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Santa's helpers (from left) Sherry Kaufman, Kelsi Lehman and Christina Edwards help Kaysa Garcia-Lande (front) send her letter to Santa. Santa's box will be at the Post Office until noon Monday, Dec. 16. The Town Crier, with Santa's permission, will print some of the letters Santa receives from Idyllwild girls and boys in the Dec. 19 issue.

PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK

Local burglaries increase

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Break-ins throughout Idyllwild continue to grow. Capt. Scot Collins of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet station confirmed the recent spate of burglaries.

Otto and Christina Kyriakivis have owned Idyllwild Mini Storage for eight years and this is the first time they have been burglarized. The facility was burglarized between 3:30 and 4:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20. This time, the burglars were captured on surveillance video. The surveillance video shows two males wearing shorts and hoodies, and driving a light-color (white, beige or silver) 1980s Chevy pick-up.

"We think they must live or be staying close by," Christina said. "At one point, the two of them leave and shortly after, one of them returns and continues taking things." Items stolen from the facility included antiques, tools and a new vacuum. The Kyriakivis are still compiling a list of the items taken. Only three of the 60 units were burglarized.

The burglary of Mary Ann Reimer's home was discovered on Halloween night. "Thank goodness for my spa and pool man, Mike Beebe of Allied Pool and Spa. He noticed that the lights were on at my house and when he tried the door, it was open and he heard the television on. He went back to his truck and called the police. Reimer was pleased when the next morning three deputies came up to investigate. "The police were gracious, nice and very reassuring. They spent quite a long time; they were there maybe three hours," Reimer said gratefully, "They said they could not find any fingerprints, which I thought was strange. Did [the burglars] wear gloves the whole time they were there? They took showers, ate food and trashed the house."

According to Reimer, the police believe the burglar(s) may have stayed in the house for days. There was also evidence that one or more of the burglars may have dyed their hair. "One of them dyed their hair because there was dye in a cup in the bathroom sink with a brush in it. The dye color was a reddish gold, or a gold-ish blonde," offered Reimer. Damage to the home included punched-out electrical switches, holes in walls and a discharged fire extinguisher. Items taken from the home included small appliances, DVD players, a microwave, a toaster, blankets, sheets and other household items. "They ate food — spaghetti, pie, hamburger and hot dog buns and hot dogs. They left things in a box that said 'Town Hall' on it." [The Town Hall burglary was discovered on Monday, Nov. 18 and reported in the last week's Town Crier.]

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Local Hal Carey survives Afghan bombing

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The American consulate in Herat, Afghanistan, was attacked in the early morning of Sept. 13. Idyllwild resident Hal Carey was there. He's now home and recovering from a knee injury related to the attack.

Carey, an agricultural development officer with the U.S. Agency for International Development, tries to help local governments improve their food production and security.

While it seems like a simple project, the work is complex and covers topics from food shortages to identifying economically viable crops, and their benefits and nutritional values. And the answers differ from country to country.

Afghanistan, Carey's first AID assignment, was obviously a hardship post; but his next assignment will be Tanzania, in

Africa.

"This will be a more normal assignment and a chance to make a difference," he said smiling. The work will focus on agricultural goals through policy development and trade. "I expect a lot of support, especially from the highest levels," he added. He'll work with U.S. companies to help build partnerships between private industry and foreign governments.

But in every situation, he is trying to improve the local agriculture, its techniques and husbandry.

In Afghanistan, part of the mission was to work through the local government to demonstrate that the mission itself had value to the residents. Helping to build and authenticate democracy was a daily effort.

Poppy flowers and seeds were a big issue in Afghanistan. Carey tried to turn

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations Idyllwild and Anza responded to the following calls Tuesday, Nov. 26 to Sunday, Dec. 1:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Nov. 26 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
Nov. 26 — Rescue, medical aid, Idyllwild.
Nov. 27 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
Nov. 28 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
Nov. 29 — Medical aid, Idyllwild.
Dec. 2 — Medical aid, Pine Cove.
Dec. 2 — Rescue, medical aid, Idyllwild.
Dec. 2 — Rescue, medical aid, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire Department, Anza.

Nov. 26 — False alarm, 56000 block of Hwy 317, Anza.
Nov. 27 — Medical aid, 58000 block of Ramsey Rd., Anza.
Nov. 27 — Medical aid at station 29, Anza.
Nov. 28 — Medical aid at station 29, Anza.
Nov. 28 — Medical aid, 41000 block of Gassner Rd., Anza.
Nov. 28 — Medical aid,

39000 block of Cary Rd., Anza.

Nov. 29 — Medical aid, 53000 block of Hwy 371, Anza.

Nov. 29 — Medical aid, 39000 block of Terwilliger Rd., Anza.

Nov. 30 — Unknown type of fire, Bailey Rd. at Chapman Rd., Anza.

Nov. 30 — Medical aid, Cahuilla Creek Motocross, Anza.

Nov. 30 — Public assist, 37000 block of Tripp Flats Rd., Anza.

Dec. 1 — Medical aid, 41000 block of Jay Dee Ln., Anza.

Dec. 1 — Medical aid at station 29, Anza.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Sunday, Nov. 24 to Saturday, Nov. 30. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Nov. 24 — 911 call, 25000 block of Glen Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 24 — Alarm call, address undefined, Sage. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 24 — 911 call, 38000 block of Cary Rd., Anza. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 24 — Assist other department, 52000

block of Double View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 24 — Battery, address undefined, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 24 — Alarm call, 24000 block of Fern Valley Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 24 — Suspicious circumstance, address undefined, Anza. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 25 — Petty theft, 38000 block of Cary Rd., Anza. Report taken.

Nov. 25 — Suspicious circumstance, address undefined, Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 25 — Brandishing a weapon, 69000 block of Juniper Ave. Pinyon Pines. Unfounded.

Nov. 26 — Assist other department, 42000 block of Melton Dr., Sage. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 26 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Fernleaf Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 26 — Danger to self/other, 48000 block of Twin Pines Rd., San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 26 — Alarm call, 53000 block of Cedar Crest Dr., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 26 — Assist other

department, address undefined, San Bernardino National Forest. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 26 — Alarm call, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 27 — Alarm call, 44000 block of Taffle Ranch Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 27 — 911 call, 25000 block of Glen Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 27 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Marian View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 27 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Tahquitz View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 27 — Alarm call, 53000 block of Circle View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 28 — Suspect info, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 28 — Suspicious circumstance, 42000 block of Labrinia Ln., Anza. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 28 — Shots fired, address undefined, Anza. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 28 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Tahquitz View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 28 — Alarm call,

52000 block of Acorn Ln., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 28 — Alarm call, 52000 block of Acorn Ln., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 28 — Burglary, 59000 block of La Cima Rd., Anza. Unfounded.

Nov. 29 — Burglary, address undefined, Idyllwild. Unfounded.

Nov. 29 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Fernleaf Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 29 — 911 call, 54000 block of Village View Dr., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 29 — Battery, address undefined, Anza. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 29 — Civil dispute, 25000 block of Emerick Rd., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 29 — Shots fired, 39000 block of Saddle Ridge Rd., Sage. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 29 — Trespassing, 42000 block of O'Brien Rd., Sage. Unfounded.

Nov. 29 — Follow-up, address withheld, Sage. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 29 — Suspect info, address withheld, Anza. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 30 — 911 call, 52000 block of Laurel Trl., Pine Cove. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 30 — Alarm call, 24000 block of Upper Rim Rock Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 30 — Alarm call, 25000 block of Rim Rock Rd., Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 30 — Petty theft, 26000 block of Hwy 243, Idyllwild. Handled by deputy.

Nov. 30 — Missing child, address withheld, Anza. Unfounded.

Nov. 30 — Unknown trouble, address undefined, Anza. Handled by deputy.

