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## Local lawyer and medic aids rescue effort in Lesbos

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild resident Mary Lehman has a history of aiding others. Whether as an emergency medical technician at fire camp, a lookout for the U.S. Forest Service or on ski patrol, showing up to help others who are injured or in distress is not new to her. So it was not surprising, after having discussed it with her husband, that Lehman decided to go to the Greek island of Lesbos, just south of the Turkish coast, to as-

sist refugees arriving from Syria and Iraq. "I knew about the drama and flood of refugees arriving there in the beginning of November," she recalled. "I booked my ticket Nov. 1 or 2 and departed on Nov. 10. I'm a problem-solving person. When I saw the need and realized I could go, I knew I had to go."

A distinguished lawyer, admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, federal Appeals Courts (third, fourth, fifth, ninth and 10th districts),  
*See Rescue, page 28*



Idyllwild resident and practicing attorney **Mary A. Lehman** is seen here on the Greek island of Lesbos assisting arriving refugees from Syria and Iraq. Lehman joined volunteers from all over the world who just showed up because they felt compelled to do so. Lehman was an emergency medical technician before becoming an attorney.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MARY LEHMAN

## County tells what it's doing to prepare for El Niño

Recommends residents prepare now

BY JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The effects of the rainfall from impending El Niño conditions create more responsibilities in the rural parts of River-

side County than urban residents will experience, according to several county representatives. They were on the Hill to discuss what local residents can do to prepare for the rain, run-off and potential prob-

lems.

The speakers encouraged an audience of more than 60 people Wednesday night, Dec. 2, at the Idyllwild Nature Center to "protect yourself, but don't harm your neighbors."

Cities have curbs, gutters and large drain sys-

tems, which will help remove the flowing and flooding water from those streets. Those urban conveniences are not present here. Many properties on the Hill are lower than the adjacent roadway. Locals need to prepare before the storms arrive.

Flood insurance is one option, said Robert Cullen, chief of the Design and Construction Division for the County Flood Control and Water Conservation District. For those who may be interested, he directed them to the website

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During the month of November the Hemet Station of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department said several incidents were reported to authorities of a potential phone scam/fraud.

The unknown suspects are targeting mainly the elderly with threats of arrest if they do not send money to pay for a warrant or a failure to appear. Since most of the victims have never had any prior contact with law enforcement, they are eager to prevent being arrested. The suspects have identified themselves as "Agents of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department."

The Sheriff's Department would like to warn the public of these types of phone scams/fraud that increase around the holidays. Neither the Riverside County Sheriff's Department nor the Riverside County courts will call citizens asking for money.

Never send money to anyone unless you are confident of the recipient. Anyone with information about these incidents is encouraged to call Investigator Porrazzo at the Hemet Sheriff's Station at 951-791-3400.

### Bald eagle count this Saturday

The U. S. Forest Service has scheduled its four bald eagle counts for this winter. All counts will be on the Saturday mornings of Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13 and March 12.

Two bald eagles reside on the shores of Lake Hemet. In 2014, they produced two eaglets.

The local count will be at Lake Hemet. Volunteers meet at the Lake Hemet Grocery Store at 8:30 a.m. on the above dates for orientation. Contact Ann Bowers (annbowers@fs.fed.us or 909-382-2935) for more information.

Other counts that day within the San Bernardino National Forest will be at Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Lake Gregory, Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area and Lake Perris State Recreation Area.

# Attempted break-ins on same night

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Both the Town Baker and the Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witnesses experienced attempted break-ins on the same night, with the same basic modus operandi.

Paul Amick, co-owner of the Town Baker, reported that he received a call from his alarm service at 12:30 a.m. Sunday that his alarm had been activated. Amick reported that the vandal or burglar had destroyed the door leading into the kitchen, and ripped off and tossed security

lights into the yard. "It looked as if he had been there for a while, based on the level of damage that was done," said Amick.

Amick was told by customers that the same night the Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witnesses also had suffered an attempted break in, with a door being badly damaged. That could not be independently verified as of press time.

In neither attempt did the individual succeed in gaining entry into either structure, according to Amick.

Inquiries made to Hemet Station, Riverside County Sheriff's Department, were not answered prior to press time.

# Local avoids head-on collision with motorcyclist

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Idyllwild local Stacey Grant avoided a head-on collision with a motorcyclist on Sunday, Dec. 6. Grant was driving her 2011 silver Subaru Outback west on Highway 74 around 11:00 a.m. just after the last turnout near the bottom of the Hill on the Hemet side.

Grant noted she had slowed as cars ahead of her pulled into the turnout, and was just speeding up, going about 35 mph, when several motorcycles rounded the horseshoe bend into which she was headed. Grant said California Highway Patrol estimated the bikers were traveling at about 60 mph. Two made the curve and one seemed to be unable to control his bike and correct out of the turn. He crossed the double-yellow line and headed, according to

Grant, directly toward her, now in her lane and positioned for a head-on.

Grant said she started to correct into the other lane to avoid the head-on when the 19-year-old motorcyclist clipped the right front side of her car and then the mid-section of the right side.

Grant said her car was hardly drivable after the collision but she managed to get it back into the westbound lane and partially off the road. "My first instinct was to get any part of the car out of the oncoming lane," she said.

The biker was thrown from his bike into a culvert and required medical transport. Grant also required transport complaining of neck and hip pain.

As of press time, CHP did not have an official report of the incident.

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# Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 12/9

69/35  
Sunny.

Thursday 12/10

63/30  
Chance of showers.

Friday 12/11

42/28  
Chance of rain & snow.

Saturday 12/12

47/29  
Mostly sunny.

Sunday 12/13

48/28  
Sunny with chance of showers.

Monday 12/14

41/24  
Chance of rain & snow.

Tuesday 12/15

44/27  
Sunny.

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
12/1	56	28		
12/2	62	28		
12/3	63	33		
12/4	52	31		
12/5	65	28		
12/6	65	31		
12/7	66	35		

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
12/1	60	32		
12/2	54	40	1.0	
12/3	61	50	3.0	
12/4	52	44		
12/5	52	33		
12/6	63	35		
12/7	68	37		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 8.84  
To date last season (Idy): 8.71  
Total last season (Idy): 20.02  
To date this season (PC): 8.10  
Total last season (PC): 15.54

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 0.0  
To date last season (Idy): 0.0  
Total last season (Idy): 10.0  
To date this season (PC): 1.0  
Total last season (PC): 27.75

Idyllwild temperatures are recorded daily at 4 p.m. at Idyllwild Fire Station, an official NWS COOP reporter. Idyllwild moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 9 a.m. (and additional times if noted) at the Idyllwild Town Crier, an official CoCoRaHS reporter in cooperation with NOAA. Pine Cove moisture and snow totals are recorded daily at 4 p.m. by resident George Tate at personal weather station KCAIDYLL1, an official [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com) reporter. 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 us on the Internet at [www.idyllwildtowncrier.com](http://www.idyllwildtowncrier.com) or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

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# Town Hall will re-open for community recreation

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Town Hall will reopen as the primary venue for county-managed community recreation, Scott Bangle, Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District parks director and general manager, confirmed Wednesday, Dec. 3.

In the Town Crier edition of Nov. 19, we reported the closure of Town Hall. A notice had been posted on the door stating, "Preliminary tests have determined this facility has material containing asbestos. Do not disturb." Recreation programs were relocated to the County Parks Nature Center on Highway 243.

Bangle stated in response to a Town Crier inquiry that a second inspection of the historic building revealed "... no obvious signs that would warrant an immediate response action [removal or abatement.]" He stated, "It was recommended that we consider undertaking some minor work as a precautionary, proactive measure."

Bangle said the recommended work would begin "as quickly as possible with the goal of returning [recreation] programs to Town Hall by January, if not sooner." Kyla Brown, Parks and Recreation bureau chief, said costs of estimated repairs would be less than \$2,000. Work began this week.

Previous inspections also revealed the presence of bat droppings in the attic, which also are being removed. "We will likely contract with a local pest control company to remove any bats that may still be inhabiting the attic area," said Brown.

A letter from William T. Cloake IV, superintendent of Community Parks and Recreation Centers, to parents and guardians of the Idyllwild Town Hall Afterschool Program participants, confirmed Bangle's and Brown's statements.

Verne Lauritzen, Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington's chief of staff, stated the county made the decision to proceed with repair even though the month-to-month lease agreement could have been interpreted to require the building owners to do so. The repair will involve installing a false ceiling to seal the area beneath the asbestos. "The county just needs to do the right thing and get the community back in the



Three Riverside County trucks were parked on the side of Town Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 8, while repairs were being made to seal areas where asbestos had been discovered. County officials estimate Town Hall will reopen for recreation activities on or before the first of January.  
PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

building," said Lauritzen.

Jay Johnson, whose family owns Town Hall, said he would be negotiating a longer-term rental agreement with the county for its continued use of Town Hall. The current agreement is month-to-month, based on the original contract with the county's Economic Development Agency, signed when the county began managing local recreation in 2011.

Riverside County manages local recreation for residents of County Service Area 36 (Idyllwild and Fern Valley). The county levies parcel taxes on CSA 36 property owners to fund community recreation. Those taxes, plus property taxes, yield annual recreation budgets in the neighborhood of \$200,000 (see article on page 7 regarding the role of the CSA 36 Advisory Council in reviewing how tax dollars are spent). Initially managed by EDA, tax-funded recreation and street light maintenance are now managed by County Parks and Open Space.

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# Supervisor supports Soroptimists saving sequoia

BY JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington asked his board colleagues to approve the use of Community Development Improvement Funds to help the Soroptimists International of Idyllwild.

The Idyllwild Soroptimists is the beneficiary of \$1,000. Washington's memo said the funds would be used for the "Save the Sequoia" project.

A water tank will be purchased to provide a consistent source of water to the sequoia, located at JoAn's, which is used for the annual tree lighting ceremony.

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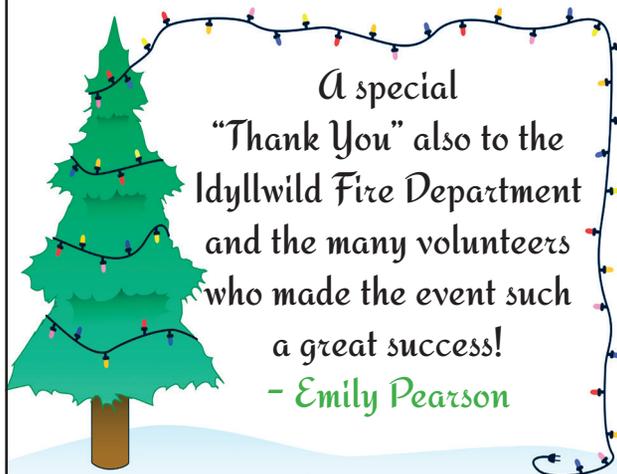
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A special "Thank You" also to the Idyllwild Fire Department and the many volunteers who made the event such a great success!

- Emily Pearson

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Jack and I packed to head out on an annual trip to San Francisco for the California Press Foundation's Winter Meeting last Wednesday. We planned to fly from Ontario and take along our oldest grandchild, a new tradition when they reach age 13.

Jack finished delivering the papers just as I heard of a mass shooting in San Bernardino. As news progressed, we hurried to get to the airport, cautious of what the freeway would look like when we passed SB.

We encountered nothing unusual until we reached the airport where cop cars covered streets and tarmacs, searching for the shooting suspects who were rumored to be three white men who had abandoned their black SUV and jumped on a rental car shuttle to the airport.

We eyed every black SUV and young white male with suspicion as we rode the shuttle to the terminal and waited inside for her parents to drop off our granddaughter.

Turns out that rumor was far off and the suspects were killed in SB.

But when we landed back in Ontario Sunday and waited outside to deliver our granddaughter Mina back to her Mom, it was a different scene.

We sat for about 20 minutes watching cars parked in front of the terminal for longer than that with potential for holding explosives, etc. As travelers, we can't carry weapons but they can. We looked all around the front of the terminal for security guards and saw none. Not one.

What happened to the security we saw following 9/11? What happened to obeying signs outside the airport that still instruct drivers not to "park or wait" for longer than it takes to drop off or pick up passengers?

I'm feeling less secure about flying out of Ontario just because of the lack of security outside.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

## Losing what makes us tick

EDITOR:

So, Gary's Deli is permanently closed. What's the fuss about? Get your sandwich or whatever somewhere else now. Life goes on.

Stop there, my friend, and you really don't know this town. Go ahead — skate along the surface of goods and services and it's clear you don't feel the beat of the heart of this community.

