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Fern Valley Water manager Erler to retire

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Steve Erler, general manager of Fern Valley Water District, announced his intention to retire at the end of June 2016. The board was surprised, shocked, and saddened to learn of Erler's plans, which he shared at the end of the Dec. 18 meeting.

Erler has served as general manager a little more than 18 years, since his appointment in November 1997.

At the end of the meeting, Erler told the board he was planning a fishing trip with his brother and father, who will turn 80 soon, at the end of the fiscal year; but "I'm not coming back," he added with a smile and tear.

"It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Fern Valley Water District's general manager," he wrote in his resignation letter. "I am extremely proud of our accomplishments and thankful for the support and opportunities the Board of Directors has given me during my time here."

"I'm in shock, but happy



Steve Erler, general manager of Fern Valley Water District, plans to retire at the end of June 2016.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

for Steve," said Jim Rees, board vice president in the absence of President Robert Krieger. "I'm happy for you, but we have big shoes to fill."

Director Richard Schnetzer noted that Erler planned to continue through June 30 and said, "We have a lot of months to convince you to change your mind."

At the January meeting, when the board will elect officers for 2016 and organize committees, it plans to establish a committee to recruit a new

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Soloist **John Flemming** sings with the Idyllwild Master Chorale last weekend during its annual holiday performance at the IAF Theatre at Idyllwild Arts.

PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Secretary of Agriculture frustrated with no changes to firefighting funding

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

In January, when President Barack Obama submitted his budget requests for fiscal year 2015-16, he included a recommendation to change the funding mechanism for federal firefighting costs.

In conjunction with the budget package, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack said, "The budget again

proposes a new approach to wildland fire suppression. It will treat severe wildfires like other natural disasters that can draw on emergency funding, rather than raiding other critical programs, like forest restoration and management, research and other activities that help manage our forests and reduce future catastrophic wildfire."

Currently, when the U.S. Forest Service needs

more funding, which has been almost annually for the past two decades, it has to curb its expenditures for other programs to pay the firefighting bill and then request Congress to reimburse the other forestry programs.

But the Omnibus Appropriations bill did not include the provisions to safeguard funding for other Forest Service programs.

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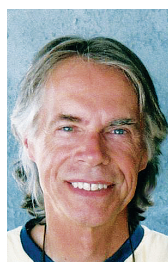


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Hit and run on Tollgate

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

One traffic collision on Hill roads took place over the last week. This one, at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, was a hit and run in Idyllwild.

According to Officer Ben Bolon, California Highway Patrol San Geronio Pass Station, an unidentified person driving a blue SUV was driving east on Tollgate Road, west of Delano Drive. The individual made an unsafe turning move and collided with a parked 2015 white Toyota Prius, damaging the left rear of the Prius.

According to a witness, the SUV driver made a rapid U-turn and fled the scene.

Bolon said the blue SUV would have been damaged on the right front side, but had no other information regarding the identity of the driver.

Anyone with information regarding this incident should contact the Pass Station at 951-769-2000.

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Donating organs saves lives

There are a ton of social networking web sites. But one stands apart for a very special reason: this one saves lives. It's matchingdonors.com. Matchingdonors.com links organ donors with people in need of kidney and other transplants. In the U.S., 19 people die each day waiting for an organ transplant, most of them for kidneys.

If you've ever considered becoming a living organ donor or if you are someone in need of an organ transplant, visit MatchingDonors.com, home of the greatest gift of all — the gift of life.

Seven vehicles recovered at Anza chop shop

Includes truck belonging to Idyllwild resident Shane Stewart

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Seven vehicles, in various states of disrepair, were recovered in a sting conducted by the Riverside County Sheriff's Department on Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Among them was a gray Ford F-150 truck belonging to Idyllwild resident Shane Stewart.

Sgt. Doug Untener, of the Riverside Auto Theft Interdiction Detail, reported that Stewart's truck, which had been stolen the night of Dec. 7, was recovered intact although others of the recovered vehicles were in the process of being stripped. "Mr. Stewart's truck was in excellent shape from what I could see," said Untener. He could not confirm whether or not Stewart's laptop was also recovered. "It's still an ongoing investigation. As far as I know the laptop is still outstanding."

"We've made one arrest so far and there may be additional arrests in the future," said Untener. "This is an ongoing investigation." He would not release details on the arrest.

Anyone with more information should contact Untener at 951-955-1700.

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.

Brown sentenced to six years for hit-and-run death

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

Nearly five months after a fatal hit-and-run collision, Lisa Marie Brown, 40, (also known as Lisa Sanchez) pleaded guilty and was sentenced to prison last week.

On Monday, Dec. 14, Judge Helios Hernandez accepted her guilty plea and pronounced sentence. He imposed a three-year sentence for the hit and run and another three years for an enhancement because the victim died, for a total of six years, according to John Hall, district attorney information specialist. She will serve her sentence in state prison.

She also must make restitution to the victim.

On July 15, Brown was driving her 1997 brown Toyota 4Runner on Alessandro Boulevard in Riverside. Donald Thomas Smith, 48, of Moreno Valley, was walking west along the emergency lane when Brown hit him. The vehicle continued west on Alessandro without stopping, according to a Riverside City Police Department press release.

Four days later, Riverside City police, with the cooperation of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, arrested Brown at a residence on Idyllbrook Drive in Idyllwild.

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Tai Chi classes on hold

Cathy Mauge's Tai Chi at Spirit Mountain Retreat are on hold until the weather gets warmer.



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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Wednesday 12/23

46/30
Partly sunny.

Thursday 12/24

43/28

Sunny with a chance of snow.

Friday 12/25

32/19

Sunny with a chance of snow.

Saturday 12/26

33/19

Sunny.

Sunday 12/27

44/23

Sunny.

Monday 12/28

45/25

Mostly sunny.

Tuesday 12/29

44/26

Sunny.

Idyllwild this year

Date	High	Low	M	S
12/15	40	19		
12/16	42	19		
12/17	52	25		
12/18	60	30		
12/19	51	30		
12/20	39	29	0.33	
12/21	51	28		

Idyllwild last year

Date	High	Low	M	S
12/15	52	32		
12/16	44	29	0.69	
12/17	42	32	0.21	2.0
12/18	44	31		
12/19	50	37		
12/20	49	32		
12/21	69	31		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 10.67
To date last season (Idy): 10.97
Total last season (Idy): 20.02
To date this season (PC): 9.93
Total last season (PC): 15.54

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 1.0
To date last season (Idy): 0.1
Total last season (Idy): 10.0
To date this season (PC): 2.5
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 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 or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

Freezing temps created major water loss in Pine Cove

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

The extremely cold, freezing weather at the beginning of last week took its toll on the water supply in Pine Cove when warmer temperatures arrived Thursday and Friday.

Water usage was significantly higher than normal for this time of year, said Pine Cove Water District General Manager Jerry Holldber.

Total system demand

approached 125 gallons per minute, when the normal for winter is 40 gpm during the week and perhaps 50 to 55 gpm on the weekends or holidays, according to Holldber.

While one large leak (about 25 gpm) has been repaired, Holldber said the problem is the unexpected freezing temperatures, and part-time and weekend visitors being unprepared.

"People left the mountain and left their water

lines on," he believes.

Through Sunday, he and staff have found only one small leak in the pipeline system.

On Monday, the PCWD staff was going from house-to-house examining water meters to find running water in vacant homes. If the unexpected demand continues into next week, he is prepared to employ a leak detection firm to help identify where the escaping water is located.

Neither Idyllwild nor

Fern Valley water districts suffered any major water losses due to the recent cold weather.

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Above, **Becky Smith** (right), Pine Cove Water District secretary, administers the oath of office to Director **Diana Eskew**, who was elected to a full four-year term in August.

Below, **Becky Smith** (left), Pine Cove Water District secretary, administers the oath of office to Director **Tim Lange**, who was elected to a full four-year term in August.

PHOTOS BY JP CRUMRINE



By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

The deadline for submitting applications for the County Service Area Advisory Council has been extended until Jan. 31, 2016. Opal Hellweg, legislative assistant for 3rd District Supv. Chuck Washington, announced the extension, noting that to date four applications have been received for the five-member council.

The council has been moribund for nearly two years. It was created to review infrastructure conditions, budgets and activities related to community recreation and street lamps. It acts as the "eyes and ears" of the supervisor and advises him on these matters. It has no policy-making role.

Washington approved reconstituting the council after complaints from town residents over county management of recreation.

The four who have submitted applications to date are Ginger Dagnall, Kathy Wilson, Mark Davis and Susan Nash.

To download an application, visit <http://rivcodistrict3.org> or contact Hellweg at 951-955-8815 if there are problems with

the download. After completion of the application, return it to Hellweg at opal@rcbos.org or at 37600 Sky Canyon Dr. #505, Murrieta, CA 92563.

Hellweg said after all applications are submitted, she and Verne Lauritzen, Washington's chief of staff, will come to Idyllwild and interview the candidates. After that

they will take the information back to the supervisor, who will review it and select the members. "Before submission to the Board of Supervisors for final approval, we will ask the individuals if they are willing to serve," said Hellweg.

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OUT LOUD



Every day since my five-week recovery from a minor heart attack in September is one of adjusting—finding what I call gentle paths and adopting new tools to prevent another occurrence.

Every day I fall back into old habits is one of regret, like Monday when I divulged in too much sweet chocolate gifted from two families and became sick to my stomach by the end of the day. I craved cooked tomatoes to cure it—something acidic to cut the sweet. I chose pizza, so my food choices that day did not serve my health.

The adjustments to a Mediterranean diet prove challenging. I don't possess a sweet tooth and so Monday's chocolate binge was unusual (which probably is why I became so nauseous.)

Surprisingly, what I find challenging about the diet are the carbs. It does help to be gluten-intolerant but many grains do not contain gluten and because of them—such as rice and corn—my weight increased. The solution is more exercise.

I keep track of consumption and physical activity in a daily log app on my phone, and am returning to my faithful Take Shape for Life program that got me to a great weight starting in 2011.

Without beating myself up, today (Tuesday) I reflect on yesterday's choices regarding instant gratification vs. long-term health and recommit to certain mantras that steered me well in the past: "Have I had it before? Will I have it again? Is it worth it?"

Maybe not in your case but in mine, the process of health involves balancing the mental, the physical and the spiritual.

I tend to over tip the scales in the mental department and am a lightweight when it comes to the physical. Anyway, I know what I need to work toward.

BECKY CLARK, EDITOR

Proposed CPUC decision protects homeowners with solar

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

California homeowners who install solar photovoltaic will receive financial credit based on a California Public Utilities Commission decision last week. The proposed decision continues the current policy of paying homeowners for generating solar energy in excess of the electricity they consume.

Administrative Law Judge Anne Simon proposed that a new net-energy metering program would continue the existing NEM structure while making some adjustments to align the costs of future NEM customers more closely with those of non-NEM customers. NEM sets up a billing system so that customers with solar panels get credit for the full retail value of the electricity their system generates.

In 2013, an Assembly bill directed the CPUC to ensure that all customers pay a fair share of costs, while encouraging renewable generation at customer sites.

Simon's proposal would establish a one-time interconnection fee (likely about \$75 to \$100). Secondly, in the future, NEM customers would pay a non-bypassable charge, which all utility customers pay.

Non-bypassable charges fund low-income and efficiency programs. They are the equivalent of about 2 to 3 cents per kilowatt-hour of energy consumed.

