apologize for any inconvenience due to the well rig operation during the day light hours. It requires one day to remove and another day to reinstall the new pump.



GOLDEN ROD TANK – We completed the Golden Rod tank with installation of the Flex-Tend earthquake connector. This connector allows the tank inlet/outlet to move vertically and horizontally up to 12" in the event of a major earthquake. The tank will be re-activated upon receipt of acceptable water quality results.

DELINQUENT FEES – IWD is instituting a delinquent fee of \$15.00 on overdue accounts beginning with the November billing. If you have a question regarding your account and if a fee will be added, please call 951-659-2143.

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NOVEMBER 20TH BOARD MEETING AT 6:00 p.m.

TOWN HALL Idyllwild Recreation District

SCHEDULE

Forest Folk Pot Luck & Movie Night

"Blazing Saddles"

Thursday, Nov. 7, at 5:30 p.m.

1940's USO Inspired Dance

Friday Nov. 8th from 6-9

\$10 per ticket

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- MONDAY:** 11 a.m.-Noon
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- TUESDAY:** 10 a.m.-Noon
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Modern Dance for Adults
- WEDNESDAY:** 9-10 a.m.
Adult Yoga with Trine
4-5 p.m.
Modern Dance for Kids
- FRIDAY:** 11 a.m.-Noon
Adult Yoga with Trine
2:30-3:30 p.m.
Crafty Kids with Wendy

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Medicare

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The ACA has given scammers a whole new marketplace in which to operate. Prior to the launch of the ACA, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder met with senior government officials and the Federal Trade Commission chair with the goal of preempting the fraud that was anticipated. FTC Chair Edith Ramirez said, "We will be vigilant as always in cracking down on this type of opportunistic fraud." Despite those efforts, fraud is rampant and it is important for consumers to arm themselves with information on how these scams operate and where to report them.

Seniors are especially vulnerable, as Joe Baker, president of the Medicare Rights Center, explains: "Many seniors already think the worst about the law, so they're ready for some of these false pitches. [The scammers will] tell you Obamacare means you need to change your Medicare or that you need to re-apply for Medicare — or that if you don't buy a new kind of insurance you're going to get fined or go to jail."

Dennis Jay, executive director of the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud, said, "There hasn't been a vehicle like this in a long time that can be used to steal Social Security numbers and bank account information."

Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz has also become involved in the fight against fraud. Joined by 32 Congress members, Ruiz and his colleagues sent a letter on Oct. 31 to Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Holder and Ramirez, stating, "Across the country, misinformation about the Affordable Care Act health insurance exchanges is creating opportunities for con artists to defraud families, seniors and small

businesses. Criminals who defraud consumers for financial gain must be brought to justice. We urge you to devote more resources towards educating consumers, investigating complaints, and taking swift legal action to crack down on fraud." Sebelius acknowledged the issue at a meeting of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and discussed the importance of addressing fraud.

Popular scams include the one Muir experienced. Many times the caller will already have the target's name and address. New Medicare cards are not required under the ACA. Consumers who receive a call like this should report it to the California Senior Medicare Patrol at 1-855-613-7080 or online at www.cahealthadvocates.org/fraud/smp.html.

Consumers already on Medicare have no need to use the health insurance exchanges; and, it is illegal for insurers to sell an exchange policy to anyone already on Medicare. "If anyone tells you that you have to do that, they're lying," said Baker.

For help in navigating the new healthcare exchanges, visit www.coveredca.com/enrollment-assistance/index_form.html or call 1-800-300-1506. The advice is free. If contacted by people posing as insurance agents attempting to sell a policy or navigators offering to assist for a fee, it is a scam.

The Better Business Bureau and other consumer organizations caution:

- Never give away personal information (Social Security or bank account information) to random callers.
- There are websites that advertise themselves as healthcare markets or exchanges. Healthcare.gov and, in California, CoveredCa.com are the only reliable sites consumers should use.
- Government representatives are not authorized to contact people directly and there is no charge for advice on the ACA. The California Health Exchange website, www.CoveredCa.com, lists contact phone numbers to assist individuals and small businesses in understanding their health care options.

Regardless of age, consumers should be suspicious of any unsolicited call seeking personal information. "If you already have a trusted financial adviser or an insurance agent who can help you, use that person," advises James Napoli, senior counsel at Washington, D.C. law firm Proskauer Rose.

To report suspected fraud to authorities, call 1-800-218-2596; and for Medicare-related fraud, 1-800-medicare. Call the FTC at 1-877-382-4357.

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

Kibby

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are elders with the Cahuilla Tribe; and Dr. Lowell Bean and Daniel McCarthy, all these people that had everything to do with the Cahuilla people. I connected right away with that. It was a passion, an absolute passion to learn as much as I could and to interpret that for people," she said.

In 2011, Kibby was able to get a Fish and Wildlife grant for the Nature Center to design a kiosk. Kibby used local talent Joey Latimer and Shawn Owens for the sound and video. They recorded interviews of Silva, Bean, McCarthy and Donna Largo, a famous basket maker. "By June, Donna passed away. She had cancer and she didn't know it. It was so fortunate that the timing was so perfect.

"[Donna's] son and her husband come up every now and then and they get to see her in the interview. I gave them a copy of it. Then Alvino passed away that year as well. I always told Alvino that when he was gone I would go over to my kiosk and tap his forehead and he would talk," Kibby smiles. "The incredible part of this job is that I have met so many wonderful, wonderful people."

Kibby is grateful for the "friends" of the Nature Center who have supported her efforts. Nearly 600 supporters are members of the Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks. The money pays for exhibits, educational program materials, junior naturalist supplies and snacks for the program. "The Friends group is all over. Maybe they have visited here from out of state and they just decided that they want to support the Nature Center so they join as a member of the Friends group.