You know what makes it tick? It's all the "little guys and gals" who make up the businesses and services.

It's the people, people like Dolores Sizer who treats my petty little task like a presidential commission and cares that I've been sick lately and sends me on my way with a big smile and somehow I feel much better.



TLC, my friend. We all need it and I honor all those fine Idyllwilders who give it to natives and visitors alike on a daily basis.

Gary Budnick no longer has his deli to dispense his very special brand of TLC. Those many customers who received his many "random acts of kindness" over the years feel a loss. He genuinely cared about their well

being, honored their loved dogs with a wall of photos and endless treats, and like Dolores and so many others, made us feel much better.

Hopefully, Gary will find another venue. We don't want to lose the "little guy" like Gary and all the others who make this special community "tick."

MARILYN O'CONNOR BEAUCHESNE  
IDYLLWILD



BY BARRY ZANDER

After a chilly pickleball game, I invited Elliott Taylor to our cabin for a cup of coffee. His faithful canine companion Dante (right), who many say seems to communicate his feelings to them, was with him.

Following coffee, I asked Elliott if he wanted to walk down two properties along Scenic Drive to see the house that was destroyed by fire a week earlier [Town Crier, Nov. 13, 2015, page 1]. He agreed and asked if Dante could go along. "Of course," I replied.

That was days after the remains of the owner's dog, the casualty of the fire, had



been removed and before the property was fenced in.

We had almost completely circled the house when Dante stopped across from what was left of the front door. He sat and stared intently into the charred dwelling. He gazed unblinking for a few min-

utes and whined. It seemed like tears were forming in his eyes and he refused to move.

Finally he looked away, and we left the scene of destruction, where an inferno had erupted a few days earlier. We wondered, was Dante mourning the dog that had died in the fire?

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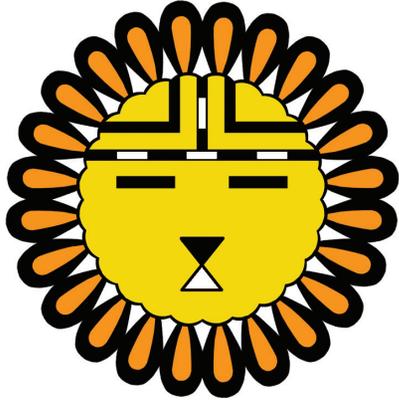
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# Journal from the James



## What's wild in Idyllwild? Bobcats ...

BY JAMES RESERVE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JOHN LAUNDRÉ

On Nov. 19, the Idyllwild Community Center sponsored my presentation at its Speakers Series at Silver Pines Lodge. The topic was the motion-sensitive cameras I've placed around Idyllwild and that I wrote about in a previous installment of "Journal From the James" (April 9, 2015).

The presentation was well attended and I enjoyed letting the audience know what we have been finding with the cameras. At the end of the presentation, I mentioned that we would like to make the information we are finding more accessible to all in Idyllwild who would be interested. I proposed putting together a "coffee table" book highlighting photos of each species captured by the cameras with pertinent natural history information on them. That way it is hoped the people of Idyllwild can not only become more aware of "what's wild in Idyllwild," but also learn a little



A mother bobcat and her kitten captured on one of the Idyllwild cameras.

IMAGE COURTESY JOHN LAUNDRÉ

more about wildlife roaming around our town.

As a prelude to this effort, I will periodically provide in this column an example of what the book would present. For the first installment, I have chosen the bobcat. What follows is the type of information we would like to provide and hope it is of interest to readers. Feedback on what other information might be interesting would be useful in producing a book. That would indeed help us appreciate even more what's wild in Idyllwild.

Bobcats: alias catamount, lynx cat, wildcat and others. With the scientific name of *Lynx rufus*, the bobcat is taxonomically related to the Canadian lynx, both representing the only short-tailed wild cats we have in North America. Its species name, *rufus*, hints at the reddish (rufous) color and, of course, its common name refers to its short, bobbed tail.

Bobcats are found across most of the U.S. and into Canada and Mexico. Even in the areas where they have been previously absent, in recent years, they have been expanding their range. With a range so extensive, it is not surprising that bobcats can be found in a variety of habitats, ranging from denser forests to shrub-dominated deserts to the mountain habitat of Idyllwild.

Like all cats, the bobcat is a strict carnivore, consuming small mammals such as rodents, squirrels and rabbits. Also like most other cats, bobcats stalk their prey so they need shrub cover for hunting.

Female bobcats give birth to two to three young each spring and the kittens stay with her until the late summer/early fall. We were fortunate enough to have one of the cameras capture a female with her kitten as they moved along Strawberry Creek.

Except for a brief courtship with the female, males do not participate in raising the young and spend most of their time defending their territory from other males.

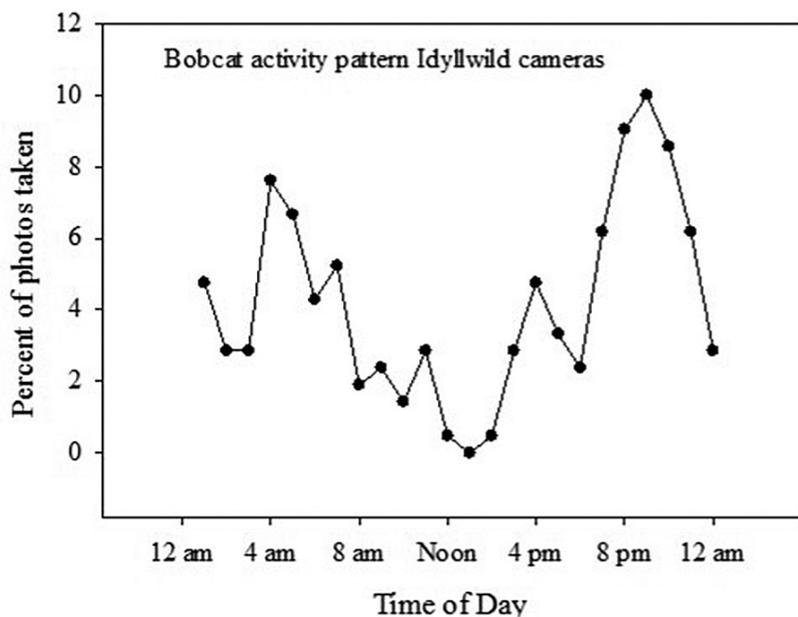
The bobcats of Idyllwild proved to be one of those surprising results

from the camera efforts. There was no doubt they occurred in the area but what was surprising was how close into town they live, including the back yards of Fern Valley.

In all, we found bobcat photos from more than 70 percent of the places the cameras were placed. In several of these areas, multiple photos — more than 150 in one site — indicated the ease at which bobcats have adapted to living in Idyllwild.

How can there be so many bobcats in Idyllwild and still not be commonly noted by human residents? The answer can be seen in the timing of when the photos were taken, as seen in the activity graph (shown). Like a lot of predators, bobcats are normally most active in early evenings and mornings.

The drop in activity around midnight indicates they do like to sleep some at night. However, it is the daytime when most carnivores sleep and the bobcat is no exception. Still, even during these daytime hours, indicating the ease at which they feel around humans, bobcats in Idyllwild do occasionally move about and at those times can be seen. As they are never a threat to humans and rarely to our pets, bobcats indeed make great wildlife neighbors and help keep the wild in Idyllwild.



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### Volunteer Reserve Program

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### Community Day of Peace

St. Hugh's Episcopal Church invites anyone to stop by, light a candle and/or meditate/pray between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. the second Saturday of each month.

The Community Day of Peace was created as a result of the feeling of helplessness due to terrorism, war and current world violence.

The next event is Dec. 12.



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# Dwight Kealy wants to replace Rep. Raul Ruiz

BY JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

A new candidate is seeking the Republican nomination to challenge incumbent Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz for the 36th California House of Representative seat.

On Wednesday, Dec. 3, Dwight Kealy of Palm Springs announced his candidacy with a road trip through the district. At 7:30 a.m., he started in Blythe and traveled west and north finishing in Beaumont at 5 p.m. At mid-day, he stopped at Paradise Valley Café in Anza.

Kealy is actually the third person to announce for the Republican nomination and appears to be the only active candidate. At the end of 2014, Kirk Thompson of Indio filed paperwork with the U.S. Federal Election Commission but has yet to raise any funds. Lupe Ramos Watson, mayor of Indio, announced her candidacy in April but has apparently withdrawn and also raised no funds.

A former Marine, Yale master's degree graduate, insurance broker for contractors and attorneys, Kealy is new to the 36th District, although he is a long-term Riverside County resident. His has moved his residence from Temecula to Palm Springs, but acknowledges his name recognition among voters will need to be raised.

Ruiz, an emergency-room physician, also was a political novice when he ran and defeated incumbent Mary Bono Mack. But he continues to be a proficient fundraiser. In 2012 for his first campaign, he raised nearly \$2 million and in 2014 when he defeated former Assemblyman Brian Nestande, his war chest exceeded \$3.4 million. Through September 2015, more than a year before the election, he already had nearly \$1.3 million cash available.

On Thursday, the day after Kealy's announcement,

Ruiz's campaign was sending emails seeking contributions with the text of "Big news: A Republican has officially announced he's running for Dr. Raul Ruiz's seat."

Kealy admits he is just starting to raise campaign finances. "It's not a concern at this point," he said. He is optimistic he will have financial success to report to the FEC at the end of December.

In his insurance business, Kealy has encountered several contractors whose frustration with California's laws and regulations has led them to move their businesses to other states. After numerous conversations about these problems, Kealy decided to step up and seek public office.

"My wife and I have a beautiful home and instead of giving up, someone should stand up and help people," he stated. "I've done research and more members of Congress served in the Marines than any other branch of the military. We come from a sense of service."

He earned his law degree in 2012, entered the bar and established his own firm. Kealy has worked with World War II veterans and women seeking families for newborn babies.

In his opinion, Ruiz doesn't represent the values of the 36th District. Those values, which will identify Kealy's campaign, are national security, jobs, family values and less-intrusive government regulation.

In the Marines, he was an intelligence officer who spoke fluent Arabic and Spanish. The latter, he hopes, will help him re-gain the support of the Hispanic population in the district.

But he stressed that he considers ISIS a threat. "I agree with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat. We have to defeat ISIS and that is by taking them out," he said. "You may be surprised that a Republican Congressional candidate would say this, but Sen. Feinstein was right."



Dwight Kealy campaigning for California's House of Representative's seat in District 36 visited Garner Valley and Idyllwild on his Wednesday tour of the district.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

## Open fire ban and fire hazard area closures removed

The suspension of open burning and the closure of several hazardous fire areas has been revoked due to the wet fall and expectation of a wetter winter.

Cal Fire/Riverside County Fire Chief John Hawkins announced that these changes to previous proclamations were effective at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7.

"Due to the increased relative humidity, higher fuel moisture and a general improvement in predicted fire weather conditions, and the increased availability of fire-protection resources, my proclamation suspending burning under permit and other uses of open fire ... is being terminated ..." he said in a press release.

Burning with a permit and open fires are not permitted on any state responsibility area lands within the county.

Also, Hawkins reopened seven hazardous fire areas throughout the region. The following areas that are reopened were previously closed due to extreme fire danger:

- Avery Canyon (Gibbel Road east of State Street in Hemet)
- North Mountain and Indian Canyon (San Jacinto area)
- Whitewater Canyon (Cabazon, north of Palm Springs)
- Nuevo/Lakeview (east of Menifee Road and San Jacinto Avenue)
- Minto (Sage)
- Reinhardt Canyon (north of Highway 74 and California Avenue in Hemet)
- Ramona Bowl and Bautista Canyon (southeast Hemet)

The long-term drought and weather conditions will affect these decisions in the future.

## Post office holidays hours

Post offices in Riverside and San Bernardino counties will be open Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24, and New Year's Eve, Thursday, Dec. 31. Some post offices may shorten retail lobby hours on Dec. 24, but regular mail delivery will be unaffected by the change.

Christmas Eve revised hours will be posted in advance at each post office making an adjustment. Commercial customers are asked to check with their business mail entry unit for specific information regarding holiday hours of operation.

Blue collection boxes having final collection times after noon may be collected early on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31. Therefore, mail should be deposited into all blue collection boxes by noon for early pickup on these days.

Customers requiring postal services later on these days are encouraged to contact their local post office. Customers also may call 1-800-ASK-USPS for more information.

