

Buddha blessings

San Dimas Buddhist group responds to stolen Buddha with gifts for victims and thief's family. See page 11.

New park interpreter

Park Attendant Jyoti Kintz takes Shelley Kibby's place at the Idyllwild Nature Center. See page 10.

Recycled art

Judith Schoenbaum turns trash into beauty in numerous ways. See page 16.

Lowman Hall

Idyllwild Arts raises funds to build a new concert hall dedicated to the Academy's first president. See page 19.

Lola makes fondue

A visit to the Swiss Fondue House inspires. See page 7.

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Idyllwild 2014, the International Festival of Cinema, began this week. Tuesday morning Phil Calderone, owner of the festival premiere venue, the Rustic Theatre, and Steve Savage, Idyllwild 2014 director, prepare for a week of film watching.

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Cycling race may return despite trail closures

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Katie Hedrich, Idyllwild Cycling Club's former president and current vice president and Idyllwild Spring Challenge race director, is looking forward to 2015 when the ISC hopes to return. The July 2013 Mountain Fire forced its one-year hiatus. The fire burned nearly 30,000 acres and destroyed a significant portion of the May Valley trails where the event was hosted. According to Hedrich, about 90 percent of the trails were impacted. "It's not really that big of an area but there are a lot of trails within that area," said Hedrich.

The U.S. Forest Service issued a new forest closure order on Nov. 13, adjusting the boundaries from the or-

der issued immediately after the fire. The order tightens the boundaries around the burn area, resulting in some trails no longer being included in the closure area.

Idyllwild Cycling became an International Mountain Bicycling Association chapter on Oct. 26, 2012. The two organizations are working with the Forest Service on analyzing and designating the trails within the May Valley Project area.

"We are in the process of working with the Forest Service and whatever specialists we need to make [May Valley] a designated trail system because it has never been a designated trail system," Hedrich said. "This will help us greatly with the race, too, because we've had to have studies for those trails just for the weekend of the race. Now,

they can do the studies for the full year, get everything mapped and designate it as an official recreational site."

The course is not going to look the same aesthetically because of the fire and some of the trails may change after the Forest Service and IMBA specialists analyze them, according to Hedrich. Studies and discussions will address how the trail system flows and which trails may need to be rerouted. The entire structure may change slightly. "The May Valley Trails Project is the big deal here; the race is just a small part of that," said Hedrich.

The ISC race began in 2005 and was immediately popular in the cycling world, due in large part to the uniqueness of Idyllwild.

"I'll never forget looking at the staging area with all of

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A sad goodbye to an abused dog

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Seager, the abused, but rescued German shepherd loved by so many, was euthanized on Dec. 30 after a lengthy bout with intestinal problems and numerous surgeries for injuries sustained at the hand of an abusive owner.

In July 2013, Marcia Wheeler Marcus rescued Seager while driving through Double Check Retreat in Valle Vista. On July 5, Sheila Boynton of Idyllwild sent a letter to the Town Crier describing her first meeting with Seager. "I stopped by

[the Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild] for a few minutes the other day and left in tears after meeting their latest rescue, Seager, a beautiful but worn-down purebred German shepherd. His good nature belies the treatment he has received at the hands of monsters who can hardly be called human," she wrote.

Marcus delivered a badly injured Seager to ARF. Seager had been blasted with a shotgun and starved. He had also swallowed a construction staple. Rob Robinson adopted Seager and nursed him through four painful surgeries and a bout with

See Goodbye, page 5

Flu activity slowly spreading

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Last week, state officials again urged residents to get a flu shot. While influenza activity has been low so far this flu season, it began to rise at the end of December.

While not widespread in California, the number of cases has been growing.

"Many California counties, and other states, are reporting patients who are critically ill with influenza, including healthy young adults," according to a state Public Health advisory, encouraging the use of flu vaccines.

The H1N1 strain appears to be the predominant strain circulating so far in Cal-

ifornia and in the rest of the United States this flu season. The H1N1 virus, which emerged during the 2009 pandemic, causes more illness in children and young adults compared to older adults. It causes severe illness in all age groups, including those younger than age 65.

According to a Federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention report, the 2012 vaccine had the "the greatest benefit on those who were most vulnerable to the flu: children younger than 5, and people 65 and older."

Last week, 9.1 percent of visits to Riverside County emergency departments were related to influenza-like illnesses. Compared

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

The Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013 to Monday, Jan. 6, 2014:

- Dec. 30 — Smoke scare, odor of smoke, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 30 — Smoke or odor removal, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 30 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 2 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 4 — Two medical aids, Idyllwild.
- Jan. 6 — Cover assignment, Mountain Center.

Sheriff's log

The sheriff's department responded to the following calls Friday, Dec. 27, 2013, to Thursday, Jan. 2, 2014:

- Dec. 27 — Alarm call, 43000 block of Horn Toad Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Suspicious vehicle, address undefined, Pine meadows. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Shots fired, 52000 block of Azalea Trails Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Hazard, 39000 block of Anza Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Shots fired,

- address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 27 — Alarm call, 38000 block of Cary Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 28 — Open door, 25000 block of Nestwa Trl., Pine cove. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 28 — Robbery, 25000 block of Fir St., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 28 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Marian View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 28 — Suspicious circumstance, address undefined, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Lodge Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Trespassing, 55000 block of Mitchell Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Glen Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Robbery, address undefined, Sage. Report taken.
- Dec. 29 — Alarm call, 53000 block of Toll Gate Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — 911 call, 42000 block of Duer Wy., Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 29 — Illegal dumping, 0 block of Cooper Cienega Truck Trl., Anza. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 29 — Burglary, 59000 block of Burnt Valley Rd., Anza. Report taken.
- Dec. 29 — Miscellaneous criminal, block of Kirby Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 30 — Unknown trouble, 45000 block of Porter St., Old Banning area, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 30 — Suspicious circumstance, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Unfounded.
- Dec. 30 — Burglary, 52000 block of Woodland Dr., Pine Cove. Report taken.
- Dec. 30 — Battery, 42000 block of Val Von Rd., Sage. Report taken.
- Dec. 30 — Civil dispute, 41000 block of Terwilliger Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 31 — Burglary, 55000 block of Pioneer Rd., Idyllwild. Report taken.
- Dec. 31 — Narcotics, address undefined, Anza. Unfounded.
- Dec. 31 — Suspicious circumstance, address undefined, Anza. Report taken.
- Dec. 31 — Alarm call, 26000 block of Hemstreet Pl., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 31 — Vehicle theft, Cooper Cienega Truck Trl., Anza. Report taken.
- Dec. 31 — Check the welfare, 39000 block of Pioneer Wy., Anza. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 31 — Vandalism, 60000 block of Chalet Dr., Pinyon Pines. Report taken.
- Dec. 31 — Noise complaint, 60000 block of Chalet Dr., Pinyon Pines. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 31 — Follow-up, address withheld, Pinyon Pines. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — Suspicious circumstance, 43000 block of Filanc Ranch Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — Follow-up, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — Lost hiker, address undefined, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — Incorrigible minor, address withheld, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 1 — Suspicious person, 56000 block of St. Hwy 74, San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Follow-up, address withheld, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Vehicle theft, 46000 block of Dupont Ln., Sage. Unfounded.
- Jan. 2 — Missing person, 53000 block of Marian View Dr., Idyllwild. Unfounded.
- Jan. 2 — Follow-up, address withheld, Sage. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Battery, 39000 block of Terwilliger Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.
- Jan. 2 — Unattended death, address withheld, Anza. Report taken.

Warm places to escape the cold

In response to this winter's severe cold conditions, the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County, Riverside County Department of Public Health, Riverside County Fire Department, Community Connect 211 and American Red Cross have partnered to open Warm Centers countywide to provide safe, warm places for individuals to escape the cold temperatures during the winter months through March. Warm Centers will open to the public, in affected areas, when the Public Health department issues a "Cold Warning." Watch or listen for the "Cold Warning" on television, radio or the local newspaper.

The department issues a Cold Advisory after contact with the National Weather Service when temperatures drop to 40 degrees or below for at least three hours. The department issues a Cold Warning after contact with the National Weather Service when the forecast anticipates temperatures to remain below 40 degrees for three to five consecutive days. When Cold Warnings are issued, Warm Centers will be opened to the public, especially for those individuals more susceptible to the cold such as the elderly. Idyllwild's American Legion Post 800 at 54360 Marian View Drive is a Warm Center for Hill residents. Its hours are noon to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The phone number is 951-659-3517. A Hotline has been activated to obtain information on home measures to implement to stay warm and safe, Warm Center locations, hours and general information. The Energy Crisis Hotline is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and the contact phone numbers are 1-888-636-8676 or TTY 951-955-5126. CAP is coordinating Warm Centers to provide drop-in sites for vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in need of temporary relief from the cold.






Trivia test

Music: What is a hurdy-gurdy?

Answer: A hand-cranked string instrument

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 1/2	Friday 1/3	Saturday 1/4	Sunday 1/5	Monday 1/6
				
54/33 Sunny	56/36 Sunny	60/37 Sunny	59/36 Sunny	59/35 Sunny

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
12-31	na	na			na	na		
1-1	69	37			45	21		
1-2	65	36			53	27		
1-3	63	35			53	28		
1-4	62	36			53	26		
1-5	na	na			57	26	.01	
1-6	69	33			40	27		

Moisture in inches			Snow in inches		
To date this season (Idy):	7.36		To date this season (Idy):	2.7	
To date last season (Idy):	7.82		To date last season (Idy):	8.1	
Total last season (Idy):	14.02		Total last season (Idy):	42.8	
To date this season (PC):	6.95		To date this season (PC):	8	
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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Race

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the people there and thinking, 'Wow, we're actually doing this.' Hedrich said, adding, 'We have a lot of neat things about the race that make it very unique. Our course is amazing, it really is. We have five different courses, which is unusual, and we cover all different levels. There's also variety on the course; we have probably more single track than any race, which makes us really unique. We don't do laps, which is something I really pushed for from the racer side of things. I think we have one of the best courses in the U.S.'

The race rose in status quickly. The first year the race was a U.S. Cycling race and Idyllwild Cycling was a U.S. Cycling club. 'We became a national qualifier the second year, which was very unusual. The official at the first race said, 'You guys have got something really amazing here. You should apply for this.' So we applied to the AMBC [American Mountain Bike Challenge] and it was a big application process. I forget the number, but it was something like out of 100 applicants they were only picking four or five new venues and we were one of them,' Hedrich said.

The forced hiatus for 2014 concerns Hedrich in that continuity is important in racing and the May time



The Pacific Crest Trail remains closed in the San Jacinto Mountains Jan. 1 due to July 2013's Mountain Fire. The trail closure spans from Strawberry Junction to Highway 74 in Garner Valley.

PHOTO BY HALIE JOHNSON

slot is important to the race.

The 2014 event would have been the 10th anniversary of the race. Inquiries from as far away as Costa Rica are already coming in and Hedrich is confident the 2015 race will be a success.

'We will come back strong in 2015,' she said. 'If all goes well, we'll have a permit far in advance that will allow us to do lots of advertising, we'll have sponsors lined up and we'll give everybody plenty of warning if they want to volunteer.'

It is important to Hedrich that people understand

that the event takes a lot of work and a lot of people. She stresses the importance of the volunteers and emphasizes the importance of the support the event has received from local organizations, including the Mile High Radio Club, the Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Department and the Mountain Community Patrol.

'I think it is really important that we all work together — Idyllwild Cycling, the Forest Service, IMBA and the town of Idyllwild,' Hedrich said. 'This isn't going to happen without everyone's cooperation.'

Stone is new chair of board

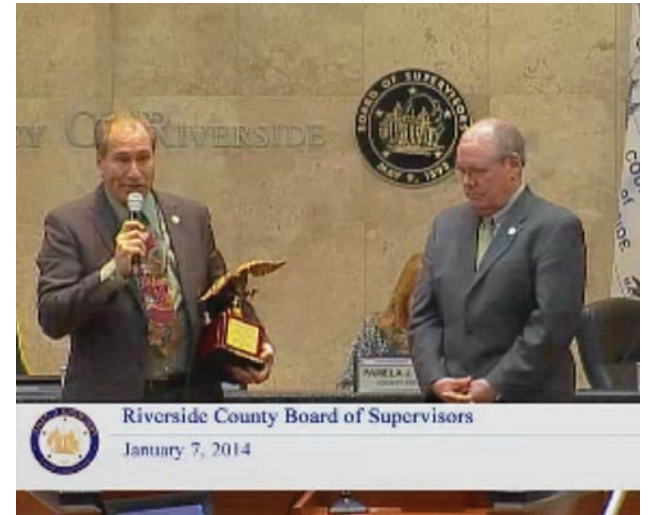
By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone was chosen as the new chair of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors this week.

At its first meeting of 2014 on Tuesday, the board unanimously elected Stone chair and Supervisor Marion Ashley (5th District) vice chair.

'I consider it a tremendous honor,' Stone said to his colleagues after the vote. 'This is the second and last time for me going into my 10th year.'

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Supervisor Jeff Stone (3rd District) is the new chair of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors for 2014. As his first act, he is honoring former Chair John Benoit (4th District) for his service during 2013.

Tremors shake the mountain

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

In the past week, a series of six earthquakes shook the Idyllwild area along the San Jacinto Fault.

The first was at about 3:45 Monday afternoon, Dec. 30, and was the largest and closest. The 3.6-magnitude earthquake could be felt throughout Idyllwild. The epicenter was about 2 miles south-southwest

of Idyllwild and 9 miles east-southeast of Valle Vista. No injuries or damages were immediately identified.

About four hours later, another quake of magnitude 2.2 occurred 4 miles north-northwest of Anza and 13 miles southeast of Valle Vista.

The third quake was larger (magnitude 3.1) and occurred about 11 miles east-southeast of Anza. This tremor was at about 1:30

a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. It was followed within 12 hours by a 2.2 tremor near Pine Cove and Idyllwild, close to the site of the first quake.

Two days later, Jan. 2, another 2.2 magnitude quake occurred southeast of Anza and closer to the desert.

The latest quake, 2.6 magnitude, occurred Sunday afternoon, Jan. 5, near the third site.

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About a week ago, I parked my car and walked a mile or so with my dogs to the end of Marion Ridge Drive and into the very large field below it. I didn't realize until I returned to my car that I had lost my keys.

Over the next week, I retraced my steps four or five times but still didn't find them.