"If they join locally they get to walk through the forest without someone asking them for fees because they get a little membership card. They get to go to Hurkey Creek or McCall [Park] or the Nature Center and get in for free. It's a whole year for \$30. That's a family membership so I think people see the benefits of their support. There's so many benefits for supporting the Nature Center," Kibby said.

Kibby will remain on the mountain having more time doing things she enjoys. She plans to stay very involved with the Lemon Lily Festival, a Nature Center event. "That's a very good, very worthy project," Kibby said.

She also plans to volunteer with the U.S. Forest Service. "I'm going to volunteer at the ranger station and answer questions and meet people and talk about the forest. My big hope is that I'll get out on the trails again and be able to go up into the high country.

"It's very hard to be leaving," Kibby said sadly. "This is all I have known."

Weather

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Cal Fire's weather forecast for the four months through February 2014 predicts possible wetter weather within a couple of weeks resulting in a significant reduction of fire threat and activity by Thanksgiving.

Longer range, the NWS Climate Prediction Center sees neither a La Niña nor El Niño weather pattern developing this winter. Conditions favor neutrality, although some observations suggest "this fall is showing a strong predilection toward a La Niña-like pattern," which would continue the dry pattern.

But during the La Niña weather pattern from the summer of 2010 through spring 2011, nearly 30 inches of rain fell in Idyllwild. That is 15 percent greater than normal and the most in any year since 2005, which was an El Niño year.

The National Inter-agency Fire Center's Predictive Services winter prediction "is not conducive to significant precipitation. We are expecting below normal rainfall this autumn and winter."

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Arts & Entertainment Calendar



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

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 9-10 a.m.; Modern Dance for Kids, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
Marshall Hawkins and Paul Carman, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
"Captain Phillips," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Nov. 7

Carlos Reynosa and Friends, 6 p.m. Lumbermill Bar and Grill.
Forest Folk Potluck & Movie Night, "Blazing Saddles," 5:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"Captain Phillips," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Nov. 8

Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon; Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"Thor," 4 and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's Mexican Food.
1940s USO-inspired Dance, 6-9 p.m. Town Hall.
That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.
Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Lumbermill Bar and Grill.

Saturday, Nov. 9

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
"Thor," 2, 5 and 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Live Music 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's Mexican Food.
Don Reed, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Sunday, Nov. 10

Dr. Betty's Talk, "Fall'ing in Love," Soloist Betty Anderson, 10 a.m. Spiritual Learning Center.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
"Thor," 5 and 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Service Industry Night With DJ Billy Shepherd,

9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Lumbermill Bar and Grill.

Monday, Nov. 11

Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon. Town Hall.
"Thor," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

Free Senior Wii, 10 a.m.-noon; Modern Dance for Adults, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
Private Wine Tasting, Robert Murray Vineyards, 6:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe.
"Thor," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

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

Thursday, Nov. 14

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

Friday, Nov. 15

Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon; Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Willy B., 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's Mexican Food.
Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Lumbermill Bar and Grill.

Saturday, Nov. 16

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Live Music 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's Mexican Food.

Sunday, Nov. 17

"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Society Museum.
Service Industry Night With DJ Billy Shepherd, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Lumbermill Bar and Grill.

Monday, Nov. 18

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

Tuesday, Nov. 19

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



Carlos Reynosa (right) set a festive mood for the Lumber Mill's Halloween party and costume contest.

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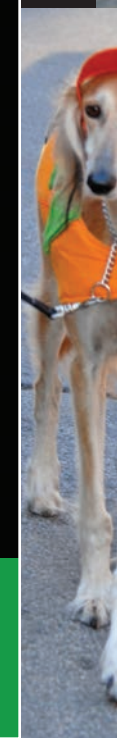
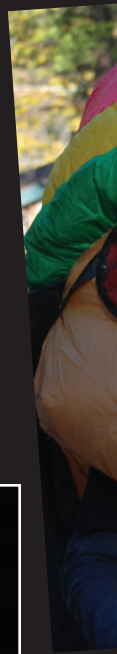
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A photograph of three people in costumes standing on a sidewalk. The person on the left has purple hair and is wearing a green hoodie and jeans. The person in the middle is wearing a large, colorful animal head costume. The person on the right is wearing a Star Wars costume with a helmet and a vest. They are standing on a sidewalk with chalk drawings of a large 'X' and other markings. In the background, there are trees and other people.



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Aircraft trails' impact on climate

By JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

For many years, scientists have suspected that the white trails that follow behind jets as they slice through the sky — known as contrails — had an impact on climate, but until Sept. 11, 2001, when all aircraft were grounded for a period of three days after the terrorist attacks, the opportunity to study this possibility was virtually impossible.

Interpretations of studies conducted between Sept. 11 and 14, 2001, however, are at odds.

Contrails are formed when the exhaust from an airplane's engine mixes with cold air in the upper atmosphere. Liquid droplets form and then freeze, creating the familiar white line that trails the aircraft. The trail usually dissipates over time and becomes a cirrus cloud unless the atmosphere is moist, which can cause the trail to last for days. Like natural clouds, they are thought to trap heat that escapes from the ground and reflect sunlight, thus moderating, to a degree, daily temperature extremes.

David Travis of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's studies indicated that the average daily temperature range in the U.S. rose significantly — by 1.8 degrees C — during the three-day periods before and after. Travis believes the size of the shift implies that the temperature range was boosted significantly by the absence of the contrails.

But Gang Hong, an atmospheric scientist at Texas A&M University in College Station, believes Travis' conclusion is wrong. Hong said low clouds are the dominant influence on temperature extremes, not the high-level clouds generated by contrails. Hong believes contrails play a minor role in temperature variations.