The Solar Energy Industries Association applauded the CPUC's proposal to preserve net metering. Maintaining net metering is key to California's climate leadership and its clean-energy job growth, it said in a press release.

The proposed decision requires new

NEM customers to use time-of-use rates. These rates are higher because they occur when electricity demand is highest. Customers who sign up in 2018 or later must use time-of-use rates as soon as they sign up, while customers who sign up before 2018 must use time-of-use rates beginning when all residential customers go on default time-of-use rates in 2019.

The proposed decision aims to develop two new programs where this renewable energy may be distributed among residential customers in needy communities. One program would provide financial incentives for multi-family buildings to install solar panels. The second would allow residential customers in disadvantaged communities, regardless of whether they own or rent, to participate in NEM even if they aren't able to install a renewable energy system on their premises.

The proposed decision will be on the CPUC agenda at its Jan. 28, 2016, meeting.

"Should the commission vote to preserve net metering, the state will be taking a vital step toward meeting its climate goals, while allowing solar to reach a growing number of Californians," said Sean Gallagher, SEIA's vice president of State Affairs.

California is No. 1 in the U.S. for installed rooftop solar. More than 450,000 systems have been installed, according to www.gosolarcalifornia.ca.gov/. "Recent research has shown that 65 percent of residential solar is being installed in communities with median incomes below \$70,000, up from 49 percent in 2008," according to SEIA.

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Idyllwild Fire commission and Finance Committee meet together

Role of committee bandied about

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

On Wednesday, Dec. 16, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission and its Finance Committee met in a rare joint session.

The purpose was to discuss the role, responsibilities, goals and objectives of the committee, originally established as the Budget Committee in November 2013. A

new resolution was passed in May 2015 and superseded the 2013 resolution. One of the changes was to change the name to the Finance Committee.

"Right away, we knew it was too limiting for what the committee should be about," said Commissioner Nancy Layton who also chairs the committee. "Since then, the committee role has evolved over the

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Hill businesses and institutions that will be closed Friday, Dec. 25, to observe Christmas are:

- Area post offices (closes noon Thursday)
- BBVA Compass Bank
- Fairway Market
- Fern Creek Medical Center (closes noon Thursday)
- Fern Valley Water District (also Thursday)
- Hemet Unified School District (also Thursday)
- Idyllwild Health Center
- Idyllwild Library
- Idyllwild Nature Center (also Thursday)
- Idyllwild Pharmacy
- Idyllwild Town Crier & Visitors Center (closes noon Thursday)
- Idyllwild Transfer Station
- Idyllwild Water District (also Thursday)
- Pine Cove Water District (also Thursday)
- Riverside County offices
- U.S. Forest Service

These will be open:

- Idyllwild Shell & Market (possible shorter hours)
- Mt. San Jacinto State Park
- Pine Cove Market (8 a.m.-1 p.m.; closing 7 p.m. Christmas Eve)
- Sky Island Natural Foods (10 a.m.-3 p.m.)
- Village Market

AA Marathon on Christmas Day

Alcoholics Anonymous is having an annual Christmas Day Marathon in Idyllwild from 8 a.m. to midnight Friday, Dec. 25. The meetings are held every hour with a potluck and fellowship at the Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.

Ballot measure submitted to allow tiered water rates

By JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

A ballot measure for the 2016 November general election, which would allow water districts to restore tiered rates, has been submitted to the state Attorney General's office. Water districts would have the authority to use their rates to encourage and motivate water conservation.

The proposed measure would overturn the recent California Appeals Court decision upholding limitations on using tiered water rates. The appellate decision upheld the U.S. District Court's decision in the case "Capistrano Taxpayers Association v. the City of San Juan Capistrano."

In April, the Appeals Court's decision invalidated the city's rate structure because it did not comply with Proposition 218. While the court upheld the right of imposing a tiered rate structure, Prop 218, which state voters approved in 1996, requires special districts and government agencies to charge fees based on the cost of providing the service.

The lower court found no connection between San Juan Capistrano's higher rates and the cost to provide the water. But the opinion was clear in that the idea of tiered rates is legal as long as it complies with Prop 218.

On Monday, Dec. 14, the Association of California Water Agencies, the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities® filed a proposed constitutional amendment with the AG's office to create a new, optional funding method for local agencies.

Supporters of the measure argue, "Effective local management of water supplies includes authorizing local agencies to design rates to encourage water conservation and discourage excessive use of water ... This measure establishes an alternative funding method that authorizes local agencies to set rates for customers to encourage water conservation, prevent waste and discourage excessive use of water."

But they do address the courts' findings that a connection between the cost of service and customer's benefit cannot be ignored. "The manner in which the costs are allocated to a fee payer shall bear a fair or reasonable relationship to the fee payer's burden on or benefits received from the water service or sewer service," the measure's proponents say.

AG's staff will prepare the circulating title and summary, then submit the proposed measure to the Secretary of State's office. This should occur near the mid-February 2016. At that point, it will be ready to circulate for signatures to qualify it for the ballot.

Since this measure proposes to modify the State Constitution, it will require 585,407 signatures, which is equal to at least 8 percent of the total votes cast for the governor at the last gubernatorial election.

"We have filed this measure in the hopes of advancing the discussions toward a viable policy solution in 2016. We will make a determination if we plan to proceed with this measure or some other policy solution in the coming months," according to the release from the proponents.

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Happy Holidays!

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Forest Service has budget through September

By JP Crumrine
News Editor

Before recessing for the holidays, the U.S. Congress passed an omnibus appropriations bill to fund the federal government through the end of the fiscal year (Sept. 30, 2016).

This includes \$5.6 billion for the U.S. Forest Service, almost \$600 million more than enacted for 2014-15, but \$116 million less than President Barack Obama requested in January. Most of the additional funding is for wildfire suppression.

Funding for wildland fire operations, both preparedness and suppression operations, totals \$1.9 billion, which is greater than the president's request enacted last year. Suppression funding totals \$1.6 billion — \$811 million appropriated and \$823 million from the special wildfire reserve account. This total is \$500 million greater than the 10-year average cost for wildfire suppression. Total wildfire funding, including the special funding, is

\$3.2 billion.

However, Thomas Vilsack, secretary of agriculture, which oversees the Forest Service, wrote a letter to congressional committees (see accompanying story) expressing his disappointment that the omnibus appropriations bill did not include language modifying the funding mechanism for fighting wildfires.

Within the wildfire appropriation was \$375 million for hazardous fuel reduction, which is also an increase. This includes \$15 million for biomass utilization grants.

Funding for construction and maintenance of facilities and trails was approved at the same level as enacted last year (\$149 million). The committees added \$4 million for road maintenance and construction.

While land acquisition was funded at \$44.7 million, none of the specific projects were on the Hill, although \$200,000 was provided for acquiring land along the Pacific Crest Trail in California.

In their report, the House and Senate Appropriation committees directed the Forest Service, National Park

Service and Bureau of Land Management to work with state and local governments in drought-stricken regions to help with promptly removing hazardous trees on these lands and to prioritize funding to reduce wildfire threat.

Language was also directed at the Forest Service to increase its efforts against illegal marijuana cultivation on Forest Service lands.

The bill also included \$135 million for the National Park Service's Centennial Initiative. Congress established the National Park Service on Aug. 25, 1916.

In January 2015, 2016 Tournament of Roses President Mike Matthiessen announced the theme of 2016 parade would be "Find Your Adventure." The "Find Your Adventure" theme is a nod to "Find Your Park," a two-year, public engagement campaign of the National Park Service and National Park Foundation.

Local Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz voted for the government funding bill, as well as the tax-breaks bill with which it is paired.

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Firefighting

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On Dec. 17, the night before the Omnibus bill was approved, Vilsack wrote letters to the chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate Appropriations committees, expressing his disappointment with no modification in the funding mechanism and saying he will no longer transfer dollars from

other accounts for wildfire suppression.

Further, he expressed frustration and vowed to stop borrowing and transferring funds from other programs for wildfire suppression.

"I am directing the Forest Service to aggressively use the funding provided in FY 2016 to support forest management, restoration, research and partnership work that will help

us get ahead of the catastrophic wildfire problem," he told both Appropriations Committee chairs.

"Further, I will not authorize transfers from restoration and resilience funding," he asserted, then stated his challenge to legislators. "If the amount Congress appropriated in FY 2016 is not sufficient to cover fire suppression costs, Congress will need to appropriate additional funding on an emergency basis."

In July 2014 and this summer, both the Senate and House held hearings to discuss the administration's proposal to treat wildfire similar to other natural disasters, such as earthquakes and floods. This would provide automatic funding if costs exceed the appropriated level.

A change in the funding process is needed as the

cost of fighting wildfires has continued to grow. It now is nearly two-thirds of the Forest Service budget. However, the Appropriations committees are unwilling to authorize an unlimited amount so they have usually provided funding equal to the average firefighting cost for the previous 10 years.

But costs are exceeding these levels. For one week this past summer, the Forest Service needed \$243 million for firefighting throughout the U.S. This has taken a toll on other programs. Now the administration, led by Vilsack, is balking at continuing a process they believe harms the agency's other missions.

"The future trend will be hotter, longer, more severe and, ultimately, more costly fire seasons," Vilsack wrote. "This di-

rectly impacts the Forest Service's ability to fund other critical work such as restoration that can reduce wildfire threat, drinking-water area protection and recreation investments, not just in the West, but across the country."

"We will continue to protect lives, property and our natural resources but it is the responsibility of Congress to ensure those resources are sufficient each year so the Forest Service is able to accomplish the full complement of its work," said Matt Herrick, the department's director of communications. If the resources pro-

vided by Congress in the FY 2016 spending bill are not sufficient, additional emergency appropriations to cover that critical work will be necessary ... we will notify Congress well in advance if an emergency supplemental appropriation is required."

The appropriation for fire suppression for fiscal year 2016 is \$1.6 billion, nearly \$600 million more than last year, but even the additional dollars wouldn't have been sufficient for the 2015 fire season costs, according to Herrick.

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Clinic hours: 8 - 11 and 1 - 4 pm (donations accepted)

These are the closest to Idyllwild in the county:

- Banning Family Care Center, 3055 W. Ramsey St.
- Hemet Family Care Center, 880 N. State St.
- Palm Springs Family Care Center, 1515 N. Sunrise

Way

For more information, call 1-888-246-1215 or visit rivco-familycarecenters.org.

Erler

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general manager, according to Rees.

Earlier in the meeting, the board accepted the audit of its 2014-15 finances. Teaman, Ramirez and Smith of Riverside performed the audit. They found the financial statement disclosure "neutral, consistent and clear" and opined that they were presented fairly and in accordance with general accounting principals used. They encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management while performing the audit.

Teaman made three recommendations, two of which were establishing policies for purchasing and capitalization of assets greater than a specific dollar threshold, such as \$1,000. The third recommendation addressed segregating some financial duties, but the auditors recognized that the small size of the staff was a significant limitation on implementing this recommendation.

For fiscal year 2014-15, the district's revenues were nearly \$110,000 greater than its expenditures. The net position of the district is \$7.4 million, of which nearly 86 percent

is capital assets with cash of about \$1.6 million.

FVWD's largest liabilities are pensions and post-employment benefits such as health care. These total about \$400,000. The district also owes about \$255,000 on the note for the for the Saunders Meadow capital improvements. It is due in 2037.

In water business, Erler reported that the groundwater levels of many of the district's wells had risen slightly in November, but remain below their 2014 levels.