Last week, I walked the route once again. Stepping through the gate, I saw a steel gate post, on top of which were not only my keys, but an unopened granola bar that I had forgotten about. My heart-felt appreciation goes to the person who did me such a kindness. Only in Idyllwild.

GINNY ANDERSON
IDYLLWILD



At left, on Dec. 13, **Gary Kuschner** (center), president of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild, presented a \$1,500 check from AAI to members of the smARTS Committee **Joann Tomsche** (left) and **Heather Mello** (right) at Café Aroma. AAI helps support visual arts and the smARTS program, which provided more than 220 classes to Idyllwild School students last year.

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Goodbye

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intestinal problems. Seager's injuries appeared to be intentional, according to a sheriff's deputy Robinson talked to who came in to the veterinarian office where Seager was being treated. "He saw Seager's X-rays that happened to be up on the wall in the vet's office. He could tell by the pattern of the BBs that the dog was running away when he was shot; it was concentrated in his hip and sprayed back. So they were doing it just to be evil," said Robinson.

Robinson gave Seager a loving home complete with a new playmate Madde, a female German shepherd, and his son Anthony. The three played fetch daily with a basketball Madde and Seager deflated. "Seager was hesitant when we first brought him home, but he's doing great now. He's also great with other dogs," Robinson said at the time.

The Idyllwild community rallied around Seager and Robinson with donations of food and a lifetime supply of medications.

But things took a turn for the worse toward the end of December. According to Robinson, "He got real sick again. He stopped eating for three or four days, and then just got really, really skinny. It got to the point where he couldn't even walk anymore. I literally had to pick him up and put him in the car. When he passed the staple he swallowed they think he may have punctured his intestines; they also found a lot of white blood cells in his body, too, so he was trying to fight off something."

When Robinson adopted Seager he had diarrhea constantly and was put on a probiotic diet. While there was a slight improvement, Seager never had a normal bowel movement in the six months Robinson had him. "They did a fluid sample from his stomach and found it was already life-threatening. The last thing [the veterinarian] told me was that I might want to start thinking about euthanizing," Robinson said.

Madde is going nuts without Seager, Robinson said, and he is not sure that Anthony fully understands what happened.

"We tried, we tried like crazy, you know. Obviously he's in a better place now than the pain he was going through," Robinson said sadly.

Boynton observed in her letter, "I wonder sometimes if we don't take ARF and its small handful of volunteers for granted. Day after day, they quietly deal with sad stories like this one on our behalf, desperate for foster homes to enable them to save more abandoned and abused animals like Seager."

To donate to ARF, call (951) 663-6642 or visit arfidyllwild.weebly.com.

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Seager, back, and Madde vied for top dog.

PHOTO BY ROB ROBINSON

Obituary Donald J. Harrison

Donald J. Harrison died in December 2013 at home in Idyllwild. Dr. Harrison graduated from Monrovia, Arcadia, Duarte High School in 1948. He received his associate degree from Pasadena City College in 1950, and transferred to the University of Southern California, receiving his bachelor's and master's degrees in 1957. He received his education doctorate in 1972.

Dr. Harrison was a veteran of the U.S. Naval Reserve, 1947-53, and served on active duty in England with the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955.

Dr. Harrison retired as a distinguished emeritus professor from College of the Desert in Palm Desert following 32 years in his beloved classroom.

Dr. Harrison was a member of Delta Alpha Epsilon; National Honoray Business Education Fraternity; and SCORE, Hemet chapter. He was editor of "CLIP," the California Business Education Association Newsletter, Southern Section, and an officer with the U.S. Power Squadron at Redondo Beach.

Dr. Harrison was an avid sailor and scuba diver, spending much of his time diving with his family in Cozumel, Mexico.

He is survived by his wife Estela and sons Blake (Luz) and Gregory (Nilsa), and his beloved granddaughter Alyssa.

Obituary Joseph Rodriguez

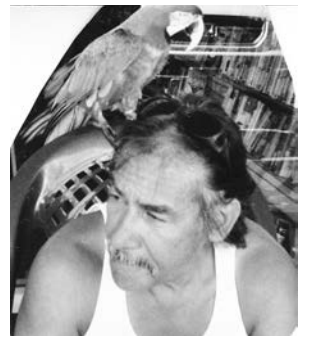
Joseph Rodriguez, devoted father, brother and uncle, peacefully passed away Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013.

Joe was born March 19, 1948 in Los Angeles into a family of nine children. He lived in Mountain Center.

He worked in construction, loved fishing and was always helping others with translations. He was a member of Shiloh Christian Ministries.

Joe is survived by his daughter, Jessica, and sisters and brothers Dorothea, Richard, Johnny, Pasty, Terry and Manuel, as well as many friends.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at La Palma Christian Center, 8082 Walker St., La Palma.



Pine Cove board to meet Jan. 8

The County Service Area 38 (Pine Cove fire and ambulance) committee meets at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8 in the Pine Cove Water District board room. This is an open, public meeting.

Flowers of the forest for 2013

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

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

They were volunteers for one of the many organizations on the Hill, they were friends, they were relatives of a close friend, they were co-workers, they were fellow students and they were family. They were part of our community.

The Town Crier pauses to memorialize in its second-newspaper of the new year the names of 28 people who died in 2013:

Sid Acton
Lori Alexander
Kathleen Barnes
Lucas Alan Dunn
Tim E. Faulkner
Donald J. Harrison
Elizabeth Courtney
Haworth Windson
Brenda Joyce Herndon Miller
Alvar Kauti

Patricia Arlene Kent
Viv Larson
Emily "Mimi" LeGate
Thomas McCullough
Nancy Jane Monroe
Donald Ellis Moore
Allan Morphett
Kevin Edward Nay
Richard Lewis "Wayne" Parker
Laura-Eloise Ray

Joseph Rodriguez
Robert P. Stearns
Dorothy Swain Lewis
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Kendall Vaught
Betty Louise Webley
Elaine Baty Weisheit
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OUT LOUD

An Idyllwild treasure ...



Jyoti Kintz, she mentioned that more people are coming to the Nature Center since the Town Crier opened the Visitors Center.

The Nature Center is one of the best places to visit in Idyllwild, I think, and we like sending people of all ages there because it has easy and more difficult trails, so it is great for families with small children, and both people in great shape and in not-so-great shape who want to take a hike, as well as cyclers.

The center hosts an interpretive gallery with the history of the mountains that includes logging and Cahuilla Indian life. Animals, both live and mounted, offer educational opportunities.

A garden of native plants and a gift shop round off the Nature Center.

You also don't need an Adventure Pass or permit to visit. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for children under age 12, free for children under age 2 and \$1 for dogs. Yes, you may bring a dog as long as you keep it on a leash.

When my children were small, I packed a lunch and took them there regularly. We walked the Yellow Pine Forest Trail, a self-guided tour of the terrain that includes metates (bowls/impressions in boulders Cahuillas used to grind seeds and grains). We ate lunch at the picnic tables.

The gift shop was small back then but the big topographical map under glass of the area was there. My kids loved me pointing out on the map where they lived and where their grandmother lived in the desert. Now I take my grandchildren to the Nature Center when I can.

We joined the Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks and with that membership, we enjoy entry to the Nature Center and can walk any of the trails — even the ones between the County Park and the Nature Center. Our membership pass also gives us access to Hurkey Creek Park.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

In the interview in this week's issue (page 11) with new Park Interpreter

Grand jury report is a stretch

EDITOR:

Well, you have to give them credit for one thing — they don't give up. But although their previous "investigations" have been a stretch, this one takes the cake. This time they're going to decide in all of their wisdom whether one member of an organization the county has nothing to do with has too many assignments, and, also, whether he makes too much money working overtime.

As for the first allegation (too many assignments) they have proof; they have sworn statements. And, as for the second, it turns out that administrative captain is the only member of the full-time staff, including the other captains, that has taken the trouble to qualify as a strike team leader, meaning every time

another agency asks for help, he is the one who leads the strike team to the incident and directs their activities. These assignments can go on for days, and it's all overtime, which is reimbursed, by the way. So, yes, he earns a lot of overtime.

Here's the mysterious part of this current grand jury investigation. IFPD is an independent organization overseen by a board of commissioners elected by the citizens of our community. Other than abiding by many state laws that govern its activities, it is not beholden to anyone, and especially not the county.

For a county grand jury to undertake an investigation of an independent organization such as IFPD to decide whether, in their opinion, the organization is being run properly is a travesty.

Intra-District Transfer period open

The Hemet Unified School District's Intra-District Transfers Open Enrollment period for the 2014-15 school year is Jan. 1 to March 1, 2014. During that period, parents may apply to transfer their children to a different school.

HUSD policy allows children to continue their current enrollment at their school through the highest grade level offered without having to re-apply annually for their transfer.

Parents may pick up an information letter and application at any district school or at the Centralized Registration Office, 2085 W. Acacia Avenue, Hemet. Applications must be submitted on or before March 1.

District officials stress limited space is available and those students who live within a school's attendance area will have priority.

New CHP inspection facility

Last week, Caltrans joined the California Highway Patrol, the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Department of General Services to mark the start of construction for the first of two phases of the Joint Port of Entry. The new facility will be located on southbound Interstate 15 at the California/Nevada state line and will house a CHP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Facility and a new agricultural inspection station for the CDFA.

"This groundbreaking is the earmark of the extensive efforts of several state agencies and elected officials working together to bring this strategically located CVEF to the State of California. It also improves the movement of goods by making our roadways safe, not only for the trucking industry, but for the traveling public," says Malcolm Daugherty, Caltrans director.

The CVEF is a facility that allows specialized CHP officers to inspect commercial vehicles looking for unsafe conditions or equipment such as faulty brakes, steering, and structurally deficient trucks and trailers. Officers also determine the appropriate weight requirements for overweight vehicles and trucks as set forth in the Vehicle Code.

Las Vegas Paving Corporation of Nipton, California, was awarded \$42 million to construct the CVEF for phase one of the project.

For more information, visit www.dot.ca.gov/dist8/.

READERS WRITE

And then there's the third allegation having to do with our firefighters engaging in improper political activity. That was investigated by the department, and their attorney advised that there was no violation of law. But the grand jury knows better — on what basis I wonder? But here's the kicker. As a result of their first investigation (that I'm aware of) they required IFPD to meet with county fire/Cal Fire to discuss whether that agency should take over the fire protection duties within the district. When conducting that investigation the first thing the grand jury did was run to county fire to ask them what they thought, and I'll bet they did the same thing this time. And that, my friends, is what this is all about — trying to make IFPD look bad in order to help pave the way for county fire to move in and take over, which ain't gonna happen.

BEN KILLINGSWORTH
IDYLLWILD

Not smart to fold the water agency

EDITOR:

One would think that, after at least a decade of leading a horse to drink at a more-cohesive San Jacinto Mountain Water Agency trough, some collective reason would have set in. Looks like the Kool Aid in the Pine Cove wells is better than the sugar around the SJMWA

table, even though this time its formerly exclusive Fern Valley Water District reached out to convene the team.

In case Pine Cove Water District management missed it, perhaps the new board up there in the rarefied air can provide some real-life oxygen. In our austere era, grants are going to collaboration, stupid, and outliers are being left, er, both high and dry. Still seems like a good idea to work together to improve service and cut expenses. Maybe Idyllwild's sewer system will be able to digest the historically poor thinking that believes running three local water districts in a town of less than 4,000 people is good business.

On the other hand, that very same thinking at the federal level might have saved us from Obamacare.

BILL PROTZMANN
SAN DIEGO

Rose Parade draws tourists to Hill

EDITOR:

One of the reasons we come to Idyllwild over New Year's is perhaps the strangest you may have ever heard. Besides for the fresh air, quiet, fun stores, restaurants and shops, it is to watch the Rose Parade. All San Diego-area cable companies eliminated KTLA Channel 5 from their cable line-up years ago. (Too much com-

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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.

Exceptions: Anonymous letters will not be accepted. Letters of thanks are not accepted. A special advertising rate is available for thank-you letters. Political letters during election season cost 10 cents per word.

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

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petition to San Diego's seven TV news stations.)

Now our local FOX affiliate simulcasts Bob and Stephanie's beautiful KTLA parade coverage. But we'll still keep coming to beautiful Idyllwild each year.

KEN HARRISON
CARDIFF BY THE SEA

Realtors' letter offends off-Hiller

EDITOR:

I support the Town Crier's efforts and placement within the paper to keep all of us informed about the facts and realities in Idyllwild — the good stories as well as the bad. Keep up the good work, and keep things as they are. It is not just for the tourists to know what is going on in Idyllwild, but for the homeowners and business owners as well.

I am offended by the suggestion that the Realtors association of Idyllwild has presented. It sounds as though they want you to bury the facts, because the unpleasant truth and facts are messing with their own personal business. Manipulating the press or playing down the truth is not a productive way to stop the crime in Idyllwild.

Last winter, I left a message for the president of the Realtors association and also spoke with several Idyllwild business owners regarding the break-ins and what is being done to stop them. I was surprised that the community as a whole did not become more proactive. Still, the thefts and break-ins continue.

I offer these two solutions. Since the realtors have a large stake in the health and welfare of Idyllwild, why don't they vanguard or spearhead an effort for the community to employ private security to guard residents' homes and businesses, or maybe offer legal monetary rewards for catching the criminals. Turning a blind eye is not going to get the job done.

It is apparent that the thieves are actually taking more than physical possessions from the community. They are stealing those "good-old-days" feelings away from Idyllwild as well.

BILL O'CONNOR
PASADENA

Puff pieces on the front page

EDITOR:

The realty board letter peaked my interest. I like to read good news as well as anyone, but Idyllwild is not Disneyland. This is a real community with a real newspaper with real news. I know sometimes the folk from down below think it is Disneyland, walking down the center of the streets and stopping in the middle of the highway.

Since the Realtors don't advertise in the paper anymore, why would they think the tourists would read it anyway? If the Realtors choose not to serve the visitors in the Town Crier, why are they trying to dictate the format?

I used to love the colorful double- and quadruple-page ads that I could show my guests. We would read the ads and they would get all enthusiastic. We would drive into town and stop at my favorite real estate offices — like Robin Oates, who has the best maps in town and Village Properties for the take-your-own-tour listings — and gawk at the pictures in the windows at Idyllwild Realty.