"[Hong's] calculation of cloud influences was without

any consideration of contrails," Travis said. "They were just looking at natural clouds, and not at the presence or absence of contrails."

If air traffic continues to grow at an estimated 2 to 5 percent annually, over the coming years the impact on climate could be significant.

Ulrike Burkhardt, a researcher at the Institute for Atmospheric Physics at the German Aerospace Center, and colleague Bernd Kärcher, calculated contrails' effect on climate. According to Burkhardt and Kärcher, if no other clouds are in the sky, contrail cirrus clouds would cover up to 10 percent of European skies and roughly 6 percent of the East Coast skies of North America. Contrails have contradictory effects on the Earth's surface temperature by decreasing the amount of light and heat that reach the surface while trapping long-wave radiation, preventing it from being released into space after it is reflected off the ground, resulting in a warming of the planet's surface, they determined. They also deplete the water vapor needed to form natural clouds.

All things considered, Burkhardt and Kärcher believe contrail clouds alter the Earth's energy budget by reducing the amount of energy released back into space, causing a warming effect.

Patrick Minnis, a senior research scientist at NASA's Langley Research Center, analyzed 7,700 square miles of contrails generated by six military aircraft flying between Virginia and Pennsylvania on Sept. 12. Minnis reported that "contrails are capable of increasing average surface temperatures sufficiently to account for a warming trend in the U.S. between 1975 and 1994."

Travis believes contrails are cause for concern, "Eventually, these impacts will be felt," he said.

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Idyllwild Water dredging Foster Lake

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

With its largest storage facility, Foster Lake, nearly empty because of the lack of rain over the past two years, Idyllwild Water District has decided to conduct some maintenance of the lake.

In a special Oct. 29 morning meeting, the board unanimously approved General Manager's Terry Lyons' recommendation to use Idyllwild Backhoe from among five proposals to dredge Foster Lake.

Idyllwild Backhoe's bid of \$25,500 was the lowest of the five submissions to remove 7,500 cubic yards of silt and sand.

The work should take about two weeks, perhaps three, Lyons told the board. If significant rainfall interrupts the dredging, IWD may need to postpone or cancel the project.

"We can only do this about every 13 years," said Board President Warren Monroe. "We must do it now and it will add about an acre-foot back to capacity."

Director John Cook did raise the question about the possibility of expanding the lake's storage capacity.

In response, Lyons explained that the State Water Resources Control Board has issued a permit for 40-acre-feet of storage. (An acre-foot is 325,821 gallons.) The lake and dam was engineered to accommodate 54-acre-feet. To increase storage beyond the permitted level, IWD would have to resubmit an application for more storage capacity.

In parts of the lake, about 4 inches of standing water can be found. This is essentially equivalent to the ground water table, according to Lyons.

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Ground water subject of Anza talk

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

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

Audience members are encouraged to ask questions and express concerns about the nature of current and future

water resources through the AGWA survey.

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

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Local fire expert teaches Vanuatu islanders

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Following the Mountain and Silver fires, both burning thousands of acres in his ranger district, Dan Felix, San Jacinto District fire chief (U.S. Forest Service), got an unusual assignment. As a member of a Regional Incident Management Team, he frequently has to leave the local Idyllwild district within hours to help combat a large fire somewhere else in California or the West.

But this time he had some time to pack bags for a 12-hour flight to Fiji and then more layovers until he got to Vanuatu, an island nation further west than Fiji and 1,000 miles east of Australia.

From Port-Vila, Vanuatu's capital, eventually he arrived at Sola Island in the Torba Province. Its population is about 300 to 400 and lacks many amenities, which are ubiquitous here, such as running water.

Felix was part of a team selected to instruct local officials and residents on how the Incident Command System works. Earthquakes, tsunamis, tropical cyclones and volcanic eruptions are the types of natural crises that might occur on the islands.

The ICS is employed throughout the U.S. for responses to many natural disasters. For example, the huge influx of assistance and emergency responders to Louisiana in 2005 following Hurricane Katrina was organized and managed through the ICS process.

Both the U.S. Agency for International Development and the U.S. Forest Service's International Program had already been consulting with Vanuatu's National Disaster Management Organization, but this project required on-the-ground instruction and Felix was one of the team's members.

Since the Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Region already encompasses Pacific Islands such as Hawaii and Solomon, the headquarter's International Program office asked the local region to take on this project.

Trudie Mahoney, PSR assistant director for Fire and Aviation Management, headed the team and Mark Courson of the same office also was a member.

"The people were respectful, almost shy, but very interested. And during meals and outside of class, they were very friendly," Felix said, describing his Sola Island audience, which included the police chief, head of the local hospital and many village people. While a small language barrier existed, Felix and the other team members used overhead pre-



The Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region team that provided Incident Command System training to officials of Vanuatu included (from left) **Rene Vanderhooft** (U.S. Forest Service), **Shadrack Welegtabit** (Vanuatu National Disaster Management Office director), **Trudie Mahoney** (USFS), **Dan Felix** (USFS) and **Mark Courson** (USFS).

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sentations and made sure their students could understand the concepts.

Before the team left the U.S., Mahoney had suggested they consider bringing some small tokens or gifts. Instead of simply handing out his gifts to all during dinner or a ceremony, Felix decided to use his uniform ribbons as recognition during the classes held at the community center, similar to our Town Hall.

"I was surprised the next day; they were proudly wearing them, including the police chief," he said.

Obviously fish was the principal entrée, cooked on an open fire. "But I tried a lot of what was served," Felix said with a smile.

"We do about one or two trainings similar to this each year," Courson said. "It's possible that next year we'll do the southern islands if funding is available."