He also announced that water production in 2015 was 32 percent less than

in 2013. The State Water Resources Control Board had set a goal of 25-percent reduction in consumption for all California water districts.

"In my view, this is fantastic," Erler said. "It exceeds the 25-percent goal." He attributed the customer compliance with Stage 3 water conservation. "While [water] didn't go up, our revenues were down," he added.

"Those using water regularly were doing so with greater consciousness," commented Schnetzer.

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Water revenue falling at Idyllwild Water

New directors on board

BY JP CRUMRINE
NEWS EDITOR

While business at the Dec. 16 Idyllwild Water District board meeting was routine, the meeting itself was distinctive and noteworthy. Not only did the meeting last less than an hour, but Steven Kunkle and June Rockwell, elected in August, attended their first meeting as directors. In fact, Rockwell was the second on several motions, including the one to adjourn the meeting.

Finances took a slight hit in November due to the combination of regulatory fees and continued water conservation.

The water program had to pay its annual insurance fee of \$7,500 and water consumption fell again. The result was a negative balance of \$5,300, the first monthly deficit of 2015-16. However, for the year, the water program retains a healthy surplus.

November water revenues were about \$1,400 less than in October; however, the volume of water sold was about 850,000 gallons more than last month. General Manager Tom Lynch said the mix between residential and commercial sales is the reason revenue

declined, despite greater sales volume.

The sewer program paid its annual state inspection fee, this year more than \$17,000, which resulted in a \$2,000 loss this month for the program.

Lynch warned the board that Riverside County has been adjusting its fees and to expect an increase in payments to the county in the future.

In November, water production was 6.4 million gallons, which was about 1 million gallons more than in October and 500,000 less than November 2014.

For the 11 months of 2015, total consumption has been 68.9 million gallons, which is 13.5 percent or 10.7 million gallons less than the same period in 2014. Compared to the first 11 months of 2013, which is the benchmark year the governor uses for his conservation goals, production declined 16.9 million gallons or nearly 20 percent.

"Foster Lake is empty and we remain in Stage 2 [Water Conservation],"



Steve Kunkle and June Rockwell attend their first Idyllwild Water District meeting as members of the Board of Directors.

PHOTO BY JP CRUMRINE

Lynch reported to the board. "We're getting some precipitation and I'm hopeful that the El Niño will manifest itself." The groundwater level of IWD's

wells improved some last month, he added.

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Idyllwild contributes to needs

During Operation Christmas Child's national collection week in Idyllwild in November, residents generously contributed to the East Riverside Operation Christmas Child Arae Tam collection of 4,600 gift-filled shoeboxes for children in need. This is an increase over last year's collection of 4,000 gifts, and a record number.

The shoeboxes are filled with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and notes of encouragement to children worldwide.

County offering help for businesses

Riverside County has a unique program through the Department of Public Social Services that is using wage subsidies, short-term vocational training, and other incentives to enable businesses to hire 500 new workers starting July 1, 2015. It's called Workforce Connection, a program that will expand partnerships with the business community and provide resources to employers looking to fill create new jobs or fill existing positions.

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Maureen "Mo" Farrell and **Janice Fast** received a Christmas card in their post office box recently addressed only to "Mo & Janice." No address was on the envelope but it managed to make it through the federal government machinery due to the care of local Idyllwild Post Office employees.



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

Wednesday, Dec. 23

- 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- 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. 24

- 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.
- Free warm lunch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Friday, Dec. 25

- Alcoholics Anonymous Christmas Day Marathon, 8 a.m.-midnight, every hour with a potluck and fellowship. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

Saturday, Dec. 26

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

Sunday, Dec. 27

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- Occupy Idyllwild stand and discuss with the 99 percent. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Town center at Harmony monument. Call Sue at 909-228-6710.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Book Study meeting (closed), noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m. Rancho Encino Mountain Club,



A photo of singer **Marja Kay** of Idyllwild made it into the Dec. 15 issue of The New Yorker magazine.

The photo represented a multi-cast performance "Hopscotch" in Los Angeles earlier this year and made the top list of "Notable Performances and Recordings of 2015" by **Alex Ross**.

CLUBS

The **Saunders Meadow Homeowners Association** elected new officers at its annual meeting Sept. 6.

They are **Jeffrey Turner**, president; **Michelle Smith**, vice president; **John Dawson**, treasurer; **Brian Kinder**, secretary; and **Kimaree Gilad**, member at large.

The association has 58 homes, has been in existence for nearly 80 years and has its own CC&Rs, which primarily exist to promote nature, said Turner; thus, no fences are allowed.

45915 Orchard Rd., Poppet Flats, across from Cal Fire Station 6.

- Highly Sensitive Persons gathering, 2-4 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.
- 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. 28

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.; meeting, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Al-Anon, Open Meeting, 7-8 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. 29

- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; men's meeting 6-7 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr.
- 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.
- Meditation & dharma

study, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio, 54445 N. Circle Dr. Call Valerie Kyoshin Velez at 951-659-5750 for info.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

- 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Cancer support group, 4:30 p.m.; Idyllwild Photographers, 5-6 p.m. Idyllwild Library, 54401 Village Center 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, Dec. 14 to 20.

Idyllwild

- Dec. 14 — No responses.
- Dec. 15 — Two walk-in medical aids.
- Dec. 16 — Medical aid, 53000 block of Tollgate Rd.
- Dec. 16 — False alarm or call, N. Circle Dr.
- Dec. 16 — Gas leak, 54000 block of Hwy. 243.
- Dec. 16 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 17 — Medical aid, Meadow Dr.
- Medical aid, 52000 block of Double View Dr.
- Dec. 18 — Medical aid, Delano Dr.
- Dec. 19 — Smoke detector activation, no fire, unintentional, Village Center Dr.
- Dec. 19 — Unauthorized burning, Lodge Rd. cross of S. Circle Dr.
- Dec. 20 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 20 — Medical aid, 54000 block of N. Circle Dr.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls, Sunday to Saturday, Dec. 13-19.

Idyllwild

- Dec. 13 — Alarm call, N. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 14 — Unlawful entry, 54000 block of S. Circle Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 15 — Alarm call, Glen Rd. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 17 — Battery, Meadow Dr. Arrest made.
- Dec. 17 — Public intoxication, Idyllbrook Dr. Handled

by deputy.

- Dec. 17 — 911 call, 26000 block of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 17 — Trespassing, Middle Ridge Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 18 — Public intoxication, 52000 block of Double View Dr. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 18 — Petty theft, 53000 block of Marian View Dr. Report taken.
- Dec. 18 — Vehicle theft, N. Circle Dr. Unfounded.
- Dec. 18 — Noise complaint, address undefined. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 19 — Alarm call, Memory Lane. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 19 — Alarm call, Hemstreet Pl. Handled by deputy.
- Dec. 19 — Follow up, address withheld. Handled by deputy.

Pine Cove

- Dec. 13 — Alarm call, Oak Leaf Dr. Handled by deputy
- Dec. 16 — Unknown trouble, Pine Needles Ln. Handled by deputy.

Mountain Center

- Dec. 17 — Alarm call, 29000 of Hwy. 243. Handled by deputy.

Poppet Flats

- Dec. 17 — Assault with a deadly weapon, Keyes Rd. Report taken.
- Dec. 17 — Shots fired, address undefined. Handled by deputy.

San Bernardino National Forest

- Dec. 19 — Fraud, 56000 block of E. Hwy. 74. Unfounded.
- Dec. 19 — 911 hang-up from cell phone, May Valley Truck Trail. Handled by deputy.

County's 'Disease Watch' web page

The Riverside County Department of Public Health has created a "Disease Watch" section on its Disease Control web page to help with a quick update on the latest disease-related issues, including the West Nile Virus. The section can be reached by going to the main DOPH website page, www.rivcoph.org, and clicking on the "Disease Watch" button or by going to the Disease Control page directly at www.rivco-diseasecontrol.org.

The section will updated weekly and also provide information about issues like influenza, vaccinations and other disease-related topics.

Also, don't forget about the West Nile Virus online map that shows where human cases have been reported, where the virus has been found and where mosquito to control operations, such as spraying, are occurring.

The map may be found at www.rivcoph.org/Home/WestNileMap.aspx.

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. 23

- Willy B., 6-8 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- "Creed," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Dec. 24

- "Creed," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Christmas Eve Candle Light Celebration, 4:30-6 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church.
- Candle Lighting Service with Phyllis Curington-Brown, John King,

Melissa Maki, Barbara Rayliss & Bill Sheppard, 6 p.m. Spiritual Living Center.

- Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church.
- Thursday night football. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

Friday, Dec. 25

- "Point Break," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Live music, 5-8 p.m.; Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.

Saturday, Dec. 26

- David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; Tara Rose Davison, 1-3 p.m.; Keith McCabe, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
- 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.

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- Melissa Severa book talk, "Mountain Fire Momma," 2-4 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- "Point Break," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- The HoJo Experience, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

Sunday, Dec. 27

- Keith McCabe, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
- 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.
- Robin Adler, Dave Blackburn & Quint, 1-4 p.m. Ferro.
- "Point Break," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Dec. 28

- Forest Folk Cribbage Group, 10 a.m.-noon; Children's Storytime, Year-end Frozen Party," 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Cheyenne Womack, classical guitar, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
- 3Skinz, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.
- "Point Break," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- Football & Happy Hour, Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

- Knit Wits, 1-3 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.
- "Point Break," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Dec. 30

- Lenny Hansell & guest,

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

- "Point Break," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Dec. 31

- "Point Break," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- New Year's Eve Live DJ, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. Friday. Jo'An's Restaurant & Bar.
- Change Required, 8 p.m.-midnight, Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

Friday, Jan. 1

- Poetry Fridays, 3-5 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- Live music, 5-8 p.m.; Karaoke, 8 p.m.-midnight. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- Peter Curtis, jazz guitar, 6-9 p.m. Ferro.
- Sunrise, Elai Jacobs, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

• "Point Break," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Saturday, Jan. 2

- David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon; Change Required, 1-3 p.m.; Keith McCabe, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
- Yu Gi Oh! Teen Card Club, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Idyllwild Library.
- 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.
- "Point Break," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
- 3Skinz, 6-9 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.

Sunday, Jan. 3

- The Len Tones, 1-3 p.m. Café Aroma.

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Master Chorale gets special honor

The Idyllwild Master Chorale had a wonderful surprise during Sunday afternoon's performance at the IAF Theatre at Idyllwild Arts. For its annual holiday concert, State Sen. **Jeff Stone** sent his District Director **Glenn Miller** (right) to present a proclamation honoring the chorale for its long history of work. Accepting the honor are (from left) Idyllwild Arts Foundation President **Pamela Jordon**, Conductor **Dwight "Buzz" Holmes** and IMC President **Steve Kunkle**.
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Brother, sister duo part of Idyllwild School winning spellers

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Fifth-grader Michael Stroud and his sister, fourth-grader Mei Li Stroud, are two of four Idyllwild School students who will represent the school at the Hemet Unified District Spelling Bee Tuesday, Jan. 12.

Michael and Mei Li will represent Idyllwild Elementary. Michael finished first after correctly spelling "sonar."

Jessica Ruelas and Grace McKimson, both sixth graders, will represent Idyllwild Middle School. Jessica finished first after correctly spelling "hypnotic."