Now, we just go to lunch. I can't get them to muster up enthusiasm to go into the real estate offices, endure the chit chat with the Realtors and then drive around with them when they take you to look at their choices. My guests want me to drive them around while exchanging news of our activities, families and general gossip that one would never speak of in front of a stranger.

They want to look at neighborhoods, exteriors and prices before narrowing down candidates for further inspection. Now, I just send them to Zillow, a wildly inaccurate site for cyber hunting without the gossip, lunch or even visiting. I've only had one guest actually take moving here seriously since the great ads ceased.

Now, the paper targets the locals who need to know the news. We already like this place. Puff pieces on the front page won't make us like it even more.

The paper serves the locals. We need to know what is going on. The important news needs to be up front, not hidden in the back to appease a group that doesn't support the paper anyway.

BY DOLORES SIZER

Fondue revival ...

Do you remember the food trends from your past? Some of mine are Jello molds with drained fruit cocktail. Onion dip with chips is still around — a great dip for guys with football on TV. Due to my heritage, I also remember the traditional tamale making around the kitchen table on Christmas eve.

As a child I considered it a chore and was eager to open presents. Oh, how I would love to be making tamales with my family around the kitchen table today. To repeat the old phrase, hindsight has 20/20 vision.

I always ask my readers to give me their food stories; let me know what foods you remember from your past. I will mention them in my next column.

Now to the present, something revived. Several of the Town Crier staff were treated to an evening at the new Swiss Fondue House restaurant about two weeks ago. I had no idea what to expect. When I walked into the restaurant, there was a good feeling about what was to come. Other locals were present from nearby businesses. Lo and behold, there was my hairstylist Peggy Petolas from Mountain Do's.

We were all seated at a long table. Small, thoughtful treats were at each setting — Swiss chocolates, yum. The plates in front of us were 60 years old. I asked the owner if she was worried about broken plates. She said it was better than putting them away and never using them. She is right.

A salad was served with a wonderful dressing. On top of the salad was what I thought was a fresh carnation. I couldn't remember if carnations were edible. The carnation turned out to be a wonderful Swiss cheese, nothing like the Swiss cheese we are used to. To get the cheese to look

LOLA'S KITCHEN



like a flower involved a utensil with a spinner slicing the cheese in a circular, horizontal motion. It was delectable cheese.

Two types of cheese fondues were served with chunks of bread, vegetables and fruit for dipping. After an indescribable selection of red and white wine, it was on to dessert. Ok, after all the wine I can't tell you what the dessert was, but it was served with ice cream and was heaven.

You can request fondue to dip meat in, just notify the owners ahead of time.

During the meal, if anyone lost their dipping food off the end of their fork in the fondue, they had to draw a card and do whatever it said. Many guests kept stirring, not to disclose they had dropped their bread. One guest had to go outside the front door of the restaurant and shout something as loud as she could. I can't remember what she shouted. I had had too much good wine by then.

On to my recipe. I have made this fondue a few times. It is great. My daughter introduced me to this fondue. Also you do need a fondue pot with forks.

Gruyere Fondue With Carmalized Shallots

Ingredients

- 1-1/2 tbsp. butter
- 1-1/2 cups thinly sliced shallots
- 1-1/4 tsp. sugar
- 1-1/4 (or more) dry white wine
- 14 ounces grated Gruyere cheese (about 3-1/2 cups packed)
- 2 tbsps. all-purpose flour
- generous pinch of nutmeg
- 1 sourdough baguette, cut into 1-inch cubes

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I want to know about the burglaries, what IFPD is up to this time, what the entertainment venues are offering, what good things the locals are doing and the dangers that face our community. I want the important articles that impact my life on the front page. I love this community and I want to know what is going on. Hiding the news on back pages does not serve the community.

NANCY BORCHERS
PINE COVE

Taking my Realtor business elsewhere

EDITOR:

I have recently read the unsigned letter from the members of the Idyllwild Association of Realtors. I

have to say I strongly disagree. The news printed in your newspaper is, first and foremost, for the residents of Idyllwild. News that is important to this community, whether good or bad, belongs on the front page, not buried at the back of the paper.

If there are break-ins in my neighborhood, I want to see that right away. Put it on the front page. If the county is going to lower my property tax, put it on the front page. This is what newspapers do. They prioritize the news. What's important should come first.

As for the tourists, they may pick up a copy of the paper when they arrive in town, but they are not interested in the local news. Most

of them turn to your "On the town" page (page 13 last week). Here is everything they need to know about arts and entertainment in our town.

There is no reason to believe what is printed in your paper has had a negative impact on the number of tourists visiting our town. They're not going to read the paper, put the kids back in the car and go home.

Now, I don't know where the Realtors have been for the past six weeks, but I was here, and I have seen the best holiday season in the 10 years I have lived here. The weekends were so crowded with tourists, I often had trouble finding a place to park.

I talked to a friend of mine who owns a restaurant

in town and he told me that on the day of the tree lighting, he had to turn people away. On New Year's Day, he had the busiest day he can remember. Other retail business owners I talked to said their sales were up. And during this time the paper reported a number of break-ins and car crashes.

The real-estate association quit advertising in the Town Crier some time ago, and now it has the nerve to suggest how best to run the paper. It has a long way to go to prove its point.

In the last 10 years, I have bought four homes and sold one. Personally, I am finished with them in the future. I will take my business elsewhere.

RAY BROWN
IDYLLWILD

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Wednesday, Jan. 8

•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.

•Creskide 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.

•Living Gracefully With Pain, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

•Spanish Class for Home-schoolers, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

•Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.

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

•Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.

•CSA 38, 5:30 p.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd, Pine Cove.

•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, Jan. 9

•Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

•Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.

•Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), noon. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP. Call Françoise Frigola, 951-659-4146, for more information.

•Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Ave. Show up or phone 951-659-4910.

•Mile High Radio Club

board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Friday, Jan. 10

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (The Courtyard.)

•Feeding America, 3 p.m. Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center. Distribution at the former Morning Sky School on Hwy. 243.

•Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program, 6:30 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Child care on request. Call 951-659-0097 for information.

Saturday, Jan. 11

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Sunday, Jan. 12

•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 meeting (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Rd, Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.

•Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Monday, Jan. 13

•Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

•Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Epis-

copal 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, Jan. 14

•Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Drive. Call 659-6208 for information.

•Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.

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

•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.

•Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 5-7 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.

•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.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

•California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.

•Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.

•Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle

Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.

•Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; noon-8 p.m. Tuesday; noon-5 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.

•Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.

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659-5255 • On Hwy 243 in Mountain Center.

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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.

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We're back. No written clues with this week's photo.

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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. Only one entry per household. 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.

Stone's schedule now quarterly

Riverside County Third District Supervisor Jeff Stone is paring down future visits to Idyllwild from monthly to quarterly.

He will be at the Idyllwild Library from noon to 4 p.m. the Fridays of Jan. 24, April 25, July 25 and Oct. 24

However, the Idyllwild community may schedule a meeting at any time in one of our three offices throughout the year. Call Legislative Assistant Rose Esparza at 951-698-7326.

Christmas tree recycling aids fish

Who knew holiday trees could make life a little better for fish? The Riverside County Waste Management Department is working with the California Department of Fish and Game to collect Christmas trees at county landfills and provide them for fish habitat. The county landfill department is always looking for innovative ways to divert waste and preserve valuable landfill space.

The Department of Fish and Game will use the waste conifers in local lakes and waterways to create protective habitat for small fish. Christmas trees collected at the Badlands, Blythe and Lamb Canyon landfill, through the free Christmas tree drop-off program, will be provided to the Department of Fish and Game, who will sink the trees in local lakes and waterways so juvenile fish have a little more protection from larger predatory fish.

Remove all decorations, lights, tinsel and tree stands before recycling. Flocked trees cannot be recycled and need to be cut up and placed in a regular trash container.

Trees over 4 feet tall should be cut in half. Residential trees also will be accepted for free until Jan. 11 at:

- A. Lua Wood Recycling, 18938 Mermack Ave., Lake Elsinore
- B.P. John Recycling, 28700 Matthews Road, Romoland
- Burrtec Recycle Center, 41-800 Corporate Way, Palm Desert
- Burrtec/Robert A Nelson Transfer Station, 1830 Agua Mansa Road, Riverside
- Riverside County Badlands Landfill, 31125 Ironwood Ave., Moreno Valley
- Riverside County Lamb Canyon Landfill, 16411 Lamb Canyon Road, Beaumont

For more information, call Riverside County Waste Management Department at 951-486-3200 or visit our website at www.rivcowm.org/.

For more green holiday suggestions, read the fact sheet at www.rivcowm.org/opencms/landfill_info/pdf/FactSheets/96399-GreenHolidaySuggestions.pdf.

Court accepting civil grand jurors

The Riverside County Superior Court is accepting applications from qualified citizens interested in being nominated to serve as civil grand jurors for the time period from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015.

Those interested in serving as a grand juror must have the following qualifications:

- Must be a citizen of the United States;
- Must be 18 years of age or older;
- Must be a resident of Riverside County for at least one year prior to July 1, 2014;
- Must be of sound judgment and fair character;
- Must possess sufficient knowledge of the English language;
- Must be able to attend hearings and meetings three to five days a week;
- Must not be serving as a trial juror in any court in California;
- Cannot have been discharged as a grand juror within the previous year;
- Cannot be serving as an elected public official; and
- Cannot have been convicted of malfeasance in office, or any felony or high crime.

Duties include, but are not limited to, investigating the operations of county government, researching matters of civic concern and inquiring into public offenses.

A per diem plus mileage is paid to defray expenses.

A fillable application can be located on the court's website at <http://riverside.courts.ca.gov/> by selecting grand jury under the divisions tab. An application may also be requested by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-sized envelope to Riverside Superior Court – County of Riverside, Jury Services Division, P.O. Box 400, Riverside, CA 92502. Applications must be received by March 1, 2014.

Old Town Criers now online

The 1949 to 1953 Town Criers are now available on the GenealogyBank.com website. Access requires a subscription to the website.

DON'T BE SCAMMED

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

The Federal Trade Commission is alerting the public to a telemarketing scam targeting Spanish-speaking women. The women are offered the opportunity to purchase brand-name clothing, purses and perfumes at below-market prices for resale. Once the order is placed, the items are shipped C.O.D. to the purchaser who is unable to verify the contents of the shipment. On opening the package, the purchaser discovers items not consistent with their order and/or items completely unsellable. Despite complaints to the company and promises of refunds, no resolution is reached and the company then subjects the purchaser to harassment and threats (arrest or deportation).

FTC recently filed suit against the company, the Cream Group, doing business as Oro Marketing Inc. Consumers are advised to be suspicious of cold calls, research the company making the offer, inspect merchandise delivered prior to acceptance, and finally, consider using the national Do Not Call registry (<https://donotcall.gov>).

A variation of tech-support scams are making the news again with scammers claiming they can obtain refunds for consumers who are unhappy with services paid for to resolve computer issues. Some scammers claim the support company is going out of business. By agreeing to seek a refund, the scammers then ask for remote access to the consumer's computer or bank account and/or credit card information to process the refund. This information is then used to transfer money from the consumer's account.

The 40 million Target shoppers already victimized by the widely publicized theft of personal information from the department store chain Nov. 27 to Dec. 15, are the target of an email campaign mounted by scammers. Authentic-looking emails requesting personal information purporting to be used for verification purposes trick consumers into further compromising their financial information. The FTC advises consumers not to respond to email requests for information and, additionally, to avoid clicking on website links contained in these bogus emails.

To file a complaint, visit www.ftc.gov/complaint. Complaints regarding fake emails should be sent to www.spam.uce.gov.

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Nature Center names new park interpreter

By JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Jyoti Kintz has been named park interpreter at the Nature Center following the retirement of Shelley Kibby on Nov. 7, 2013.

The Kintz family moved to Idyllwild when Jyoti was only 6 months old. “My name comes from India. It’s Sanskrit and it means, “The light within,” Kintz explained. She attended Idyllwild School from kindergarten to the eighth grade. “They

call that a hillbilly at that point,” Kintz laughed. After a short time at Hemet High, she entered the Helen Hunt Independent Study program. After finishing high school, she took classes at Mt. San Jacinto College and has taken a number of classes offered through Riverside County, which oversees the Nature Center.

March 2014 will mark Kintz’s 12th year working at the Nature Center. “There was an ad in the Town Crier and my boyfriend got the job first and it didn’t end up working out for him so Shelley asked me if I was interested in the position and I said, ‘I’ll try it.’ I didn’t even have it in mind,” said Kintz. “I miss Shelley. She was a good mentor. We worked side-by-side. I was pretty much her right arm.”

Nature is Kintz’s passion. “I always was a nature kid. I loved being outside, playing in the creek and making mud pies; running around in the meadow. We had a little meadow across from our house that had a little stream, and we’d watch the frogs grow from little pollywogs. We’d always catch them and bring them home. I’m pretty passionate about nature in general and the wildlife. And of course, I’m still learning more about Native American history,” she said.

Transitioning from park attendant to park interpreter is a big change. “You’re pretty much the director of the center,” she said. “The title is park interpreter and you’re doing all the planning, programs and events, community things; the day-in and day-out things that have to be done here. After a little while I’ll be able to hire someone to do my [former] position.”

Help from the Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain



Jyoti Kintz, new Nature Center park interpreter.

PHOTO COURTESY SCOTT FISHER

County Parks has been invaluable. She added, “The Friends, they do a lot for us. We couldn’t do it without them. Especially right now, since I’ve been here by myself. I’ve really needed the volunteers and we are always looking for more.”

Kintz encourages locals and visitors alike to visit the Nature Center. “I think a lot of people don’t realize we’re here because we’re not in town. More and more people are finding out about it now that [the Town Crier] is the Visitors Center. The Forest Service also encourages people to come here because we have easy trails for families with kids; its real family-oriented. When we get snow, this becomes a hot spot for sledding and snow play because it’s safe, it’s not on the highway and it’s not on private property. There are a lot of open areas for them to play and build snowmen.”

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SPORTS

Adult Volleyball

Volleyball Coordinator **Ginger Dagnall** gave these standings for the past two weeks’ games, played from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Idyllwild School gymnasium.

	Wins	Losses
Forest Lumber	2	0
Idyllwild Garage	2	1
Silver Pines	2	1
Idyllwild Inn	2	1
Cafe Aroma	0	2
Higher Grounds	0	3

Golf

Jim Crandall, Palms to Pines Golf Association handicap chair, provided this report about the Friday, Dec. 20, golf tournament at The Country Club at Soboba Springs.