Local man wins subscription

Mark Croudy Jr. of Valley Concierge is November's winner of a free Idyllwild Town Crier subscription. Croudy entered the drawing at the newspaper office by dropping his business card into the fish bowl on the front counter.

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 11/28	Friday 11/29	Saturday 11/30	Sunday 12/1	Monday 12/2
39/20 Chance of Snow	39/23 Sunny	38/21 Snow Likely	43/28 Chance of Snow	48/32 Mostly Sunny

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
11-26	58	37			68	34		
11-27	55	39			71	40		
11-28	49	33			73	45		
11-29	51	36	0.09		73	49		
11-30	65	37	0.01		77	37		
12-1	67	37			77	31	.01	
12-2	69	38			46	25		

Moisture in inches		Snow in inches	
To date this season (Idy):	4.59	To date this season (Idy):	0.00
To date last season (Idy):	3.17	To date last season (Idy):	0.00
Total last season (Idy):	14.02	Total last season (Idy):	42.8
To date this season (PC):	5.55	To date this season (PC):	3.00
Total last season (PC):	19.94	Total last season (PC):	44.75

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

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

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Analyst says state budget looks good

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Last month, the state's Legislative Analyst's Office issued its budget forecast for the remainder of fiscal year 2013-14 and next year, too.

"The state's budgetary condition is stronger than at any point in the past decade," the November report stated.

Unless something highly unexpected occurs, the report projects a surplus twice the size of Gov. Jerry Brown's forecast of \$1 billion this year. At the end of 2014-15, the LAO foresees a \$5.6 billion surplus.

The improving surpluses occur because of higher revenues due to growing capital gains taxes from continued stronger stock markets.

These budget conditions will likely continue for another three to four years, according to the LAO report. State revenues will exceed expenditures until 2018 when the temporary personal income tax rate increases (approved under Proposition 30 in 2012) expire.

But the LAO cautioned readers about the forecast. "Despite the large surplus that we project over the forecast period, the state's continued fiscal recovery is dependent on a number of assumptions that may not come to pass. For example, our forecast assumes continuing economic growth and slow, but steady, growth in stock prices."

Other events, which could change the rosy forecast, include an economic downturn, any decision to address the state's debt load, including its retirement liabilities, or the enactment of new state programs.

The improving revenue condition does not create a windfall for legislative action. The LAO reported that Proposition 98, which creates a formula for educational spending, will use about \$3.1 billion of the new revenue and another \$3.3 billion in 2014-15. The state prison problems will likely consume another \$300 million before any new legislative decisions.

While the surplus offers opportunities to eliminate past debt and liabilities as well as funding new programs, the LAO cautioned state officials about short-term thinking. To avoid the drastic program reductions experienced since the recent recession, the LAO urged planning to account for the next economic downturn, too.

"Our forecast indicates that there is room in the budget

Burglaries

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Dr. Joseph Bernier's home was burglarized in mid-November right in the middle of the afternoon. "Actually, I had only been gone a half hour. The [burglary] took place between 11:30 [a.m.] and 12:30 p.m. When I came back in I went to get my iPad computer and I noticed it was gone. I had it charging. I think you could see it through the window," Bernier said.

Items taken from Bernier also included two antique pistols, money and items he is still discovering missing.

The sheriff's resources are spread thin due, in part, to an increase in murders and bodily injury crimes within the Hemet station jurisdiction, according to Collins. The department is actively recruiting, hiring and training new deputies to return the ratio of one deputy per 1,000 residents in the unincorporated areas of Riverside County. Collins advises that less than 1 percent of applicants are actually hired. "We need to hire 100 people per year just to stay even," he said. Just a year ago, budget reduction had lowered the sheriff's staffing to .75 deputies per 1,000 residents.

Nonetheless, Collins understands the concern over the increase in burglaries. "If we have investigative leads, we are interested," Collins said. "Sometimes at first blush there are no leads, then a witness or victim comes forward with more information and we change the status of the case and send it to a detective for follow-up."

"These burglaries are under investigation and we are actively investigating every lead. If you have information, I would ask that you contact me directly," said Sgt. Wallace Clear, also of the RCSD Hemet station. Sgt. Clear can be reached at 951-791-3400.

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J.P. Crumrine contributed to this story.

for new ongoing spending commitments ... committing too much too soon could create budget shortfalls in the event of an economic downturn. Further, the state has commitments that were made in the past — principally retirement liabilities and, to a lesser extent, budgetary liabilities — that have yet to be funded," the report warned.

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Mary Ann Reimer's home was damaged during the recent rash of burglaries to businesses and several residences in Idyllwild. In addition to the items taken, the burglars "trashed" her home — breaking walls, discharging a fire extinguisher, smashing light switches and destroying bathroom fixtures.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY ANN REIMER

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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PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK

Strange but true

A scorpion can live for an entire year without eating.



The Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild board installation luncheon at Buckhorn Camp on Monday named these officers, (from left) President **Diana Kurr**; President-elect **Larry Edwards** (currently treasurer); 1st Vice President **Chris Finney**; 2nd VP **Barbara Pelham**; and Secretary **Irene Ledbetter**.

PHOTO BY JAY PENTRACK

Grinding facility winter hours

The Idyllwild Grinding Facility will be closed Saturdays from Dec. 1 through April 30, 2014.

Monday through Friday operations will continue and green waste will be accepted between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The facility will be closed for lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Saturday operations will resume May 3, 2014, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call the Riverside County Waste Management Department at (951) 486-3200 or visit www.rivcwm.org.



The Caroling Company performed throughout Idyllwild on Saturday, Nov. 30, to the delight of attendees at the Harvest Festival held at Town Hall, and throughout the village leading to the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Jo'An's. The group has been performing for more than 30 years and has appeared in several television shows and movies.

PHOTO BY JOHN PACHECO

Salvation Army at HELP Center

From 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 11, the Salvation Army will be giving holiday food boxes for qualifying clients at the Idyllwild HELP Center. For more information, call 951-659-2110.

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BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Gift card scams big money for thieves

Christmas lights, pine trees, ornaments, eggnog, and gifts — words that, for most, evoke warm, happy memories of family gatherings and holiday celebrations with friends. It also is a joyous time of year for thieves and scammers who are out in force throughout the holiday season.

It's a chaotic time of year; distractions abound and for those seeking to separate you from your money or identity, it is the perfect time to catch folk with their guard down.

Gift-card scams are big money for criminals. According to Mercator Advisory Group, an advisor to the payments and banking industries globally, in 2012, \$112.3 billion was loaded onto gift cards by U.S. consumers.

The most common gift-card scam is where a thief will record the identifying information on a gift card or will actually use a magnetic scanner to record the card's number. The thief then watches online to see when the card is activated and begins spending the card balance online. And, since this is time-consuming, scammers have adapted. "Technology is allowing scammers to streamline part of the process. Rather than having to hit 'refresh' on their computers until they see that a card has been loaded with value, thieves now use computer software that automatically checks the value of a card multiple times in a short span. Card processors have caught on, however, and now consider such repeated value checks a red flag for fraud," said Ben Jackson of Mercator.

A variation of this scam is where the thief actually places a bar-code sticker (from a stolen card) over the real bar code on the card being purchased. When the gift card is scanned, it actually activates a blank card in the possession of the thief rather than the victim's card.

To battle this scam, some retailers and manufacturers have turned to better packaging to hide the card identification number. In response, thieves have stepped up their game by contacting store clerks directly posing as company representatives. The clerk is instructed to activate and load a card with money then give the identification numbers

to the caller so he can "verify that the card was activated properly." In Savannah, Ga., thieves resorted to threats of violence saying they would blow up stores unless prepaid debit cards were loaded with money and the identification numbers given over the phone. The FBI is investigating and indicates that the scam, though unsuccessful thus far, has been active in other parts of the country as well.