Natalie Grove, grade four, was runner up. The Idyllwild School Spelling Bee was held on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer served as spelling master, assisted by faculty members Marcie Curcie, Jessie Ornelas-Mares, Kirsten Ingrebretsen and Bob Leih.

The district champion will compete in the Riverside County Spelling Bee on Feb. 23. The district runner up will serve as an alternate at the county bee.

Only five students participated in the Idyllwild School bee, held on the same day Los Angeles closed all its schools after receiving a purported terrorist threat by email. Originally, 12 Idyllwild School students had been scheduled to take part in the bee, but school attendance

was affected by parental concern over the Los Angeles school closures.

Kraemer said his school had received a number of calls from parents the morning of Dec. 15 questioning what protocols were in place to deal with bomb or terrorist threats. "Parents were concerned about security prompted by the Los Angeles school closures," said Kraemer. He said that concern was reflected in reduced attendance that day.

L.A. Unified School District Superintendent Ramon Cortines made the decision to close all district schools after reviewing a crudely written email threat sent to the members of the LAUSD Board of Education. Cortines said he made the decision because he couldn't take a chance with the district's 640,000 students.

New York City law enforcement also received a similar threat but dismissed it as a hoax, which it in fact turned out to be. Both L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti and Police Chief Charlie Beck agreed with Cortines' decision noting that investigators could not determine, at the time the email was received, if the threat was legitimate or not.

Surveys after the San Bernardino shootings on Wednesday, Dec. 2, have shown a spike in nationwide concerns over possible new terrorist attacks.

Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.



Idyllwild Elementary School Spelling Bee champion **Michael Stroud** receives a congratulatory hug from his mother, **Anne Stroud**. Michael, fifth grade, and his sister, **Mei Li**, fourth grade, were first and second respectively in the Elementary School section of the Bee. **Jessica Ruelas** and **Grace McKimson**, both sixth grade, were first and second respectively in the Middle School section. All four will represent Idyllwild School at the Hemet Unified School District Spelling Bee in January.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Library goes green

The Riverside County Library System invites you to Go Green.

On a monthly basis, an average of 1,207 notices are mailed to library patrons regarding the "holds" placed on books or other materials and "overdue"

reminders.

Email notices are environmentally friendly; they reduce the library's postage, copying and paper use, and are delivered without unexpected delays. You'll get notices faster and it will save trees

and paper by not printing them.

Patrons who haven't already done so are encouraged to sign up for email notifications of their holds and overdue reminders. Not only is it "green," but email notices are also the most reliable and

fastest method to receive library alerts.

Just ask any library staff member the next time you're in the library, or simply log in to your account at www.rivlib.net, select "My Account," to add or update your email address.





Ventriloquist **John Gandelman** performed at the Idyllwild Library Saturday. With him were many different puppets, including his favorite elephant, who shot water at the audience, bringing everyone to laughs.
PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER

Below left: Spirit Mountain Retreat Founder **Francis Rothlueber** leads a meditation during the Winter Solstice Celebration at the Caine Learning Center on Sunday.
PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

Below, following the week when 500 world leaders gathered in Paris to talk about climate change, Idyllwild participated in the world-wide Billion People March last Saturday at Harmony Monument. "We're glad they're talking but now it's time for change," said **Richard Barker** (front) with his Russian Siberian husky **Stavro**. Also participating (from left) were **Mallory Cremin**, **Naomi Cohen**, **Jenn Quintyn** and **Pete Anderson** on guitar.
PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK



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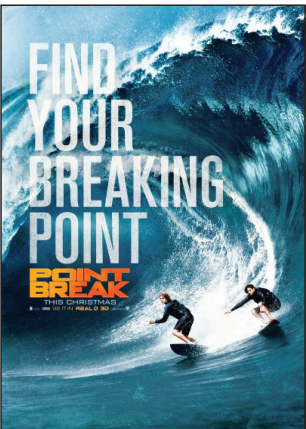
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Above, **James Bachmann** of Idyllwild operates ventriloquist **Joe Gandelman's** most difficult dummy at the Idyllwild Library Saturday. James is a burgeoning ventriloquist in his own right, and impressed Gandelman, who earlier entertained a roomful of children and adults at the free Friends of the Idyllwild Library event. Gandelman also taught the group many of his techniques.

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Young **Lylah Potter** approaches Santa for her gift at New Spirit Vacation Homes on Sunday. A representative of New Spirit Vacation Homes, which sponsored the Toy Drive, said about 90 percent of the children who received toys were from the Idyllwild area.

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Santa Claus appeared at Jo'An's Restaurant & Bar Saturday to hear kids' Christmas wish lists and collect food for distribution to the needy. From left, **Ryan Dunn**, 12, **Taylor Dunn**, 9, and **Jake Ruyle**, 12, all from Temecula, gather around Santa while having lunch with their families.

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A&E

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- Michael Britton & Karen Blanchard, noon-4 p.m.; Live music to 8 p.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
- "Point Break," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

- 11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
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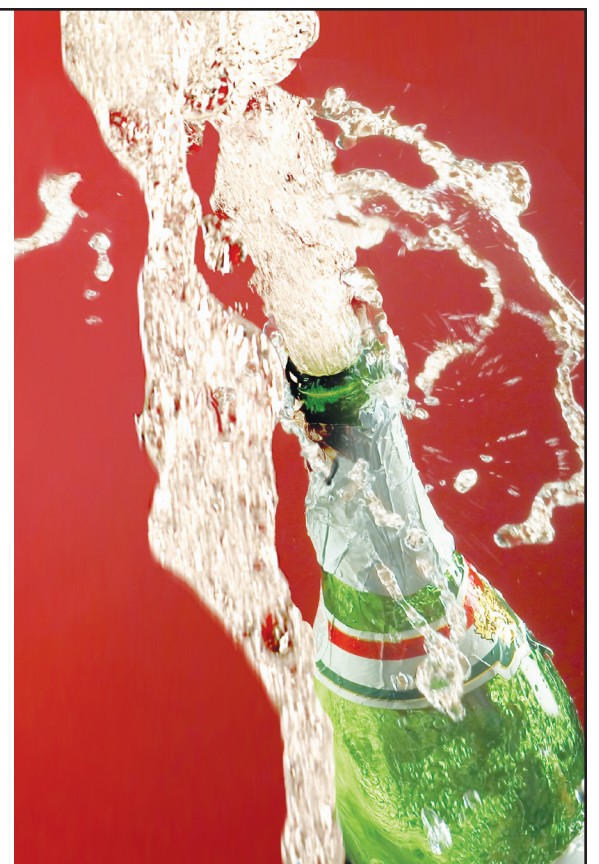
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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

This year marks the 108th anniversary of probably the most famous Christmas newspaper editorial of all time. It was written by Francis P. Church in response to a letter from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon. It was published on Sept. 21, 1897, in the New York Sun.

We reprint it each year for the enjoyment of our readers:

Is there a Santa Claus? We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

Dear Editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, "If you see it in the Sun, it's so." Please tell me the

truth, is there a Santa Claus?
Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and



joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable their existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your Papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor

men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else more real and abiding.

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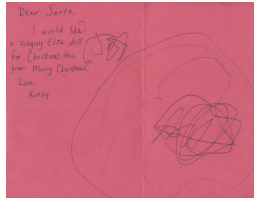
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Santa Letters

Each year, Santa allows the Town Crier to publish local kids' letters on their way to the North Pole. Here's this year's crop of Christmas correspondence:

Dear Santa,
I would like a singing Elsa doll for Christmas this year. Merry Christmas.

Love, Kinsey



Dear Santa and Mrs. Claus,
We have been good listeners and helpers at Lil' Critters PreSchool. Here is what we would like for Christmas.

- Lil' Critters PreSchoolers

Kayden-3-1/2 yrs old- Light up scooter, light up playhouse and flashing flash lights.

Gracie-4 yrs. old- I want glass slippers for me. I want a dres and a little Elsa doll and little Elsa castle.

Evy-4 yrs. old- I would like a sparkly castle for my princesses. I would like Jasmine with a dress and a santa toy. I want a lot of toys. I like light bulbs and presents and that's all of it. Oh yeah I would like sunglasses that's all of it.

Caden-4 yrs. old- I want Teacher Heather because I love you. I want a light sabre a red one. I want a lot of light sabres. I want a polar express train like up there (Teacher Kathy's)

Ruby-4 yrs. old- Uhh a new bike. Uhh a new computer because my computer doesn't work when I push the button. I would like my vanity all colored up to be a new one.

Kayson-3 yrs. old- I want a green ribbon, a star and an owl toy. And one more thing a puppy that doesn't bite.

Beau-3 yrs. old- A racing car and a paw patrol. I want TV. and a toy Kitchen, and a car helmet and a table.

Victoria- I don't know. I'm 2. Umm toys. Umm a water bottle. Presents.

Piper-4 yrs. old- I want some books. Maybe Elsa toys. Maybe a bike. Maybe some purses from Santa.

Makai-3 yrs. old- I would like dragons. Dragons with boys and girls okay. I want a present. Umm ninja socks for my ninja shoes.

Luke-4 yrs. old- I want a trampoline. I want a choo choo train for Jude- Then my sister wants earrings for her ears. That's all.

Cade-4 yrs. old- Remote control skateboards. And blaze pajamas and paw patrol pajamas. That's all.

Miles-4 yrs. old- Umm a toy tractor and a toy bucket. I also like a new shirt and I like a new ball. That's all.

Cece-4 yrs.- A yoyo, a Lego castle, a little boy Barbie, American Girl doll, a Elsa and Anna watch. Just Elsa nightgown to match Lucy.

Ethan-4 yrs.- Toys. I just want toys.

Talon-4-1/2 yrs. old- A Spiderman toy. Fire truck with ladder.
Violet-4-1/2 yrs. old- A bike. That's Enough. I'm going to get more presents anyway from Mommy.

P.S.- Please remember a gift for Brianna, baby Oliver and baby Owen too! Thank You! Merry Christmas! Teacher Kathy, Teacher Heather and Lil' Critters Preschool

Dear Santa,
I want a rip stick for Christmas this year!

Love Griffin
Merry Christmas

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Santa Letters

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Dear Santa,
How are you, Mrs. Claus, elves, and reindeer doing? I'm fine. For Christmas I want Calico Critters. We left you cookies and chocolate milk and for the reindeer some carrots. Have a very merry Christmas!
Love, Lyliaann Johnston



Dear: Santa
I want calico critters for Christmas. I am going to leave some chocolate milk and cookies. And say hi to the reindeer for me. Merry Christmas Santa! And I'm going to leave some carrots for the reindeer.
Love: Kaelynn

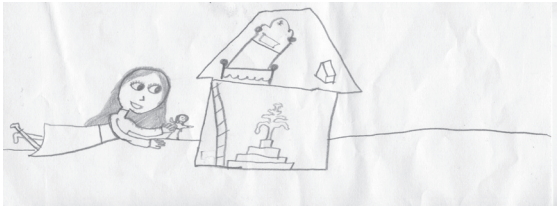


Dear Santa,
My name is Jens. I am 5 1/2 years old. I live in Idyllwild, California. Your reindeer would like the forest here. This year, I have been a good boy sometimes. I think I deserve a blue L. claw crane. I promise to leave you cookies and milk.
Love, Jens

Dear Santa,
This Christmas, I am 2 years old. This year, I have been naughty (but nice!) What I would like most for Christmas is... skateboard and blueberry candy. And I promise to leave out cookies for you! Merry Christmas Santa!
Love, Kimi
P.S. Please "Hi" to Frosty for me!