It was a beautiful day and the course was in excellent shape.

John McAndrews (course handicap 38) won the tourney by seven strokes with a net 63; **Jerry Gabel** (22) took second with a net 70, **John Brower** (9) took third with a net 71; **Bill Ragland** (14) took fourth with a net 73, and there was a three-way tie for fifth between **Lee Lanfriend** (20), **Scott Schroeder** (22) and **Dan Slattery** (26) with net 74s.

The closest-to-the-pin winners on the four par 3s were **Pete Capparelli** on #4, McAndrews on #8, **Pete Holzman** on #13 and Ragland on #15.

Palms to Pines welcomes new member **Barry Zander**.

Here are the year-to-date point standings of the 2013-2014 season, which runs from August through July.

Place	Golfer	Points
1	John Brower	14
2	Pete Capparelli	12.5
3	Jerry Gabel	11.5
4	Bill Ragland	9.5
5	Dan Slattery	8.83
6	Chuck Alkire	7.5
7	Gary Brown	7
tied	John McAndrews	7
9	Lee Lanfriend	5.33
10	Pete Holzman	5
11	Jim Crandall	4.5

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IFPD to consider dispatch services contract

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District was to hold a special meeting for Tuesday evening, Jan. 7. At the meeting, the commission was to discuss the district’s contract with Riverside County for emergency dispatch services.

The Tuesday evening meeting occurred after the Town Crier went to print this week. A story will be in the Jan. 16 edition of the Town Crier.

The contract between IFPD and the county expires on March 11 and the proposed letter requested an extension through June 30, 2014. There are two one-year

extensions, and a 60-day notification clause, according to Fire Chief Patrick Reitz.

The commission was to discuss sending a letter to the county requesting to open negotiations. In addition, the agenda said IFPD would also consider authorizing a request for proposal (RFP) for dispatch services. The draft RFP indicates the district would consider two separate contracts — one dispatch contract for fire calls and another for emergency medical calls — as well as one contract for both types of calls.

“Due to the escalation in the fees over the term of the contract, the district needs to evaluate its options for dispatch services,” Reitz wrote in a Friday, Jan. 3 email.

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Strawberry Creek Buddha brings more blessings

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

News of the theft and eventual return of the Strawberry Creek Inn Buddha covered by the Town Crier in the Dec. 19 and Dec. 26 issues made newspapers and online outlets across the country. Inn owners Ian Scott and Rodney Williams are amazed by the response the story has received.

As reported previously, the Buddha was taken on Dec. 14 and the thief, at the insistence of a parent, returned the Buddha to the inn on Dec. 23. The Buddha was apparently given as a gift to the grandparent.

Williams was surprised when representatives of the Tzu Chi Foundation in San Dimas showed up at the inn. "They came out about a week ago and just showed up one day," he said. "A member had seen the article in the paper and they were touched by my willingness to be forgiving and compassionate, and also by the person who had the [the thief] bring the Buddha back," Williams said. "They took photos, left books for our rooms and then left."

According to Williams, "We told them about the [parent] making them bring [the Buddha] back and they wanted to give a gift of a Buddha to the [thief] so he



Rodney Williams (left, holding Buddha) and **Ian Scott** (rear with cap), owners of the Strawberry Creek Inn B&B, were visited by the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation of San Dimas, Monday, Jan. 6. They had learned about the Buddha's theft and came to present Buddha to Williams, Scott and another.

PHOTO BY HOLLY OWENS

could give it to his grandparent and they also wanted to give us one."

Tzu Chi representatives returned on Monday, Jan. 6, with television cameras and a satellite, as well as gifts for the inn and the grandmother. The father and son were not available, but the grandmother was and made the visit to the inn.

"They presented each of us with pastries from JJ's Bak-

ery in LA, and a Lucite-lighted Buddha that was worth about \$350. Apparently, 70 volunteers pitched in \$10 each. Then they interviewed both of us," said Williams. "It kind of floored me. For me, I guess I was really impressed that they felt it was a story that merited a two-hour drive. It also impressed me on what they were focused on. They were focused on the father taking responsibility

and his effort to teach his son about ethics and my willingness to forgive in not throwing the kid in jail."

The group spent a lot of time at the inn and indicated that they planned to come back and rent out the entire inn. Williams is still somewhat shocked by the events surrounding the Buddha and the response they have received.

"They described them-



Members of the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation (an international non-profit, non-governmental humanitarian organization) of San Dimas gave this Buddha to the person who received the Strawberry Creek Inn B&B's Buddha as a "gift" from the person who stole it from the Inn. Owners **Rodney Williams** and **Ian Scott** also received a Buddha from the group.

PHOTO BY HOLLY OWENS

selves as 'action Buddhism' or some term like that. They do a lot of work in prisons and with health care, education and disaster relief. Their whole thing, from what I gathered, is that one of their

philosophies is that if more of us did what the father and I did, fewer people would go off track. That is their idea of making our society better."

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Flu

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to historical data, this is above-normal levels. However, only 3.8 percent of visits to physician sentinel sites were related to influenza-like illnesses. This is below-normal levels of historical data.

Once vaccinated, it takes about two weeks before becoming fully protected against the flu. An influenza vaccine is especially import-

ant for pregnant women and other people at higher risk for severe influenza.

In addition to getting vaccinated, state Public Health advises that it's crucial to practice good health habits: If a person becomes ill, they should take actions to stop the spread of germs, such as staying home when sick, covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands with soap and water, and avoiding touching their eyes, nose and mouth.

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Pharmacies with influenza vaccines

The closest is the **Idyllwild Pharmacy**, located in the Strawberry Creek Square, (951) 659-2135

Other pharmacies, within 25 miles, offering flu vaccines are:

• **CVS pharmacy**
43418 Hwy. 74, Hemet
(951) 927-2584

• **Ralph's Pharmacy**

425 S. Sunrise Way,
Palm Springs
(760) 327-4381

• Rite Aid

42021 E. Florida Ave.,
Hemet

(951) 925-1651
366 South Palm Canyon Dr., Palm Springs
(760) 325-2326

111 S. Sunrise Way,
Palm Springs
(760) 327-9133

806 Ramsey St., Banning

(951) 849-8614
300 S. Highland Springs Ste. 9, Banning
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• Sav-On Pharmacy

1751 Sunrise Way,
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(760) 322-1131

• Walgreens

43200 Hwy. 74, Hemet

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OFF THE MAIN ROADS

By HELENE LOHR, RMRU MEMBER

Hiking gear: time to retire? ...

It's supported you loyally throughout the years, but bringing worn-out gear into the back country can do you far more harm than good.

Here's a quick guide for when to replace key gear.



Boots: Your boots should be allowed to go hike the great trail in the sky when:

- Your soles wear thin and smooth. It's critical that your boots have excellent traction. From creek crossings to that granite slab traverse, when you're on slippery or wet surfaces, you need a strong grip if you don't want to risk life and limb with every step.

- They develop an uncomfortable fold or kink that hurts your foot and shortens your hike. Pain is no fun and can distract you into making bad decisions that could affect the safety of your hike, or at the very least, make it miserable.

- Your boot's upper delaminates or the threading starts sticking out of the seams. Either of these can compromise the weatherproofing of your old friend. This can turn from annoying to downright dangerous in the winter. Nothing will lead to frostbite faster than a set of poor-sealing shoes in cold, wet conditions.

Packs: These faithful helpers can be the longest-lived of your gear. Kind of like Frankenstein's monster, most worn-out components, like ripped seams, torn-up shoulder straps and hip-belts can be repaired or replaced.

Unfortunately, sturdy old models tend to weigh in on the heavier side and lack many useful, newer options. Upgrading your pack to a lighter, more convenient version can help better distribute your load and make your hikes a heck of a lot more enjoyable.

Tent: Your trusty old tent has weathered blown seams, broken zippers and shattered poles with simple repairs and replacements, but use caution when deciding to milk that last bit of life out of your shelter. Eventually, even the walls will degrade, and a torrential downpour in the back country is a dangerous place to discover that your old tent leaks like a sieve.

Test your tent every season with a simulated, extended downpour to make sure it can truly weather the storm.

Sleeping bag: Even with proper care, your sleeping bag fill will eventually lose its ability to keep your toes toasty warm. Synthetic fills can last you five or more years with good care, and down may survive up to 10 years.

But be careful because improper laundering or storing your bag compressed can significantly shorten its useful life.

It's time for a new bag when the old one looks deflated, has flat spots or just no longer keeps you warm.

Headlamp: Cheaper headlamps will need to be replaced more often, as buttons fail, controls get twitchy and the connections to the batteries wear out. Upgrade to a good-quality headlamp and buy extra batteries.

You can keep an older model around to avoid black widows on trips into the storage space, but don't make the mistake of heading miles into the back country with an unreliable light strapped to your noggin.

It's often hard to give up something that has done a good job for you over the years. Nostalgia has its place, so reward your old gear's loyalty by giving it a place of honor on a display shelf, but don't bring it out onto the trail.

IDYLLWILD BOTANY

By DAVE STITH

Oracle oaks ...

This is the Reader's Digest condensed version of my thoughts about Oracle Oaks (*Quercus X morehus*). I have been conducting surveys over the last three winters.

Since I do not have a working knowledge of genetics, these thoughts are based solely on observations with some questions and conjectures thrown in. Some of these ideas have already been shared with a few of you, while they may be new to others.

My interest in Oracle Oaks began quite by accident. While working with Tom Chester on the flora of the San Jacintos, I heard anecdotal reports of hybrid oaks in the Idyllwild area. These hybrids were described to me as a cross between a Black Oak (*Quercus kelloggii*), which is a deciduous tree and an Interior Live Oak (*Quercus wislizenii*), which is evergreen with the hybrids losing some of their leaves but not all in the winter. Black Oaks are not known to produce hybrids with our other common oak the Canyon Live Oak (*Quercus chrysolepis*).

When returning to Idyllwild on one New Year's Day, I decided to try to search for one. It was an epiphany when I realized that they were pretty easy to recognize in the winter when all the Black Oaks are leafless and the hybrids still had some green leaves and many golden leaves.

Even more surprising to me, I later realized that we had often brushed shoulders with many of these hybrids during our botanical forays but did not recognize them masquerading as Black Oaks. Since opportunities for botany in the San Jacintos in the winter are limited, whenever the season rolled around I resumed the search.

The first questions one might ask are just how rare are these hybrids and what is their range in the San Jacintos.

Fortunately we have over a century of voucher records showing where they were collected, when, and by whom. These records are now easily accessible via the Internet. However, the records are quite incomplete, and there are large gaps in both collection dates and the known locations.

I thought it would be helpful to compile a list or map of known occurrences across its range in the San Jacintos at one discreet moment in history circa 2013.

Where then would one look for them? Being a hybrid they are the result of one species being pollinated by another. The logical places to look would be where both parent species occur together or at least in close proximity.

Looking at the data one might conclude that they are most often found along roads. However, one would expect to find them where one is looking, and there were many places that were too inhospitable for me to venture into. Certainly, there are examples of where I have seen them that are not in close proximity to a road.

It is my belief that the densest population of Oracle Oaks in the San Jacintos just happens to be in the Idyllwild area specifically between the Strawberry Creek Grotto and Chimney Flat with the caveat that that is also the area that was most intensely scrutinized.

Why might that be? There is a gap in their range between Fuller Mill Creek and Idyllwild. On one survey I noticed that coincidentally or not, the Oracles disappeared just where the snow began to linger on the ground. This will vary from month to month and year to year, but taken as an average perhaps there is a limit at which the ground is too cold for too long for them to germinate or survive. This correlates nicely with the observation that in Idyllwild they are often seen in clearings or disturbed places where presumably the snow would melt more quickly.

Another explanation might be that since the settlement of Idyllwild, competing species have been cleared allowing them to proliferate at an accelerated pace. Evidence for either or both of these hypotheses is that there are a disproportionate number of small-sized Oracles in the Idyllwild area suggesting that these are younger trees.

On occasion I have tried to notice when each of the local oak species bloom and release pollen. I have not faithfully recorded this data, but it would be a useful



exercise.

One might record when each of the species begin and end their bloom especially comparing productive hybrid areas to non-productive ones. Perhaps over time a pattern may begin to emerge and help to explain why in some areas there are few or no Oracles in the presence of both parents.

What about the biology of the hybrids? We first wondered if these were a sterile hybrid unable to reproduce. I collected some acorns and planted them in my yard, and they did germinate. There are references in the literature which discuss this in greater detail.

Who pollinates who? In other words do the Black Oaks pollinate the Live Oaks, or vice versa, or both. Also, could you tell these parental lineages apart in the field from some simple observation?

Since oaks are primarily wind pollinated, one might expect that it is the pollen of the usually taller Black Oaks raining down on the smaller Live Oaks. Initially I thought this was plausible because the Oracles in Idyllwild appeared to be shrub like suggesting that they were retaining that characteristic of the maternal Live Oak parent. Then I began to find some much larger Oracle Oaks in Idyllwild that were very much tree like.

Just recently I found a stand of very big old Oracle Oaks that were growing in a hollow in association with some big old Black Oaks, while there were no Oracles growing with the surrounding Live Oaks.

If you were to see these when the Black Oaks were in leaf you would not suspect that they were anything other than a part of the Black Oak grove. This suggests to me that the source of the acorns that produced the hybrids came from the Black Oaks. Standing in the grove one can easily imagine pollen from the Live Oaks on the slopes above blowing into the canopy of the Black Oaks.

Our first impression of the hybrids was that their leaves were exactly intermediate in size between the parent species. This year I found an Oracle that was shrub like and had very small leaves that were no bigger than those of Interior Live Oak. I became quite excited that this was possible evidence of a Live Oak hybridizing with an Oracle Oak.

Recently I have found other larger Oracles with very small leaves. In fact we have now documented a whole range in sizes of Oracle Oak leaves.

It appears that the small leafed plant may not be so unique after all, and there are some other possible explanations for its small leaf size. These small leafed plants are growing in a transition zone where the plant community makes a dramatic change from the pine forest to one dominated by Mountain Mahogany. I noticed that many of the Live Oaks in that area also had very small leaves except for some in a very shaded spot which had larger leaves. Perhaps the small leaf size is a result of environmental factors such as elevation, lack of shade, or reduced moisture.