Course participants were from targeted communities in the most hazard-prone provinces. The program's goal is to effectively and efficiently improve the management, mobilization and coordination of resources (personnel and equipment) during all phases of disaster management (preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery) and enhance local communities' effectiveness in managing the initial emergency phase of disaster response before the arrival of outside assistance.

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Mark Huston and the *Workin' Men* performed country classics at Jo'An's for the restaurant's Halloween party.

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The band *Interim Divine* opened for *Throw the Goat* at the Rustic Theatre on Halloween.

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Common Core: The new educational goals

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

California has adopted and Hemet Unified School District is implementing the next educational reform — Common Core State Standards.

What is CCSS and why is it implemented?

In 2001, the U.S. Congress enacted the “No Child Left Behind Act,” which placed emphasis on setting high goals or standards to motivate students to learn and to perform better. While its success is moderate, Idyllwild School has consistently improved and is now among the top performing schools in HUSD and the state.

However, criticism quickly formed around the concept that instruction focused on language arts and math. Other subjects, especially the arts, were de-emphasized because standardized testing was aimed at language arts and math exclusively.

CCSS, which 45 states have adopted, still sets goals, but the learning process has changed. The CCSS initiative is a state-led effort that established a single set of clear educational standards for kindergarten through 12th grade in English, language arts and mathematics. The standards are designed to ensure that students graduating from high school are prepared to enter two- or four-year college programs or enter the workforce, according to the CCSS website on the National Governors Association site.

As HUSD Superintendent Dr. Barry Kayrell has said, “It’s the most significant change we’ve seen in pedagogy in many, many years. Technology has greatly impacted how teachers teach.”

How is CCSS different?

Implementing and teaching to these common standards revises the goal from knowing facts to becoming self-sufficient. In the former instructional models, the teacher stood before the class, like Socrates, and was the keeper of knowledge. Going forward, the “core curriculum” will shift emphasis to the students to do their own research on each subject, Kayrell has said.

NCLB was implemented differently in each state. The general approach of using standardized testing to measure students and, therefore, school achievement was national. However, states chose their own tests and interpretation of the results.

Eventually, professional educators argued that writing quality was not different in Montana from Georgia, nor were math concepts unique to the Great Lakes compared to the East and West coasts. So a common core of standards was developed within the education community and gradually individual states have endorsed it.

And Kayrell is not the only CCSS fan. Riverside Unified School District is also well along in its implementation. David Dillon of Idyllwild is a member of RUSD’s history faculty and is also a proponent of the common core direction.

“It’s what you can do with what you know. Kids have to do more,” he explained. “It’s application rather than memorization.”

Another distinction is that common core incorporates all the possible subjects into the evaluation. For example, the English reading sample assesses the students’ ability to interpret social science concepts or understand scientific principles and apply them to life.

“It’s analysis and problem solving that is being evaluated,” Dillon stressed. So the focus becomes similar to the cliché parable of teaching someone to fish versus giving them a fish.

No longer is success defined by facts, such as know-

ing the dates of the Civil War or its battles. Students have to learn how to understand why it was fought and what the opposing arguments were as well as the ultimate victors and losers.

In his opinion, this will enable teachers to garner a more authentic assessment of students’ learning. “Kids will have to show how to build models to apply practical concepts to problems,” Kayrell said. “No longer will a verbatim repetition of the teacher’s lesson be sufficient. Students will have to display problem-solving skills and teamwork.

“We’ve piloted several segments [of the core curriculum]. They provide an almost instantaneous result,” Kayrell said.

HUSD implementation

But CCSS does not come unopposed nor will its implementation obviate objections. First, in many locales across the country, teachers and parents don’t view the approach as any different than NCLB. They argue that CCSS is akin to Chevy’s or Ford’s new model. Testing is testing and it’s the educational testing and book publishing industry advocating a new approach with the accompaniment of new costs.

California’s legislature appropriated millions of dollars this year and next for its implementation. The decision on how to use those funds was left to local districts with some guidelines. Dr. David Horton, HUSD assistant superintendent for Educational Services, presented the administration’s recommendation at the board’s Oct. 15 meeting. HUSD has about \$4.5 million to use.

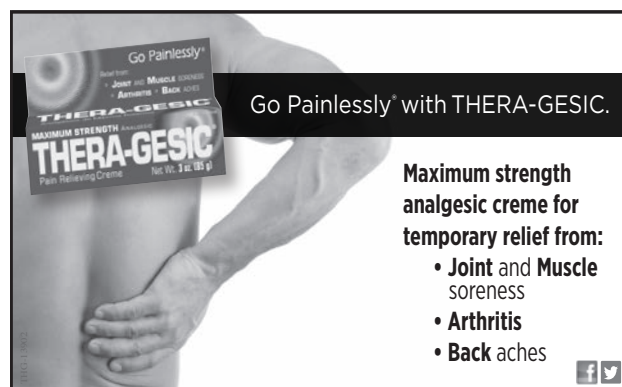
HUSD is allocating \$30 per student at each school. Idyllwild School will receive \$8,460 each year. Horton said the district still has to address the effect of CCSS on middle-school math and special-education programs, which are a big component. Also training and preparing coaches for each school and subject will require significant resources.

Several teachers, including Thomas Dillon of Idyllwild, argued that money should be shifted from professional development to technology and supplies. “We’ve got kids very economically stressed. Kids can’t afford to leave the valley, kids who can’t buy printer paper,” he lamented to the board.

Federal funding

Finally, California expects to have implementation of Common Core essentially implemented over the next two years. The tests based on CCSS will not be available until the 2014-15 school. Consequently, California legislators opposed to the standardized testing have postponed it until Common Core is fully implemented.