Post offices will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Only Priority Mail Express will be delivered on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. All post offices will be open and regular mail delivery will resume Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

## DMV handbook available for iPad

The California Department of Motor Vehicles has released the 2015 Driver Handbook for the Apple iPad tablet. It is available in both English and Spanish and can be downloaded free through the iBooks application bookstore.

A demonstration video of the new handbook for the iPad also is available on DMV's YouTube channel.

## Free community healing offered

Christina Nordella offers free, 15-minute healing sessions from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church. The next date is Jan. 5.

She is a 15-year Jin Shin Jyutsu practitioner, Reiki master and Shaaman. The sessions are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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## El Niño

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www.floodsmart.gov or to call 1-888-call-flood.

Cullen stressed that the current warm-water temperatures in the eastern Pacific portend a very wet winter. "It's a good indicator of above-average rainfall," he said. "... more storms, not super storms, very similar to the 1997-98 winter."

The concern, he expressed, was that local hillsides become saturated from the rainfall, and rockslides or collapsing hillsides might result.

Jared Gibbon, of the County Department of Transportation, urged that before the storms begin, residents be sure their gutters and roofs are clear, fix roof leaks, check for loose

roof tiles or shingles, and store outdoor furniture or other objects that might be damaged or thrown by strong winds.

Although fire officials urge removing pine needles and leaves, he said that in preparation for an above normal rain season, they help mitigate soil erosion. Also, drainage areas should be cleared to permit water to flow naturally downhill.

If property owners have questions about cleaning or slope stabilization, removing debris from drainage areas or regulatory issues, they may call the county's Community Drainage Task Force at 951-955-2004.

The major stream on the Hill is Strawberry Creek. Property owners

adjacent to the creek need to check with the county before disturbing the creek's flow because county, state or federal permits may be needed, Gibbon warned. For example, do not remove soil or rocks from the streambed before asking these questions.

If channels, road culverts or roadside ditches are clogged during a storm and water is building up, Kathy Henderson of the county's Emergency Management Department told attendees that they may call 951-955-1230 for help.

She also recommended that people prepare hazard kits in case flooding occurs and to have a plan in case utilities are affected.

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After hearing recommendations for preparing for a very wet winter, attendees at the El Niño meeting were offered bags to fill with sand in case they might need to divert water flow. PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

# Hill realtors respond to supervisors' interest in regulating short-term rentals

BY JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

After learning that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors had discussed a new ordinance to regulate short-term rentals, the local Idyllwild Association of Realtors created a committee of four to review how this action might affect the local rental market, according to Marge Muir, one of the committee members.

In an initial vote, the board approved the ordinance 4-1. But supervisors agreed to redraft it and bring it back to a future meeting, tentatively set for Jan. 12, 2016. The principal sponsor was Supervisor John Benoit (4th District), who said his intention was to regulate

the industry and not ban it.

Third District Supervisor Chuck Washington co-sponsored the draft ordinance with Benoit, but expressed some concerns and reservations during the board's discussion of it.

"So much doesn't apply up here," Muir said. "We hope to raise some things that don't apply."

The realtor group met Thursday, Dec. 3, and agreed to share the draft ordinance with the local innkeepers and vacation rental companies on the Hill, whom they feel may be affected to some extent, according to Johnny Wilson, another committee member.

"We wanted everyone to know about it and are waiting for any feedback," he said.

As drafted, the proposal specifically excludes hotels, motels, lodging houses, bed and breakfast inns, cottage or country inns, and many more facilities. It does focus on privately owned residential dwellings, including detached or multiple-family attached, apartments, condominiums and cooperative apartments, mobile homes and more.

A principal reason, which brought the supervisors' attention to this issue, is the many incidents of excessive noise and loud visitors. Benoit and his staff pointed to this problem as the number one complaint of short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods.

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## What CSA 36 is and why it matters

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Whether or not property owners in County Service Area 36 participate in local recreation programs conducted by the county or stand under the occasional streetlight to appreciate its illumination, they are paying for both.

Each year, CSA 36 property owners are billed \$35 as part of their property taxes to fund both recreation and streetlights. That amounts to about \$125,000 a year to conduct and maintain both elements that CSA 36 is charged to administer. Also, prior to Prop 13, special districts received and continue to receive a portion of county property taxes. For CSA 36, that amounts to another \$67,000, bringing the total annual CSA 36 budget to nearly \$200,000. That is the budget a CSA 36 Advisory Council could review and comment on.

For many years, the CSA 36 Advisory Council had been active, appointed by the 3rd District county supervisor to advise him or her on the conduct of local recreation and the condition and maintenance of streetlights within the district. It gave locals an opportunity to review recreation budgets, allocations and programs, and

make requests of county officials for more recreation programs. County officials were mandated to attend these meetings, give reports, and respond to requests and inquiries.

For the last two years, there has been no local council. Even when the council met, it often met and recessed because of lack of quorum of the five-member group. Often, few district residents attended.

Recently, there has been loud and vocal criticism of the county's conduct and management of local recreation. Nevertheless, when the call went out to repopulate a local advisory council, few in the community and none of the vocal opponents stepped up to volunteer to sit on the council. The window for applications is scheduled to close the end of December, although Opal Hellweg, 3rd District Supervisor Chuck Washington's legislative assistant, said she would extend the deadline, if needed.

The council presents an opportunity to participate in how tax dollars are being spent — taxation with representation.

Download applications at <http://rivcodistrict3.org> or contact Hellweg at 951-955-1030 or [opal@rcbos.org](mailto:opal@rcbos.org).

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For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 9.

**Wednesday, Dec. 9**

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- Riverside County Mobile Health Clinic, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.
- Pine Cove Water District board, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon, St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Writing workshop, 1-2 p.m.; cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Co-dependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

**Thursday, Dec. 10**

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. & "We Don't Know" Agnostic & Atheist meeting, 6-7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Tai Chi, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat.
- Free warm lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), 12:30 p.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP. Call Françoise Frigola, 951-659-4146, for more information.
- Bridge, 12:30 p.m., Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave. If interested, show up or phone 951-659-4910.
- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

**Friday, Dec. 11**

- Free Mat Pilates Classes, 9 a.m. Tarah Jade, 54320 N. Circle Dr.
- 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.
- Feeding America, 3-4 p.m. Cross Road 243 Church, Mountain Center.

**Saturday, Dec. 12**

- Community Day of Peace, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

**Sunday, Dec. 13**

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Town center at Harmony monument. Call Sue at 909-228-6710.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, General Discussion (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.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 8-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

**Monday, Dec. 14**

- 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.
- Qi Gong meditation, 1-2 p.m. Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; 7-8:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Debtors Anonymous, 12-step program for compulsive debting and spending, 7-8:30 p.m.; Narcotics Anonymous, "Just for Today," 8-9 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

**Tuesday, Dec. 15**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Drive; men's meeting, 6-7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
- Lovingkindness Meditation Group, 5-5:30 p.m.; Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation, 6-7 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Call 659-2523.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54495 Village Center Dr.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board, 5-7 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Meditation & dharma study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.
- Sons of the American Legion board, 6 p.m. Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Idyllwild Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 951-659-3174 for location.

**Wednesday, Dec. 16**

- Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Dr.
- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m.

- Town Crier office, 54405 N. Circle Dr.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.
- Garner Valley Book Club, 10:30 a.m. Call 659-6049 for location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Community Church Guild, noon. Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Writing workshop, 1-2 p.m.; cancer support group, 4:30 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Finance Committee, 2 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Idyllwild Death Café, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St. Register at 951-659-2523 or info@spiritmountainretreat.org.
- Idyllwild Water District board, 6 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.
- Co-dependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

**Community service hours**

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tues.-Fri. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat. & Sun. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center Dr., Strawberry Creek Plaza, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon., Wed.; noon-8 p.m. Tues.; noon-5 p.m. Thurs. & Fri.; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sat., 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed.-Sun. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon.

**NEWS OF RECORD**

**Fire log**

the Idyllwild Fire Station responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Nov. 30 to Dec. 6.

**Idyllwild**

- Nov. 30 — No responses.
- Dec. 1 — Two walk-in medical aids.
- Dec. 2 — Medical aid, Village Center Dr.
- Dec. 2 — Medical aid, 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave.
- Dec. 2 — Assist invalid, Fern Valley Rd.
- Dec. 4 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 4 — Public service assistance, Fern Valley Rd.
- Dec. 5-6 — No responses.

**Sheriff's log**

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls, Sunday to Saturday, Nov. 29 to Dec. 5.

**Idyllwild**

- Nov. 29 — Two check the welfare, 26000 block of Saunders Meadow Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 29 — Alarm call, Forest Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 29 — Alarm call, 54000 block of Pine Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 29 — Trespassing, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Nov. 30 — Vehicle theft, Strawberry Valley Dr. Report taken.
- Dec. 1 — Alarm call, Rockdale Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 3 — Shots fired, Fairway Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 3 — Public intoxication, 54000 block of Pine

Crest Ave. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 4 — Assist other department, Jameson Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 4 — Alarm call, Bicknell Ln. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 4 — Narcotics, 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 5 — Alarm call, Seneca Dr. Handled by deputy.

**Pine Cove**

- Dec. 1 — Public disturbance, 52000 block of Pine Cove Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 1 — Check the welfare, Cedar Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 2 — Follow up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

- Dec. 5 — Shots fired, Wanda Wy. Handled by deputy.

**Pine Meadows**

- Nov. 30 — Follow up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

**Poppet Flats**

- Nov. 29 — Burglary, 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Report taken.
- Dec. 2 — 911 call from business, 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Report taken.
- Dec. 5 — Danger to self/other, 46000 block of Poppet Flats Rd. Report taken.
- Dec. 5 — Civil dispute, Overlook Dr. Unfounded.

**Twin Pines**

- Dec. 3 — Alarm call, 16000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

**San Bernardino National Forest**

- Nov. 30 — Open door, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

**Calling all singers**

The Idyllwild Master Chorale begins its 40th season with a concert slated at the new Lowman Concert Hall at Idyllwild Arts on Dec. 19 and 20. In celebration of its 40th anniversary, the IMC will return to its rich tradition of performing the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah," along with an eclectic fusion of holiday jazz featuring the Marshall Hawkins Quintet and vocalists Sherry Williams and John Fleming.

Also, with a grant received from the Idyllwild Community Fund, John Rodby will provide new arrangements of holiday classic standards.

Singers interested in joining the chorale are most welcome. Contact Dwight "Buzz" Holmes, Artistic director/conductor, at Idyllwildmasterchorale@yahoo.com or 951-659-2650.

Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Music Room at Idyllwild School through November and December until the concert presentation.

**Confidential teen crisis line**

A California Youth Crisis Line is available toll-free 24/7 to assist youth, teens and their families in crisis or in a time of need.

Calls are confidential and trained staff can provide appropriate referrals to assist with issues such as family problems, relationship violence, runaway, homelessness, depression, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, suicide and more. The crisis line is 1-800-843-5200.



# On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

## ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT CALENDAR

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

### Wednesday, Dec. 9

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show "Displacement," 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Willy B. & John King, 6-8 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- "Mockingjay-Part 2," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

### Thursday, Dec. 10

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show "Displacement," 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- "Mockingjay-Part 2," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Thursday night football. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

### Friday, Dec. 11

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show "Displacement," 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Poetry Fridays, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Live music, 5-8 p.m.; Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- Forest Folk Movie Night and Potluck, "Vacations," 5:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

- BodyTraffic guest dance performance, 5:30-6 p.m. Fisher Dance Studio, Idyllwild Arts.
- "Sleeping Beauty," children's theatre, 6 p.m. Idyllwild School gym.
- Keith McCabe, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

- Don & Dennis Reed, & Lenny Hansell, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

- "The 33," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- "A Merry, Madcap Christmas," Idyllwild Actors Theatre, 7 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. performance. Rainbow Inn.

- "The Importance of Being Earnest," theater performance, 7:30 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

### Saturday, Dec. 12

- David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; Don & Dennis Reed, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
- Visual Arts Student Theme Show "Displacement," 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.
- Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Winter Lane Pop-up Gallery, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., 4-6 p.m. reception & open house. Village Lane.
- Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; Live music to 8 p.m.; Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- "Sleeping Beauty," children's theatre, 1 p.m. Idyllwild School gym.

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- "The Importance of Being Earnest," theater performance, 2 & 7:30 p.m. Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

- "The 33," 2 & 4:30 p.m.; Comedy Night, Ricky Betts, Elias Tindall & Jeff Urrea, 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- Lenny Hansell & guest, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

- "A Merry, Madcap Christmas," Idyllwild Actors Theatre, 7 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. performance. Rainbow Inn.

- Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre.