Creditcards.com offers tips to help protect consumers from gift-card fraud.

- If the packaging on a gift card is damaged, don't buy it.
- Never give out the gift-card ID number; not to a store clerk, not to a caller and not in an email.
- If buying gift cards online, be sure the seller is reputable. Read reviews by other buyers and avoid sellers with negative reviews.
- Check the gift-card balance. If there is an error or the amount is not what was purchased, contact the card issuer immediately.

Why is gift card fraud so popular? Jackson sums it up, "The thing about gift-card fraud is it's the old, 'John Dillinger, why do you rob banks?' 'Because that's where the money is.'"

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Legislation to combat senior fraud

Dr. Raul Ruiz (D-Palm Desert) announced new legislation aiming to protect seniors from health-care fraud. Ruiz is joined in his efforts by local law enforcement and senior advocacy groups.

The Federal Trade Commission estimates that one million people fell victim to healthcare fraud in 2011 and the FTC received about 83,000 reports of fraud, an increase of 12 percent, in 2012.



While staying in a monastery on Mt. Hagurosan in Japan, Steve Pepler checked out mountains news in the Town Crier.

PHOTO COURTESY STEPHEN PEPPLER

Cedar shake replacement project

The Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council has received Federal Emergency Management Agency authority to begin its cedar shake shingle roof replacement project, according to Executive Director Edwina Scott. Work will begin over the next few weeks and homeowners may receive 75 percent of the replacement cost. Scott can be reached at 951-659-6208.


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OUT LOUD

Warm memories ...



Jack and I found our children, their spouses and all the grandchildren — including little Finley, two months old this Tuesday — in our clutches, as well as seven friends, 20 people in all, on Thanksgiving day. Three of the little ones ran circles around the dining room table while the women hung out in the kitchen and the men watched football.

What a perfect Thanksgiving and here's why.

I usually pass out after dinner from the exhaustion of cooking all day but this year I took advantage of Thanksgiving eve to prepare the stuffing, green-bean casserole and mashed potatoes so Jack could use the oven most of the following day for the overnight-brined turkey.

Thursday morning, before guests arrived, I tossed the turkey neck and gizzards in the crockpot with seasonings for use later in the gravy, and tidied up the house a bit. As a gluten-intolerant individual, I typically do not keep wheat flour in my house. When it came late afternoon and time to make the gravy, I quickly decided to make the roux from peanut oil and potato flour.

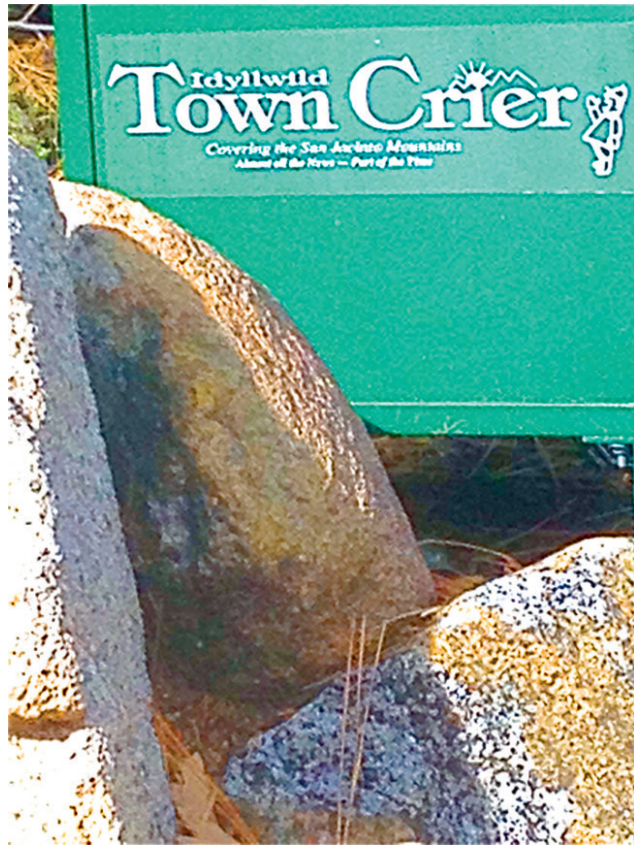
What became one of the highlights was when my friend Jen stepped up to the stovetop with me and stirred the gravy with a fork (my mother's way) while I added ingredients. We talked and laughed, adjusting the thickness. And then Jen poured in the juices from the turkey until we had a large pan of the most delicious gravy ever made. That stuff was incredible. I don't know if we'll ever be able to produce it again, but peanut oil and potato flour, last-minute decisions, gave it a fantastic base.

Every dish on the table — Jack's turkey, Lael's yams, Dolores' carrots, Mandy's deviled eggs and Mylene's Filipino lumpia — contributed to an amazing meal. By some miracle most of us boisterously squeezed around the table.

When we finished, I held a very sleepy Finn in my arms for a long time — a little baby drunk on turkey-laced mommy's milk.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

So you THINK YOU KNOW THE HILL?



For the last two weeks the photos had you straining your necks. This one's a bit more down to earth.

PHOTO BY JACK CLARK

By JACK CLARK
 CONTEST JUDGE

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

Open to all ages. It doesn't matter how you submit your entry, as long as it's in writing, delivered by noon Monday (or Tuesday if the Town Crier office is not open Monday) to the Town Crier, attn: Jack, and you convince the judge that you found the exact spot. Just saying something like, "The wall around _____ restaurant" is not enough. You must describe the actual spot by pacing off or some other specific description. Taking your own photograph of the spot would be ideal, but is not necessary to win as long as you persuade the judge that you have found the exact spot depicted in the contest photo. The decision of the judge is final. If there is no winner, clues will be given and the weekly prizes will accumulate. This is not a race. If there is more than one person with a correct answer, a drawing will determine the winner, so keep your answer to yourself. Check out this week's new photo.

Matter of fact

Two dates were wrong in last week's issue.

The front-page headline for the Rustic Theatre's grand opening mistakenly read Friday instead of Saturday.

The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Soroptimist story on page 10 read Nov. 3 instead of Nov. 30. Town Crier regrets the errors.



Ray Vreeland, this week's winner, stands in front of the location he correctly identified, Bobby Ye's Hidden Village Chinese restaurant on Cedar Street. Vreeland won the drawing for two tickets to the Rustic Theatre over this week's other successful Hill detective, Phil Thompson.

PHOTO BY JACK CLARK

MOUNTAIN FOLK

Janice Herdey (shown here in a 2009 file photo), 20-year Pine Cove resident, packed up and moved to Green Valley, Ariz., this past month. Janice is known for her volunteer work with Idyllwild's **Mountain Community Patrol** from its beginning and as president for three terms. Janice also was a tireless volunteer for **Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild**. She brought her knowledge of Idyllwild to her job helping people at the front counter of the **U.S. Forest Service**. Janice will be missed by her friends and those who loved her fruit cakes.

Send "Mountain folk" news with contact information to becky@towncrier.com.



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BEFORE OUR TIME

By ROBERT B. SMITH

Lawler Lodge ...

Lawler Lodge, on Highway 243 in Dark Canyon, is one of the more obscure landmarks in our mountains. Its namesake, however, was anything but obscure in his day.

Oscar Lawler grew up in one of Southern California's innumerable Iowa immigrant families. Lured by the great land boom of the 1880s, they arrived in 1888 just as it crashed. So, 13-year-old Oscar, one of 10 children, left school and went to work helping to support the family, launching a remarkable rags-to-riches career.

Among his first jobs was newsboy on a busy Los Angeles corner, which acquainted him with a Los Angeles Times circulation staffer named Harry Chandler. Chandler apparently got him a job as a bellboy at the bastion of Southern California wealth and power, the California Club.