However, the U.S. Department of Education has threatened to withhold federal funds if the state eliminates the tests this year. The NCLB Act requires the annual testing and without it California would be in default. Initially, \$15 million of administrative funds is in jeopardy. Eventually, \$3.5 billion of federal money for



Extraction wells being abandoned

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The two soil vapor extraction wells located on the Village Food and Fuel site (Shell station) have been de-commissioned and abandoned.

On Oct. 10, Robert Manning, president of R.M. Environmental Inc. of Calimesa, wrote the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health confirming the action.

The wells were filled with hydrated bentonite chips and then covered in 3 feet of concrete. Waste material was removed from the site and none remains, Manning said in his correspondence.

This is the second set of SVE wells on the Hill to be abandoned at the direction of the Department of Environmental Health. The wells proximate to the Pine Cove Market site were abandoned this spring.

Some monitoring will continue at this site and across Highway 243 near the Chevron station.

Several hydrocarbons continue to be detected at that site, including methyl-tertiary-butyl ethane, which was identified in four of the monitoring well sites, but its concentrations have decreased since June samplings.

Samples from two monitoring wells contained no hydrocarbon compounds.

RME is monitoring at the Chevron site, too. The latest recommendations to the county were to use exploratory borings to determine the vertical and lateral extent of drainage. Also, SVE might be initiated at this site.

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California schools could be threatened, the department said last month.

On Monday, Nov. 4, HUSD held the first of three community meetings to discuss CCSS and its purpose. Two more sessions, one perhaps in Idyllwild or Anza, will be scheduled later this year.

College- and career-oriented

The whole impetus for CCSS was “college and workplace readiness.” In a 2010 report, the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, and the Southern Regional Education Board found 68 percent of the 50,000 entering freshmen at California State University campuses require remediation in English language arts or math, or both. This occurred despite an admissions policy that requires a college-preparatory curriculum and a grade-point-average in high school of B or higher.

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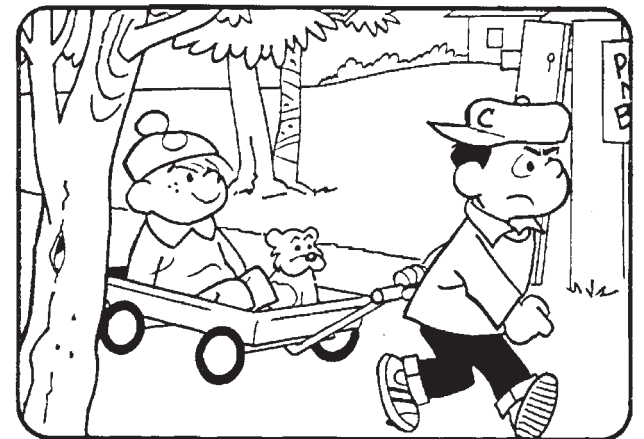
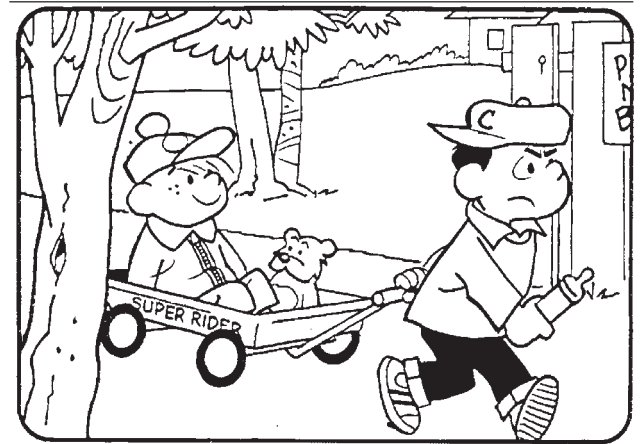
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD COFFEE ROASTERS, 54245 N. Circle Dr. B-2, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3262 Idyllwild, CA, 92549. MARITHA-LAMP, 25980 Scenic Dr. Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on March 1, 2013.

Signed:
MARITHA LAMP
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 8, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-10573
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON OCT. 8, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO OCT. 8, 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: B. Villegas, Deputy

Pub. TC: Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as THE VILLAGE LANE, 54200 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: 45500 Stonebrook Court, La Quinta, CA 92253. JAMES-CROSS, 54200 Stonebrook Court,

La Quinta, CA 92253, LAJUANA VAE CROSS, 54200 Stonebrook Court, La Quinta, CA 92253.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Nov. 30, 1990.

Signed:
JAMES-CROSS
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 16, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-10806
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON OCT. 16, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO OCT. 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).
CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: A. Acevedo, Deputy

Pub. TC: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14., 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as TAHQUITZ FIREWOOD CO., 44769 Cornish Ave., Hemet, CA 92544, Riverside County. DWIGHT JASON BROWN, 44769 Cornish Ave., Hemet, CA 92544.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
DWIGHT JASON BROWN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 17, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-10932
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON OCT. 17, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO OCT. 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).
CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. Llaneras, Deputy
Pub. TC: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as RYE HARBOR DISTILLING AND WHISKEY HOUSE, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, Riverside County. LEVECKE CORPORATION, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma,

CA 91752, a California Corporation, A 27762. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
J. NEIL LEVECKE
President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Sept. 4, 2013.

FILE NO.: I-2013-02369
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON SEPT. 4, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO SEPT. 4, 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
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: J. Mendoza, Deputy
Pub. TC: Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PLAINVIEW POTTERY, 52440 Doubleview Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 3620, Idyllwild, CA 92549. TERRY STUART ROTHROCK, 52440 Doubleview Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on June 7, 2001.