Dear Santa,
I really want an X box 360. Other wise get me a lego set. If you do get a X box 360 then get some games too, This is a list of games I want. First, I want Minecraft, Call of Duty (any Kind), Watch Dogs, lego Dimensions, and the lego Hobbit.
Sincerely, Carter

Dear Santy,
Hello, my name is Natalie E. Grove. I want a bunch of things like a the doll house at Cosco I think it was called "The Far Away Dreamhouse." I would also like to be surprized. Thank You!
P.S. Be Safe! And tell Prancer to stop fighting with Bixen.
Sincerely, Natalie



Dear, Santy Claus
I know this is alot to ask but I want a modercycle I want it because my sister has her own. Also I want a new light up deer they are really cool I also want a nice hug from you Santy Claus. Bye Bye! Santa Claus!
Love, Hannah

Dear Santa I would like...

1. Kitty
2. Kitty cage
3. bows
4. hats
5. skateboard
6. computer
7. phone
8. hoverboard
9. x-box 360
10. makeup box with makeup

Love, Evey

Dear Santa,
My name is Kilo Reynosa, thank you for getting me awesome presents and bringing joy and gifts to children all over the world, this Christmas I would like a Tablet Mini, and please get my baby 1 year old sister Inanna a baby Kitten if that's not to much to ask.
Thank you, Kilo

Dear Santa,
My name is Mecino thank you for getting me all the presents that I asked for every year; this year want a NINTENDO 3DS XL.
Thank you, Mecino

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Temple Har Shalom celebrates Hanukkah, community

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Idyllwild's Jewish Temple Har Shalom (Mountain of Peace) celebrated its second Hanukkah as an Idyllwild congregation festively and inclusively. Of all the Jewish holidays, Hanukkah may be the most familiar to Christians because of its proximity to and occasional overlap with Christmas. Other similarities include the exchange of gifts, special meals, games and decorations, and an emphasis on candlelight.

Hanukkah is known as the festival of lights, with first one candle lit, then an additional candle on each night of the eight-day festival. Blessings are said with the lighting of each candle.

Temple President Pat Schnetzer recounted that 20 years ago, Idyllwild resident Jessica Shiffman started a tradition of having potlucks for the local Jewish community. But until two years ago, there was no local congregation to regularly celebrate Shabbat (the Sabbath) and High Holy Days. Now the Temple has 100 on its mailing lists, and draws 50 or more for High Holy Day services and 30 who regularly attend Friday night Shabbat. "We needed a place to come together and to welcome all," said Schnetzer. "We're inclusive and unaffiliated." Schnetzer knows about inclusivity and welcoming those of different traditions. Raised Catholic, Schnetzer converted to Judaism in 1995 and had her Bat Mitzvah two years later. She champions the Temple's mission of providing welcome to all those who are interested in attending.

The Har Shalom website states, "Temple Har Shalom of Idyllwild was established to come together to worship, to study, to celebrate our happy occasions and to be a support to one another through difficult times. We are a diverse congregation. Among our families are couples with children, seniors, single parents, same-sex partners, interfaith couples and singles. We embrace the varied orientations of Judaism in contemporary society and want to make this place an extension of your home."

Jeffrey Cohen, Temple event logistic coordinator, said of the Temple's Hanukkah celebration and of the need to congregate together, "Jews are tribal. We enjoy breaking bread and coming together. There is a feeling of com-



Temple Har Shalom officers President **Pat Schnetzer** (left), Event Logistic Coordinator **Jeffrey Cohen**, (center) and **Barry Zander**, secretary and fundraiser, enact the lighting of the Shabbat candles. Zander pointed out that observing Shabbat is the center of Jewish observances, and the only one mentioned in the Ten Commandments, "Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it Holy."

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

radeship and community."

Hanukkah, with translates as "rededication," is a minor Jewish holiday that celebrates two miracles. It is not even a particularly religious holiday, but more of a commemorative historical celebration of faith and resilience. "There are two miracles," said Schnetzer, "one of the oil and the other of the defeat of the Hellenic armies by a small Jewish force."

Historically, Judea had been part of Hellenic oversight since the time of Alexander the Great. Under relatively benevolent rule, Jews could practice their reli-

gion and there was considerable blending of the two cultures, Jewish and Greek. That stopped with an invasion by the Seleucid (Syrian Hellenic) King Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who desecrated the Temple, erected a statue of Zeus on the altar and began active persecution of the Jews and repression of Jewish religious practice.

But in one of the miracles noted by Schnetzer and celebrated during Hanukkah, Antiochus was defeated by a ragtag Jewish force in a revolt led by the young militant Judas Maccabeus. Maccabeus restored the Holy Temple to Jewish worship, and purified and rededicated it by lighting the Temple menorah. The candles on the menorah burned for eight days even though only enough sacred oil existed for one day's lighting. And that is the miracle of light, the oil which could not last for eight days, but miraculously did. The lighting of the menorah candles is the centerpiece of Hanukkah celebrations.

Hence, Hanukkah is an eight-day observance celebrating the eight days the candles burned, with only enough oil for one. This year, Hanukkah began on Dec. 6 and lasted through the night of Dec. 13. These twin events have been celebrated by Jews since the success of the Maccabean Revolt in 167 B.C.E. (before Christian era).

Barry Zander, Temple fundraiser and secretary, noted how important the ongoing financial support of the Jewish Federation of the Desert as been to the success of the Temple Har Shalom. He also appreciates the congregation's mission of inclusiveness. "I support Temple Har Shalom because I appreciate the latitude we have of being able to practice the religion as we prefer. I am totally comfortable with the concepts of Judaism as

I understand them." And that distinction, to practice as one understands the religion, is what drew Schnetzer to Judaism — the tradition of questioning that is a fundamental part of the religion. "I can question," she said.

Next year, Hanukkah and Christmas will overlap. In 2016, Hanukkah begins on Dec. 24 and ends eight days later.

For more about Temple Har Shalom, visit www.templeharshalomidyllwild.org

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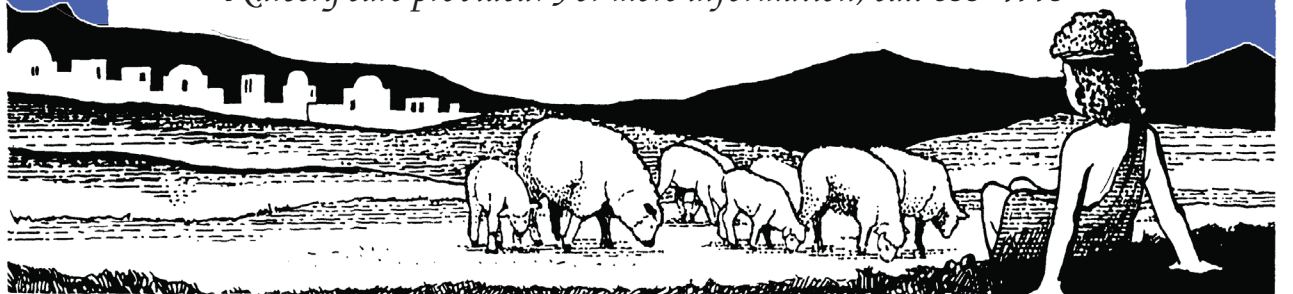
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ART'S CORNER

By ARTHUR CONNOR

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IAF Theater, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12
Timothy Verville, conductor
"Wenn Bach Bienen Gezuchtet Hatte" (1976), Arvo Part
"Symphony Number 8 in F Major, Opus 93" (1812), Ludwig van Beethoven
"Suite of Incidental Music to 'Pelleas et Melisande,' Opus 46" (1905), Jean Sibelius

Given the prospect of the approaching holiday season here on the Hill, the anticipation of the year's final orchestral program provided opportunities (at least to this reviewer) for both reflective retrospection and a looking forward to future possibilities of instrumental entertainment. So it was with a somewhat disappointed sense of reflection and prospectiveness that the Saturday evening offering had to be held in the confines of the old IAF Theatre rather than the spacious new Lowman facility; which turned out to be just as well, for the program's items seemed to reinforce a two-faced Janus-like outlook.

And thus it happened that "your intrepid reviewer," equipped with only his legs to carry him onward and with the tundra of Fern Valley behind him, made his way to Idyllwild Arts at the appointed time to witness both the conductorial activities and the ensemble's playing.

The designated program's first offering — a section of a suite-like composition, whose title translates as "If Bach were a bee-keeper" — reflected the general forward/backward theme of the evening, proving itself to be the link in the Estonian composer's output from a non-tonal basis toward a more focused emphasis on tonal relationships from the late 1970s on.

The particular section in question, with its division of sonic patterns in the groups, added to the scaled-down string section (piano, percussion and wind quintet), only made this point more obvious as the piece unfolded, from a generic buzzing effect (presumably representing the beehive) to an adaptation of several of Johann Sebastian's themes, juxtaposed both symmetrically and rhythmically. Mr. Verville's exemplary conducting skills were patently on view from the start, and although the orchestral seating plan presented minor problems of intonation and over-loudness, the composer's intentions were most realistically effected.

Mr. Verville prefaced the evening's second offering with an overview of the relative popularity of Beethoven's symphonic output, based on the programming tendencies of orchestras worldwide, with his 8th symphony

Zen Center resident writes of surviving the Mountain Fire

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Melissa Severa, Yokoji Zen Mountain Center resident, writes about "one woman's story of wildfire, family and the Zen of survival." Her story, "Mountain Fire Mama," is a deeply personal account of the center's narrow escape from fire and the major damage it subsequently suffered from torrents of water carrying debris and mud that buried cars and impacted structures.

Severa will read from her book at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, at the Idyllwild Library Community Room. It is a story of how the fire and rain affected not only her Zen Center family, but also of her many mountain women friends, "mountain mamas" all. "The women on this mountain are some fierce, yet gentle, down-to-earth or even more ethereal, survivors — stacking wood, traveling
See Mountain Fire, next page



Melissa Severa recounts her Yokoji Mountain Zen Center's survival from the Mountain Fire in her new book, "Mountain Fire Mama." Severa will discuss and read from her very personal account at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 26, at the Idyllwild Library Community Room.
PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

far below average in performance scheduling; and it's easy enough to surmise the various reasons for this, as coming after the major impact of his 7th and prior to the Choral Symphony's even more spectacular premises.

Nevertheless, the conductor presented an excellent argument for each of the four movements of the 8th, starting with the work's forceful opening statement and proceeding through the remainder, with the orchestral interplay giving rise to lighthearted feelings in the middle movements at the composer's whimsy (at the expense of the inventor of the metronome as well as the "inventor" of the minuet), and by the finale's summing up of the state of his own compositorial art versus the early 19th century's orchestral capabilities. Again, the retrospective and the introspective were perfectly balanced, as was the total sum of the forces involved.

After the short intermission, the not-too-often-performed set of nine parts of Sibelius' incidental music to Maurice Maeterlinck's "Pelleas et Melisande" was essayed; generally run through (when performed at all) as third-rate Tchaikovsky or warmed-over Wagner (with whom the Finnish composer had more than just an ordinary love/hate relationship).

Conductor Verville's approach was patently at odds with the usual interpretation; the nobility of the piece's emotionally charged sections (dealing principally with the male protagonists) and especially the portrayal of the tragically fated heroine (here one needs to single out the performance of Christine Massey Warren on English horn, where Melisande's death scene is underscored by the timbre and evocation of Sibelius' prior "Swan of Tuonela" music to heighten the surrounding ensemble's reverent quietude) were the evening's most enlightening moments.