I also just recently noticed in a few plants that the newer leaves were smaller than the older leaves. Since Oracles do lose their leaves but at an irregular rate perhaps the plants in this hotter, drier environment do not retain any of the larger older leaves. However, I don't know what the average life span of an Oracle leaf is.

The link below shows a photo of an assortment of Oracle leaves demonstrating the variation in both the size of the leaves and the lobes. Is this just a normal variation as we often see particularly in the Live oaks or some evidence of their genetics? http://tchester.org/temp/quercus/oracle/oracle_oak_all_leaves_crop_45.jpg

We now have a pretty good, albeit far from complete, snapshot of well over 200 individual Oracle Oaks on the south and west sides of the Mountain from near Poppet Flats to May Valley.

While they are not as rare as we first thought, they are by no means common. I suspect that there may be other locations such as on the east side of the mountain along the Skyline Trail, but that has yet to be investigated.



Above, Pedro and the Pages perform classic rock at the New Year's Eve Party at Higher Grounds.

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Hojo & the Half Notes entertained the crowd at Jo'An's on New Year's Eve with a little help from **Madison Crouch**, who joined in.

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At left, **Christina Nordella's** "Midnight in Paris" party New Year's Eve featured a visit from **Cole Porter** and a reading by **Ernest Hemingway**, but the Parisian Can-Can Girls brought the house down.

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Idyllwild Water conducting survey

Idyllwild Water District has authorized the Specialized Utility Services Program Inc. to conduct a confidential income survey within the district. The survey's purpose is to determine the average income of IWD residents for the purpose of obtaining funding from federal and state programs.

IWD does not plan to make the information public.

For more information, contact IWD General Manager Terry Lyons at 961-659-2143, ext. 205, or terry@idyllwild-water.com, or SUSP Technical Assistance Coordinator Michelle MacLellan at 916-553-4900, ext. 109, or mmacLellan@calruralwater.org.

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TaDaa! The Rustic Theatre hosted a cabaret evening on New Year's Eve. The show titled "Going Bananas" was a sell out and featured Idyllwild's own **Pinkie Meringue Shimmer**, aka **Larry Edwards**, among others.

PHOTOS BY JOHN PACHECO



Performer **Jersey Shore** accepts a tip from local **Scott Foster**. All of the performers donated tips made from the sold-out New Year's Eve show to the HELP Center and ARF.

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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@town-crier.com.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

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

Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, movie start times 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Rustic Theatre, Silver Pines Lodge & Astrocamp. (See program insert this issue.)

Free popcorn for IIFC ticket holders, noon-4 p.m. New Spirit.

Art for Ages 6-8 With Saffron, 3-4:15 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Lawrence Spector, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Thursday, Jan. 9

Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, movie start times 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Rustic Theatre, Silver Pines Lodge & Astrocamp.

Free popcorn for IIFC ticket holders, noon-4 p.m. New Spirit.

Friday, Jan. 10

Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, movie start times 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Rustic Theatre, Silver Pines Lodge & Astrocamp.

Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon; Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Free popcorn for IIFC ticket holders, noon-4 p.m. New Spirit.

Forest Folk Potluck & Movie Night, "City Slickers," 5 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

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

Live Music, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jo'An's.

Lenny Hansell, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Saturday, Jan. 11

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

Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, movie start times 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Rustic Theatre, Silver Pines Lodge & Astrocamp; Children's Festival, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Idyllwild Library; Film-maker Seminar, 11:30 a.m. Silver Pines Lodge, Awards Ceremony, 6:30 p.m. Rustic Theatre

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

Free popcorn for IIFC ticket holders, noon-4 p.m. New Spirit.

Christian author John Cole, "Dreamscapes from God," 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

That's All Folk, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe Bistro.

Karaoke with Scott Foster, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.

Sunday, Jan. 12

Dr. Betty's Talk, "Set," Soloist Lindsay Speed, 10 a.m. Spiritual Living Center.

David Jerome 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Arriba's Mexican Food.

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

Movie, 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Jan. 13

Idyllwild Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon.; Children's story hour, "Polar Bears and Penguin," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

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

Open Mic with Scott Foster, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jo'An's.

Movie, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

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

Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Movie, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

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

Movie, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Jan. 16

ICC Speaker Series, Wine and Cheese Reception, 5:30 p.m.; Shanna Robb, 6-7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Movie, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Jan. 17

Adult Yoga, Trine Bietz, 11 a.m.-noon; Crafty Kids Art Class, Wendy Watts, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Forest Folk Potluck & Movie Night, "The Lone Ranger," 5 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

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

Live Music, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jo'An's.

Movie, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, Jan. 18

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

"Polar Bears and Penguin," 1-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Karaoke with Scott Foster, 7-10 p.m. Jo'An's.

Movie, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Sunday, Jan. 19

David Jerome 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Arriba's Mexican Food.

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

Movie, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Jan. 20

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

Open Mic with Scott Foster, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jo'An's.

Movie, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

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

Movie, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.



Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz gets some personal attention from Sassy Ross at the Rustic Theatre's New Year's Eve Cabaret. The performers gave a special thank you to the firefighters and first responders involved in the Mountain Fire.

PHOTOS BY JOHN PACHECO



Melissa Stratman belts out a colorful number during the Rustic Cabaret Evening on New Year's Eve.

Adventure Pass waived for holiday

The U.S. Forest Service will waive fees at most of its day-use recreation sites on Monday, Jan. 20, 2014, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The fee waiver day is the first of four such days and one full weekend offered by the agency during 2014.

"Our public lands are open to everyone, and we hope these free days offer an incentive to all people to visit any of the 193 million acres of land held in trust for their enjoyment and use," said U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell.

The other scheduled fee-free days observed by the Forest Service are President's Day weekend Feb. 15 to 17; National Get Outdoors Day on June 14; National Public Lands Day on Sept. 27; and Veterans Day weekend from Nov. 8 to 11.

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Artist creates beauty from recyclables

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Art lovers will find artist Judith Schoenbaum's work at locations throughout Idyllwild. Her work is on display at the Courtyard Gallery, Oma's European Restaurant, the Acorn Gallery, Honey Bunnys and Joe and Idyllwild Acupuncture Clinic.

Schoenbaum creates pastel landscapes, stepping stones made from glass shards, mirrors, ornaments, note cards, abstract collages (made with exotic papers), jewelry and wearable art fashioned from recycled textiles and plastics.

"Doing so many things is a blessing and a curse really," she said. "The friends I have made a name for themselves doing one thing. It is really much easier to sell, in a way. They have their market, they concentrate on one thing and they sell. For me, I can't help it." Schoenbaum's energy is palpable and explains the seemingly unending creative drive she possesses.

"My mother was an artist," Schoenbaum said. "She did portraits in oils. She was also an incredible dressmaker."

Barely escaping Poland before Hitler's invasion, Schoenbaum's mother moved in with cousins in Baltimore. "My mom and her sister got out of Poland three weeks before Hitler invaded. My mother was about 21, and she and her sister wanted to go to France to study clothing design so they had all of their paperwork done. A cousin from Baltimore telegrammed my father to put them on any boat, get them to Baltimore, get them out," she said.

Schoenbaum's father came to the states when he was 10 or 11 from a different area in Poland.

"My sisters and I grew up drawing and

sewing all of our lives," Schoenbaum explains. "One of the things [Mom] taught me is that when you look at something, you look underneath and see how it's made. She was really an artist at it."

After teaching stints in Vermont and Maryland, Schoenbaum worked as a picture framer, which she "absolutely loved." But, California beckoned. "I had not been west of the Mississippi my whole life and I had a couple of friends and a boyfriend at the time who all worked at the PBS station in Baltimore and they were all dying to come to California to be filmmakers and cameramen. I would drive everyone out and fly home."

Schoenbaum ended up moving to Los Angeles where she continued picture framing for a time before becoming a production artist. "I would take the insides of the mats and go to the beach with my pastels and do seascapes." She started showing her work at galleries in Los Angeles, many owned by friends, and eventually began working with a corporate agent. "I would do the work in the formats [the agent] needed and she would travel all over the country and sell to galleries who catered to architects or designers, and some private clients like State Farm," Schoenbaum said. "My daughter was young, I could work at home, I could crank them out. I would do 20 to 30 pieces a month."

Like many who plan a visit to the Hill, for Schoenbaum, it was love at first

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Local Artist **Judith Schoenbaum** with her display at the Courtyard Gallery. **Schoenbaum's** artwork encompasses a variety of medias.

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Successful artist learned from TV art instructor

By JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Mike Bennett has fond memories of long-time Idyllwild resident Jon Gnagy, the man known as “Mr. Learn-to-Draw.” Bennett recalls watching reruns of Gnagy’s half-hour, black-and-white television show, “Learn to Draw,” that aired on NBC in the 1950s and 1960s. Bennett has been a frequent visitor to Idyllwild since 1971.

Gnagy parlayed his television popularity into retail success by creating “Learn to Draw” kits and books now available in digital format online at Apple, Amazon, Barnes & Noble and many other outlets. His webpage, created in 1966 by his daughter, Polly Gnagy Seymour, contains original television lessons and commentary from the many fans Gnagy influenced. His “Learn to Draw” kits and books are also available on Amazon.com.

In 1966, Gnagy appeared at the May Company in San Bernardino to perform a demonstration from one of his television shows. Bennett recalls that according to a local newspaper, Gnagy would select six children to follow along with him as he taught the lesson. “I could hardly wait as the day approached for the happy arrival of this master artist. I managed to work my way to the front of the crowd and as he started asking for volunteers, I was jumping up and down, waving my arm so that he would see me. He finally chose me and we all began to start our sketches. The children and I all worked with Gnagy’s own chalk collection. I really felt that I had made it,” Bennett said.

Bennett, by then a high school student, met Gnagy again in Idyllwild. Gnagy invited him to be on a new color television show that, unfortunately, never materialized, but Bennett later acquired an original Gnagy sketch developed for the show. Gnagy died in 1981.

Bennett went on to become an illustrator for a construction supply company early in his career and freelanced as an artist painting covers for Columbia magazine. His desire to teach art became a reality in 1997, teaching elementary and middle school students techniques learned, in part, from Gnagy. Bennett continues to create and sell his art through galleries and submissions, and by word-of-mouth. His work has appeared in murals and puzzles, and on book and magazine covers, greeting cards, posters and various other media.

“I have been an art teacher for the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District for 16 years. I have been painting for over 40 years and continue to this day,” Bennett said. “I ascribe most of my drawing and shading skills to Jon Gnagy. No artist taught me more about the basics of art than him.”

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Above, Jaycees’ Festival of Arts drew hundreds of visitors each year to Idyllwild. In a past show (left) **Jon Gnagy** demonstrated art techniques as the **Haden** family watched.

FILE PHOTO



At left, **Mike Bennett** in front of one of his forest paintings. Like **Jon Gnagy**, Bennett wears a flannel shirt in a lot of his photos, which he says is another influence from Gnagy.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MIKE BENNETT

2014 tax season to open Jan. 31

The Internal Revenue Service plans to open the 2014 filing season on Jan. 31 and encourages taxpayers to use e-file or Free File as the fastest way to receive refunds.

The new opening date for individuals to file their 2013 tax returns will allow the IRS adequate time to program and test its tax processing systems. The annual process for updating IRS systems saw significant delays in October following the 16-day federal government closure.

“Our teams have been

working hard throughout the fall to prepare for the upcoming tax season,” IRS Acting Commissioner Danny Werfel said. “The late January opening gives us enough time to get things right with our programming, testing and systems validation. It’s a complex process, and our bottom-line goal is to provide a smooth filing and refund process for the nation’s taxpayers.”

The government closure meant the IRS had to change the original opening date from Jan. 21 to Jan. 31.

The IRS noted that several options are available to help taxpayers prepare for the 2014 tax-filing season and get their refunds as easily as possible. New year-end tax planning information has been added to IRS.gov.

The IRS cautioned that it will not process any tax returns before Jan. 31, so there is no advantage to filing on paper before the opening date. Taxpayers will receive their tax refunds much faster by using e-file or Free File with the direct deposit option.

More than 65 million people, 29 percent of the U.S. population, provide care for a chronically ill, disabled or aged family member or friend during any given year and spend an average of 20 hours per week providing care for their loved one.

Many report quitting their jobs or taking early retirement to provide care to parents, grandparents or other family members.

Riverside County Office on Aging is offering free classes to family caregivers of older adults. The Care

Pathways program provides a series of weekly workshops offering information and support to unpaid family caregivers who face challenges managing their care giving responsibilities for a loved one, 60 years of age or older.

Subjects such as dementia care, managing medications, grief and loss, and stress management are included.

The next series of “Care Pathways” classes begins January 2014, in many communities throughout Riverside County. The se-

ries of 12 workshops is conducted in a supportive setting, with facilitators who understand the challenges caregivers face, and who can provide tools to assist caregivers to manage their tasks with confidence, increase their self-care and thrive.

To register for the series of workshops call the Riverside County Office on Aging at 951-867-3800 or 1-800-510-2020. Free in-home care can be arranged for the care recipient; request respite assistance at the time of registration.

Workshops for caregivers

Joint powers water agency fades

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The new year brought one barely noticeable change to the Hill. Officially, the San Jacinto Mountain Area Water Study Agency terminated. It passed quietly and without fanfare, a contrast with its notoriety and presence during its infancy in the 1980s and more recently in the early 2000s.

The Agency, as it was initially called, was created June 1, 1976. The three presidents and board secretaries of the local water districts — Fern Valley, Idyllwild and Pine Cove — signed the document establishing the joint powers agency.

The Agency was commissioned to study additional sources of water and conditions of water quality for the domestic and commercial needs of the greater Idyllwild area. When the study was finished, the agency was to develop an implementation plan of its recommendations.

The agreement adamantly prohibited the agency from implementing the recommendations unless the agreement was modified with the approval of all three districts, which occurred at the end of 1981.

That December, the districts authorized the Agency to construct and operate a sanitation sewerage facility. Its costs were to be provided from state and federal grants and revenue bonds.

The purpose of the sewerage facility was to mitigate the surface or groundwater quality degradation, which was the result of nonfunctioning or inadequate individual underground waste and wastewater disposal systems.

In May 1983, the districts amended the agreement to extend the Agency's life through Dec. 31, 2013.

Eventually, the Agency withdrew its support for the wastewater treatment facility. Funding became a problem and the Environmental Protection Agency requested reimbursement for its funds to do the study. The EPA was finally repaid in 2007. IWD constructed a wastewater treatment facility on its own within a portion of its district.