There he was noticed by rising young attorney Henry O'Melveny, who took Lawler under his wing, guiding his informal education and legal training, until he was admitted to the California Bar in 1896.

In 1901, Lawler married into money, and soon his wife, Hilda Brode, bought several lots on Wilshire Boulevard. They moved into a new home there in 1907, the same year a family outing to Idyllwild gave them a first taste of the San Jacinto Mountains.

Lawler by then was well into a career defending the prerogatives of the rich and powerful, which made him a target for the disaffected.

By 1906, having become prominent in Los Angeles County Republican circles, he was appointed U.S. attorney for Southern California. President Taft elevated him to assistant attorney general for the Interior Department in 1909, which lasted only two scandal-marred years.

Returning to private practice in Los Angeles,

Lawler continued to accept federal investigative assignments, first the 1910 bombing of the Times Building, then a rash of suspicious corporate water filings on public land in the San Jacintos. (He himself turned up in 1912 as counsel for a corporation planning to dam Strawberry Creek for a power plant!)

This return to the mountains and his long-time devotion to conservation of natural areas — Lawler Peak in the San Gabriels recognizes his efforts — led in 1916 to acquisition of land in Dark Canyon. There the family would build a retreat modeled on Yosemite Lodge.

1919 was a fateful year. Just after Lawler Lodge was completed, his Los Angeles home was bombed, and Hilda and Oscar barely escaped with their lives. Two months later they lost personal belongings to a fire while staying at Tahquitz Lodge in Keen Camp.

But the Lawlers moved on to Beverly Hills, becoming next-door neighbors of Will Rogers, who occasionally joined them in entertaining at Lawler Lodge. Lawler's subsequent career attracted major corporate clients and Hollywood luminaries, such as Edgar Rice Burroughs, creator of both the Tarzan and John Carter characters.

When Hilda died unexpectedly in 1954, Oscar decided to honor her lifetime of charitable work on behalf of children by donating Lawler Lodge to Riverside County as a camp for youth groups. He then lived out his life quietly, dying in 1966 at age 90.

Bob Smith is a researcher and archivist with the Idyllwild Area Historical Society.



FIRE AND FOREST

By MIKE ESNARD,
MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
PRESIDENT



Winter fire safety ...

Now that the nights are cold and we wonder if the next storm will bring rain or snow, the threat of wildfire is greatly reduced. But though the threat of forest fire is diminished, the threat to an individual home has grown. More homes catch fire in winter than in any other season, and of these fires, most start in the kitchen while cooking.

Cooking on the stove top is how the majority of fires are started. Of these, most are started by frying, according to statistics from the National Fire Protection Association. It seems that most of these fires start when people walk away from the stove to do something else, which is why our State Fire Marshal Tonya Hoover has a catchy saying to "keep an eye on what you fry."

The holidays, of course, are the perfect time for kitchen fires to start when we are distracted. People have a lot to do, and attention to guests can easily lead us to forget the pan of hot oil on the stove. And let's not forget drinking, which we do more of on the holidays, and which does not exactly increase our memory and focus.

Like anyone who has done a lot of cooking, I have had my share of mess ups — a towel on fire, a forgotten boiling pot, and a dangerously overheated pan of oil that had too much oil to begin with. Luckily, these mistakes caused little harm, though they did get my heart racing.

Giving the stove our complete and undivided

attention is the most important thing we can do to make sure our homes are safe from kitchen fires.

Also, two precautions my wife taught me have been useful and are recommended by experts. One is to turn pot handles toward the back of the stove so they can't easily be bumped, or be grabbed by an inquisitive child. Another is to keep a very large lid nearby to use to smother grease fires if needed. (Water just spreads the fire.)

The National Fire Protection Association also emphasizes that if a fire starts in your kitchen, the wisest course of action is to get out of the house and call 911. Some people will feel capable of fighting a fire with a fire extinguisher, but most of us won't, and more than half of reported injuries are caused by people trying to fight the fire. The best advice for most of us is to turn off the stove or oven if we can, get out, and leave the firefighting to the professionals.

Kitchen fires aside, another common cause of winter fires up here is placing hot ash in a paper bag or cardboard box and placing it on the deck. Most of the time we don't realize the ash contains coals or cinders hot enough to ignite a floor or deck. Always use a metal bucket to handle ash from a fireplace or wood stove, and to dispose of the cooled ash in the designated bin at the Transfer site.

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Wednesday, Dec. 4

- 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 54341 Ridgeview Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 951-659-2844.
- Living Gracefully Without Pain, 10 a.m.-noon. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Garner Valley Women's Group, 10:30 a.m. Garner Valley Common, 61600 Devil's Ladder Road.
- Spanish Class for Home-schoolers, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Awareness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 951-659-2523.
- AWANA for ages 3-fifth-grade, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120

Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Thursday, Dec. 5

- 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 Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 951-852-2306 for more information.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pinecrest Ave. Persons interested may show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 6 p.m. Restaurant Gastrognome, 54381 Ridgeview Dr.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

Friday, Dec. 6

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at 760-445-6325 or email jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. 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, Dec. 7

- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Mari-on Ridge Dr., Pine Cove.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, Zen-style from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Contact Valerie Kyoshin Velez for more information at 951-392-6507 or kyoshinvelez@gmail.com
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Sunday, Dec. 8

- 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, Dec. 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.
- Idyllwild Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Children's story hour, 10:30 a.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Community Meditation, 7-8:30 p.m., the Loft in the Courtyard Building, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. Instruction and consultation available at 6:30 p.m. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 659-5750 for information.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m.

- Mounain 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 and 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.
- This is This conversation 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Hemet Unified School District board, 6:30 p.m. HUSD offices, 1791 W. Acacia Avenue, Hemet.
- 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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Obituary John Woolley

John Woolley, 94, peacefully passed away Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, in Hemet in the company of family. He had been a familiar figure around the village of Idyllwild since 1954.

John was born in 1918 to Frank and Cassia Woolley in San Diego. Music was a big part of his life from an early age. At age 7, he joined the Barnum Brothers Boys Band and forevermore played in parades, concerts, dance bands, pipe and drum corps, and the U.S. Army band. Not a day went by that he didn't pick up his drumsticks, even if just to practice for a few minutes.

In 1941, he enlisted in an Army anti-aircraft unit and was immediately shipped to Hawaii where he survived the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. He spent the next four years island-hopping in the Pacific Theater. Among other duties, he and fellow band members entertained the troops.

John loved the outdoors, spending as much time as possible outside. After shoveling his own yard, he frequently was seen shoveling snow for family and friends or making runs to the dump or post office. Over the years he spent time in Alaska and New England, but always came home to Idyllwild.

John is survived by his daughter, Dawn Sorenson, of Idyllwild/Hemet; two grandchildren, Amy Votava of San Diego, Josh Votava of San Jacinto and his wife Kendra; and four great grandchildren, Rachel, Alexis, Kaelyn and Breck.

His ashes were interred at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego with full military honors.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in his name is encouraged to contribute to the Idyllwild HELP Center.



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Call 951-659-0097 for information.

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- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Oma's, 54241 Ridgeview Dr.
- 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 Without Pain, 10 a.m.-noon. Community Room, Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Spanish Class for Homeschoolers, 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).
- Mountain Area Safety Taskforce, 1:30 p.m. Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243.
- Awareness Meditation

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

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

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

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- 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 Highway 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.
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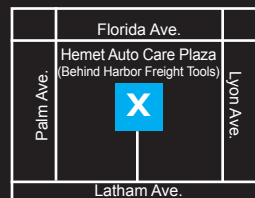
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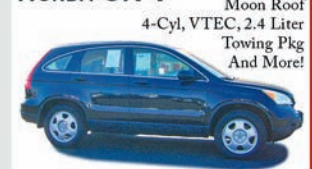
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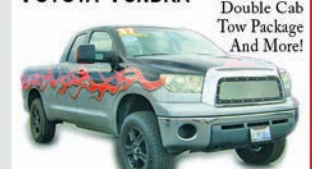
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War is being staged at Idyllwild Arts

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Idyllwild Arts Academy Theatre Department's next production intertwines mythology and contemporary history to address the complex and ever-present issue of war. Ellen McLaughlin's "Ajax in Iraq" takes on the eternal conflict — war — and opens up issues such as leadership and soldiers' responsibilities.

