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THURS., DECEMBER 23, 2010



The joyous sounds of Christmas music were heard in Idyllwild as Conductor and Artistic Director **Dwight Holmes** brought forth the best from the Idyllwild Master Choral: Fusion II this weekend. Special guest artists included **Sherry Williams**, the Seahawk Jazz Ensemble and the Idyllwild Children's Chorus. Audiences heard an eclectic holiday concert of classical and jazz greats. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

Rain pummels the Hill

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Since Friday, Idyllwild has received more than 6 inches of rain. While it seems like a torrential and unending storm, each of the past three Decembers — 2007 through 2009 — has brought nearly 6 inches of rain to the Hill, which is almost 50 percent more than the long-term December rainfall average of 3.75 inches.

In 2007, nearly 4 inches fell in two days — Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 — then another 3.2 inches between Dec. 7 and Dec. 9. Last year be-

tween Dec. 7 and Dec. 13, 4.8 inches of rain fell here.

But the overall impression of this being a wet fall is true. As of 4 p.m. Monday, 9.7 inches of rain have been recorded at the Idyllwild Fire Station since July 1. Through Tuesday afternoon, more than 12.42 inches of rain have been recorded at Keenwild Ranger Station during the same period.

This storm has brought more than 7 inches to the Pine Cove area and further north at the Forest Service Vista Grande station, more than 9 inches have been

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Holiday celebrations

By BETH NOTTLEY
STAFF REPORTER

On Christmas Day, most of Idyllwild shuts down as locals celebrate the holiday with family and friends; however, many restaurants are open (see information box on page 6) and entertainment can still be found.

The Rustic Theatre will show "Little Fockers" at 2, 4:30 and 7 p.m. This movie, opening in movie theaters just this week, is a sequel to 2004's "Meet the Fockers." Rated PG-13, this movie features an all-star cast whose characters provide lots of laughs over the foibles of family dynamics.

For sports fans seeking a big screen TV and good company, the American Legion Post 800 opens at noon on Christmas and

New Year's Day. Games will air on several televisions in the bar and dining room. On New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31, the Legion serves a prime rib dinner special from 5 to 7:30 p.m. A live band will play dance music from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Holiday partiers who like to sing will want to drop by Bone Daddyz, which will be hosting karaoke on Christmas and New Year's eves until closing.

Arriba Mexican restaurant will feature Willy B. playing guitar and singing soft rock tunes. He takes the stage at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve and 5:30 p.m. New Year's Eve.

Also on New Year's Eve, patrons of the Lumber Mill Bar & Grill can toast the new year while listening to the Change Required band perform songs of the rock

'n' roll era, along with original tunes. The band plays from 7-10 p.m.

Diners at the Creek House will be treated to folk and bluegrass music from the trio Faultline. The restaurant opens at 4 p.m. Faultline plays from 6 to 9 p.m. New Year's Eve.

Café Aroma patrons can participate in the "End of Year Mistletoe Smack Down" party featuring Daniel Gray's dance music and soundtracks.

A steak and lobster dinner and champagne at midnight will be featured at Jo'An's Restaurant and Bar on New Year's Eve. Live music will be played by the band Fired from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Recalling the fabulous flashy days of the disco era, the Rainbow Inn is hosting [See Holidays, page 24](#)

Rain dampens sales season

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In an all-important pre-Christmas sales week for local merchants, five days of continuous rain have begun to dampen local sales. On Sunday, Dec. 19, with fog, mist, wind and light rain graying the local landscape, a handful of tourists scurried from shop to shop on a very gloomy day. In Village Lane, the only business open was the Greek Place restaurant.

"Tourists were leaving early on Sunday, fearing mudslides or snow," said Bryan Tallent, co-owner of Spruce Moose in the Fort. Tallent noted that a result of this widespread storm, deemed a "weather effect" seen only once every 10

to 15 years, was that fewer tourists were making the trek up the Hill. "We had a good week last week, up until the storm," said Tallent. "But these three weeks [pre-Christmas through New Year's Day] are the most important [for sales]." On a positive note, Tallent mentioned that he is seeing more locals in his shop this holiday season.

The storm has drenched the Los Angeles basin. As of Tuesday, Dec. 21, local precipitation totals, for the storm that began just after midnight on Thursday, Dec. 16, ranged from a couple inches in Idyllwild to seven inches in Pine Cove and more than nine further north at Vista Grande.

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Dec. 13 to Dec. 19:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

Dec. 14 — Medical aid, Pine Crest Ave., Idyllwild.

Dec. 16 — Good intent call, Tollgate Road, Idyllwild.

Dec. 16 — Medical aid, Temecula Drive, Idyllwild.

Dec. 16 — Medical aid, Rim Rock Drive and Lily Way, Idyllwild.

Dec. 17 — Medical aid, Cedar Drive, Pine Cove.

Dec. 17 — Dispatched and canceled en route, Marion Ridge Drive, Idyllwild.

Dec. 17 — Two walk-in medical aids

Dec. 18 — Medical aid, Ridgeview Drive, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Dec. 13 — Commercial vehicle fire.