In 2003, the Agency received a \$200,000 grant from the state Department of Water Resources to study available water resources and to recommend the priority of facility improvements and management practices to meet future water demand on the Hill. The study was completed in May 2005.

Besides water supply, the study examined options that might reduce projected demand. These included water conservation programs and pricing systems that encouraged FVWD and PCWD to implement a rebate program for low-flow toilets or high-efficiency washing machines, and for IWD to consider increasing its rebate. These recommendations were adopted and have been successful.

Also, the Agency's consultants recommended the water agencies review their rate structures. In particularly dry periods, water emergency stages 2 and 3 might impose higher water prices to reduce unnecessary demand.

But the study's recommendations were not unanimously endorsed. IWD opposed a recommendation for expanding the FVWD storage capacity, which the IWD board revoked later that year.

After the study, there were some efforts to conduct joint projects, but the Agency gradually faded and its last formal meeting occurred March 3, 2010. In 2009, in one of its last major actions, "Water" was dropped from the name.

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Strange but true

The 1979 horror movie "Alien" has become a cult classic, but not many people realize that it was originally titled "Star Beast."

Rainfall sparse, third dry year approaching

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

While the daytime temperatures seem to hide winter's presence, forecasters assure us that colder weather is coming.

Unfortunately, they offer no assurance about winter precipitation. The state's Department of Water Resources' first 2014 snow survey had disappointing results.

"California's dry weather pushes into the new year," DWR announced Friday, Jan. 3. "Its first snow survey of the winter found more bare ground than snow. Manual and electronic readings record the snowpack's statewide water content at about 20 percent of average for this time of year."

DWR has established a drought-management team to prepare for a dry 2014, which will be the third consecutive year of below-normal precipitation.

The last time California's statewide snowpack was this dry was in 2012 when it also was 20 percent of the historical average. The readings today and in 2012 are the driest on record. In addition to the sparse snowpack, many areas of California ended 2013 with the lowest rainfall amounts on record. Normally one of California's wettest spots with an average annual rainfall of nearly 100 inches, Gasquet Ranger Station in Del Norte County ended the year with only 43.46 inches.

2013 will go down as one of the driest on record across the state. The root cause of these dry conditions was the persistent ridge high pressure located offshore much of the year. This ridge kept storms far to the north and very few Pacific storms reached the coastal areas of the state, according to the Cal Fire South Operations Predictive Services report for January through April 2014.

Cal Fire weather forecasts do not see much hope for a wet winter. Precipitation totals will likely remain below normal through the winter. However, some rain may appear during the second half of January. While rainfall may still be below-average during the second half of January into February, conditions may be slightly less dry than the record drought now gripping the area, according to the Predictive Services report.

Despite heavy rainstorms in September, rainfall recorded at the Idyllwild Fire Station in 2013 was 13.6 inches, compared to the long-term annual average of 25.7 inches. Keenwild Ranger Station has recorded 6.6 inches of rain since July 1. Since 1946, when Idyllwild Fire began recording weather, the long-term average for the July 1 to Dec. 31 period is 9.2 inches, because the bulk of precipitation historically falls from January through March.

Snowfall last year totaled 42.8 inches, about the same as 2011-12. This is slightly more than the annual average of 38.2 inches.

While Fern Valley and Pine Cove water districts' water supplies are plentiful, the groundwater level of several of their wells has been dropping. However, Idyllwild Water District, which relies much more on stream water, has already declared a Stage 2 Water Emergency and may consider moving to Stage 3 later this winter or spring, according to General Manager Terry Lyons.

Already, the persistent dry weather has allowed the bark beetle to re-emerge as a significant threat to local pines — with ultimately, as the trees die, a greater fire potential.

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Volunteers needed for bald eagle counts

Volunteers are needed to help count bald eagles for the annual winter bald eagle counts in and near the San Bernardino and San Jacinto mountains on Saturday, Jan. 11. These counts have been conducted since 1978.

Concurrent bald eagle counts are held at Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Lake Silverwood, Lake Perris and Lake Hemet. Volunteers are stationed at vantage points around the lakes, where they watch for bald eagles during a one-hour period on the count mornings. Volunteers record their observations on maps and data sheets.

This is a wonderful opportunity to catch a glimpse of the national symbol. Brief orientations are held prior to the count so volunteers know where to go and what to do.

Lake Hemet volunteers should meet at the Lake Hemet Market at 8:30 a.m. for orientation. Contact Anne Poopatanapong at apoopatanapong@fs.fed.us or (909) 382-2935 for more information.

Future count dates are scheduled on the Saturday mornings of Feb. 8 and March 8.

The best time of year to see bald eagles in Southern California is during winter months when there is an influx of eagles. Migrating eagles typically begin arriving in the area in late November and leave in late March or early April. Bald eagles are usually found close to water because their diet is primarily made up of fish and ducks.

During the winter, Southern California bald eagles are typically found at many of the local lakes, including Big Bear Lake, Baldwin Lake, Silverwood Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Green Valley Lake, Grass Valley Lake in the San Bernardino Mountains and Prado Dam, Lake Perris, Lake Hemet, Lake Skinner, Diamond Valley Lake, Lake Matthews and the Salton Sea to the south.

Through radio-tracking bald eagles, biologists learned that there is a lot of movement of eagles between the different mountain lakes and that the lakes do not have distinctive separate populations — the eagles regularly move between the mountain lakes.

Since 2003, several pairs of bald eagles have decided that the Southern California neighborhoods were too nice to leave. They built nests and have successfully raised families. Nesting bald eagles can now be found at Lake Hemet, Lake Skinner, Lake Matthews and Big Bear Lake.

The female eagle with orange wing tags "02" at Lake Hemet hatched at the San Francisco Zoo in 2000 and was released on Catalina Island as part of the reintroduction efforts.

In 2004, she arrived at Lake Hemet and decided to take up year-round residence with the male bald eagle already there. The pair has raised successful nests since then.

As bald eagles raise families in Southern California, it is now possible to see bald eagles year-round (not just during winter migrations). Because of the influx of migrating bald eagles during the winter, the easiest time to see eagles is still between December and March.

To see the resident pair, stop by the U.S. Forest Service's Lake Hemet Day Use Area and just look across the lake. The birds are often flying over anglers or sitting in trees above the picnic area.

Human presence may distract or disturb the eagles, so try to limit movement and do not make loud noises when they're nearby. If possible, remain in the car while looking at the eagles — the car acts as a blind. Stay a respectful distance of at least 200 to 300 feet away from perched bald eagles.

Do not get closer than one-quarter of a mile away from nesting bald eagles. Trying to get a closer look may result in eagles becoming agitated and knocking eggs or chicks out of the nest. It is illegal to harm or harass bald eagles.

The above was taken from a San Bernardino National Forest press release.

Breann Johnson, lead in 'Red Wing,' to attend fest

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Breann Johnson, one of the leads in "Red Wing," the opening-night film for the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema, spoke to the Town Crier last week. "Red Wing" is directed by Will Wallace, the festival's co-director.

Town Crier: How did you become interested in acting?

Breann Johnson: As an 8-year-old, I was in my first stage play. Ever since then I've been acting, but mostly on stage. Then as an adult, I decided to try film acting.

While there are similarities, there are big differences. One major difference is the use of the face. In films, there are the close ups. On stage, there is more projection [for the audience].

TC: Is training necessary? How much?

BJ: Mostly the experience for them both. From acting classes, learn to be in touch with my feelings, to be in the moment rather than the part. Film acting classes were very helpful and led to the role in "Red Wing."

TC: What was difficult about this role? (Johnson plays Maddie, who, as a young wife, fosters a boy, Francis, who becomes part of her family. When he grows up, he is driven away, but eventually returns to deal with their relationship. Luke Perry plays Maddie's husband.)

BJ: The most difficult aspect was becoming a mother. I don't have any children; I'm not there yet in my life. But becoming a mother meant learning how to love by putting someone else's needs first.

Second, I had to learn to use a Texas accent. For two months before filming, I was practicing it everywhere and, fortunately, a few times ran into a Texan who would help.

TC: How is your career changing?

As a result of her leading role in "Red Wing," doors are beginning to open for her career, she said. While considering several projects, she is not ready to announce



Breann Johnson, a lead in "Red Wing."

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her next steps.

TC: What was your reaction to meeting and working with actors such as Bill Paxton, Joelle Carter and Frances Fisher?

BJ: Here I was working with actors who I had always looked up to. They turned out to be great. They were very warm and very welcoming. They were eager to work with me and help me go forward with different things.

TC: Have you been to Idyllwild?

In response, Johnson said she had been to the Idyllwild festival two years ago and met a lot of new people. "It was fabulous and I'm looking forward to this week," she added.

Johnson was to attend the festival's opening night feature of the movie scheduled for 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Rustic Theatre. While she has other commitments during the week, she hopes to return for the festival's closing Saturday. "Red Wing" will be shown again at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 at the Rustic.

"Red Wing" is loosely-based on George Sand's French novella, "The Country Waif." Rather than the green and pastoral French countryside, "Red Wing" is set in a small Texas cattle-ranching town. It's a socially, thought-provoking and stirring love story of how love can be found in the most unusual places.

"It's a story of a boy [Glen Powell] and the woman [Johnson] who was the maternal figure in his life," said Wallace. "It's different takes on him — a very noble character surrounded by a number of other characters with less than noble intentions and the series of obstacles he needs to overcome."

Powell plays the adult Francis, who leaves town and finds work on the cattle ranch of Jim Verret, played by Bill Paxton. Eventually, Francis returns home to deal with his feelings and relationship with the woman who raised him (Johnson) and her husband (Luke Perry).

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Lowman Concert Hall funded, permit process begun

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Construction of the William M. Lowman Concert Hall on the Idyllwild Arts Academy and Summer Programs campus will occur in the next year or two. The Idyllwild Arts Foundation successfully completed a \$6.3-million campaign to fund the project by its Dec. 31 deadline.

A 298-seat, acoustically brilliant facility, the concert hall will become the centerpiece of IAF's 200-acre, mountaintop campus and is named in honor of Idyllwild Arts' first president. The hall will be home to instrumental and vocal performances by academy students and summer program participants.

"Dec. 31, 2013, is truly a great day in the history of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation. Achieving this goal has required great generosity, hard work and commitment," said

Faith Raiguel, IAF board chair, in a release. "We are pleased to celebrate the achievement of Bill Lowman and Idyllwild Arts' mission, so substantially."

According to Chief Development Officer Susan Bowers, the campaign's success was a team effort. Board members as well as faculty and staff were huge contributors.

"We had extra support from the board; some gave twice," Bowers said proudly. "And the employee participation was huge."

"They gave more than [for] any other project, which is an indicator of the morale on campus and our leadership," she added.

The process to obtain a building permit from Riverside County has already begun, according to Bowers. Construction should take 12 to 18 months after ground is broken and the building is slated for completion in 24 to 30 months from now.

Bowman Hall, current home to concerts and theater performances, will continue to be the venue for theater and other performances, according to Bowers.

"Lowman will allow less-crowded schedules and performances [than currently] in Bowman," she said. "... the schedule with theater and orchestra, for example, would be very tight. Set up for one [performance on] one day and another [performance] the next [day]."

Designed by Sander Architects and using acousticians from Arup (designers of the Sydney Opera House), the hall is meant to "breed success in the performing arts," according to the press release.

Long-time IAF supporters and board members James Lovelace and Dwight Holmes chaired the campaign for the concert hall funding.

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Grants available for nonprofits

The Community Foundation of Riverside and San Bernardino counties is accepting proposals for grants from the Idyllwild Youth Grantmakers Fund through Jan. 8. The Idyllwild Community Fund, as well as The Community Foundation, funds the IYGF.

The IYGF provides grants to nonprofits in the Idyllwild community for projects, programs and/or activities that address issues facing youths such as alcohol and drug use, bullying, depression, academic achievement, youths art and recreation, and community wellness.

The IYGF Committee consists of 18 local middle-school students who review proposals, conduct site-visits and recommend grants for funding as part of a comprehensive multi-session, after-school philanthropy program.

The ICF advisors and The Community Foundation Board of Directors provide final approval for all grant awards.

The IYGF Committee was formed in February 2013 and is part of the foundation's Youth Philanthropy Initiative, whose goals are to instill an ethic of volunteering and giving in the Youth Grantmakers and to teach youth to meet community challenges by making grants to projects that address the concerns of youths.

Last school year's IYGF awarded \$3,713 to nonprofits in the Idyllwild area.

To download a grant application, visit www.thecommunityfoundation.net. For assistance, call The Community Foundation at 951-241-7777.