McLaughlin's script presents two pictures of war. The relationship between mythological Ajax and his goddess of war — Athena — is juxtaposed with A.J., a contemporary female soldier fighting in Iraq, tormented by her officer.

Has war changed? Have the roles of soldiers on the line changed? These are the questions McLaughlin poses. Since the academy's cast are all students, they also had to face and deal with these issues as they rehearsed the production.

"Yes, it's edgy," said Department Chair and Director Howard Shangraw. "But we've done edgy before. The kids learn so much. It's a wonderful teaching tool. The play blends Sophocles and Ajax with a mix of modern conditions for soldiers serving in Iraq."

Shangraw has brought in Holli Plummer from the Humanities Department faculty to elucidate Sophocles and Greek mythology, as well as John Goulding, Humanities chair, to explain how the formation of modern Iraq and

how its creation affects current events.

The parallel between mythology and reality does not escape the students. "War relates to the human trial and has been around forever," said one. "It teaches us about the one warrior. Ajax was brought to his knees and A.J. is also brought down. War is hell."

Several students mentioned the "insanity" of war and its endurance throughout human life. But several students mentioned a more personal connection or observation.

One had a grandfather who served in World War II, another had a father who served in Vietnam and another has a relative who was in Iraq. In all these cases, the former combatant rarely shared or talked about their experience. The students all acknowledged that they now understand the silence better.

"The playwright throws almost everything — WMDs, IEDs, and more — she can into the play," Shangraw observed.

"Ajax in Iraq" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 13 and 14 and at 2 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15. The production will be in Rush Hall on the school's campus.

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

Thought for the Day

"The fundamental cause of trouble in this world is that the stupid are cocksure while the intelligent are full of doubt." — Bertrand Russell

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Idyllwild film festival coming January 2014

By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema returns for the fifth time next month. From Jan. 7 to 11, festival participants will once again be offered a panoply of dozens of films — from features to documentaries to shorts.

"We really focused on quality this year," said Idyllwild Director Steve Savage. "Our standards are through the roof. We were able to raise the bar significantly because this year's submissions are three times the number we had for the 2013 festival. This allowed us to take some great films."

The opening night film is "Red Wing" from Will Wallace and stars Bill Paxton, Francis Fisher, Luke Perry and Joelle Carter, with rising actors Breann Johnson and Glenn Powell in leading roles.

International film fans will have many choices during the busy week. Foremost will be "The Fold" starring Catherine McCormack, of "Braveheart" fame. "The international fare came from all over the world," Savage said proudly.

Continuing with the fes-

tival's strong documentary tradition, Savage said this year the films represent five different countries. One of the most interesting will be "Yellow Fever," an American film. The director, Sophie Rousmaniere, investigates the history of the Navajo uranium boom, its lasting impacts in the area, and examines the pros, the cons and the hot debate over nuclear power.

From Sofia, Bulgaria, "Welcome Nowhere" explores the life of a com-

Steve Savage, Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema director, stands outside the Rustic Theatre, the festival's principal venue.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

munity of Roma Gypsies who live in run-down train boxcars without bathrooms or basic sanitation. Their government located them there more than 10 years ago and they still await assistance. Ethan Hawke is the story's narrator.

The film committee is still reviewing entries, but Savage estimates that 85 to 100 films will be available during the week. "This is the first year I've been able to watch at least some of every film selected," he said. Attributes demonstrating a



filmmaker's ability include sound quality, screen play and acting, Savage said.

Films will again be showcased at the Rustic Theatre and Astrocamp. And a new venue will be available for Idyllwild 2014. Silver Pines will be the newest venue. Chris Singer offered the location, and Michael Wan-

gler of Sky Island Natural Foods will sponsor the Sky Island Theatre at Silver Pines. Couches and lounge chairs also will be available there to enjoy the full range of films from feature to documentary.

Of course, the Rustic Theatre remains the festival's focal point. Among

the other local businesses intimately involved in Idyllwild 2014, Jo'An's will host the festival's parties and events, Village Market is supporting the volunteers and Idyll Awhile and Café Aroma also will be important stops during the week.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, the festival will offer seminars for attendees, including one on scoring and sound design. Geno Lenardo, former guitarist with Filter, will lead this session with Thomas Corkran, composer and Indie sound designer.

A relationship with local film schools is inaugurating in 2014. The first school to

have student films featured at the festival will be Chapman University's Dodge College of Film and Media Arts.

"We'll have six of their films. These films are brilliant," Savage promises. Next year, he plans to work with a Los Angeles film school.

The website for the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema is www.idyllwildcinemafest.com/. Tickets may be purchased on line for the complete festival, the weekend or day passes.

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“The Holly Sisters,” (from left) **Barbara Rayliss, Phyllis Brown and Ruth Fountain**, sing some tunes from the 1940s during the Stratford Players’ production of “On the Radio” Sunday at the Caine Learning Center.

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Casey Abrams performs at the 53rd-annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Nov. 30. Abrams inhaled a balloon full of helium and entertained the crowd with “Don’t be Late for Christmas” by Alvin and the Chipmunks.

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Local Color to perform at library

The Friends of the Idyllwild Library is sponsoring the women’s a cappella group, Local Color, in a program entitled “Christmas Around the World” in the library’s

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Below: During the annual Rotary Club's Harvest Festival last week, **Melinda Pinto** (left) of the Navajo Indian Art booth, helps **Barbara Hunt** choose some handcrafted Navajo jewelry.

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Above: Volunteers arrived at the American Legion kitchen at 5 a.m. Thanksgiving day to prepare the free feast. Lots of turkeys, 15 to 20, were brought in, along with a full selection of sides and desserts. The volunteers included **Mike Behan, Susan Freed, Jim Dunn, Rick Foster, Dianne Csentery, Barbara Wallace, Michelle Behan** and **Claudine Ellis** (pictured).

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Local talent and film-maker **Scott Foster** performs to a huge crowd at the 53rd-annual Tree Lighting Ceremony held on Saturday. The program included performances by many local artists and musicians.

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Idyllwild locals and visitors flocked to the 53rd-annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, "An Olde-fashioned Christmas," on Saturday. Soroptimist International of Idyllwild sponsored the event. The ceremony is the culmination of a full day of activities in downtown Idyllwild. The tree had 4,000 lights, the most ever used on the tree display.

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Pinkie and Kevin's big Christmas

BY JAY PENTRACK
STAFF REPORTER

Larry Edwards (also known as performer Pinkie Meringue Shimmer) and husband Kevin Baar do everything big, from Pinkie's elaborate headdresses to holiday decorating at their Idyllwild home.

Edwards and Baar, formerly of Palm Springs, discovered Idyllwild by accident. Edwards' parents came for a visit and in trying to plan some fun entertainment for them, a friend suggested Idyllwild. "We said, 'What is Idyllwild? Where is Idyllwild? How do you pronounce that word?'" laughed Baar. "So we drove up here and fell in love with the place," said Edwards. "Immediately," added Baar. "We started coming up here for day trips on the weekends. One day we were looking at pictures of the cabins at Idyllwild Realty and we walked in. Maggie

Morphett showed us a few houses and sold us our first place in 2009."