### Sunday, Dec. 13

- Coffee House Folk, Jen Hajj, 9 a.m.-noon; Roger Dutton Band, 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.

- David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

- Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Winter Lane Pop-up Gallery, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Village Lane.

- Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; Live music to 8 p.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

- Christmas Lights & Cash, noon-8 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.

- Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra, 2 p.m. IAF Theatre; "The Importance of Being Earnest," theater performance, 2 p.m. Rush Hall,

Idyllwild Arts.

- "The 33," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

### Monday, Dec. 14

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Jingle Bells & Cookies," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show "Displacement," 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

- Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Winter Lane Pop-up Gallery, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Village Lane.

- Nathan Rivera & Jessie Andra Smith Gypsy Blues, 6-9 p.m. Cafe Aroma.

- "The 33," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- Chamber Ensemble Concert, 7:30-9 p.m. Stephens Recital Hall, Idyllwild Arts.

- Football & Happy Hour, Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

### Tuesday, Dec. 15

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show "Displacement," 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

- Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Winter Lane Pop-up Gallery, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Village Lane.
- Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.

- "The 33," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

### Wednesday, Dec. 16

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show "Displacement," 10



Students, faculty, staff and visitors all came out to Parks Exhibition Center to support the Visual Arts student-themed opening reception Friday night. Visual arts of all media were represented to capture the audience.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

- a.m.-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

- Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Winter Lane Pop-up Gallery, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Village Lane.

- Lenny Hansell, 6-8 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

- "The 33," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

### Thursday, Dec. 17

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show "Displacement," 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

- Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Winter Lane Pop-up Gallery, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Village Lane.

- Jac Jacaruso & football, 6-8 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

- "The 33," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

### Friday, Dec. 18

- Visual Arts Student Theme Show "Displacement," 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

- Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Winter Lane Pop-up Gallery, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Village Lane.

- Poetry Fridays, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.

- Live music, 5-8 p.m.; Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

- Forest Folk Movie Night and Potluck, "I'll See You in My Dreams," 5:30 p.m. Mountain Resource Center.

- Jac Jacaruso, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

- Keith McCabe, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

### Saturday, Dec. 19

- David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; Keith McCabe, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

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# Idyllwild Arts presents 'The Importance of Being Earnest'

## The scintillating and audacious wit of Oscar Wilde

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

The double entendre of Oscar Wilde's title "The Importance of Being Earnest" deftly sends up the conventions and snobbery of the final years of the Victorian Era when the British Empire was at its height.

An outsider by birth, the Irishman Wilde was nevertheless accepted by the British upper class. They loved his wit, his daring, his immaculate turns of phrase and his finger-in-the-eye of all that was proper. They loved him even when they were laughing about themselves.

In "Earnest," Wilde's three-delicate-act farce, words are everything — tossed about brilliantly, casually and with exquisite finesse. They are delicious, devilish and delectable — a feast for those for whom the subtlety of language is a venerated lost art.

Idyllwild Arts presents "Earnest" in an intimate setting, at Rush Hall's black box theater. It is a perfect setting for the drawing-room intimacy of "Earnest," where every word, the smallest gesture, expression, the hem in every garment and the twirl of every skirt are only a few feet from audience members.

And what will be astonishing for the audience is the skill with which these young actors perform and understand the period conventions of the late 1800s. As IA Academy senior Morgan Wheeler, who plays John (Jack) Worthing, noted, "Yes, these characters are wealthy, and upper class but they are still people." As Drama Chair and Director J. Barrett Cooper observed, "We have to care about them. Yes, it is the language, but



Idyllwild Arts Academy cast members of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest" rehearse before the Friday, Dec. 11, opening at Rush Hall on the IAA campus. From left, are **James Jones** as Algernon Moncrief, **Morgan Wheeler** as Jack Worthing, **Caroline Quigley** as Gwendolyn Fairfax and **Reynolds Sullivan** as Cecily Cardew. Wilde's farce is directed by **J. Barrett Cooper**, chair of the Theatre Department, and plays from Friday, Dec. 11, through Sunday, Dec. 13.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

these characters must also be authentic human beings."

The period in which the piece is set also requires the cast to perform in a specific acting style — small, not expansive gestures, acting with the eyes and the smallest inflections in the voice and a very different physicality, especially for the women. Said Reynolds Sullivan who plays Cecily Cardew, "Performing the play in the time period in which it is set requires specific behavior — how do you cross your legs, women don't use the backs of chairs but sit poised on the front, how do you stand and walk?"

Caroline Quigley, who plays Gwendolyn Fairfax, agreed, "The physicality of the face is so important, gestures are small and restrained, and so much of the acting is done with the eyes."

Jaelyn Miller, who plays the pivotal role of Lady

Augusta Bracknell, spoke about the actual constraints period costumes place on the actors. "All the women are wearing corsets," she said. "I had never worn a corset. I had to learn to breathe differently and place my character's voice in the right register."

For anyone who has not seen "Earnest," it has all the turns of classical farce, surprises, unexpected reverses, revelations and language that are exquisitely crafted and fabulously funny. "Wilde wastes not one word," said Cooper. "I've acted in the play twice, am now directing it, and I am still finding new subtleties in the script — a word or expression introduced by one character that is later repeated by another in a different way."

Senior Lincoln Belford, often seen in the past as a musical comedy lead, is a supporting but critically important player in "Earnest," the Rev. Canon Chausable, D.D. Said Cooper, "Linc is an example of how to work professionally. He came in prepared and made choices from the beginning. It is what ensemble acting is all about."

"The Importance of Being Earnest" is directed by Cooper, with set design by senior Ahmet Buyukcinar, costume design by Minnie Christine Walters, light and sound design by Todd Carpenter and stage management by senior Madeline Bernstein. James Jones plays Algernon Moncrief, Kristen Clarke plays Miss Prism, and Rob Taylor and Narushi Fukuda round out the nine-member cast. The time is 1895 and the action takes place in Algernon's flat in London and at Worthing's manor house in the English countryside.

"Earnest" opens at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and plays at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. Admission is free to the public, seats are not reserved and seating is limited.

For more about Idyllwild Arts Academy, see [www.idyllwildarts.org](http://www.idyllwildarts.org).

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# Art Alliance of Idyllwild donates more than \$15,000

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild, a 501(c)(3) organization, has announced it will be donating more than \$15,000 toward keeping art alive in Idyllwild. The proposed funding will further AAI's purpose as a nonprofit, which is to "enhance and expand Idyllwild's reputation as an art community, to support the achievement of artistic excellence, and to support education in the arts."

The organization is pleased to announce that this is the largest amount donated since its nonprofit designation in 2002.

Many of the organizations and projects receiving funding have never before benefited from financial support by the AAI.

AAI is leading the effort to create "a generation of artists one scholarship at a time," according to a press release. Those receiving funding this year include the local smARTS Program run by volunteers who provide ongoing art education at the local Idyllwild School for students. SmARTS will receive \$2,000 for supplies and

teacher stipends along with another \$1,000 to be applied toward a field trip or special project of its choice. The Idyllwild School music program also will receive \$1,000.

AAI is continuing to provide financial support to the Idyllwild Arts Academy, one of three independent high school boarding schools for the arts in the U.S. AAI will be donating a total of \$5,200 to IAA and the Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation. Funding will provide scholarships for incoming local Idyllwild students, a college scholarship for a graduating Idyllwild student in the arts, financial assistance for Idyllwild youth wishing to attend the Summer Junior Artists Program, and support for the school's newly formed baby dance program that gives dance classes taught by students to local preschoolers.

More funding is being distributed to a variety of new organizations and programs. Hemet High School will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for a graduating Idyllwild

student going into the arts, and Musical!, an organization that offers a free music program to youth, will receive \$1,000. A total of \$2,400 will be applied toward the creation of two summer programs for local teens. These include a workshop to be named "The Science of Art" that will be held at The James Reserve and a "Writing for Performance" workshop.

AAI also has set aside \$1,500 to offer partial funding to help create a new art program for local home-schooled children.

AAI has 283 members. Its fundraising efforts are made possible thanks to membership dues and proceeds from two annual fundraising events. Known to provide unique art events throughout the year, AAI produces annual fundraisers which include the Eye of the Artist event, scheduled for March 19, and its popular Art Walk and Wine Tasting, to be held in 2016 on Oct. 8.

For more information about AAI, visit [www.artidyllwild.org](http://www.artidyllwild.org).

## Master Chorale celebrates 40 years with concert and posh party

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

The Idyllwild Master Chorale celebrates 40 years with a Holmes at the helm — first, founder Robert Evans Holmes and now his son, Dwight "Buzz" Holmes.

And the 40th is celebratory in several ways. First, the concert takes place at Bowman Auditorium (IAF Theatre) on the Idyllwild Arts campus where the elder Holmes inaugurated his Idyllwild "Messiah" tradition. Second, it features the Christmas section of Handel's "Messiah," which the elder Holmes made a mainstay of Idyllwild holiday entertainment and a reason for music aficionados to visit the Hill. And finally, it will be a festive fusion of classical and jazz music, pairing the venerated 1749 Covent Garden vocal arrangement and orchestration of the "Messiah" with some sweet, saucy jazz from Marshall Hawkins, John Fleming, Sherry Williams and pianist/composer John Rodby.

As an extra holiday offering, IMC follows the Sunday, Dec. 20, concert with an intimate "Afterglow" reception

and fundraiser at the Grand Idyllwild Lodge. With fine wines, catered tastings and jazz up close and personal with Hawkins, Rodby, Fleming and Williams, "Afterglow" will warm, unfold and entertain in the most beautiful of settings.

The Covent Garden "Messiah," performed in 1749 is considered the most stirring version of Handel's "Messiah." With its grand choruses, dazzling vocal solos and bright trumpets, the music awakens, excites and uplifts. From haunting shepherd melodies to stunning arias to the great "Hallelujah" Chorus, this is Christmas music at its most brilliant. With a full chamber orchestra, featured soloists Amy Fogerson, mezzo, John B. Fleming, tenor, Mark Kelley, bass, Dimyana Pelev, soprano, and the IMC singers, this will be a "Messiah" to remember.

The IMC Winter Solstice Concert pairs tradition and modern — a celebrated baroque oratorio classic with world-premiere jazz arrangements of popular Christmas songs, there is something for everyone's musical tastes. Performances take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, and at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20.

Tickets are available online and at the door, for both the concert and the "Afterglow" gathering at Grand Idyllwild Lodge. Concert tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. For "Afterglow," tickets are \$100 per person and \$185 for a couple. "Afterglow" tickets are very limited so advance reservations are strongly suggested.

For more information, visit [www.idyllwildmasterchorale.org](http://www.idyllwildmasterchorale.org).

Marshall Smith can be reached at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).

### Cancer support group in town

A cancer support group meets at 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Idyllwild Library. The group shares strength, hope, comfort and experience of cancer issues — a "soft place land," it states. It is open to anyone who has experienced the heartache of cancer.

A group also meets from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays in Classroom 113 at the Hemet Valley Medical Center on the northwest corner of Florida Avenue and San Jacinto Street.