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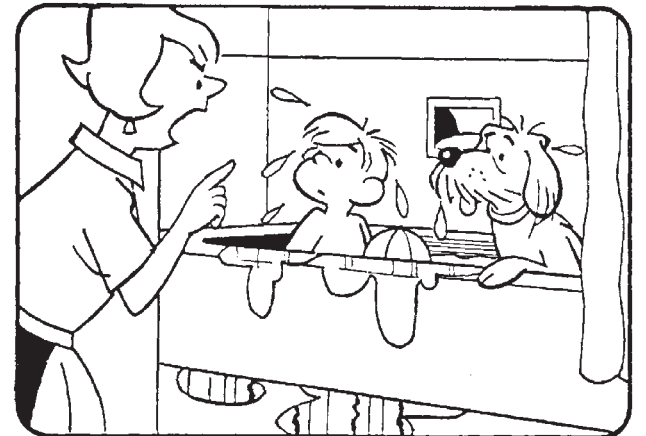
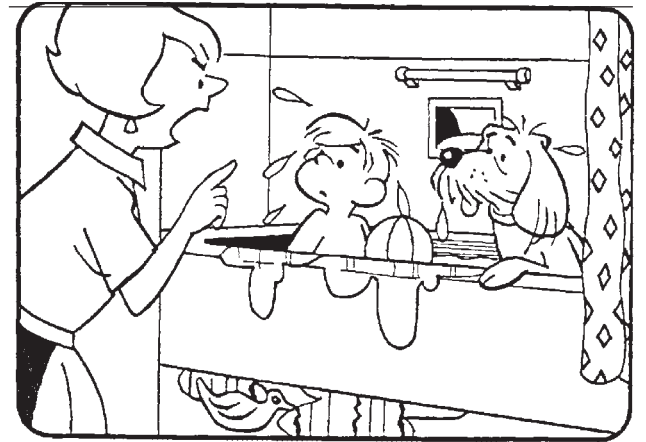
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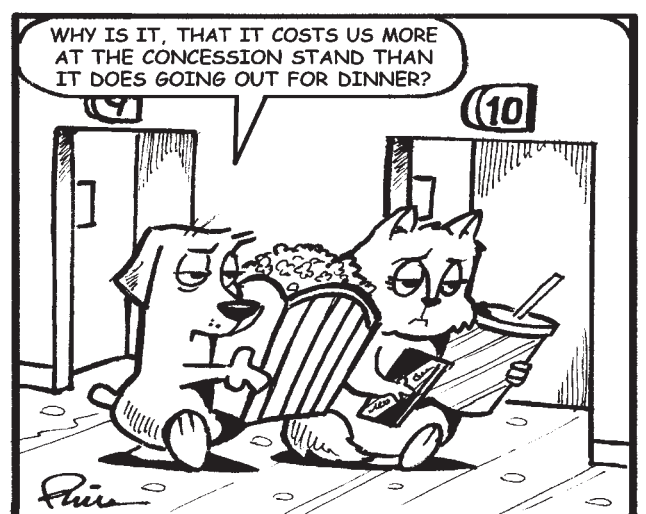
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13 “The — Daba Honey-moon”
14 Fresh
15 Earth tone
16 “Halo” singer
18 Beast
20 TV remote button
21 Have
23 Enthusiast
24 Dud
25 Indian royal
27 Ship of the desert
29 “The Godfather” star
31 Christmas carol starter
35 Singer Shore
37 Therefore
38 Eagle’s nest
41 Toothpaste type
43 Current measure, for short
44 Pharmaceutical
45 Psychiatrist
47 “Material Girl” singer
49 Idaho’s capital
52 Chowd down — — relief
53 Showed again
55 Neither mate
56 Suitable
57 Cheer up
DOWN
1 Long March leader
2 Easy as —
3 “Take a Bow” singer
4 First place
5 Letter line
6 Poolside structure
7 Explorer Tasman
8 Desk-calendar page
9 Per — (yearly)
10 Right-hand page
11 Seventh-grader, usually
17 Brunch entree
19 Georgia city
21 Sphere
22 Series of skirmishes
24 Started
26 Rainbow
28 “Real Time With Bill —”
30 Gaming cube
32 “Hips Don’t Lie” singer
33 Belly (Sl.)
34 Mind-reader’s claim
36 Shocked
38 Madison Avenue employee
39 Lyric poet’s Muse
40 Less courteous
42 Cuba — (cocktail)
45 Child’s play
46 Yule refrain
48 Cagers’ org.
50 Perched
51 Away from WSW

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 Dec. 13, 2013.

FILE NO.: I-2013-03202
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 13, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 13, 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: L. Quintero, Deputy
Pub. TC: Dec. 26, 2013, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD’S STOPLIGHT, 54385 North Circle Drive, Unit 151, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1593, Idyllwild, CA 92549. KIMBERLY ANN EVANS-SMITH, 55055 Strong Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.
This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
KIMBERLY ANN EVANS-SMITH
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 17, 2013.
FILE NO.: R-2013-12837
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME

STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 17, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 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
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: D. Santana, Deputy
Pub. TC: Dec. 26, 2013, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The following person is doing business as JOSE’S CLEANING, 28760 Ave Duguesa, Cathedral City, 92234, Riverside County. JOSE VELEZ GONZALEZ, 28670 Ave Duguesa, Cathedral City, 92234.
This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.
Signed:
JOSE VELEZ GONZALEZ
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 18, 2013.
FILE NO.: I-2013-03236

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 18, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 18, 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).

See Legals, next page

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) — Although you’re getting kudos and other positive reactions to your suggestions, don’t let the cheers drown out some valid criticisms. Better to deal with them now than later.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Following your keen Bovine intuition pays off, as you not only reassess the suggestions some people are putting in front of you, but also their agendas for doing s.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You continue on a high-enthusiasm cycle as that new project you’ve assumed takes shape. You’re also buoyed by the anticipation of receiving some good news about a personal matter.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your eagerness to immerse yourself in your new assignment is understandable. But be careful that you don’t forget to take care of that pressing personal situation as well.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to learn a new skill that could give a clever Cat an edge in the upcoming competition for workplace opportunities. Enjoy the arts this weekend with someone special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You could risk creating an impasse if you insist on expecting more from others than they’re prepared to give. Showing flexibility in what you’ll accept could prevent a stalemate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although you can weigh all factors of a dispute to

find an agreeable solution for others, you might need the skilled input of someone you trust to help you deal with an ongoing situation of your own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The good news is that your brief period of self-doubt turns into a positive “I can do anything” attitude. The better news is that you’ll soon be able to prove it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a good time for Sagittarians to start making travel plans while you still can select from a wide menu of choices and deals, and not be forced to settle for leftovers.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Like your zodiacal sign, the sure-footed Goat, you won’t allow obstacles in your path to keep you from reaching your goal. Don’t be surprised by who asks to go along with you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Let your head dominate your heart as you consider the risks that might be involved in agreeing to be a friend’s co-signer or otherwise act as his or her backup in a financial matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Prioritize: Resolve to close the door and let your voicemail take your phone calls while you finish up a task before the end-of-week deadline. Then go out and enjoy a fun-filled weekend.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your capacity for care and compassion helps to bring comfort to others.

Legals

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CERTIFICATION

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LARRY W. WARD,
County Clerk
By: S. Perez, Deputy

Pub. TC: Dec. 26, 2013, Jan. 2, 9, 16.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

APN: 561-192-011-4 TS No: CA09000726-13-1 TO No: 5914827 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/8/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 1/22/2014 at 09:00 AM, Auction.com Room at 400 North Main Street, Corona, CA 92880, Trustee Corps, as the duly Appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded on 11/14/2007 as Instrument No. 2007-0691025 and that said Deed of Trust was modified by Modification Agreement recorded on October 18, 2012 as Instrument Number 2012-0497796 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Riverside County, California, executed by SILVIA ALVAREZ, A MARRIED MAN, as Trustor(s), in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Banco Popular, N.A. as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, that certain property situated in said County, California describing the land therein as: As more fully described in said Deed of Trust. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 53525 WEST RIDGE ROAD , IDYLLWILD, CA 92549 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the Note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said Note(s), advances if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligations secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of this Notice of Trustee's Sale is estimated to be \$377,006.81 (Estimated), provided, however, prepayment premiums, accrued interest and advances will increase this figure prior to sale. Beneficiary's bid at said sale may include all or

part of said amount. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the California Financial Code and authorized to do business in California, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the Trustee. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed Upon Sale until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. The property offered for sale excludes all funds held on account by the property receiver, if applicable. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Notice to Potential Bidders If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a Trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a Trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same Lender may hold more than one mortgage or Deed of Trust on the property. Notice to Property Owner The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the Mortgagee, Beneficiary, Trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about Trustee Sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call Priority Posting and Publishing at 714-573-1965 for information regarding the Trustee's Sale or visit the Internet Web site address on the previous page for information regarding the sale of this property, using the file number assigned to this case, CA09000726-13-1. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Date: 12/17/2013

TRUSTEE CORPS TS No. CA09000726-13-1 17100 Gillette Ave, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-8300 Lupe Tabita, Authorized Signatory SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT www.priorityposting.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION PLEASE CALL: Priority Posting and Publishing at 714-573-1965 TRUSTEE CORPS MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. P1075269 .
Pub. TC: Dec. 26, 2013, Jan. 2, 9, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as DIAN CABINET & REMODELING, 68805 Perez Rd. #8, Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside County. DENNIS RONALD HOYLE, 51825 Avenida Bermudas, La Quinta, CA 92253.

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

Signed: DENNIS RONALD HOYLE
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 20, 2013.

FILE NO: I-2013-03248

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 20, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 20, 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: S. Perez, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2014.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
Date of Filing Application: December 27, 2013.

To Whom It May Concern:
The Name of the Applicant is: EMILY MARTHA PEARSON
MICHAEL ALLEN PEARSON
The applicant listed above is applying to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to sell alcoholic beverages at:

29470 HWY 243
MOUNTAIN CENTER, CA 92561
Type of license Applied for:
41-ON-SALE BEER AND WINE-EATING PLACE

Pub. TC: Jan. 2, 9, 16, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MERL JOHNSON - WATER SYSTEM MANAGEMENT, 37401 Tripp Flats Road, Anza, CA 92539, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 391655, Anza, CA 92539. MERL DEAN JOHNSON, 37401 Tripp Flats Road, Anza, CA 92539.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Jan. 1, 2014.

Signed: MERL DEAN JOHNSON
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 2, 2014.

FILE NO: I-2014-00003

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 2, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 2, 2019. 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: L. Quintero, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as EVERITT'S MINERALS & GALLERY, 54300 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 3740, Idyllwild, CA 92549. JANET SHIMASAKI EVERITT, 53380 Idyllbrook Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549 and LARRY BILL EVERITT 53380 Idyllbrook Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on March 18, 1999.

Signed: JANET SHIMASAKI EVERITT
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 2, 2014.

FILE NO: R-2014-00023

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 2, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 2, 2019. 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: N. Medina, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as EFFICIENCY NOW HOME SOLUTIONS, 54025 STRAWBERRY VALLEY DRIVE, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1199, Idyllwild, CA 92549. BENJAMIN LEE BLOOM, 54025 Strawberry Valley Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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

Signed: BENJAMIN LEE BLOOM
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 3, 2014.

FILE NO: R-2014-00081

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 3, 2019. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 3, 2019. 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: C. Teran, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as DIAN CABINET COMPANY, 68805 Perez Road #8 Cathedral City, CA 92234, Riverside County. DENNIS RONALD HOYLE, 51825 Avenida Bermudas, La Quinta, CA 92253.

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

Signed: DENNIS RONALD HOYLE
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 26, 2013.

FILE NO: I-2013-03283

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 26, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 26, 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: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014.

HEC1303582 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 880 N. State St., Hemet, CA 92543. Mid County PETITION OF Trenton Brooks Howard and Gibrana Lynn Westall.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: TRENTON BROOKS HOWARD and GIBRANA LYNN WESTALL filed a

petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: KEYLAN BROOKS WESTALL changed to Proposed name: KEYLAN BROOKS HOWARD.

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: 2/3/14 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. H1.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: Dec. 27, 2013
KATHLEEN JACOB
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2013.

RIC1314517

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 COURTNEY YOUNG-HORSE.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: COURTNEY YOUNG-HORSE filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: COURTNEY YOUNG-HORSE changed to Proposed name: COURTNEY ARELLANO.

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: 4/4/14 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 2.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: Dec. 31, 2013
SHARON J. WATERS
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2013.

RIC1400003

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

PETITION OF ARTURO NEAL MCLEAN. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: ARTURO NEAL MCLEAN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: ARTURO NEAL MCLEAN changed to Proposed name: ARTHUR NEAL MCLEAN.

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: 2/18/14 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 2.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: Jan. 02, 2014
SHARON J. WATERS
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2013.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described Personal property will be held at the hour of 11:00 AM January 23, 2014 at San Jacinto Self Storage, 1137 S San Jacinto Ave. in the city of San Jacinto, County of Riverside State of California. This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 ET. Seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

Auctioneer's Name: American Auctioneers
Dan Dotson & Associates
Address: P.O. Box 1359
Riverside, CA 92502
Phone: (800) 838-7653
State Bond #: # FS-863-20-14

All units listed contain miscellaneous household items and furniture. Unit numbers and identity of Occupants renting each space are as follows:

306 – Maria Vasquez
314 – David Owings
402 – Tameshia Norton
413 – Veronica Eyer
414 – Lizette Ascencio
509 – Luis Caldera
510 – James Waller
606 – Dominic Bonilla

Pub. TC: Jan. 9, 16, 2014.

LIEN SALE

CIVIL CODE 3071 & 3072
On 1/22/2014 at 755 S. SAN JACINTO SAN JACINTO, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1979 OMEGA HULL: XMGD56931079, STATE CA CF#: 1424SE at 10:00 A.M.
Pub. TC: Jan. 9, 2014.

LIEN SALE

CIVIL CODE 3071 & 3072
On 1/22/2014 at 140 S. WESTERN AVE. HEMET, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2007 DODGVIN: 2B3KA43R17H738212, STATE: NC LIC: BDH4851 at 10:00 A.M.
Pub. TC: Jan. 9, 2014.

Notice to creditors:

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE OF Isaac W. Carter DECEDENT

Notice to creditors: Administration of the estate of Isaac W. Carter 266 N. Palomar Ave, San Jacinto, Ca 92582 (deceased) as of 9/19/2013 has been commenced by Harvey Carter 9040 Cedros Ave # 36 Panorama, Ca 91402 818 605-8253 (personal representative) under the Independent Administration of estate act in Estate No. MCP130082 in the Superior Court Temecula, Ca.. A hearing will be held as follows: Temecula Superior Court 41002 County Center Drive 92591 01/28/2014, Dept :T1 You must file your claim with the court and mail or deliver a copy to the personal representative within the last to occur of four months after ____ (the date letters were issued to the personal representative), or 60 days after the date this notice was mailed to you, or in the case of personal delivery, 60 days after the date this notice was delivered to you, as provided in Section 9100 of the California Probate Code, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 9103 of the California Probate Code. Failure to file a claim with the court and serve a copy of the claim on the personal representative will, in most instances, invalidate your claim.
Pub. TC: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 2014.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as FOUNDERS 49 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, CA 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 Dec. 31, 2013.

FILE NO: R-2013-13187

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 31, 2018. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 31, 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: N. Medina, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2014.



ATTENTION LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS ...

Did you know?

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

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

Call Dolores at (951) 659-2145 or stop by the Town Crier, 54425 North Circle Dr. (office open Mon-Fri from 9 am to 5 pm. Sat-Sun from 10 am to 4pm)

People get ready, tax season's a comin'

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

Your employer is required to send you your W2 forms by Jan. 31. You should receive a Form 1099-R if you are receiving a pension or withdrew from an IRA.

You will need to locate the 1099-INT and 1099-DIV forms for each account that pays interest or dividends. Even tax-exempt interest must be listed on the return.

Sales of stocks, bonds or mutual funds are listed on

Form 1099-B. You will need to obtain a cost-basis statement for the mutual funds you sold. Most companies are now furnishing cost-basis statements. Your financial planner should be able to help you with this.