After 12 years in Palm Springs, and with their visits to their second home on the Hill growing longer and longer, the couple decided to make Idyllwild their full-time home in April 2012. "I love it up here and Kevin works from home so he can work from anywhere as long as he has Internet," said Edwards. Their current home was on their daily dog-walking path and, according to Edwards, "one day it was up for sale so we bought it and here we are." In order to accommodate all of their holiday decorations, Edwards and Baar decided to add a room to their home; more specifically, a Christmas room, which was completed in May of this year. "The neighbors would see the room being built and we would say, 'That's our Christmas room,' and



Larry Edwards and Kevin Baar celebrate Christmas in a big way. This is the "Christmas" room the couple added to their home recently; the room is home to a 12-foot angel tree and more than 100 Christmas village pieces from Department 56.

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they'd say, 'What?' Now they understand," said Baar.

The room is almost 400 square feet of all things Christmas. In the corner

stands a 12-foot "angel tree," a tree topped with a grand angel complete with wings and harp. "The angel tree is made with PVC piping

draped with material for her dress. The harp is made out of styrofoam, wrapped in aluminum foil and spray painted, which makes it

look real," said Baar. "The tree is the body of the angel."

The room has shelving on every wall and each shelf plays host to an incredible Christmas village complete with about 100 "Department 56" pieces collected over a dozen years. (Department 56 began as part of Bachman's, a premiere retail florist in Minneapolis, Minn. Bachman's used a numbering system to identify each of its departments. The number assigned to wholesale gift imports division was, you guessed it, 56. The company is now headquartered in Eden Prairie, Minn., and has become a leader in the giftware, collectibles and holiday decorating industry.)

Set-up is time consuming. "Since we've been doing it for a number of years, we know where everything is going to go. The tree we

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did in one weekend and then we set up the shelving," explained Baar. "It takes a good couple of weekends. Then we decorate the outside of the house."

Edwards added, "We get the infrastructure set up first. We always start by getting the shelving up and then we bring out all of the boxes and take the houses out of the boxes and start placing them. Then we take the boxes back out," he laughs. "Then we add the trees, the little people. There was also a lot of work involved in hooking up the electrical."

"We also add the snow, the rock [Baar created a backdrop of Lily Rock for the display], and for the shelves, because they are wire racks, I cut plywood to fit each shelf," said Baar. "It takes hours and hours, from the concept to actually measuring and cutting everything."

Both agree that it is a labor of love. "We really enjoy when people come in. We love putting smiles on people's faces," said Baar. "Grandma and Grandpa across the street bring their grandkids over to see it. We want people to see it because it's a lot of work and we don't want just the two of us to enjoy it."

Edwards is treasurer of the Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild and will host an open house for members Dec. 20; the couple also participates in a monthly potluck they will host Dec. 21.

Baar adds, "... every Friday he volunteers for the forest service. A couple of times he did the fire host up in the fire towers."

"I was asked to be a model for [the HELP Center] fashion show, then a few months later they said they needed a treasurer," said Edwards.

Edwards' alter ego, Pinkie Meringue Shimmer, will also perform in the New Year's Eve show at the Rustic Theatre with Emcee Bella da Ball, special guest, and local vocalists Betty Anderson, Charles Herrera, Carol Kamenis, Jersey Shore, Marina Mack, Sassy Ross, Melissa Stratman and many extras. The

show will begin with a salute to the firefighters. "We celebrate the New York New Year's Eve ball drop at 9 p.m. because a lot of people don't want to stay up until midnight," laughed Edwards. "We rarely stay up that late."

The show sold out two years ago and Edwards and Baar expect a sellout crowd again this year. "It's not even December yet and we're more than halfway sold out. It's amazing because there is such diversity up here and people just want to be entertained, especially on New Year's Eve. I think we put on a great show," said Baar. All tips from the show will go to the HELP Center and Animal Rescue Friends of Idyllwild.

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Arts & Entertainment Calendar

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

Wednesday, Dec. 4

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

"Christmas Around the World," Women's A Cappella group, Local Color, 5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

Marshall Hawkins and Paul Carman, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Dec. 5

LOL Redux, 6 p.m.; Lumber Mill Bar and Grill.

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," 4 and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Dec. 6

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

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," 4 and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

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

Bill Saitta and Deanne Bogart,

6:30-9:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile. Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Lumber Mill Bar and Grill.

Saturday, Dec. 7

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

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," 2, 5 and 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

That's All Folk, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Arriba's Mexican Restaurant.

Isis Theatre Company, "Twas the Night," 7:30 p.m. The Rainbow Inn.

Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra With John Waltz, Cellist, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts Academy.

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

Sunday, Dec. 8

Dr. Betty's Talk, "The Awakening," Classic Guitarist Lawrence Spector, 10 a.m. Spiritual Living Center.

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

Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra With John Waltz, Cellist, 2 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts Academy.

Stratford Players and Idyllwild Animal Rescue Friends Ra-

dio Matinée, 2 p.m. Radio Station WIDL (The Caine Learning Center).

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," 2, 5 and 8 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Service Industry Night With DJ Billy Shepherd, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Lumber Mill Bar and Grill.

Monday, Dec. 9

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

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

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

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

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

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

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Carlos Reynosa and Friends, 6-9 p.m. Lumber Mill Bar and Grill.

"The Hunger Games: Catching Fire," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Dec. 13

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, "Jingle All the Way" 5 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Lumber Mill Bar and Grill.

Saturday, Dec. 14

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

Christmas Open House, noon-4 p.m. Living Free Animal Sanctuary.

Sunday, Dec. 15

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

Service Industry Night With DJ Billy Shepherd, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. The Lumber Mill Bar and Grill.

Monday, Dec. 16

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

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By J.P. CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The Idyllwild Community Center group began reaching out to the local business community this week. Two morning presentations at Grand Idyllwild Lodge and an evening event at the Rainbow Inn attracted more than 70 Idyllwild business people.

On Monday morning, Janice Lyle, chair of the San Jacinto Mountain Community Center, otherwise known as the Idyllwild Community Center, told the attendees "We want you to take the excitement of a project that is doable and talk to everyone about it. Be an advocate."

Various members of the ICC committees attended and discussed the project and encouraged the business community to create a groundswell of enthusiasm to continue building on the project's forward momentum.

The first phase of the community center includes the Butterfield Family Center and an amphitheater. Lyle assured the attendees that the Butterfield family has promised the funds for constructing these facilities.

In addition, the Butter-



Diane Cardinalli displays the "I'm Helping Build the ICC" flag to local business people attending this week's Idyllwild Community Center presentations.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

fields will cover any revenue shortage from the center's use during the first 10 years. But a business model that succeeds in establishing a sustainable operation needs to be developed. Lyle said, "There is a tremendous need because this is a private program, not funded

by the county."

Benefactor David Butterfield told the people, "The dream is becoming a reality." He and his wife were attracted to the property in the village center almost from their first trip here. After numerous discussions with landscape artist Robert

Priefer, they wanted to support the community's quest for space for its youth.

They originally bought the acreage along Highway 243 and recently added a sizeable stretch of Strawberry Creek to it.

He proudly read from a recent Idyllwild Middle

School student's letter printed in the Town Crier about the need for local activities. "If you need re-affirmation that this is important, think about the children," he stressed.

Chris Trout, ICC spokesperson and a former Idyllwild gallery owner, explained how a community center would be a continuing attraction to visitors. "Ours is a tourist based economy. Their experience here is memorable and is what will bring them back."

As one of the early founders of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild, Trout explained how they recognized the need for tourism. Conse-

quently, they created and developed re-occurring art events, such as the annual Art Walk and Wine Tasting every October.

Lyle showed drawings and renderings of the future site and described the three phases to completion. The next step is submission of engineering drawings to the county in early 2014. She expects the groundbreaking to occur within 12 to 18 months.

Local businesses are encouraged to make in-kind donations. Inns might make rooms available for ICC's use. Other forms of assistance are direct monetary gifts or the labor of staff to help on events or construction.