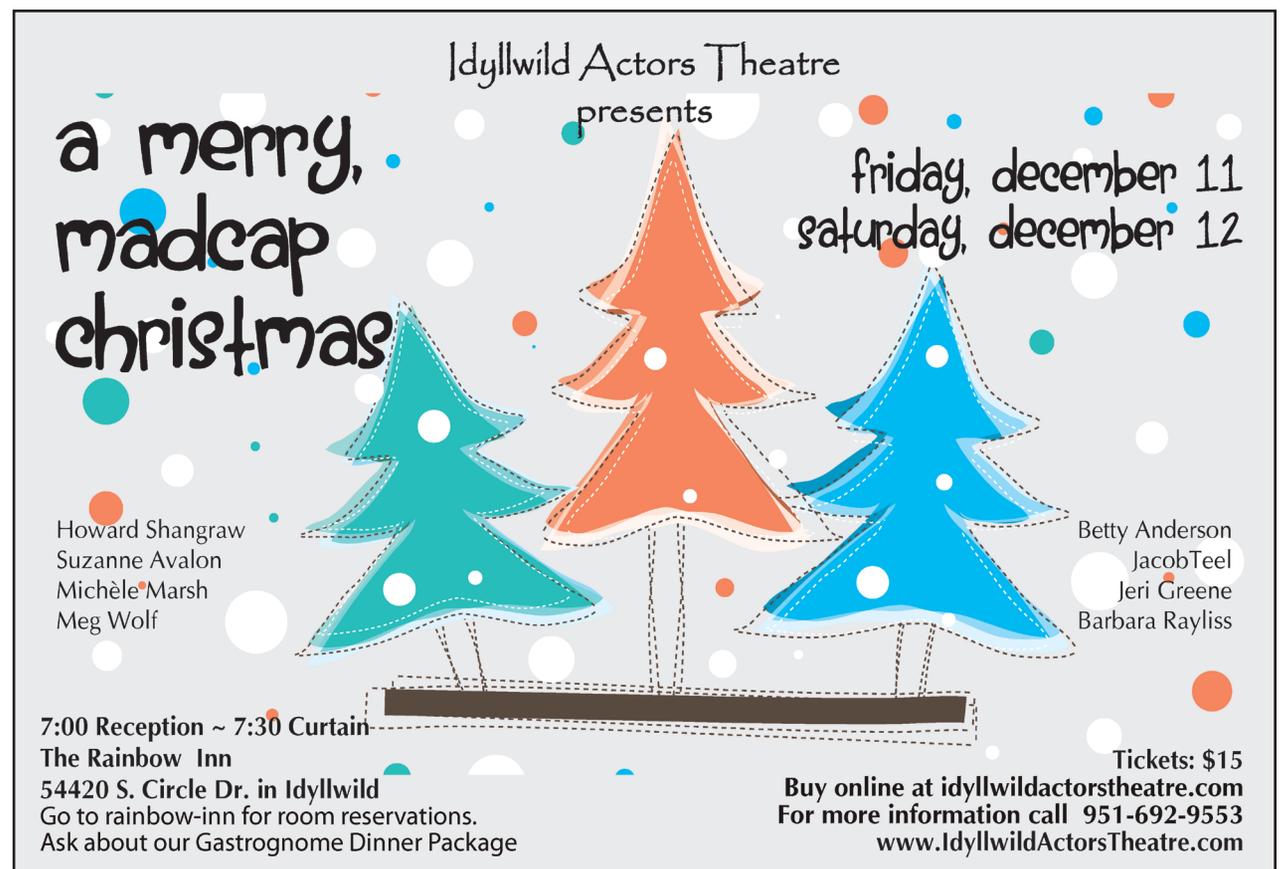


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The Winter Lane Pop Up Gallery, which the Art Alliance of Idyllwild created, opens Saturday, Dec. 12. Here (front row, from left) are **Erin Oneill, Veda Roubideaux and Shanna Robb**, and (back row, from left) are **Dave Robb, Janet McAlpine and Darcy Gerdes**, the AAI members who assembled the site. Not shown is **Peter Szabadi**. PHOTO BY HANS BU

## Art Alliance hosts open house

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild will feature more than 45 local artists in its Winter Lane Pop-Up Gallery. The one-week event features an artist reception and open house from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in the Village Lane.

Open to the public, the Village Lane Open House will feature holiday music by Luann Carman, a resident pianist, and a selection of tasty treats created by Bake and Brew. While sipping a glass of wine or hot-spiced cider tea, attendees will be able to stroll between the two gallery storefronts and visit other merchants.

To add to the holiday ambience, Doug Austin, Fire Chief Patrick Reitz and Christina Reitz will join the festivities in authentic Victorian costuming.

The Winter Lane Pop-Up Gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily between Saturday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 20 at 54200 North Circle Dr.

In addition to supporting the featured artists, AAI is encouraging visitors to shop at local Idyllwild businesses and galleries.

### Debtors Anonymous meeting

Fredrika Spiewak, Ph.D., is facilitating Debtors Anonymous, a new 12-step program for compulsive debtors and spending.

The group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays at the Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

### SBA offers help for small businesses

The Small Business Administration offers online classes for small businesses for everything from buying or selling a business to marketing, financial options, strategic planning and manning.

The SBA Learning Center is located at [www.sba.gov/tools/sba-learning-center/search/training](http://www.sba.gov/tools/sba-learning-center/search/training).



The Stratford Players performed "Uh-Oh, Here Comes Christmas" over the weekend at the Christian Science Church. In this sketch, titled "Holiday Wedding," two families of different faiths reconcile during the holidays. Shown (from left) are **Dick English, Chic Fojtik, Kathleen Walker and Michael Owen**. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



An interfaith service of Solace was held at St. Hugh of Lincoln Episcopal Church on Friday. Participating congregations included St. Hugh's, Idyllwild Community Zen, Temple Har Shalom Jewish Community, Spirit Mountain Retreat and the Idyllwild Spiritual Living Center. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

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- Yu Gi Oh! Teen Card Club, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Winter Lane Pop-up Gallery, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Village Lane.
- Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; Live music to 8 p.m.; Karaoke, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- Ventriloquist Joe Galdelmann, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- Idyllwild Master Chorale Winter Solstice Concert, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Arts.

### Sunday, Dec. 20

- Dan Papaila, 9 a.m.-noon. Café Aroma.
- Art Alliance of Idyllwild's Winter Lane Pop-up Gallery, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Village Lane.
- Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; Live music to 8 p.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- Christmas Lights & Cash, noon-8 p.m. Soboba Casino, San Jacinto.
- Jack Rubio, 2-5 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- Idyllwild Master Chorale Winter Solstice Concert, 1:30 p.m. Idyllwild Arts; Afterglow Gala Reception & Fundraiser, 6-8:45 p.m. Grand Idyllwild Lodge.

### Monday, Dec. 21

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, "Mrs. Claus & Magic Show," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.



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# Joe Gandelman, ventriloquist, to entertain at library

By JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Saturday, Dec. 19 at 1 p.m. the kids will have a wonderful holiday treat at the Idyllwild Library. Even adults who accompany them may be chuckling and impressed. Local children will have an opportunity to see, hear and learn from a true ventriloquist — Joe Gandelman.

He has been interested in ventriloquism since his youth. After several decades as a print journalist — abroad and in San Diego — Gandelman devoted his full attention to the art of speaking through others.

Today's television rarely shares the talents of great ventriloquists. "I like Howdy Doody the best," Gandelman said.

Many Baby Boomers remember Howdy Doody. Gandelman's work emulates these early performers. But unlike the late Edgar Bergen, Gandelman does not need to move his lips when his sidekicks speak.

"But nobody understands how great [Bergen's] scripts were. People never noticed," he said.

As he did more ventriloquism, Gandelman needed to find and meet his own sidekicks and co-stars. But he could not satisfy his expectations as he searched the local toy stores. Fortunately, he wrote ventriloquist Paul Winchell, who told him, "Forget the toy stores, go to the magic stores. That's what ventriloquism is — magic," Gandelman remembered. John Raven is Gandelman's



Joe Gandelman (right), ventriloquist, and one of his friends (center) offer some beginning ventriloquism lessons to a young member of their audience.

PHOTO COURTESY JOE GANDELMAN

main character.

After graduating from Colgate University, Gandelman wanted to do more work in international relations, but ended up as a journalist first in India for the *Hindu* Times and later in Spain, where he contributed to the *Christian Science Monitor*. In the late 1980s, while writing at the San Diego Union, he experienced two events that altered his life.

One weekend he was talking with a colleague from the paper, a 50ish woman. They were in downtown San Diego and she had a 15-year-old daughter. On Monday, she was dead from a heart attack. Shortly afterward, he was involved in near-death traffic collision.

Ventriloquism, to which he had returned on a casual basis for relief from writing (frequent weeks of 40 hours of overtime), became an end. A former mentor, Jimmy Nelson, star of the classic Nestles commercial, encouraged him to pursue it full-time. Now he performs throughout the country, at libraries such as Idyllwild, workplaces, television, summer camps, parties and more.

Gandelman has not forsaken his love of writing. "I certainly miss the print, it's in my blood," he said, and described his blog, "The Moderate Voice," where Gandelman continues to opine about current affairs

Also, he wants to see this skill passed to future generations. He has written a book, "Tips from a Pro," for others who wish to "throw their voices." He also produced a CD entitled "Super Simplified Ventriloquism," in which he shares his technique.

"It's not hard. Last week in Ventura, two kids were doing it without moving their lips," he said proudly.

Besides bringing some of his favorites puppet friends with him to Idyllwild, Gandelman promises a time to remember. And before he finishes, he'll share some lessons and techniques with the kids in the audience.

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Jack and Becky Clark pose at a newsstand displaying the *Town Crier* outside Ghirardelli Square in San Francisco last Thursday morning.

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## ICONIC SOUNDS

**Richard Halligan** (left) on piano and **Mick Lynch** perform "Radio Tales," a combination of spoken word and piano, Saturday at Idyllwild Arts. PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Town Crier received word that **Geri Peterson**, long-time Fairway Foods employee, is losing her partner, **Karen**, who is near death. Geri is taking a leave of absence from Fairway to care for her. Containers have been set up at the cash registers for anyone who would like to donate toward Geri's costs ...

Idyllwild resident and Inland Pacific Ballet Principal Dancer **Jonathan Sharp** as Drosselmeyer, returns for a seventh season with "The Nutcracker" from Nov. 28 to Dec. 20 at several Southern California theaters.



Jonathan (at right) is currently appearing in San Diego's Old Globe production of "In Your Arms." He is a faculty member of Idyllwild Arts Academy, and also teaches and directs all over Southern California.



On Friday evening, tribute band **The Silver Beatles** entertained patrons at the Rustic Theatre. Members of the band are (from left) **Barry Scott** as Paul McCartney, **Larry Stuppy** as George Harrison, **Steve Anfinson** as John Lennon and **Gary Long** as Ringo Starr. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

### Free mat pilates community class

A weekly free mat pilates community class is being offered Fridays at 9 a.m. Classes are held at Tarah Jade, 54320 N. Circle Dr.

### Soroptimists ask for donations

Soroptimist International of Idyllwild ([www.siidyllwild.org](http://www.siidyllwild.org)) is encouraging the community to collect regular and travel-sized soap, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, body wash, deodorant and lotions. Collected items will support the Soroptimists in assisting the Idyllwild HELP Center, currently serving the needs of more than 600 people in our mountain community.

In addition to these basic needs, as sponsors of the "Soroptimist Women's Cabinet" located at the HELP Center, local Soroptimists also emphasize that donations of feminine products — including sanitary napkins, tampons and panty liners — are desperately needed. Contact Theresa Teel at [thursa@gmail.com](mailto:thursa@gmail.com) or Karen Doshier at 951-452-4599 to donate items mentioned.

BY JAY PENTRACK

Local Artist Donna Elliot will host an artist's Reception and Exhibition at the **Town Baker** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. The Town Baker is at 54385 N. Circle Drive.

Stop in at **Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro** for Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Menu items include Waffles, Biscuits and Gravy, Ham Steak, Bacon and a whole lot more.

**Temple Har Shalom** will host a Hanukkah Potluck at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, at the Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave. For more info, contact Flori Turchin at [flori321@sbcglobal.net](mailto:flori321@sbcglobal.net) or 818-298-1063.

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 • Lunch: Chili Verde Steak Tacos  
 • Main: Prime Rib au jus, with Roasted Vegetables  
 • Steak: 8 oz. Organic New York or 12 oz. Grass-fed Rib Eye with a Creamy Shrimp Sauce

**Saturday, Dec. 12**  
 • Main: Root Beer Glazed 8 oz. Pork Chop with White Polenta & Roasted Fingerling Potatoes  
 • Steak: 8 oz. Organic New York or 12 oz. Grass-fed Rib Eye with a Bacon & Tomato Sauté

**Sunday, Dec. 13**  
 • Main: Veal Piccata  
 • Steak: 8 oz. Organic New York or 12 oz. Grass-fed Rib Eye with a Pickled Vegetable Relish

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Jay Pentrack can be reached at [jay@towncrier.com](mailto:jay@towncrier.com).

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**My Corner**

# Large local crowd attends gender violence symposium

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Organizers for “Beyond Bystander” expected a modest turnout for the symposium seeking to challenge and eliminate gender-based violence. But more than 50 people crowded into the Rainbow Inn venue on Tuesday, Dec. 1, to listen to presentations as part of a worldwide initiative.

Organized by the Mountain Communities Alliance Against Gender-based Violence, the local panel presentation and discussion sought to enroll attendees in speaking out against gender-based debase-ment and violence. Attendees were asked to consider this in a provided handout: “Bystander inter-vention doesn’t need to involve heroics. Ask yourself: ‘Do my words and actions help my community be a safe place for victims to report crimes against them and deal with the aftermath of their assault? Or, am I contribut-ing [by silence] to a culture that imprisons victims in si-



One of the speakers at the Beyond Bystander event at Rainbow Inn on Tuesday was **Kaarin Elizabeth**. The audience filled the open space. PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

lence and shame?”