Even as the program's somber ending was fading amidst well-deserved audience applause, this reviewer was struck again with the forward-and-backward metaphor for the evening, and in hoping for a safe and happy holiday season to his readers, his wishes for an even more productive performance schedule in the expected new concert venue should remain as the top priority for the academy's students, teachers and administrators to realize at the fullest extent possible.

By JAY PENTRACK

Jade Mountain Asian Bistro, an Asian fusion restaurant, will open in the location vacated recently by La Bella Montagna at 26290 Highway 243. The new restaurant is owned by Luis and Michelle Solis, owners of the Lumber Mill and Fratello's.

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What can science say about racism? ...

After watching several presidential debates, questions began to mount. Then some of the statements made by the current Republican Party front-runner, as well as the most recent comments from Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia regarding African-Americans and their ability to succeed at certain universities, clarified those questions.

I had to ask myself, "What would an objective, scientific critique of their views look like?" So allow me to expostulate.

First, we must remember that race is a cultural construct. No biological basis exists for racial classification. No real distinct genetic boundaries exist for the groups socially defined as races. We only have 0.1 percent genetic variation within our species as compared with chimpanzees who have between 0.5 and 0.7 percent.

So while there is variation between and within populations, the greatest amount of genetic variation within our species isn't between those of European and African ancestry but between various subpopulations within Africa, which is known as the Founder Effect.

The Founder Effect is caused by reduced genetic diversity in a population founded by a small number of individuals. While scientists refer to races as populations or ethnic groups, the physical characteristics associated with race are due to adaptations to climate and environment (everything from height, color, nose shape, etc).

These morphological differences are genetic adaptations to the environment over time in a specific geographic area and are called clines.

While there are differing opinions with regards to whether certain races are more susceptible to certain

Mountain Fire

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dangerous roads, letting the weather dictate the tasks for the day, going with the flow with determination — these are the women I know up here. These women here on this mountain, they are what inspired me to write this book, their gentleness, their fire. I've never experienced this great a sense of extended family."

There is, in her account, a recurring theme: that people who live on this mountain are of a special sort — caring, helping and sharing what they have. As she says in her book, "Idyllwild has the highest concentration of people who just want to live a good life. The mountain attracts the people who are meant to live here, and live well."

Yet, notes Severa, the very qualities in nature that influence and shape those who live here are the same that can, in a moment, sear and destroy it all. Wild-fire moves quickly, leaving human and animal inhabitants little time to flee. Fast-moving water can carry away cars, people and animals.

Severa writes of the rapid evacuation of the Zen Center as flames approached. She recalls driving down their mile of dirt road with a minivan loaded with children and possessions past the approaching fire front — windows closed, sky darkened and embers flying like snow in the wind. And just as Idyllwild residents would experience two days later, she stopped when she safely could and looked back in the direction of her home. It is a moment any who had to evacuate during the Mountain Fire will remember — that look, perhaps the last, at the place where one's home is.

conditions such as heart disease or diabetes, there is just as much evidence that correlates with the amount of stress, the type of diet and your socioeconomic setting.

Biological anthropologist Robert Sussman in his book "The Myth of Race" reminds us that racism is a learned behavior or ideology that can be eliminated by exposing children as early as possible to greater diversity, thus promoting acceptance and tolerance.

The beauty of science is that it forces you to admit when you got something wrong. Until the early part of the 20th century, it was a commonly held belief among scientists that intelligence was linked to race. Some of the earliest experiments compared skulls of people from different

"Looking at the green expanse in front of me with the fire front flowing forward toward my familiar forest and home, I think, 'Will I ever see this again?'"

Severa writes of the days that follow — learning the center is safe, then returning to find much of it severely impacted by mud and debris, and the many weeks of debris and mud excavation and removal that follow. It is a story of flinty endurance, hard work, patience, trust and a belief that working together, in the face of adversity, brings out the best in people. "To really know a person, look at how they live through their difficult times," she said.

"How do we live through the most adverse of circumstances," asks Severa? "What is the quality that best boosts and carries us when we are most in need?" That is what "Mountain Fire Momma" is about. "The fragility of our bodies and of our lives, the earth's immense power in nature to create disaster in the blink of an eye — war, school massacres, personal violence — and the Mountain Fire," writes Severa. "Yet it is in this that we experience the nobility of the human condition. We still laugh and smile with one another with great love. So noble. We keep trying. I cry when I feel the oneness of the world in this beautiful way. I am proud to be here."

For more about the Yokoji Zen Mountain Center visit www.zmc.org.

Marshall Smith can be reached at marshall@towncrier.com.

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So You Think You Know the Hill?

BY JACK CLARK
CONTEST JUDGE



I thought last week's photo would be easy-peasy with lots of entrants. Only two, though: **Shirley Kribs** and the **Josh and Emily White** family. It was the row of units at Idyllwild Mini Storage on Highway 243 next to Napa Auto Parts. "**Lola LaShoose**" pulled Shirley's name from the hat, so she wins the two tickets to **Shane Stewart's** Rustic Theatre. Now on to this week's photo.

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.



The Friends of the San Jacinto Mountain County Parks enjoy their Christmas party at the Rainbow Inn Friday, Dec. 18.
PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



Pamela Jordan, Idyllwild Arts Foundation, accepts a \$2,700 donation from Art Alliance of Idyllwild President **Shanna Robb**. Funds will support three different areas, whose purpose is to keep art available to Idyllwild youth.
PHOTO BY JENNY KIRCHNER



Bob Greenamy, Lynn Ryan, Corinne Greenamy and Sam Watts enjoy the art at one of the Art Alliance of Idyllwild's "popup" galleries in the Village Lane on Friday.
PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE

The Garner Valley Gals bid a fond farewell to **Marya Zentz** (fourth from left, front row) during a Christmas luncheon hosted by **Sally Burrage** (third from right, back row). Marya, a long-time Garner Valley resident, is moving to Yucaipa to be closer to family. She will be greatly missed.
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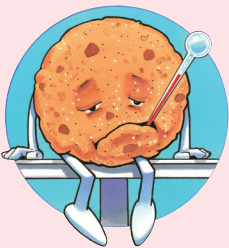
The holidays are a time for making cookies, candy and other sweets. Each of the following is one such sweet. Fill in the blanks to name that sweet.



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- 3 G I _ _ E R _
- 4 E A D
- 5 S _ G _ R C _ _ K I _ S
- 6 P E A _ U _ B L O _ _ O M S
- 7 T H U _ _ P R _ N T C _ _ K I _ S
- 8 F _ U I _ C _ K E

Answers: 1) Fudge, 2) Spritz, 3) Gingerbread, 4) Sugar Cookies, 5) Peanut Blossoms, 6) Thumbprint Cookies, 7) Fruitcake

Jokes and Riddles



Q: Why did the cookie go to the doctor?

A: Because he was feeling crummy.

Q: Why is a fruitcake like history?

A: Because it's full of dates.

Grand in Every Way

Each year as the holiday season approaches, plans get underway for a grand gingerbread White House. That's right, the White House gets in on the gingerbread house tradition. The president and his family do not make the actual house. They leave that up to the head pastry chef and their staff.

Making the gingerbread White House is no small feat. It takes weeks of hard work and help from a variety of people, including carpenters, plumbers, electricians and others depending upon the design. The house is usually too big to construct in the pastry shop and must be done somewhere else in the White House.

Once the gingerbread White House is finished, it is moved to the State Dining Room for visitors to see throughout the holiday season. Then it is moved across the street to the White House Visitor Center for further viewing. Although the gingerbread house is not meant to be eaten, the head pastry chef often notices some nibbles on it once it is returned to the White House.



Kids and parents gather in the music room at Idyllwild School last week before winter break to watch the kindergarten class perform Christmas songs.
PHOTO BY JOHN DRAKE



Mrs. Claus arrived at the Idyllwild Library Monday in time for Christmas Storytime, where more than 20 youngsters and 30 adults greeted her. Lots of activities filled the day, but for **Briar Scott**, getting her face painted by Mrs. Claus was the highlight. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library as part of the weekly storytime series.
PHOTO COLLAGE BY BARRY ZANDER

Churches and Spiritual Centers Directory of Idyllwild

Christian Science Church

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

Cross Road 243 Christian Fellowship

Interdenominational, Pastor Wally Boer. Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School, 10am plus Weekly Studies. Call for info, 659-0097. 29375 Hwy 243 in Mountain Center.



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Idyllwild Community Church

54400 N. Circle Dr. 659-2935 • Rev. Richard Olson
Sunday Worship – 9:30 a.m.
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Spiritual Living Center

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Golf

Jim Crandall, Palms to Pines Golf Association handicap chair, gave this report about the Friday, Dec. 18, regular monthly golf tournament, played at The Country Club at Soboba Springs.

The course was in good shape with fast greens. The greens were so fast that on a sloping green, you could putt uphill to a hole and, if you missed, it could roll back down to from where you started from or worse.

John Brower (course handicap 9) and **Dave Robb** (14) tied for first place with net 69s. **Pete Holzman** (10) came in third with a net 72, **John LoGiudice** (21) took fourth with a net 73, and **Lev Sanford** (23) and **Scott Schroeder** (20) tied for fifth with net 75s.

Brower won the low-gross side pot with his 78. The closest-to-the-pin winners on the four par 3s were **Barry Wallace** on holes No. 4 and No. 13, and Brower was closest on holes No. 8 and No. 15.

The shot of the day goes to **Don DePalma** (38). The 120-yard par 3 fourth hole is set up so that you tee off from the top of a hill down to the green below. Between the tee and the green is a lake. DePalma hit his tee shot into the lake, it skipped across, bounced off the bank on the far side, and rolled up onto the green.

The 2015-16 season runs from August 2015 through July 2016.

Here are the year-to-date points:

Place	Golfer	Points
1	Lee Lanfried	17.5
2	Dave Robb	16.5
3	John Brower	13
4	Pete Capparelli	12
5	Pete Holzman	9.33
6	John King	8.5
7	Barry Wallace	7
8	Barry Zander	5.33
9	Jim Crandall	5
10	John LoGiudice	3
11	Gary Brown	2.5
tied	Lev Sanford	2.5
13	Chris Kramer	2
14	Don DePalma	1.5
tied	Tom Flanagan	1.5
	David Hiemenz	1.5
17	Bob Baker	1
tied	Jerry Daquila	1
	Ken Garelick	1
	Bill Ragland	1
	Walt Reeves	1
	Scott Schroeder	1
	Tony Viola	1
24	Robert Priefer	0.83

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

A member has to compete in at least five regular-season tournaments to qualify for the playoffs.

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

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

Idyllwild School Basketball



Some of the action during last week's boys and girls games between Idyllwild Middle School and San Jacinto Valley Academy. SJVA prevailed in both games, but the Idyllwild girls played with heart throughout, and the boys contest was anybody's game with two minutes remaining.
PHOTOS BY JACK CLARK

Town Hall Basketball



Here, the game-winning point brought the Bruins to a win over the Wildcats in Town Hall Youth Basketball at Idyllwild School Friday night. The Bruins won in overtime 14-10.
PHOTO BY ZAC JOHNSON

Volleyball

Town Hall Adult Co-ed Softball Coordinator **Ginger Dagnall** gave this report on recent games.