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

If you had a loan modified, a debt canceled or lost property in a short sale or foreclosure, contact your tax preparer now in order to find out all the information he/she will need to properly

report the transaction. Look for IRS Forms 1099-A and 1099-C.

For estimated tax payments you made, you will need to know the amounts paid and the days the payments were made.

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

TAX TIPS

BY STEPHEN T. PEPPLER, EA, CFP



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

Student loan payments are reported on Form 1098-E and can be used to lower your taxes.

IRS Form 1098-T lists college tuition paid. This can

be used to generate a valuable tax credit.

You will want to assemble all the necessary records of your charitable contributions, both cash/check and non-cash (stuff). If your non-cash contributions total over \$500, you will need the date contributed, items donated, the receiving organization, its address, the value of the items and how you determined it. If a single gift is over \$250 you should have a receipt from the charity for it.

If you are receiving Social Security you will need the Form 1099-SSA which lists your gross benefits before deductions.

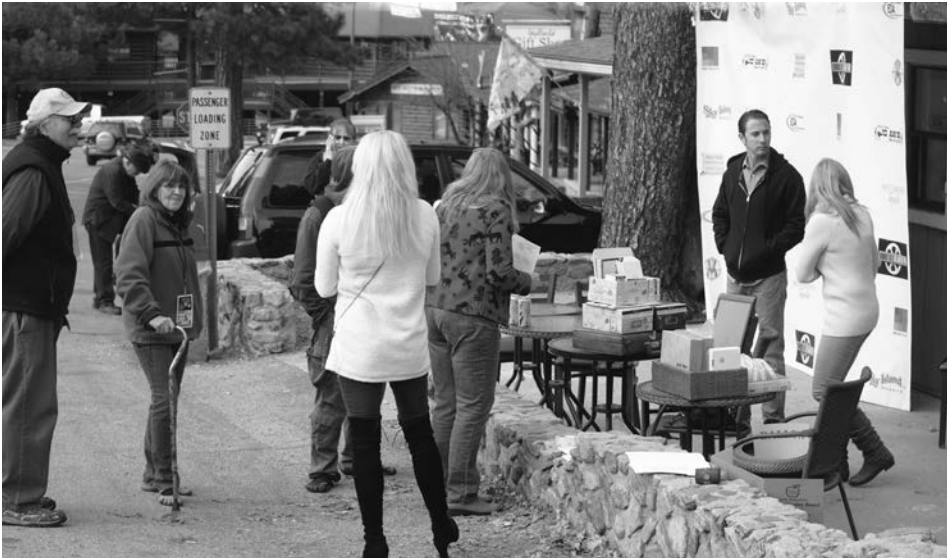
If deducting business mile-

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

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

January is the best time to get started on the sometimes demanding task of assembling your records. It is a good time to contact your tax preparer to ask questions regarding the records and documentation required to ensure you receive all the deductions you are entitled to.

Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema 2014 begins



Idyllwild 2014 volunteers congregate outside the Rustic Theatre Tuesday morning, preparing to manage the week's film festival. Movie venues include Silver Pines Inn and Astrocamp as well as the Rustic.

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Kirk Brown, of Idyllwild, right, buys his pass to Idyllwild 2014 at the Town Crier Tuesday morning. The Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema goes through Saturday, Jan. 11.

Golf

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tied	Bill Mitchell	4.5
13	Ray Rickards	4
14	Mike Feyder	3
15	Chris Kramer	2.5
tied	John LoGiudice	2.5
17	Scott Schroeder	2.33
18	Les Widerynski	2
19	Don DePalma	1.5
tied	David Hiemenz	1.5
21	Scott Foster	1
tied	Ken Garelick	1
	Ron Krull	1
	Robert Priefer	1
	Lev Sanford	1
26	Gary Leong	.5
tied	Brad Rowland	.5
	Tony Viola	.5
	Barry Wallace	.5

Points are awarded at each tournament as follows: first place, 6 points; second place, 4 points; third place, 3 points; fourth place, 2 points; fifth place, 1 point. In addition, one-half point is awarded to everyone who participates.

The top eight-point finishers of the year go into match-play playoffs for the club championship in August, September and October. A member has to compete in at least five regular-season tournaments and have a handicap no greater than 24.4 in order to qualify for the playoffs.

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

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

Send sports reports about locals to becky@towncrier.com or drop them off at the Town Crier by 10 a.m. Mondays. Photos also are welcome. If sending by e-mail, resolution must be at least 300 dpi.

Lola

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Directions

Melt butter in a heavy medium skillet over medium heat. Add thinly sliced shallots and saute 3 minutes. Reduce heat to low; sprinkle shallots with sugar, salt and pepper. Saute until shallots are caramelized, about 15 minutes. Transfer to a small bowl. Add 1-1/2 cups wine to skillet; boil 1 minute.

Pour wine into heavy medium saucepan; set over medium-low heat. Toss cheese together with flour in a medium bowl to coat. Add half of the caramelized shallots to the wine; add cheese mixture by handfuls, stirring until cheese melts and is smooth before adding more. Thin with more wine if mixture is too thick. Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Transfer cheese mixture to fondue pot. Set pot over candle or canned heat burner. Top fondue with remaining caramelized shallots. Serve with bread cubes. Makes 4 servings.

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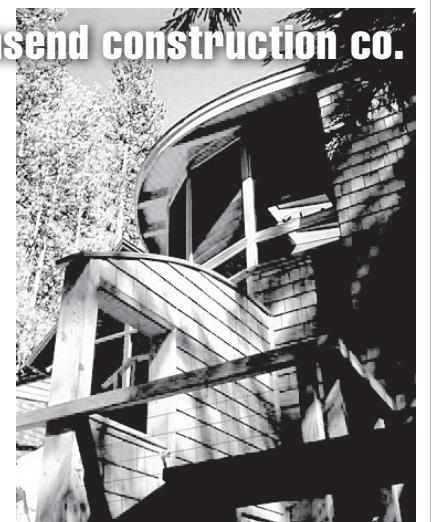
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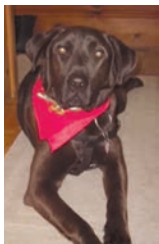
By MIMI AND HOOTCH

Found on the Ernie Maxwell Trail: an adult neutered male German shepherd with no chip, collar or tag. Well groomed.



Yep, I'm **Scrappy Doo**. And it's a good thing because a human abandoned me in the ARF yard one chilly day. So I had to learn really fast how to be a scrapper. I am a 1-year-old male Papillion/long-haired Chihuahua-mix weighing in at only 8 pounds. That doesn't stop me from playing with my favorite friend at the ARF house, **Harley Dog**, who by the way weighs in at 82.

We play tug-of-war with the rope, which means I get drug around the room. But I won't let go. Harley always shares his food bowl with me, and doesn't even mind when I climb on his back for a ride. Harley was found with eye and head injuries, and no one ever called for him. So he is just like me, abandoned but happy that we are at ARF. Harley absolutely loves the feline crowd, but Scrappy Doo wants nothing to do with them.



Dozer is a young black Lab-mix looking for a forever human to throw the ball, throw the ball and then throw the ball again. You get it. And if you won't, he will play catch all by himself. He has energy to spare, loves water, and will hike, walk and run. He's good with other dogs, as long as they will play with him. He's not even curious about the feline crowd.

Harley is quite the opposite. Sharing the couch with you and your remote is his fave. He loves to walk, just not long distance, has to have a yard to bury his bones, and absolutely would love to live with the felines rather than the canines. Chasing the ball is one of his favorite things to do, and then it will be time for a nap. The magic words for this 5-year-old boy are, "Want to go for a ride in the car or truck?"

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65 years ago - 1949

A cold snap brought a high of 30 degrees and a low of 7 degrees one day, freezing pipes and Mrs. Eric Holm's breath on her coat. Emax reported that even the squirrels were shivering

60 years ago - 1954

The California Public Utilities Commission approved Idyllwild Water Company's request to raise its annual rates from a minimum of \$18, set in 1945, to \$30.

55 years ago - 1959

Idyllwild Fire Chief Bill Price reported to Chamber of Commerce members that the department had answered 12 alarm calls, 26 resuscitator and oxygen calls and 66 first aid calls in 1958.

50 years ago - 1964

Bids were called for by Security First National Bank for constructing its new Idyllwild branch.

45 years ago - 1969

Action on supplying domestic water for a 2,000-home Garner Valley recreational-residential development was delayed until the Feb. 4 Lake Hemet Municipal Water District meeting.



Jane Greer, Howard Keel and Patricia Medina at Lake Hemet for the filming of "Desperate Search," in June 1952.

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40 years ago - 1974

Storms during the past week brought the heaviest snowfall to the mountains since December 1967. Continuous snowfall that Friday resulted in 15 inches of snow by 10:30 p.m.

35 years ago - 1979

Connor Bryce Finn, born to Dennis and Melody Finn of Pine Cove at 12:14 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, was the Hill's first baby of the year.

30 years ago - 1984

An automatic pump that injected aluminum sulfate into the Idyllwild Water District's water supply apparently malfunctioned,

leaving a bitter taste in the mouths of many of the town's residents.

25 years ago - 1989

The Skyline Retreat Project, a complex on about 3.5 acres on the southern side of Strawberry Creek Square, containing a conference center, a 120-room hotel, a 168-seat restaurant, a health center, a spa and 10 retail shops, appeared to be abandoned by its developers.

20 years ago - 1994

The Hill community and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department were waiting for confirmation that a body found along

the North Fork of the San Jacinto River was that of Aziz Ghazal, a man wanted in the double homicide of his estranged wife, Rebecca Vallstedt-Ghazal, and their 13-year-old daughter, Khadijah Ghazal, both of Pine Cove.

15 years ago - 1999

Tom Frankovich was walking his dog when he came across a large patch burning between Pine Dell Estates and the Strawberry Creek Square. After calling 911, he and six men from Fairway Market snuffed out the fire with water buckets and a fire extinguisher.

10 years ago - 2004

The Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce was to host its first WinterFest celebration in the heart of Idyllwild.

5 years ago - 2009

Part-time Pine Cove resident Paul Kallmes, an engineer, had supervised the new design of the New Year's Eve Ball in New York's Times Square.

1 year ago - 2013

Local business owners met at the Idyllwild Fire Station to discuss a range of options they could take to deter further commercial burglaries.

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Who needs superheroes when you have nature? ...



Last week my roommate and I were having another one of our deep philosophical discussions about what superpowers would be the coolest to have.

My roommate, being an X-Men fanatic, went with Wolverine's power to regenerate and heal. Personally, having grown up reading Marvel Comics as well, I was always envious of Magneto's ability to control electromagnetism and manipulate metal objects with his mind.

While our debate went on for more than an hour, it did prove two valuable things: first, we are both geeks and second, we don't need to look at science fiction to find superpowers. All we have to do is look at mother nature.

Did you know there is a salamander called the Axolotl that can not only regenerate its tail and limbs but also its heart and brain? Yeah, try that one on for size Hugh Jackman.

Therefore, I have compiled a list of my top five animal superpowers for your enjoyment. This is just my list. So don't e-mail me angrily asking why I left out the camouflage powers of the chameleon. We know Mystique can do that with her eyes closed.

Fifth — the Dung Beetle. Among its many talents, this little insect is strong, really really strong. I was among those who thought the ant was the strongest insect in the world but its got nothing on this guy. The dung beetle can pull more than 1,100 times its own body weight, which is comparable to a 200-pound man pulling 12 school buses at once. Take that Incredible Hulk (if that really is your name).

Fourth — the Gecko. Not

only is he good at selling you car insurance with his adorable Australian accent (or maybe British I can never tell), the gecko can climb even the slippery surfaces of polished glass walls at up to, a meter per second and can cling to walls with a single toe. Let me see you do that Spider Man.

Third — the Platypus. This animal can sense an electrical signal from the mere muscle contractions of its prey. Being able to do so allows the platypus to close its eyes, ears and nose while hunting. Be warned, he may look cute and fluffy, but don't even think of coming near one. The platypus can incapacitate an adult human with a single sting of its ankle spur. Bet you can't do that Spur-Man. Yes, I just made that person up.

Second — the Pistol Shrimp. The snapping claws of the pistol shrimp produce a noise louder than a sonic boom. Their snap also creates a bubble that has a temperature of 8,500

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First — the Hydrozoan. This creature has the ability to revert back to a younger form. It can repeat this process a limitless number of times, which makes it practically immortal. The Turritopsis Nutricula (a type of jellyfish) also has this ability. Now think about it, of all the superpowers to have, one that makes you become younger after you reach a certain age is hard to top.

Something tells me Wilford Brimley would pay a fortune to find out how they do it (you will only get that sentence if you've seen the movie Cocoon). By the way, while he did not make the list, an honorable mention goes to my cat Tucker who has the power to read minds. Trust me he does, I am not imagining it. Damn it.

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Judith Schoenbaum's artwork is on display at Honey Bunn's and Joe Bakery.

PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK

Artist

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sight. "I was [in Idyllwild] once years ago and loved it because I lived in Vermont and this was like Vermont in California to me," said Schoenbaum. She and her now ex-husband bought a home here in 1989 (which they still own) and visited on holidays and weekends. Her daughter attended the Idyllwild Arts Summer Programs. "We created as many things for her to do up here as possible," said Schoenbaum. Once her daughter, now an interior designer,

began college in the Bay area, Schoenbaum moved to Idyllwild full-time.

Currently, she participates in the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's 2nd Saturday Art Fair. "My favorite new art thing in town is the second Saturday show. It's sponsored by the Art Alliance. There's a lot of opportunity to show but not a lot of opportunity to sell the art work. It's at the Community Center [site] in a beautiful little area. It's every second Saturday

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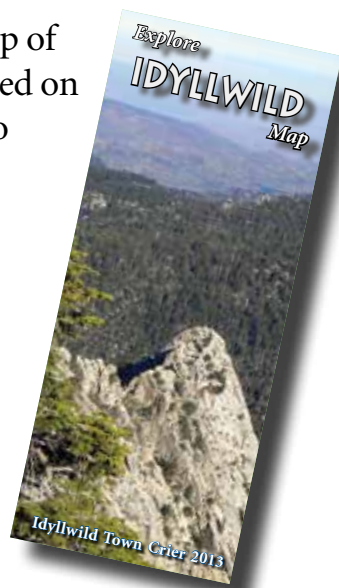
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