Panelists offered four possible steps or strategies to counter gender-based violence: One is by being direct, by saying “stop it,” “no” or “that’s not OK.” A second method is to distract in a developing situation, using a distraction to help the potential victim get out of the situation

and to safety. A third could be to delegate to others who are present and enroll them in helping to remove the po-tential victim to safety; and finally, to use a delaying tac-tic, alerting someone with more authority and then fol-lowing up to find out the aftermath and if the victim is OK and needs further assistance.

Lead organizers were Father Dan Rondeau and Callie Wight of St. Hugh’s Episcopal Church and Mary Morse of Spirit Mountain Retreat. The event also was endorsed by the Rotary Club of Idyllwild and Soropti-mist International of Idyllwild.

Also present were representatives from the Center Against Sexual Assault of Southwest Riverside County as a resource with a 24-hour crisis hotline for counseling, information and referrals at 951-652-8300.

The event was part of a worldwide series of pre-sentations designed to raise awareness about gen-der-based violence. Said Rondeau, “We are here to par-ticipate in this global initiative. No community is im-mune from violence based on gender. We hope others, like you who are here tonight, will go into the commu-nity and speak about this.” Wight added, “The more of us sitting or watching when a critical event is going on, the fewer who will intervene. Learn to become an em-powered bystander. Step up, step in and take action with safety.”

For more information about the local initiative, visit [www.facebook.com/MCAllianceAgainstGBV](http://www.facebook.com/MCAllianceAgainstGBV), and <http://swcasa.org/home.aspx>.

Marshall Smith can be reached at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).

## Ventriloquist at the library

At 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, ventriloquist Joe Gandelman visits the Idyllwild Library to present a free, family friendly holiday show. All are invited to this free event.

## Gathering for highly sensitives

A Highly Sensitive Persons gathering, facilitated by Veda Roubideaux, is held from 2 to 4 p.m. the Sundays of Dec. 27 and Jan. 24 at the Spirit Mountain Retreat.

For more information, contact the center at 659-2523 or [info@spiritmountainretreat.org](mailto:info@spiritmountainretreat.org).

## Passports to Antarctica at library

Idyllwild Library is offering “Become a Jr. Explorer and Explore Antarctica.” The event is connected to the exhibit “Explore Antarctica: Empire of the Penguin,” now featured at the library through January.

A passport booklet has been prepared for younger patrons to discover all sorts of interesting facts about the continent and its penguin population. Visitors

may ask for a passport with questions about Antarc-tica and look for the hidden answers found within the display.

Upon completing the passport’s questions, junior explorers can have their passports stamped and re-ceive an expedition certificate. Everyone is invited to come in and explore Antarctica.

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**Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Church**  
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**Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship**  
Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer.  
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29375 Hwy 243 in Mountain Center.

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54295 Village Center Dr.  
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Shiloh Christian Ministries announces the opening of their “Healing Prayer Room” on Dec. 3.

**Idyllwild Assembly of God**  
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**Spiritual Living Center**  
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26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building) 659-3464.  
Dr. Betty Jandl. Classes available - contact Church;  
Sunday service, 10:00 a.m. Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.;

**Idyllwild Bible Church**  
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25525 Tahquitz Dr. (in Fern Valley off South Circle Dr.)  
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# State says earned income tax credits available

BY JP CRUMRINE  
NEWS EDITOR

The state budget, enacted in June, for the first time included nearly \$400 million for an earned income tax credit for California residents. Last week, state officials announced availability, eligibility and how to obtain the credit. The state credit is in addition to the federal earned income tax credit.

Gov. Jerry Brown estimated that nearly 600,000 California families will be eligible for the credit.

California taxpayers can begin receiving the credit with filing of their 2015 income tax return on or before April 18, 2016.

## Eligibility

The first criterion is having income to report. The accompanying table provides the state tax credit for family sizes and income levels.

Other criteria include the following conditions:

- the filer must be between the ages of 25 and 65, unless they have a one or more qualifying children;
- the filer, spouse and all qualifying children each has to have a Social Security number;
- the tax return must be joint rather than "married/RDP filing separate" filing status; and
- the recipient must have lived in California for more than half the tax year.

More on eligibility and how to calculate the possible credit can be found on the website, <http://caleitc4me.org/earn-it>.

## Filing

Those who qualify for the EITC can file their taxes for free through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, whose locations will be announced in early February.

If one wants to file their taxes from the comfort of home online, California offers a free-file online option at

## Income qualifications for the California earned income tax credit

Number of children	Maximum income	CalEITC
None	\$6,850	\$214
1	\$9,880	\$1,428
2	\$13,870	\$2,358
3 or more	\$13,870	\$2,653

[www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/efile/allsoftware.shtml](http://www.ftb.ca.gov/individuals/efile/allsoftware.shtml).

More information on free tax assistance in local communities will be announced in January 2016.

Californians who qualify for the state EITC also will likely qualify for the federal EITC. Both the state and federal credits will be available this tax season and may yield either a refund or reduce the amount of money owed. This will significantly boost household income for eligible families and individuals.

In 2013, more than 200,000 Riverside County residents claimed the federal EITC. Sixteen percent (233) of tax returns filed from zip code 92549 claimed the federal credit and nearly half relied on a paid tax preparer.

About 11 percent of local households reported income below \$15,000. The availability of the state EITC should help 40,000 county residents.

State officials stressed that the earned income tax credits are not automatic. They must be claimed on tax returns.

## Southern California Edison

Besides the state's efforts to assist low-income families, SCE has a California Alternate Rates for Energy program. Depending on the size of the household and income level, electric rates may be reduced 30 percent. For example, one- or two-person families with income less than \$31,860 would qualify.

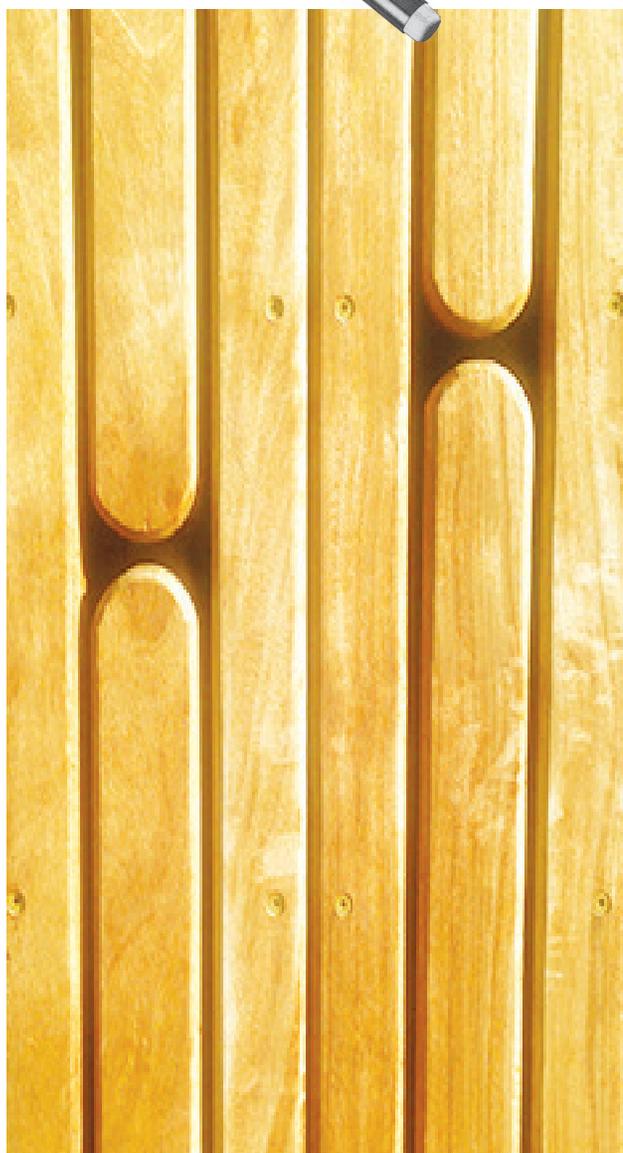
Eligibility also is open if someone in the families qualifies for Medi-Cal, Medicaid, supplement security income or several other programs. The list is available at [www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/residential/assistance/care-fera](http://www.sce.com/wps/portal/home/residential/assistance/care-fera).

To apply, call 1-800-798-5723 or visit [on.sce.com/CARE2015](http://on.sce.com/CARE2015).

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BY JACK CLARK  
CONTEST JUDGE



I thought I was using a tricky camera angle last week, but no. Six of you got it right — it was the Idyllwild Property Management building at Fern Valley Corners. **Julian Geisinger, Marsha Kennedy, Chris Morse, Jim and Colleen Mettler, the Jeff and Yvonne Smith family, and the Josh and Emily White family** all submitted correct entries. The goddess of all things pulled Marsha Kennedy's name from the hat so, Marsha, please come to the TC to pick up your two tickets to **Shane Stewart's Rustic Theatre**. Now, this week's photo should be a bit more challenging, I think. Tricky, too. Have you seen a fence like this on the Hill somewhere?

One entry per household. Contest deadline: Monday noon. Not a race — correct entries go into a hat for a drawing. Full contest rules and guidelines available at the Town Crier office.



On the Friday before Thanksgiving, the Southwest Riverside County Association of REALTORS®, along with its Affiliate Committee, donated \$503.20 to the Living Free Animal Sanctuary. This donation was a result of a Paint and Wine fundraiser. Accepting the donation from **Kellie Tuer** (center) of Generations Escrow were **Tangie Miller** (left), director of Administrative Services, and **Sharon Caughron** (right), executive director of Animal Services, both with Living Free. PHOTO BY DIANE STUMPP

## Incentive for charging stations

The South Coast Air Quality Management District established a residential Electric Vehicle Charging Incentive Pilot Program for southland residents to help make charging at home more affordable.

The program provides an incentive to buy-down the cost of Level 2 (240 volt) residential charging stations, which typically range from \$400 to \$800. Level 2 charging is faster than Level 1 because it uses a standard 120-volt outlet.

The incentive will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for a \$250 rebate for the cost of hardware with another rebate of up to \$250 for low-income residents.

Charging stations need to be installed at a 240-volt outlet or by a licensed electrician if there is no 240-volt outlet. They also need to be in place for a minimum of three years. Installers need to obtain any required county electrical permits for installation.

Visit [aqmd.gov/sign-up](http://aqmd.gov/sign-up) and scroll down under Incentive Programs to sign up for the Residential EV Charger Incentive Pilot Program email list to be notified when the program period opens.

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# Actor/writer Michèle Marsh has had a storied career

By Marshall Smith  
Staff Reporter

That Michèle Marsh has talent is evident from her rich and nuanced acting résumé — a long and successful career in a profession not known for steady work. That her career has unfolded in storybook fashion makes her story all the more compelling.