- Dec 14, Idyllwild Garage beat Idyllwild Inn in four games.
- Dec 16, Idyllwild Garage beat Soil Supply Co. in five games.
- Dec 17, Silver Pines Lodge beat Idyllwild Vacation Rentals in three games.
- Dec 18, Silver Pines Lodge beat La Casita in three games.
- Dec 19, six matches were played from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Silver Pines pulled another second win against La Casita in three games. Silver Pines then beat Soil Supply Co. in four games and each game was super close. Soil Sup-

ply Co. managed to take its first win against La Casita in four games and all were close scores. Idyllwild Inn beat a tough team Idyllwild Garage in five hard-played games, only beating by a few points each game. Idyllwild Inn beat Idyllwild Vacation Rentals in four games. Idyllwild Garage beat Idyllwild Vacation Rentals in give games but Vacation Rentals gave them a run for their money.

Standings	Wins	Losses
Idyllwild Garage	4	1
Silver Pines Lodge	4	1
Idyllwild Inn	3	1
Soil Supply Co.	2	2
Idyllwild Vacation Rentals	0	4
La Casita	0	4

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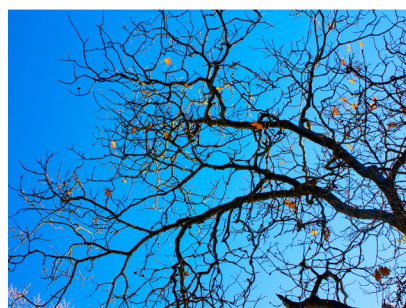
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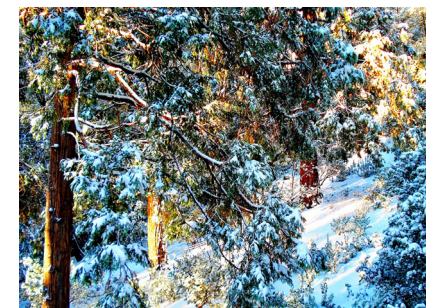
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Idyllwild California

January 2017

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BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Happy holidays to all. Here are a few of ARF's furballs looking for Christmas homes. Remember, a dog or cat is forever, not just a gift for the holidays.

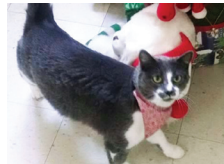


Kaylena is a young female kitten about 12 weeks old. Her brother was adopted, and she is looking for someone to be patient with her as she is very shy. After a few consistent days, she loves to be held and played with.

Carly and **Sadie** are female sisters. Carly is extremely shy. Sadie loves to dance in and out of your legs. **Whiskers** is the gray and white female about 4 years old.

We will have a new momma and six kittens coming in this week. They will be available for adoption soon.

Puddytat is looking for her new home for Christmas. She is about 2 years old.



Her babies have all been adopted to forever homes. Now this momma wants to play. She loves to run, play and have attention. She's OK with other cats

that are calm, and she knows who is the boss in the canine crowd.

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.



ARF has many cats and dogs available for adoption or fostering. Visit www.arfidyllwild.weebly.com and click on Petfinder. It also has a link for Facebook, too. You can always call ARF at 951-659-1122. Calls are answered before the end of the day. All pets are spayed, neutered and current on shots. ARF is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

Creature Corner is sponsored by Rene, Ming, Paris & the late Ruben Garcia.

Past

Tense

65 years ago - 1950

Two men, Mike Dunn and Bill Bratton, set a record for the hike from Idyllwild to Palm Springs, reaching the Richfield Station in 10-1/2 hours.

60 years ago - 1955

Ted Belden, a local furniture manufacturer, led property owners in the mountain resort communities to decide that zoning was not desired. A hand vote was used to record the decision.

55 years ago - 1960

Crowding at the elementary school resulted in moving the kindergarten class across the street to Idyllwild Pines Camp.

50 years ago - 1965

More snow fell on the Hill, giving the San Jacinto Mountains a white Christmas.

45 years ago - 1970

The integration of the Idyllwild School of Music and the Arts into the School of Performing Arts, University of Southern California, was announced.



Idyllwild's community Christmas tree in 1962 stood in front of Gray's Photo Shop (now Merkaba's). It died from beetles. FILE PHOTO

40 years ago - 1975

A parade and a celebration in Anza recreated the historic march of Col. Juan Bautista de Anza from Mexico to San Francisco 200 years previously.

35 years ago - 1980

A working committee of community members formed to continue a fundraising drive for the Robert E. Holmes Bowl on the USC-Idyllwild campus. Because of the stirring performances of Handel's "Messiah," there was renewed interest in complet-

ing the amphitheater.

30 years ago - 1985

Bird counting as part of the 19th-annual Audubon Society Bird Count was "the best it had been in 19 years," said one couple.

25 years ago - 1990

A Russian violinist from Idyllwild Arts Academy starred in the ninth-annual "Christmas in Washington," a celebra-

tion hosted by President Bush and his wife, Laura.

20 years ago - 1995

As county park cuts hit the Hill, naturalist Michele Cardineaux received word that her position at the Idyllwild Nature Center was terminated, part of \$368,000 in budget cuts the county park division needed to make.

15 years ago - 2000

The U.S. Forest Service received the good news that its funding was being increased to a level it hadn't seen in over 20 years.

10 years ago - 2005

The Idyllwild Community Recreation Council rejected the Chamber of Commerce's last offer to join forces, reasoning that ICRC could better serve the community by remaining independent.

5 years ago - 2010

In an all-important pre-Christmas sales week for local merchants, five days of continuous rain began to dampen local sales.

1 year ago - 2014

The Mountain Area Safety Taskforce had been working with the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research to evaluate whether fuels treatments that leave chipped woody material behind are contributing to fire abatement or creating a fire problem.

Warm centers available

Riverside County Community Action Partnership is providing warm center drop-in sites for vulnerable individuals, seniors, the disabled, and others in need of temporary relief from the cold. Warm centers will open to the public, in affected areas, when the Riverside University Health Systems Public Health issues a "Cold Warning." Watch or listen for the "Cold Warning" on your television, radio or local newspaper.

Nearby warm centers are:

- American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marian View Drive, 4-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, noon-9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 951-659-3517

- Anza Community Hall,

56630 Hwy. 371, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 951-428-0901

- Banning Senior Center, 769 N. San Geronio Ave., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 951-922-3250

- Renaissance Pet Resort and Spa, warm center for pets, 1346 E. Ramsey Street, Banning, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 951-849-5020

- Hemet Simpson Center Valley-Wide Rec and Parks District, 305 E. Devonshire Ave., 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, 951-929-5607

You also are at risk if you have certain medical conditions, take medication for high blood pressure, have a mental health condition, or have been using drugs or alcohol.

Soroptimists ask for donations

Soroptimist International of Idyllwild (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 or Karen Doshier at 951-452-4599 to donate items mentioned.



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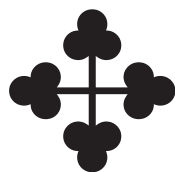
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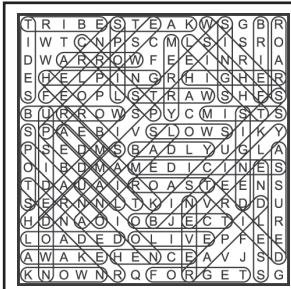
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as TEMECULA VALLEY PARTY AND EVENT RENTALS, 25782 Calle Corveta, Temecula, CA 92590, Riverside County. ELIZABETH ANN SENNE, 25782 Calle Corveta, Temecula, CA 92590.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

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: ELIZABETH ANN SENNE
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 23, 2015.

FILE NO.: R-201513129

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 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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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. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as MOUNTAIN SPA SERVICE, 26350 Delano Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: PO Box 3231, Idyllwild, CA 92549. MATTHEW ALLEN NUNN, 26350 Delano Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549. CHRISTINE MARY NUNN, 26350 Delano Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by a Married Couple.

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

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Registrant Signature: MATTHEW ALLEN NUNN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 25, 2015.

FILE NO.: R-201513204

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ACROSS

- Christian Andersen
- Medicated lozenge
- Stop on a crawl
- Chill
- "Hip Hip, ___!"
- "___ calls?"
- Admirer of anything French
- On, as a lamp
- Andrea Bocelli, for one
- "___ quam videri" (North Carolina's motto)
- Bit of dust
- Hush-hush
- Muhammad's religion
- Light or popular music (2 wds)
- Put one's foot down?
- Magical wish granter
- ___-friendly
- Codeine source
- Exclusive
- Vestibule
- Girasol, e.g.
- Performance given only once at any one place (hyph., 2 wds)
- Close-knit group
- "Stop right there!"
- Face-to-face exam
- "Hamlet" has five
- Boredom
- Family head
- HNO₂ (2 wds)
- "___ not!"
- Consecrate
- Battering wind
- Arch
- Marked with sinuous lines, botany
- Aims
- DOWN
- Sword

- Acquiesce
- Shade
- Married woman, Spanish
- Even if, briefly
- Catch, in a way
- ___ and aahs
- Emotionally stressful event
- Most robust
- Artist's asset
- Trigger, e.g.
- Condo, e.g.
- Information unit
- Colgate rival
- Bison features
- Apprentice
- Chair part
- Chop (off)
- Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"
- Bubkes
- "Fancy that!"
- Alien?
- "My boy"
- Someone
- visually attractive (2 wds)
- Kidney-related
- Bull markets
- Buddy
- Free from, with "of"
- Narrow country roads
- Granular
- Bully
- Period of legal minority
- Classic yo-yo maker
- Association of persons of the same trade
- Keeps out of sight
- "What are the ___?"
- Aggravate
- Beethoven's "Archduke ___"
- Princes, e.g.
- Bother
- Adaptable truck, for short

HOROSCOPES December 2015 — Week 4



March 21 – April 19

Psst, Aries. You're nowhere near the heart of the matter. There is more detective work to do. A memento inspires a new tradition.



April 20 – May 20

Personalities are bound to clash at an event. Be ready to act, Taurus. A gift brings back fond memories and inspires people to reconnect.



May 21 – June 21

Settle down, Gemini. You will not blow it. You've done your homework, and it will show. A youngster asks a question you've been dreading.



June 22 – July 22

Hope pervades this week, Cancer, as the impossible becomes possible. A friend makes a quick recovery. Throw a little celebration for them.



July 23 – August 22

Yes, yes, yes, Leo! There is a light at the end of the tunnel. Just one last step to complete, and it will be party time. An investment begins to pay off.



August 23 – September 22

Va-vu-vu, Virgo. You've been sticking to a fitness goal, and people are starting to notice. Your doctor will, too, when your reports come back better than expected.



September 23 – October 22

Uh-uh, Libra. Matching wits at an office event is ill advised. Listen and learn. The cat is let out of the bag at home, and you're stunned to say the least.



October 23 – November 21

Yikes, Scorpio. All of the holiday spending is starting to take a toll on your pocketbook. Good thing there are some bargains coming up. A loved one shares a story.



November 22 – December 21

Visions of sugarplums may not be dancing in your head, but they are in others. Take it easy on your team, Sagittarius. An argument is put to rest.



December 22 – January 19

Promises must be broken this week as a work matter moves front and center. Give it your all, Capricorn, and you will get the results you were hoping for and more.



January 20 – February 18

Party time, Aquarius. Don't say no. Put on your dancing shoes. There is so much to celebrate. A phone call clues you in to a friend's dilemma.