See Legals, next page

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although your energy level is high, be careful not to commit to too many projects at this time. You'll do better focusing on just a few tasks rather than spreading yourself too thin.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your heart might be leading you in one direction, but pay attention to your keen Bovine intellect. I'm cautioning you to think things through before making any commitments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your "serious" Twin has been dominant in your life for quite a while. It's time now to let that "wilder" half take you out for some good times -- perhaps with someone very special.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Career aspects are high for Moon Children who make a good impression. Show people not only what you can already do, but also how you can be more valuable to them in the future.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Things start to brighten for the Lion's immediate financial future. But be careful to resist the urge to splurge. You need to tuck something away to help you through another tight period.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Having to do too many tasks in too short a time could lower your mood to just above the grumbling level. But if you handle things one at a time, you'll get through it all soon enough.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your usually carefully made holiday plans could

be subject to change later this month. Use this week to prepare for that possibility by starting a Plan B just in case you need it. **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Be careful about joining a colleague's plan to solve a workplace problem. Investigate it thoroughly. Otherwise, you could find yourself in a predicament with other associates.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Slow down that high-paced whirl you've been on. Spending quiet time alone or with people you care for can be both physically and spiritually restorative

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Make suggestions, not demands. You'll be more successful in getting people to follow your lead if you exercise quiet patience instead of strong persuasion to get your ideas across.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You still need more facts before you can make an informed career choice. One note of caution: Be careful about whom you ask for that information; otherwise, you could be misled.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Changing situations through the end of the week could lead to some challenging opportunities for those perspicacious Pisceans who know how to make them work to their advantage.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of being both daring and cautious, traits that could make you a research scientist or maybe even a rocket-ship designer.

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ACROSS

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- Turkish peninsula region
- Crosby's pal
- Predict
- Parks at a bus stop?
- Bowling target
- Danish money
- Covers a present
- Actress Cannon
- Roll call reply
- Skill for an identity thief
- Longing
- "Sesame Street" Muppet
- Lummox
- "Wheel of —"
- Staff
- Operatic solo
- Rouse
- Hedge shrub
- Listener
- Jeans-maker Strauss
- Strong
- Alda or Thicke
- Become a band of workers
- Zilch
- CSA leader
- Branch of advanced math

DOWN

- U.K. fliers
- John's Yoko
- Simple card game
- Treeless plain
- Singer
- Campbell
- Lubricate
- Valhalla maiden
- Royal seat
- Any time now
- Church area
- Back
- Elevator name
- Anger
- "How come?"
- Coral
- construction
- River through Florence
- Summer or Shalala
- Productive
- Chess castle
- Harvard rival
- To be (Fr.)
- Swamp
- Gorge
- Mom or dad
- Texas city
- Blueprint
- Move, to a Realtor
- the Terrible
- Great Lake
- Individual
- Evergreen type
- Submachine gun
- Segment of a trip

FeederWatch seeks bird lovers

Join the tens of thousands of people who keep tabs on the birds that come to their feeders from November through April. Participants submit their observations to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Observations help reveal important patterns in bird distribution and numbers that may be changing over time at a continental scale or in a participant’s own backyard.

“We have a new interactive tool called ‘Common Feeder Birds’ that allows people to learn about the food and feeder preferences of nearly 100 species, based on data collected by participants,” said FeederWatch Project Leader Emma Greig. “The tool can be used to predict what birds can be attracted to an area so you can offer foods strategically to attract desired species.”

Observations from a record number of participants last season helped scientists follow the changes in woodpecker and nuthatch populations in the Midwest where trees were infested with invasive emerald ash borer beetles.

Legals

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Signed:
TERRY STUART ROTHROCK
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on Oct. 17, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-10915
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CERTIFICATION
Thereby certify that this copy is a correct copy
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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: A. Acevedo, Deputy
Pub. TC: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as
MILE HIGH COUNTRY INN, 54605 North Cir-
cle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1685, Idyllwild, CA
92549. MARY HELEN ZACHAR, 54605 North
Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious name listed above on June
6, 1997.

Signed:
DONNA RICHARDS
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on Oct. 16, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-10807
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME
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County Clerk
By: A. Acevedo, Deputy
Pub. TC: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14., 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as
BARARIAN BAIL BONDS, 27780 Jefferson Ave
Suite B, Temecula, CA 92590, Riverside County.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 444, Brea, CA 92822.
FRANCISCO JAVIER COBO SR, 2030 N. Derek
Dr. #109, Fullerton, CA 92831.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant commenced to transact busi-
ness under the fictitious name listed above in
March 2013.
Signed:
FRANCISCO J. COBO SR.
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on Oct 11, 2013.
FILE NO.:
R-2013-10722
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME
STATEMENT EXPIRES ON OCT. 11, 2018. A
NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-
MENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO OCT. 11,

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M Gonzalez, Deputy
Pub. TC: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 2013.

RIC1311729
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street,
(P.O. Box 431) Riverside, CA 92502-0431.
PETITION OF SERGIO ALE-
JANDRO MOLINA.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: SERGIO ALEJANDRO MOLI-
NA filed a petition with this court for a decree
changing name as follows:
a. Present name: SERGIO ALEJANDRO
MOLINA changed to Proposed name: SERGIO
ALEJANDRO CHIP.

b. Present name: RACHAEL SUE MCCOR-
MICK changed to Proposed name: RACHAEL
SUE MCCORMICK CHIP.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons
interested in this matter shall appear before this
court at the hearing indicated below to show
cause, if any, why the petition for change of name
should not be granted. Any person objecting to
the name changes described above must file a
written objection that includes the reasons for
the objection at least two court days before the
matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear
at the hearing to show cause why the petition
should not be granted. If no written objection
is timely filed, the court may grant the petition
without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 12/9/13 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 10.
b. The address of the court is same as
noted above.
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause
shall be published at least once each week for
four successive weeks prior to the date set for
hearing on the petition in the following newspa-
per of general circulation, printed in this county:
Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: Oct. 16, 2013
SHARON J. WATERS
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14 2013.