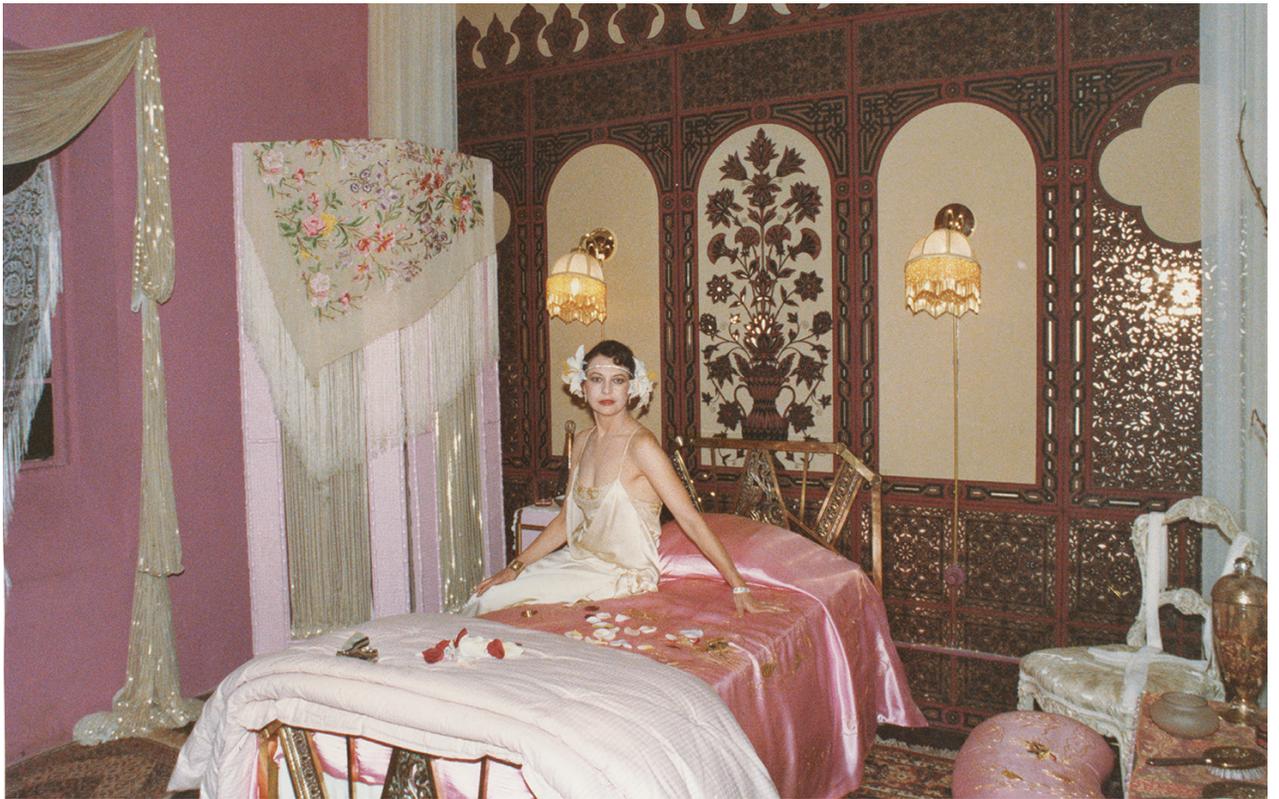
From a leading role in the movie version of “Fiddler on the Roof” at the age of 21 to solid recurring roles in television, to lead roles in major California and Arizona theater companies, and to lately playing “hip grandmothers” in national commercials, Michèle has worked continuously.

Born in France to a composer, musician and conductor father who fought in the French resistance, Michèle Buhler was exposed early in life to culture and the value of education. As a Christian Scientist, after the war, Michèle’s father was offered a lecture tour in the United States. That tour led to her father accepting a teaching position at the Desert Sun School in Idyllwild. She was 5 when the family arrived in Idyllwild. She completed all her elementary education at Idyllwild Elementary School. “I always felt like an oddball because I was French and we were Christian Scientists,” she remembered.

But feeling like an outsider led her to being outside — summer camp at Desert Sun learning archery and horseback riding, and handling snakes at the Nature Center. “The outdoors was home to me,” she recalled. “I played under manzanita bushes and made up all these stories and fantasies.” Later, when her father moved for work to Pacific Grove on the Monterey Peninsula, Michèle discovered theater. “I was 14 or 15 and danced in the dream sequence of a production of ‘The King and I’ at the Wharf Theatre. I became passionate about theater. In Carmel, in what became prophetic, I was in a production of ‘Tevya and his Daughters,’ on which ‘Fiddler on the Roof’ is based.”

Again, following her father who had been offered a position at North Carolina School of the Arts, Michèle studied acting there and received her bachelor’s degree. After graduating, she was offered a journeyman position at the American Conservatory Theatre School in San Francisco. Staff reductions forced cancellation of the journeyman program and Michèle found herself unemployed.

She heard about auditions for a production of “Oh! Calcutta!” and, although not enthused about the subject matter, did audition and wound up being booked into the Los Angeles production. While in the production, an aunt of a close friend heard about auditions for Norman Jewison’s movie version of “Fiddler on the Roof” that were being held in Los Angeles. “On advice of the aunt, I walked onto the studio lot carrying my résumé and pictures to casting director Lynn Stalmaster’s office,” she recalled. “He asked me if I could sing and dance. I said I could and he gave me two scenes and two songs and said to have them memorized for the next day. I came back the next day and performed the two songs, ‘Matchmaker’ and ‘Far From the Home I Love,’ with John Williams at the piano [Williams was arranger and conductor for the film and won his first Oscar for that work].” After the audition and screen test, representatives called Michèle on the last day before the casting decision had to be made.



**Michèle Marsh** appeared for many years in the long-running “environmental theater” production of “Tamara” by John Krizanc just south of the Hollywood Bowl in Hollywood. She is seen here as Luisa. PHOTO COURTESY MICHÈLE MARSH

“I was told Norman wants to hear you sing again,” she said. “John Williams worked with me for half an hour and then Norman came in. He listened and then walked back and forth, back and forth and looked at me. Then he said, ‘You’ve got the part.’ We were gone in London and Eastern Europe for about a year filming. It was shot in 1970 and released in 1971. It was only after ‘Fiddler’ that I realized how lucky I had been to have such a major role at such a young age.”

From that providential beginning, Michèle went on to other film roles, co-starring on television series “House, M.D.,” “West Wing” and “Desperate Housewives,” and guest turns on “Falcon Crest,” “Star-Trek: The Next Generation,” “Highway to Heaven” and “The Young and the Restless.” She appeared in major

theatrical roles at the Arizona Theatre Company, Alabama Shakespeare Company, Mark Taper Forum and Shubert Theatres in Los Angeles and ACT in San Francisco. For much of its 10-year run, Michèle appeared in “Tamara,” the multi-room “environmental” theater production that ran just south of the Hollywood Bowl and became a major theatrical event in Los Angeles.

Michèle currently acts in local productions and books commercials in Los Angeles. But, she admits, she has slowed down and is moving more into writing than making trips to Los Angeles to audition for acting roles. “Since moving here full time, I have not wanted to go to Los Angeles on a ‘maybe’ basis. I don’t have the passion I once did for acting. Now I write — short stories and creative non-fiction, much of it about my early life here in Idyllwild.

“I had been very shy when I was young, and not very sure of myself. But with acting I could be someone I’m not, very brave and very strong. For me, acting was empowering and energizing. It is wonderful to be listening

and be in the moment. And now, with writing it is the same. When I get inspired and something starts happening, I’m rapt.”

Michèle notes the secret to her long and successful career, other than providence, is to remain positive, energetic and active.

In interview, notwithstanding her long and storied career, Michèle is soft-spoken, modest and still evinces a youthful sweetness and enthusiasm that is charming and captivating.

For more about Michèle, visit [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michele\\_Marsh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michele_Marsh) and [www.imdb.com/name/nm0550626](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0550626).

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**Michèle Marsh**, distinguished Idyllwild actor and writer, is Town Crier artist of the week. PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

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# CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

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**Puddytat** is the gray and white momma who raised all five of her babies that have been adopted. Now she is looking for a new home. She is great with other adult cats, dogs, kids and humans. Puddytat is about 2 years old and would love a home with human attention. She is attentive to you when you come home, and will be the new ARF office cat until we find her forever home.

**Bobbie** is a young female and already has had a litter of babies. They are all in new homes, but Momma Bobbie needs a home now. She is a bit shy around other cats, and not at all sure about dogs. She absolutely loves humans, though.

Now, if you are interested in not coming home to an empty house, and don't prefer a lap cat, **Furball Bill** is your guy. He is about 4 years old, still likes to play and actually is fine with mellow canines. He tolerates other felines but it's not a requirement. He is absolutely stunning. And a bit shy.



**Sadie** is a little bit of both — lap cat, loves to be touched, but wants her alone time, too. She is fine with other felines but not too sure about the canine crowd. Her favorite time is in the morning when she knows it's time for chow. She will weave in and out of your legs to show her appreciation and love.



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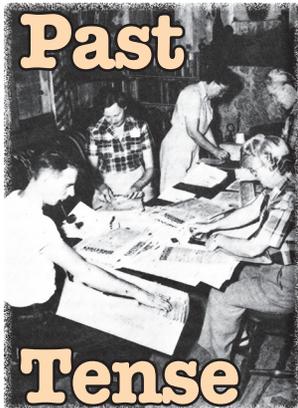
The California Public Utilities Commission on Dec. 3 approved, with certain conditions, the transfer of wireline assets of Verizon California to Frontier Communications.

The CPUC imposed conditions on the asset transfer that will result in significant improvements to the network, including expanded network redundancy in cases of emergencies, and more robust broadband deployment to rural areas.

Frontier also must offer broadband connectivity to all Lifeline-eligible Verizon customers, and Frontier must, for five years, collect and report annually data showing compliance of the merged companies with the CPUC's Supplier Diversity Program under General Order 156.

Further, Frontier will utilize the California Advanced Services Fund and the Federal Connect America Fund programs, coupled with its own investment, to expand and enhance broadband services in the Verizon California service areas.

The proposal voted on is available at: <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M156/K192/156192004.PDF>.



**65 years ago - 1950**  
Plans were set for a reforestation project along the highway near the dump. Idyllwild School children were going to assist in planting.

**60 years ago - 1955**  
Throughout the holidays, carolers were traveling around the Hill in a horse-drawn wagon with tinkling sleigh bells.

**55 years ago - 1960**  
Clearing and excavation started for the elaborate tourist and vacation spot of the Tahquitz Lake Motor Lodge and Golf Club facilities, adjacent to the nine-hole course northwest of Idyllwild.

**50 years ago - 1965**  
The Tahquettes girls' club scheduled a joint meeting with the Idyllers car club to discuss future policy and supervision for teen dances held at the community building.

**45 years ago - 1970**  
In a Town Hall meeting, a Forest Service plant pathologist explained what was being done to measure the extent of air pollution damage to Southern California forests, including the San Jacinto Mountains.

**40 years ago - 1975**  
The California Highway Patrol was considering taking legal action



Merrilyn Orr of Pine Cove at the November 1973 Rotary Club Harvest Festival. The collection of handcrafted sales in Town Hall had become a third-year tradition.

FILE PHOTO

against the Hemet Unified School District because of incidents of alleged school bus overcrowding on mountain runs.

**35 years ago - 1980**  
The Pine Cove Volunteer Fire Department arranged for Santa to visit Pine Cove children in their homes. Interested parents were asked to call the fire department and schedule a time.

**30 years ago - 1985**  
The body of a hiker lost for more than a month was found in the San Jacinto Wilderness. He apparently froze to death.

**25 years ago - 1990**  
The Property Rights

Organization filed a complaint in California Superior Court in response to a Riverside County Board of Supervisors' vote to enact an interim-zoning ordinance for the Hill.

**20 years ago - 1995**  
Funding for the purchase of a Gordon Plaza building as the new location for the library was approved by the Riverside County Board of Supervisors.

**15 years ago - 2000**  
The Santa Rosa and San Jacinto mountains were dedicated as a national monument in a celebration that dignitaries, including Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack, at-

tended.

**10 years ago - 2005**  
Riverside County 3rd District Supervisor Jeff Stone awarded the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council \$12,000 to construct a storage building.

**5 years ago - 2010**  
The San Geronio Pass Area California Highway Patrol once again gave toys to local children from low-income families as part of its 12th-annual CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive.

**1 year ago - 2014**  
Joel White won the Idyllwild Elementary School's 2014-15 Spelling Championship by correctly spelling "wicked."