February 19 – March 20

The countdown is on. Are you ready, Pisces? If not, now is the time, and you should start with that favorite haunt. Wishes are granted.

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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015.

HEC1501796
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 880 N. State Street,
Hemet, CA 92543, Branch name: Civil.
PETITION OF RACHEL PATTERSON.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: RACHEL PATTERSON filed a
petition with this court for a decree changing
name as follows:
a. Present name: RACHEL SUZANNE
PATTERSON changed to Proposed name:
ALEX JASPER PATTERSON.

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: 01-14-2016 Time: 1:30pm,
Dept. H1.
b. The address of the court is same as
noted above.

3. b. Other: Changing to conform to
gender identity.
Date: 08/18/15
KATHLEEN JACOB
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015.

STATEMENT OF
ABANDONMENT OF USE OF
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
The following fictitious business name DO-
RYCE FLORIST, 3040 E. Florida Ave. Hemet,
CA 92544 Riverside Co, has been abandoned by
the following persons: LESLEE ANNSLIPICH,
601 E. Whittier Ave., Hemet, CA 92543 and
MICHAEL VLODIMERE SLIPICH, 601 E.
Whittier Ave., Hemet, CA 92543.
This business is conducted by a Married
Couple.

The fictitious business name referred
to above was filed in Riverside County on
04/18/2012.

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:
LESLEE A SLIPICH
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on 11/26/2015.

FILE NO.:
R-2015-04592

CERTIFICATION

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

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015.

RIC1513455
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 ESTHER GONZALEZ
ARANDA.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: ESTHER GONZALEZ ARAN-
DA filed a petition with this court for a decree
changing name as follows:
a. Present name: YOLTZIN ADAIR GON-
ZALEZ changed to Proposed name: YOLTZIN
ADAIR ROMANO.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 12-30-2015 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 newspa-
per of general circulation, printed in this county:
Riverside, Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: 11/09/15
JOHN W VINEYARD
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Dec. 3, 10, 17, 24, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are)
doing business as ALL KNOWLEDGE JIU JITSU
ACADEMY, 79364 Calle Vista Verde, La Quinta,
CA 92253, Riverside County. WILLIAM ROSS
NYMAN, 79364 Calle Vista Verde, La Quinta,
CA 92253.

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:
WILLIAM ROSS NYMAN
Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on Nov. 19, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-201512953

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A
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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
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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
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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 suc-
cessive weeks. Four publications in a newspaper
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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
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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 newspa-
per 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
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PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 10, 17, 24, 31, 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., Klam-
ath, 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.:
I-201102482

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

FILE NO.:
I-201102482

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing
business as IDYLLWILD DECALAND DESIGN,
26350 Delano St #27, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riv-
erside 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

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of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 10, 17, 24,
31, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
The following person (persons) is (are) doing
business as AL'S KUBOTA TRACTOR, LAWN-
MOWER & SAW SERVICE, INC., 687 N San
Jacinto St, Hemet, CA 92543, Riverside County.
AL'S KUBOTA TRACTOR, LAWNMOWER
& SAW SERVICE, INC., 687 N San Jacinto St,
Hemet, CA 92543.

This business is conducted by an Cor-
poration.

The registrant has commenced to transact
business under the fictitious name listed above
on April 10, 1982.

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:
ROGER DWIGHT GARWOOD
PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on Dec. 9, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-201513634

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH
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of the original statement on file in my office.

PETER ALDANA,
County Clerk

Pub. TC: Dec. 24, 31, 2015, Jan. 7, 14, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT
The following person (persons) is (are) doing
business as PACIFIC POOL SUPPLY; PACIFIC
POOLS & PATIOS, 17024 Van Buren Blvd Suites
C&D, Riverside, CA 92504, Riverside County.
CAL/PACIFIC POOLS & SPAS, INC., 17130 Van
Buren Blvd. #47, Riverside, CA 92504.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
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:
CHARLES KENNETH CONNELL
PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of
Riverside County on Dec. 15, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-201513873

NOTICE — IN ACCORDANCE WITH
SUBDIVISION (a) OF SECTION 17920, A
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PETER ALDANA,
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Pub. TC: Dec. 24, 31, 2015, Jan. 7, 14, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
STATEMENT

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POOLS & PATIOS, 17024 Van Buren Blvd Suites
C&D, Riverside, CA 92504, Riverside County.
CAL/PACIFIC POOLS & SPAS, INC., 17130 Van
Buren Blvd. #47, Riverside, CA 92504.

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

I declare that all information in this statement
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Registrant Signature:
CHARLES KENNETH CONNELL
PRESIDENT

Statement filed with the County Clerk of
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FILE NO.:
R-201513873

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IFPD

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Questions, some of which were answered and some left for the future, included the level of detail the commission expects for the committee to invest in budget review, whether accrual budgeting has improved the management process and the role of the contract accountant.

Beginning the discussion, Idyllwild Fire Chief Patrick Reitz said, “The committee is looking for clear direction from the board for specific task and projects,” for example, its role in reviewing contracts and contract proposals affecting financial services, such as the audit, he stated.

As currently constituted, the committee has five members — two commissioners, the chief and two representatives of the district’s electorate.

“There is some confusion on what the board wants the committee to do,” said Sue Weisbart, one of the committee’s public members. She expressed frustration over the “inordi-

nate amount of time” the committee spends reviewing financial statements because of questions regarding the accuracy of these statements.

Reitz quickly responded to this portion of the discussion: “I want to clarify the concerns are the accuracy of the bookkeeping, not our solvency. There’s no funny business.”

Weisbart concurred that she has no perception of “funny” business, but she emphasized, “If you can’t have reports you trust, you don’t know.” Layton also concurred with her committee colleague.

A solution IFPD officials are discussing is to reduce the financial consultant’s role and assign more of the “bookkeeping” functions to the chief’s administrative assistant.

Reitz said he has already asked the financial consultant, Rob Dennis, to draft a document proposing a segregation of duties between the consultant’s work and district staff. The contract with Dennis was approved in July 2013 and expires in June 2016.

“My recommendation for the next board meeting [January] is to reformulate the contract, segregating the duties between him and us — who does what,” Reitz said.

He also expressed his desire to review the contract with the auditors. While a year remains on that contract, he said it may be necessary to terminate it early and go out to bid for a new contract. However, Reitz was optimistic that a recent conversation with one of the firm’s partners will improve the relationship between the two organizations.

While he has asked the committee to review both contracts, Reitz felt that with some revisions, they could be extended for two more years without seeking new bids.

Layton also recommended that she draft an operating policy for the committee, which would be added to board policies. She plans to revise the May 2015 resolution for the committee and also prepare a separate operating policy, possibly as early as the January meeting.

“The [committee] provides a very strong bond between the community and the fire district,” Layton said. “As we move forward, we really want to be that promoter of trust that was sadly lacking.” She expressed her intent to try to increase the public involvement and engagement with the committee’s work.

JP Crumrine can be reached at jp@towncrier.com.

Legals

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b. Present name: ASHLYNN RAIN PEDEN changed to Proposed name: ASHLYNN RAIN REIM.

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: 01-28-2016 Time: 1:30pm, Dept. H1.
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: 11/30/15
JAMES T. WARREN
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Dec. 24, 31, 2015, Jan. 7, 14, 2016.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as GEAUX PAWS, 23183 Cannery Road, Wildomar, CA 92595, Riverside County. APRIL LEIGH QUACKENBUSH, 23183 Cannery Road, Wildomar, CA 92595.

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Registrant Signature:

APRIL LEIGH QUACKENBUSH
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 15, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-201513853

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PAM MALIA BUTTON
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 15, 2015.

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R-201513841

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LIEN SALE

On 1/5/2016 at 17760 VALLEY BLVD. BLOOMINGTON, CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 1982 ALJO VIN: 1SY300N29CD000567 STATE: CA LIC: 1LU3692 at 10:00 am
Pub. TC: Dec. 24, 2015.

LIEN SALE

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLE WILL BE SOLD AT LIEN SALE ON 1/7/2016, AT 54868 HARRISON ST, THERMAL CA 92274 AT 9:00 AM 06, VOLV, 3X, DS, NONE, MD 4V4NC9TK86N413508
Pub. TC: Dec. 24, 2015.

LIEN SALE

ON 1/05/2016 at 325 CENTER ST. TULARE,

CA a Lien Sale will be held on a 2013, CHEV VIN: 1GCNCPEA4DZ239964 STATE: CA LIC: DP020FN at 10:00 AM
Pub. TC: Dec. 24, 2015.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person (persons) is (are) doing business as R. WOOD TRUCKING, 20282 Jefferson St, Perris, CA 92570, Riverside County. MARK HENRY BUCKLEY, 20282 Jefferson St, Perris, CA 92570.

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Registrant Signature:
MARK HENRY BUCKLEY
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 11, 2015.

FILE NO.:
R-201513753

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Obituary Karen M. Hamilton 1949-2015

Karen Michaelle Hamilton, 66, originally of Anza, passed away peacefully at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015, at her residence in Hemet.

She was born Feb. 18, 1949, in Altoona, Pennsylvania. She had attended Penn State University.

Karen was a residence of Anza for 20 years, owning her own deli, before coming to Idyllwild and becoming a long-time produce manager at Fairway Market.

In 2013, health issues forced Karen and family to move to Hemet where her hard, two-year battle with kidney cancer ended.

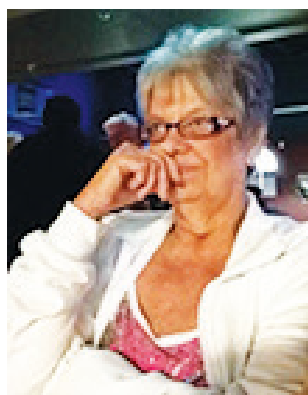
Karen so loved her cooking, dogs, the ocean, friends, family and wife Geri Peterson.

Loving survivors include her wife of 11 years, Geri Peterson of Idyllwild; her son, Jerry Mitchell of Idyllwild; her daughter, Debra Slaughter of Kansas City, Missouri; and the entire family of Riverside American Poolplayers Association.

She was preceded in death by both her mother and father of Pennsylvania.

Karen will be set free at sea. Her memorial will be held at Shooters, 121 E. Florida Ave., Hemet, at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016.

Karen will be missed and remembered most by her fantastic cooking and her out-of-this-world cinnamon rolls. We love you, Karen.



Paul and Merrie VonSeggern's house at the corner of McMahon and Middle Ridge is a Christmas sight worth viewing at night. The house is festooned with about 3,600 lights. PHOTO BY BECKY CLARK

IDYLLWILD'S Old English Theatre Players



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Food safety app for holidays

With Thanksgiving behind us, the holiday season is just gearing up. The next few weeks are full of good cheer and plenty of food. To help keep your holiday season healthy, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service is issuing food-safety recommendations for your Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, New Year's Eve, Three Kings Day or other festive gatherings.

To start, download the FoodKeeper application. This smartphone and tablet app FSIS created will help you evaluate what in your refrigerator and pantry are still good and what may be past its prime.

As you're putting together dishes for meals at home or parties at work, it will help you make sure you're using fresh ingredients. The FoodKeeper offers storage advice on more than 400 different food and beverage items and can help you decide what you can keep and what you should throw out.

It also offers handy guidance on leftovers, which you'll probably have a lot of after the big meal. Download the FoodKeeper on an Android or iOS device.

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 Antarctica and look for the hidden answers found within the display.

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