RIC1311775
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street,
(P.O. Box 431) Riverside, CA 92502-0431.
PETITION OF CARMEN LAURIE PA-
CHECO.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: CARMEN ELENA DIAZ filed a
petition with this court for a decree changing
name as follows:
a. Present name: CARMEN ELENA DIAZ
changed to Proposed name: CARMEN ELENA
PACHECO.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons
interested in this matter shall appear before this
court at the hearing indicated below to show
cause, if any, why the petition for change of name
should not be granted. Any person objecting to
the name changes described above must file a
written objection that includes the reasons for
the objection at least two court days before the
matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear

“We need continued FeederWatch data on woodpecker
and nuthatch populations throughout North America to
better understand the long-term consequences of this beetle
invasion,” Greig said. “We also need renewed FeederWatcher
effort to monitor the health of house finches, which are
susceptible to a disease that causes swelling around the
eyes. Our participants will be asked to report whether they
looked for the disease and whether they saw sick birds.”

To sign up, visit www.FeederWatch.org or call the Cor-
nell Lab toll-free at 866-989-2473. In return for the \$15
fee (\$12 for Cornell Lab members), participants receive
the FeederWatcher Handbook and Instructions with tips
on how to successfully attract birds to feeders, an identi-
fication poster of the most common feeder birds, and a
calendar. Participants also receive “Winter Bird Highlights,”
an annual summary of FeederWatch findings, as well as
the Cornell Lab’s quarterly newsletter, “Living Bird News.”
Project FeederWatch is a joint research and education project
of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada.

at the hearing to show cause why the petition
should not be granted. If no written objection
is timely filed, the court may grant the petition
without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 11/27/13 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 10.
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shall be published at least once each week for
four successive weeks prior to the date set for
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per of general circulation, printed in this county:
Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: Oct. 17, 2013
SHARON J. WATERS
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Oct. 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as
EDELWEISS LODGE, 25055 MARION RIDGE
DRIVE, IDYLLWILD, CA 92549, Riverside
County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1747, Idyllwild,
CA 92549. ROBERT PAUL KEELE II, TRUSTEE
OF THE JONI KEELE-FAULKNER TRUST,
3883 Jewell Street, Apt A5, San Diego, CA 92109
This business is conducted by a Trust.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact
business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
ROBERT PAUL KEELE II
TRUSTEE OF THE JONI KEELE-FAULK-
NER TRUST
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on Oct. 24, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-11189

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME
STATEMENT EXPIRES ON OCT. 24, 2018. A
NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-
MENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO OCT. 24,
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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
Thereby certify that this copy is a correct copy
of the original statement on file in my office.

LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: A. Acevedo, Deputy
Pub. TC: Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as
TROPHY PRODUCTS, 42097 Abbott Lane,
Hemet, CA 92544, Riverside County. ANDREA
JEAN RANNEY, 42097 Abbott Lane, Hemet,
CA 92544.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact
business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
ANDREA RANNEY
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on OCT. 1, 2013.

FILE NO.:
R-2013-10354
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME
STATEMENT EXPIRES ON OCT. 1, 2018. A
NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-
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2018. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT
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SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: M. GUTIERREZ, Deputy
Pub. TC: Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 2013.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Date of Filing Application: October 22, 2013.
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name of the Applicant is:
SWISS FONDUE HOUSE LLC
The applicant listed above is applying to the
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell
alcoholic beverages at:

54700 N CIRCLE DR
IDYLLWILD, CA 92549
Type of license Applied for:
41-ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING
PLACE

Pub. TC: Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 2013.

RIC1311131
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St., (P.O.
Box 431), Riverside, CA 92502-0431.
PETITION OF GILBERTO RAMOS.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: GILBERTO RAMOS filed a
petition with this court for a decree changing
name as follows:

a. Present name: GILBERTO RAMOS
changed to Proposed name: GILBERT RAMOS.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons
interested in this matter shall appear before this
court at the hearing indicated below to show
cause, if any, why the petition for change of name
should not be granted. Any person objecting to
the name changes described above must file a
written objection that includes the reasons for
the objection at least two court days before the
matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear
at the hearing to show cause why the petition
should not be granted. If no written objection
is timely filed, the court may grant the petition
without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 12/6/13 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 10.
b. The address of the court is same as
noted above.
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause
shall be published at least once each week for
four successive weeks prior to the date set for
hearing on the petition in the following newspa-
per of general circulation, printed in this county:
Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: Oct. 29, 2013
SHARON J. WATERS
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as
IDYLLWILD MONTESSORI SCHOOL, 53785
Country Club Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549,
Riverside County. Mailing Address: 1385 E.
Via Escuela, Palm Springs, CA 92262. LIDIYA
ANNA SOLONOVICH, 53785 Country Club
Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549
This business is conducted by An Individual.
Registrant commenced to transact business
under the fictitious name listed above on Oct.
1, 2013.
Signed:
LIDIYA ANNA SOLONOVICH
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on Oct. 21, 2013.
FILE NO.:
R-2013-11006
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME

Writing workshop about fires

The Idyllwild Branch Library and the Idyllwild Area
Historical Society are co-sponsoring this special workshop
for all interested Hill residents. The subject is “Creating
a Legacy in Writing: Stories of the Mountain and Silver
Fires.”

It is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3
p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, in the Idyllwild Library Community
Room.

This will be an opportunity for participants to share
their personal experiences of the past summer’s fires. The
stories will be archived in the historical society’s special
collection on the mountain fires.

Katya Williamson will guide the four-hour workshop,
with a one-hour lunch break at noon. Currently a UCLA
extension instructor, she is the author of “Bringing the
Soul Back Home: Writing in the New Consciousness.” She
has been offering monthly “Create a Legacy in Writing”
workshops at the Idyllwild Library since January 2013.