Those that participate will receive an "I'm helping build the ICC" flag, which can be displayed outside their business place.

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the local economy to higher value crops such as fruits, nuts, saffron and cashmere to offset the illicit income.

But obstacles can be numerous and subtle. For example, laws and cultural norms affecting land tenure have an enormous influence on agricultural productivity. In areas where the land is owned communally, investment in seeds, land improvements and equipment can be limited. In other cultures, the land goes to sons. After many generations of subdivision, a large acreage can be reduced to a few acres, whose small size also hinders agricultural investment and crop productivity. Another modern occurrence is the urban migration, which will render land under-utilized and fallow.

"Eventually, some of these communities become locked into subsistence status," Carey said. "We try to balance two thoughts: Helping the small older farmer be more productive with what they have. Second is to help develop a context for agricultural business, which can grow and produce more food."

"One common problem is the encouragement of subsistence farming, which only leads to a life of poverty," he noted.

Carey did not come from an agricultural family, but his experience has always led him to careers in which he could help, particularly while working outdoors. Two tours with the Peace Corps re-enforced this motivation.

"I've always wanted to serve my country. The military isn't my personality, but I've looked for other opportunities," Carey explained. "In the Peace Corps, I learned a lot about myself and international opportunities."

From 1996 to 1998, he was a forestry volunteer in Ghana and from 2002 to 2003, he was in China where he taught environmental science to high school and university students.

From the Peace Corps, he migrated to the Natural Resources Conservation Service's emergency watershed protection, where he discovered Idyllwild while helping the local forest recover from the latest bark beetle infestation. Next he became the San Jacinto Ranger District's forester in January 2008. Three years later, he returned to his international roots.

But on the early morning of Sept. 13, a tremendous explosion woke him from sleep. He said he felt the com-

At right, **Hal Carey**, Idyllwild resident and U.S. Agency of International Development officer, was stationed at the U.S. consulate in Herat, Afghanistan, when it was bombed and attacked in September.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

pression wave as well as hearing the cacophony of the alarms and gunfire outside. He and the other civilians living in the consulate knew what to do because of the weekly training sessions.

The communications system was unharmed and enough time to allow them to quickly call home and tell family they were safe despite the attack.

"There was an 8-foot crater in front of the compound," Carey said, describing the assault's damage. All the Americans were safe and evacuated out of Afghanistan and returned home to recuperate.

Even today, Carey remains optimistic. "One of the best things we accomplished in the last 10 years is a huge increase in literacy. When the U.S. forces arrived, about 15 percent of the men and 5 to 7 percent of the women were literate. Now, eight million kids are in schools and almost half are girls," he said proudly.

Although he has no plans to ever return to Afghanistan, Carey is anxiously anticipating his new assignment. "We have a simple mandate — to eliminate hunger in the world," he said.

"I look forward to our kids growing up in a different culture and seeing how one person can make a difference, learning a language, and spending time in Africa," he said about his family's future.

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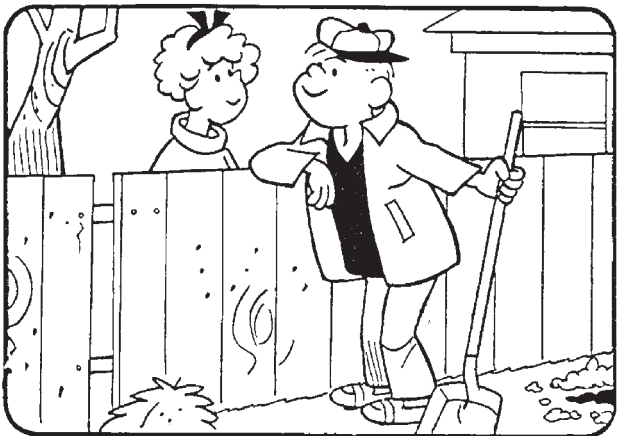
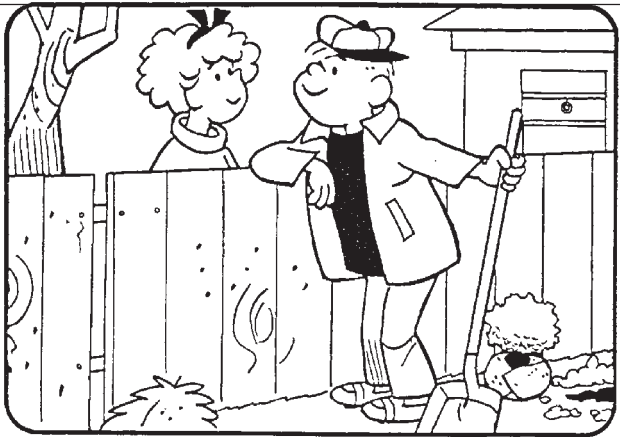
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as STRAWBERRY CREEK BAKERY, 54423 Village Center Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 3293, Idyllwild, CA 92549. BREWSTER MERLYN

TAPP, 25361 Skyline Way, Idyllwild, CA 92549
This business is conducted by An Individual.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on Oct. 1, 2013.

Signed:
BREWSTER MERLYN TAPP
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 1, 2013.

FILE NO.: R-2013-11453
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 By: D. Santana, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as SKY ISLAND NATURAL FOODS, 54423 Village Center Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 1801, Idyllwild, CA 92549. SKY ISLAND ORGANICS, INC., 54423 Village Center Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549. A California Corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on July 31, 2013.

Signed:
 MICHAEL JAMES WANGLER
 President
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 1, 2013.

FILE NO.:
 R-2013-10347

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 By: A. Acevedo, Deputy
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PRO8 MEDIA, 6363 Estrela Ln., Eastvale, CA 91752, Riverside County. DAVID ROBERT SCHMIDT, 6363 Estrela Ln., Eastvale, CA 91752, Riverside County.

This business is conducted by an Individual. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above. Signed:
 DAVID ROBERT SCHMIDT
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 4, 2013.

FILE NO.:
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LARRY W. WARD,
 County Clerk
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD AUTOMOTIVE, 54170 Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 126, Mountain Center, CA 92561. RONALD GEORGE KAUFMAN, 53705 Hwy. 74, Mountain Center, CA 92561, SHERRY LYNN KAUFMAN, 53705 Hwy. 74, Mountain Center, CA 92561.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on June 1988.

Signed:
 RONALD GEORGE KAUFMAN
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 4, 2013.

FILE NO.:
 R-2013-11474

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LARRY W. WARD,
 County Clerk
 By: D. Santana, Deputy
Pub. TC: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 2013.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Date of Filing Application: Nov. 7, 2013.
 To Whom It May Concern:
 The Name of the Applicant is: FIORAVANTI TARTAGLIA
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26290 HWY 243
 IDYLLWILD, CA 92549
 Type of license Applied for:
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Pub. TC: Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 2013.

RIC1313125 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501.

PETITION OF JESSIE ELIN, SHAYLA KATE, RILEY LYN, CHRISTOPHER EDWARD LAWRENCE.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 1. Petitioner: JESSIE ELIN LAWRENCE filed

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

a. Present name: JESSIE ELIN LAWRENCE changed to Proposed name: JESSIE ELIN PAUGH.

b. Present name: SHAYLA KATE LAWRENCE changed to Proposed name: SHAYLA KATE PAUGH.

c. Present name: RILEY LYN LAWRENCE changed to Proposed name: RILEY LYN PAUGH.

d. Present name: CHRISTOPHER EDWARD LAWRENCE changed to Proposed name: CHRISTOPHER ROBERT PAUGH.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 12/30/13 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 10.

b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: Nov. 21, 2013
 SHARON J. WATERS
 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2013.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as LET IT SHINE, 54425 North Circle Drive, #8, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: PO Box 3141, Idyllwild, CA 92549. TERESA LORRAINE FRENCH, 54355 Tahquitz View 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:
 TERESA LORRAINE FRENCH
 Statement filed with the County Clerk of

Riverside County on Nov. 26, 2013.