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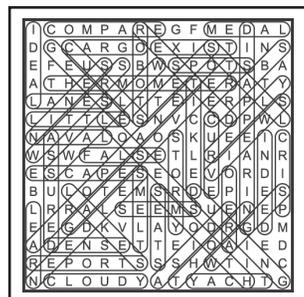
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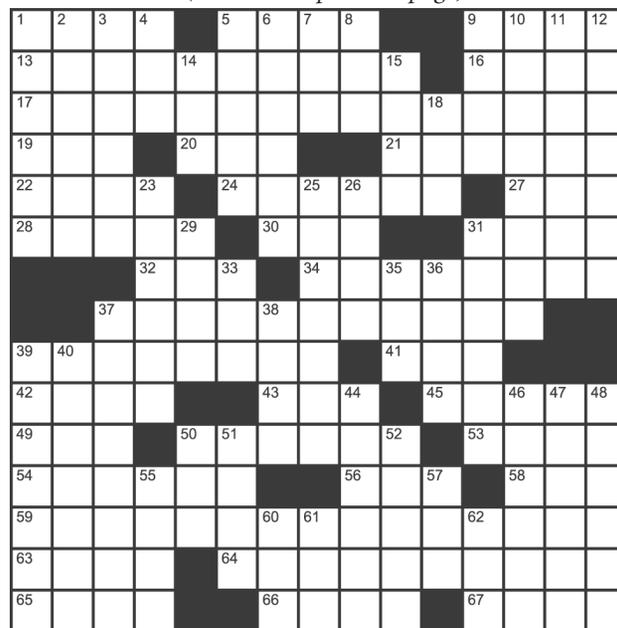
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- 1. Beer buy
- 5. Computer picture
- 9. Junk E-mail
- 13. Those who appeal a court decision
- 16. Goya's "Duchess of ..."
- 17. Treacherous person (4 wds)
- 19. "Sesame Street" watcher
- 20. Chain letters?
- 21. Describes in vivid detail
- 22. Bad look
- 24. Brightly colored venomous snakes of SE Asia
- 27. Clavell's "\_\_\_ Pan"
- 28. Artist's stand
- 30. Clinker
- 31. Annoyance
- 32. Kitten's cry
- 34. Finger jewelry with a signet (2 wds)
- 37. Total destruction
- 39. Short post-
- script to a literary work
- 41. Big Apple attraction, with "the"
- 42. "Schindler's \_\_\_"
- 43. "To \_\_\_ is human ..."
- 45. Dutch pottery city
- 49. Bank offering, for short
- 50. Declaration of intent to inflict harm
- 53. French Sudan, today
- 54. Medicinal shrub
- 56. "Flying Down to \_\_\_"
- 58. Big wine holder
- 59. Simultaneously (4 wds)
- 63. Quaker's "you"
- 64. Affording gain
- 65. Red-dish-brown gem
- 66. Poet Angelou
- 67. 1992 Robin

**DOWN**

- 1. Royal home
- 2. Temporary interruption in breathing
- 3. Floods
- 4. "A rat!"
- 5. Go furtively
- 6. Don't believe it
- 7. Queen, maybe
- 8. \_\_\_ power
- 9. Delhi dress
- 10. Banana variety
- 11. Fast
- 12. Coming together to form a group
- 14. Certain digital watch face, for short
- 15. Aug. follower
- 18. Neon, e.g.
- 23. Change from solid to liquid again
- 25. Spartan
- 26. "I had no \_\_\_!"
- 29. Rotating to the left,
- 31. For the time being
- 33. Card
- 35. Store convenience, for short
- 36. Emulated Pinocchio
- 37. Fiasco
- 38. Litigant
- 39. Evokes
- 40. Carnivorous freshwater fish
- 44. Make less dense
- 46. Ritual hand washing during Mass
- 47. Without showing any emotion or interest
- 48. Voluntary contributions to the church
- 50. 20-20, e.g.
- 51. Door fastener
- 52. Leg bone
- 55. Abandon
- 57. Branch
- 60. Branch
- 61. Bygone bird
- 62. "Dig in!"

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**HOROSCOPES**  
December 2015 — Week 2



**March 21 – April 19**

Progress lags on some projects at home. Time to stop and regroup, Aries. You may need to reprioritize tasks. A colleague comes through.



**April 20 – May 20**

Life is a feast for the eyes this week, Taurus. Everywhere you turn there is something new to buy. Money is not nearly as plentiful, so spend carefully.



**May 21 – June 21**

Travel is on the agenda, Gemini. Short trip or long, you will have fun, if you let yourself. A career move is in the works. Someone has their eye on you.



**June 22 – July 22**

In a fix, Cancer? No problem. A little elf has the answer. An outline is a big step in the right direction at work. You will soon see where all of the holes are.



**July 23 – August 22**

Feel like you are taking on more than you can handle, Leo? That's because you are. You can't bow out. You can look for some helpers, however.



**August 23 – September 22**

It's water under the bridge, or is it, Virgo? Some people have been known to carry grudges. A group activity gets off to a great start with an icebreaker.



**September 23 – October 22**

Just say it, Libra. You've been holding your peace for far too long. Share your wisdom with others, and the changes you seek will occur. A report is due.



**October 23 – November 21**

A move is on the horizon. Make sure you're ready, Scorpio. You do not want to get left behind. The gag order is lifted at work. Let it out.



**November 22 – December 21**

Gifts get the home fires brewing. Plan a night out, Sagittarius. You deserve it. A conversation gets heavy. Don't run away. There is much to learn.



**December 22 – January 19**

An old pal drops by with some news. Receive it with care, Capricorn. Don't let your face reveal what you are really thinking. A challenge is made.



**January 20 – February 18**

Dreams grow with the arrival of fresh faces. Set some goals now and create a plan of action, else you may never see anything come to fruition, Aquarius.



**February 19 – March 20**

Feeling merry, Pisces? If not, you're about to as a blast from the past comes rolling into town. Enjoy the walk down memory lane. A memo validates a theory.

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# Senator to host holiday open house in Indio

## Donations to FIND Food Bank encouraged

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attend the event. Light refreshments will be served.

No appointment is necessary to meet with the senator and his staff during the event.

If you are unable to attend, donations to FIND will be accepted at the Senator's office — located at 45-125 Smurr Street, Suite B, in Indio — during regular business hours throughout the holiday season.

For more information, call Stone's Indio office at 760-398-6442

## Obituary

### Harold G. Brock III 1967-2015



Harold G. Brock III, 48, of Anderson, Indiana, passed away at 2:50 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, at his residence in Anderson.

He was born Thursday, Feb. 23, 1967, in Mountain View, California.

Harold was a 1985 graduate of Hemet High School. He had attended Pacific University in Pacific Grove, Oregon.

He worked in the Customer Service Department for Concentrix Call Service, where he was technical support for Apple Computers. He had formerly worked for the Idyllwild Town Crier and Hartford City News Times.

Loving survivors include his mother, Donna Mae

Brock of Montpelier, Indiana; a brother, Anthony Craig Brock of Montpelier, Indiana; a sister, Patricia April Brock of Montpelier, Indiana; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Glenn Brock Jr.

Family and friends gathered to share and remember at Walker and Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, Indiana, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Sunday Dec. 6. A service to celebrate Harold's life at the same location began at 2 p.m. that day.

During these difficult financial times, the family asks in lieu of flowers that donations be directed to Walker and Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, IN 47359.

Arrangements are being handled by Walker and Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier. Online condolences may be made at [www.glancyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.glancyfuneralhomes.com).

## Legals

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#### CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,  
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2015.

#### RIC1512581

#### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501, Branch name: Civil.

PETITION OF PATRICIA D. GILES,

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: PATRICIA D. GILES filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: PATRICIA DENEEN GILES changed to Proposed name: PATRICIA DENEEN JAMES.

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: 12-3-2015 Time: 8:30, Dept. 02.

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:

Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: 10/20/15

JOHN W VINEYARD

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2015.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as DORYCE FLORIST, 3040 E. Florida Avenue, Hemet, CA 92544, Riverside County. Mailing address: Same. MICHELLE KIM BAILEY, 25155, Nestwa Trail, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature:

MICHELLE KIM BAILEY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 30, 2015.

FILE NO.:  
R-201513278

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT OF 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), 6064.

Publication of notice pursuant to this section shall be once a week for four successive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper regularly published once a week or oftener, with at least 5

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#### CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,  
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2015.

#### LIEN SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 12/24/2015, AT 71387 HWY 111, RANCHO MIRAGE CA 92270 AT 9:00 AM 06, JAGU, SJ8L, 4D, 5YLU782, CA, SAJWA79B66SH08999  
Pub. TC: Dec. 10, 2015.

#### LIEN SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 12/24/2015, AT 68351 PEREZ RD, CATHEDRAL CY CA 92234 AT 9:00 AM 60, FORD, STARLINER, 2D, NONE., 0J5X126110  
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#### LIEN SALE

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Pub. TC: Dec. 10, 2015.

#### STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

The following fictitious business name FERN VALLEY INN, 25240 Fern Valley Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549 County: Riverside, has been abandoned by the following persons: GARY JAMES TAYLOR, 151 Klamath Blvd., Klamath, CA 95548-1004. PERRY LEE EMERY, 151 Klamath Blvd., Klamath, CA 95548-1004.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Riverside County on 03/03/2011.

I declare that all the information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true, information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)

Signed:

PERRY LEE EMERY

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on 12/03/15.

FILE NO.:  
1-201102482

Pub. TC: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 2015.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

#### STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as IDYLLWILD DECAL AND DESIGN, 26350 Delano St #27, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 277, Idyllwild, CA 92549. DORIAN KAYE PETERS, 26350 Delano St #27, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions Code, that the registrant knows to be false, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000).)

Registrant Signature:

DORIAN KAYE PETERS

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Oct. 14, 2015.

FILE NO.:  
R-201511371

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A FICTITIOUS NAME STATEMENT GENERALLY EXPIRES AT THE END OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE ON WHICH IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK, EXCEPT, AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (b) OF SECTION 17920, WHERE IT EXPIRES 40 DAYS AFTER ANY CHANGE IN THE FACTS

SET FORTH IN THE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION OF 17913 OTHER THAN A CHANGE IN THE RESIDENCE ADDRESS OF A REGISTERED OWNER. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION.

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## Rescue

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U.S. District Court (Southern District of California), the California Supreme Court and all California State Courts, Lehman navigates landscapes and waters that can pose major challenges to most others.

She also is a retired professional women's boxer, having left the profession ranked number nine in the world in super bantam weight division. She is a graduate of St. John's University in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and a cum laude graduate of the University of San Diego law school. "I have the confidence to find my way forward," she said of her surprising array of skill sets.

Before going, Lehman bought \$800 in medical equipment and supplies, gave herself a crash course in Greek (she also speaks Italian, German, French and Swahili), and set out to join what turned out to be an entirely volunteer operation — one not directed by any governmental or non-governmental organization.

"At first, when refugees began arriving, it was just the local island people helping them — local fishermen helping to tow disabled boats to shore, islanders getting them blankets off their own beds and finding dry clothes for them," she said. "Thousands of refugees were arriving daily and locals were overwhelmed. Then, from all over the world, people just started showing up to help. It was really amazing that it just happened. Organization came out of non-organization. People learned to work together, to work the problems. The intentions of all were good and we got better organized as it went along."

Lehman spoke about the misconception that refugees were all young, able-bodied men. "For the most part, those arriving were young families and old people," she said. "And their stories were heart-breaking. A young woman in her 20s, with a husband and young child, had had a kidney removed just 10 days before making the crossing. She had sold the kidney to finance the trip.



**Mary A. Lehman** waits with volunteers as a boat of arriving refugees, having just completed the 5-mile crossing from the Turkish coast, is pulled in by other volunteers. PHOTO COURTESY MARY LEHMAN

My first day, a young man arrived with welts all over his back where he had been beaten. On another island, a 109-year-old woman arrived in a wheelchair. Islanders wanted to put her in a hotel, but she refused, saying she wanted to stay with those with whom she had come."

Lehman noted smugglers charged on average \$1,500 per person to make the 5-mile crossing from the Turkish coast to the Greek island of Lesbos. "The boats were rick-

ety plywood boats or inflatables, made for 25. Usually there were 65 or more in each boat. Often, motors gave out because of malfunction or insufficient gas for the crossing." Lehman noted that smugglers gave discounts for more dangerous night crossings. "You just had to be there and aware 24/7, hearing people offshore and yelling in the night. At any moment boats could capsize. These people were so grateful for the aid we were giving. They

had so little but they insisted on giving us gifts for the help we provided.

"For me, the most difficult moment was when someone screamed medic and thrust a 3- or 4-year-old unconscious boy into my arms. We were able to revive him."

Lehman recalled stories refugees told of how families had pooled money to send young families or unaccompanied minors, to give them a better life, while other family members had to remain behind. "Pregnant women were terrified their babies had died in the womb during the crossing. A holistic practitioner from Switzerland felt their stomachs and listened for movement to reassure them their babies were still alive.

"People were kissing the ground when they arrived, unaware that other European Union country borders were closing and that further difficult travel to final sanctuaries in other parts of Europe was still necessary."

Lehman said coming back to the U.S., after having been in Lesbos for two weeks, was very dif-

ficult. "While there I had just been working the problem, accessing medical conditions and responding. But in coming back, I kept thinking I could have stayed longer and made more of a difference. I kept dreaming of looking for my headlamp to rush to assist arrivals, of being shot by a smuggler. I'm sure it's some level of post-traumatic stress."

Lehman still marvels at how so many came from so many disparate countries and cultures to assist the arriving refugees. "Everyone came because they were compelled to do so," she said. "There was this huge bonding of doctors, medics and everyday volunteers, each doing whatever they could to help. Sometimes it was rescue from the boats, sometimes trauma therapy and medical treatment, and sometimes arriving refugees just needed someone to hold their hands."

For more on the Lesbos refugee situation, Google "Lesbos refugees."

Marshall Smith can be reached at [marshall@towncrier.com](mailto:marshall@towncrier.com).

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