STATEMENT EXPIRES ON OCT. 21, 2018. A
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Thereby certify that this copy is a correct copy
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By: D. Santana, Deputy
Pub. TC: Oct. 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, 2013.


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Pub. TC: Nov. 7, 2013.

RIC1312430
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main St.,
Riverside, CA 92501.
PETITION OF ROBERT DEAN WICKORD
AND KAREN RENE’ WICKORD.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: ROBERT DEAN WICKORD
AND KAREN RENE’ WICKORD filed a
petition with this court for a decree changing
name as follows:
a. Present name: KAILEY LINDSEY RENE’
WICKORD changed to Proposed name: KAILEY
RENE’ WICKORD.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons
interested in this matter shall appear before this
court at the hearing indicated below to show
cause, if any, why the petition for change of name
should not be granted. Any person objecting to
the name changes described above must file a
written objection that includes the reasons for
the objection at least two court days before the
matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear
at the hearing to show cause why the petition
should not be granted. If no written objection
is timely filed, the court may grant the petition
without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 12/09/13 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 10.
b. The address of the court is same as
noted above.
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause
shall be published at least once each week for
four successive weeks prior to the date set for
hearing on the petition in the following newspa-
per of general circulation, printed in this county:
Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: Nov. 4, 2013
SHARON J. WATERS
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28 2013.



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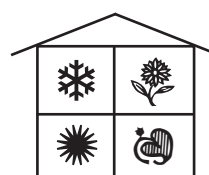
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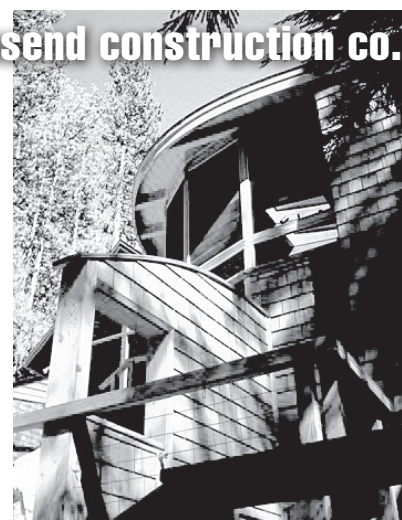
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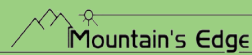
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Public invited to festival meeting

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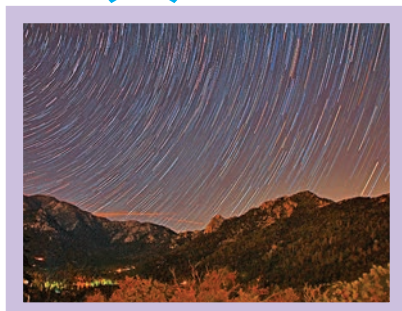
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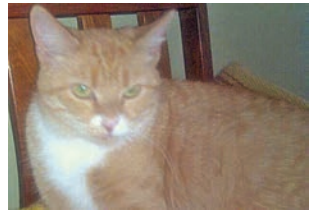
CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

ARF's Search and Rescue team members earned their badges this week. Reunited were **Lilly, Daisy, Dudley, Anikia, Ochorra, Bruno** and **Cece**. Four paws up to you, as you have become such a needed community addition.



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pet that gorgeous red fur. Sunny has the best coat of the cattery, with enough fur to keep all the cats warm. She will be the first to greet you, and is still very close to her last available kitten, **Boomer**, who matches her in color.

Boomer gives a high five to the camera, loving attention as much as his mom. He is a young teen and continues to keep the cattery lively, playful and full of laughs. He is great with other felines, actually very inquisitive of the canine crowd, and loves to investigate any room other than the cattery.



Tommy, Whiskers and **Lachi** enjoy the outdoor cattery.



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65 years ago - 1948

Halloween passed without a major mishap. One prankster painted white ribs on all the horses at the stables.

60 years ago - 1953

In the first official survey of bighorn sheep in the mountains, 141 were observed.

55 years ago - 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Carman were in town from San Marino. Not once in 40 years had Mr. Carman missed climbing to Tahquitz Peak.

50 years ago - 1963

County supervisors sent plans for a 66-foot right-of-way for Circle Drive back to the Planning Commission after receiving protests from Idyllwild residents who asked that the road be kept the same width.

45 years ago - 1968

Idyllwild County Water District purchased an acre-and-a-half from USC-ISO-MATA as a site for a treatment plant.

40 years ago - 1973

Edna Price, author of "Burro Bill and Me," spoke at the annual encampment of the Death Valley '49ers,



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35 years ago - 1978

A 14-year-old Boy Scout from Westminster died in the first snowstorm of the season. Members of his troop were caught unprepared by the 26-hour storm that dumped 3 feet of snow on their campsite in the wilderness area above Idyllwild.

30 years ago - 1983

Hemet Unified School District (HUSD) officials appealed the U.S. Forest Service's decision to deny the HUSD request to purchase more acreage for a Garner Valley school.

25 years ago - 1988

While developers of the proposed Skyline Retreat in Idyllwild were filing an environmental impact report with the county, both

Idyllwild and Pine Cove property owners associations sent letters to county officials expressing their concerns about the project, which proposed a 120-room hotel and 168-seat restaurant on Strawberry Creek.

20 years ago - 1993

Hill residents Ronnie Pierson and Bob Baker roped 16 strands of Christmas lights and the star to the 80-foot town Christmas tree.

15 years ago - 1998

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10 years ago - 2003

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The Town Crier's new Visitors Center has become hugely popular seven days a week. Tourists and part timers visit us every day seeking directions and recommendations. Subscribers who left their newspapers at home come by the Town Crier for a free replacement issue.

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