FILE NO.:
 R-2013-12263
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Manager/Noelle Seniceros
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 Name: SALVADOR MURILLO F107
 Name: SUZANNE ARAGON B312
 Name: CHRISTOPHER OURTH D107
 Auction to be held on December 16, at 12:30 p.m.

Lockaway Storage / Hemet
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Pub. TC: Dec. 5, 12, 2013.

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- Id counter-part
- Loathe
- Possessed
- "Clue" item
- Cavalry unit
- Guiding principle
- Goes over the books
- Weeding implement
- Brewery
- Med. plan output
- Med. plan option
- Creche trio
- Eucalyptus eater
- Heavy weight
- Duke Ellington classic
- Clear the tables
- Give a speech
- Deteriorate
- Time of your life?
- Thick
- Jima
- Still

DOWN

- Surfaced
- Out of sorts?
- "The Silence of the —"
- Privation
- One
- Woody Allen movie
- Engrossed
- Ostrich's cousin
- Scoundrel
- Fool
- Em, en, o, —, kue
- Recognize
- Psalm group
- Seraglio
- Mimic
- Pirouette pivot
- Conclude
- Suitable
- "The Name of the Rose" author
- Bill
- Regret
- Praise in rhyme
- Not barefoot
- Empty
- New Zealand native
- Cornered
- Overcharge
- Smaller map
- Dandling locale
- 21-Down member
- Turf
- Exist
- Erstwhile
- M&M's color
- "— Impossible"



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
 Careful, Lamb. Don't let your generous nature lead to some serious overspending as you contemplate your holiday gift-giving. Your social life kicks off into high gear by week's end..

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
 A positive attitude helps you weather annoying but unavoidable changes in holiday plans. Aspects favor new friendships and reinforcement of existing relationships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Demands on your energy level could be much higher than usual as you prepare for the upcoming holidays. Be sure to pace yourself. Friends and family will be happy to help.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Don't allow a suddenly icy reaction from a friend or family member to continue without learning what caused it -- and what can be done to restore that once warm and caring relationship.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
 A relationship seems to be unraveling, mostly from a lack of attention. It might be a good idea to ease up on whatever else you're doing so you can spend more time working to mend it.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
 New facts emerge that not only help explain the recent rift with a trusted colleague, but also might provide a chance to wipe the slate clean and make a fresh start in your friendship.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
 A family member's personal situation is, fortunately,

resolved in time for you to get back into your hectic round of holiday preparations. An old friend might bring a new friend into your life.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
 Pace yourself in meeting holiday pressures and workplace demands to avoid winding up with a frayed temper and a Scorpian stinger that lashes out at puzzled kith, kin and colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
 A financial matter requires close attention. Also, news from a trusted source provides the means to help sort out a long-standing state of confusion and put it into perspective.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
 This is a good time to reinforce family ties. Make it a priority to assess and resolve all outstanding problems. Start the upcoming holiday season with a full measure of love.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
 Don't be pressured into a so-called solid-gold investment. Wait until the holiday distractions are over. Then take a harder look at it. You might find that the "gold" is starting to flake off.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
 A former friend might be trying to heal the breach between you by using a mutual friend as an intermediary. Best advice: Keep an open mind despite any lingering bad feelings.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of saying the right thing at the right time. Your friendships are deep and lasting.

SUDOKU

(Answers on previous page)

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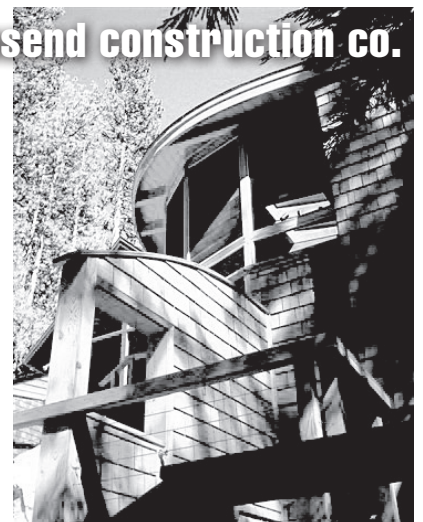
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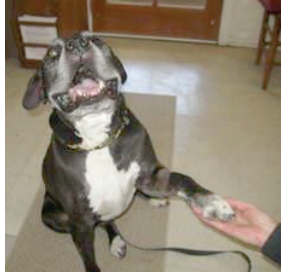
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CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

His name is **H.D. — Harley Dog**. And this dog loves to ride. In the car, that is. High five is one of his faves, as is catching the ball or Frisbee®, or just some good ole



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Harley prefers to be the only canine.

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

Tommy, Whiskers and Lachi (below) enjoying the outdoor cattery. This is Tommy's fave hangout, Whiskers enjoys a quiet nap, and Lachi is very playful.



All of the volunteers and the ARF four-leggeds wish the community of Idyllwild happy holidays. They are thankful for all you do. Thank you.



We have several cats who have already chosen their best fur buddy to be adopted with. **Sadie** and **Carly** (below), the tux iden-

tical twins, would love to be young black-and-white female, can often be seen cuddled closely with Tommy, our large gray tabby. Their favorite pas-time is in the outdoor cattery keeping up with all creatures that fly.

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Work was begun on the Idyllwild Fire House between the Trading Post and Ice & Fuel.

60 years ago - 1953

Joan Crawford, Kathryn Grayson and Elizabeth Taylor were in holiday pictures at The Rustic Theatre.

55 years ago - 1958

Santa Ana winds pushed the temperature to 80 degrees and reduced the humidity to 6 percent. Fire crews went on around-the-clock standby.

50 years ago - 1963

Junior bowling got underway with the formation of a league for youngsters at Sportland Park.

45 years ago - 1968

Sheriff's deputies made a narcotics raid on a house on Tahquitz Drive and took seven people into custody. This followed a raid earlier in the week by Idyllwild vigilantes as a result of which three men were charged with trespassing.

40 years ago - 1973

The Sierra Madre Girl Scout Council purchased the 320-acre Kolisch Ranch in Garner Valley.



Hunter registration at Little Thomas Truck Road in 1966.

FILE PHOTO

35 years ago - 1978

The Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of Florist in the Forest.

30 years ago - 1983

Idyllwild Arts Foundation expressed general approval of a plan that would provide space for a California Conservation Corps crew on the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts campus.

25 years ago - 1988

Noah Whitney, 9, of Idyllwild, was one of the

youngest winners ever in the Town Crier's annual Snow Guessing Contest. His name was drawn from the 95 contestants who correctly picked the date of the first snowfall of Friday, Nov. 25.

20 years ago - 1993

Shock, grief and disbelief were just some of the feelings expressed in the community after getting news of the murders of Pine Cove residents Rebecca Ruth Volldtedt-Ghazal, 38, and her daughter, Khadijah Ghazal, 13.

15 years ago - 1998

Idyllwild Arts announced its newly appointed music director, Ransom Wilson.

10 years ago - 2003

The Riverside County Fire Department, in conjunction with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, announced the availability of funds to reimburse property owners for the removal of dead trees.

5 years ago - 2008

Rainbow Inn owners Lon Mercer and John Simpson visited Lyasomboro Primary School in Marangu, Tanzania, on the slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro in October, taking with them gifts of sweaters for 50 boys orphaned by AIDS.

1 year ago - 2012

Jay Johnson and son Jason met with county representatives to begin the transfer of Idyllwild's Town Hall and lands to the county. The Idyllwild Chamber, lacking funds for maintenance and repair of Town Hall, had recently returned the building and lands to the Johnson family, who had held a reversionary interest.

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