Dec. 16 — Fire, false alarm.

Dec. 17 — Medical aid, difficulty breathing.

Dec. 17 — Medical aid, person down.

Dec. 19 — Public assist.

Dec. 19 — Public assist, flooding.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Dec. 16 — False alarm, 53000 block of Tollgate Road, Idyllwild.

Dec. 17 — Structure fire, 49000 block of Bradford Road, Anza.

Dec. 18 — Traffic collision, Highway 74 at mile marker 58, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Dec. 16 — Fire.

Dec. 17 — Fire.

Dec. 17 — Medical aid.

Riverside County Fire, Anza

Dec. 13 — Medical aid, Pine Tree Lane, Anza.

Dec. 13 — Medical aid, Chapman and Ramsey roads, Anza.

Dec. 14 — Medical aid,

Highway 371 and Bailiff Road, Anza.

Dec. 14 — Medical aid, Candalaria Lane and Homestead Road, Anza.

Dec. 17 — Walk-in medical aid.

Dec. 18 — Highway 371 and Cary Road, Anza.

Dec. 18 — Two walk-in medical aids

Dec. 19 — Two walk-in medical aids.

CHP log

Log unavailable.

Sheriff's log

Riverside County Sheriff's Department deputies responded to the following calls from Sunday, Dec. 5 to Tuesday, Dec. 21. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Dec. 5 — An unidentified suspect committed felony grand theft auto in the 26000 block of Highway 243 in Idyllwild. The case remains open but suspended.

Fern Valley water elects officers

At its Friday, Dec. 17 meeting, the Fern Valley Water District's board chose officers for the next year: Ron Korman as president; Charlie Wix as vice-president, Diana Johnson as secretary treasurer and Jessica Prierer as board secretary.

'Only in Idyllwild' stories sought

The Town Crier's well of Only in Idyllwild stories has run dry. Readers are invited to submit stories about things that could have only happened here. E-mail them to beth@towncrier.com or drop them by the Town Crier office.



Strawberry Creek tumbled and roared this week, as seen here near Fern Valley Corners, as rain fell relentlessly on mountain communities.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

Weather

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recorded since Thursday. CAL FIRE has already responded to eight water rescues involving 13 people.

Despite the previous December rain volumes in 2007 through 2009, the rain totals from July 1 through Dec. 31, half of the rain year, were all below the long-term average of 9.2 inches.

More rain is forecast for Tuesday evening and parts of Wednesday. A respite will arrive for Christmas Eve and Day, then more rain may return.

All of this precipitation is coming during a period

that weather scientists predicted would be a La Niña winter — drier than normal. But almost all of the intermediate weather forecasts predict the La Niña pattern will strengthen as winter arrives and passes. The average annual rainfall since 1948 has been 25.7 inches.

The average total rainfall

for the past three rain years has been 22.2 inches. In this so-called dry winter, our rainfall (at Keenwild) is 29 percent above the average through December. If the pattern holds, 2010-11 may be the first above-average rain year since 2004.

E-mail [J.P. Crumrine at jp@towncrier.com](mailto:J.P.Crumrine@towncrier.com).

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One more graffiti attack, in an ongoing series that began last March, covers a wall on the Verizon building in Idyllwild.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 12/23	Friday 12/24	Saturday 12/25	Sunday 12/26	Monday 12/27
 48/30 Mostly sunny with light winds.	 58/34 Sunny.	 58/33 Sunny day with a chance of rain in the evening.	 51/31 Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain in the evening.	 49/30 Cloudy, chance of rain.

Idyllwild this year					Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M	S	High	Low	M	S
12-13	75	36			44	34	1.36	
12-14	75	35			49	26		
12-15	54	40			57	27		
12-16	54	36	.23		65	32		
12-17	54	29	.64		64	32		
12-18	52	29	.30		66	32		
12-19	46	40	.84		61	31		
Moisture in inches					Snow in inches			
To date this season (Idy): 9.34					To date this season (Idy): 3.7			
To date last season (Idy): 7.61					To date last season (Idy): 17			
Total last season (Idy): 23.61					Total last season (Idy): 35.91			
To date this season (PC): 10.81					To date this season (PC): 4.75			
Total last season (PC): 30.92					Total last season (PC): 72.5			

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

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

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

Interview with Bob Romano: Part III

Editor's note: This week's column concludes Bruce's interview with Bob Romano of the Forest Service Volunteers Association (FSVA).



Bruce Watts: It seems the Forest Service is a lot less strict than the state about wilderness camping?

Bob Romano: That's right. The state requires you to camp at a post site. But in our [U.S. Forest Service] wilderness, as long as you are 200 feet away from a trail, stream, meadow or another camper, you can pretty much pick out your own campsite.

Watts: So you have a rule about camping right next to someone else's tent?

Romano: Right, you have to be at least 200 feet from that person. If you are going into the wilderness to camp and someone else is going into the wilderness to camp, neither of you wants to see the other. So hopefully you are going to find places where you are not going to be able to see or hear someone else.

I have actually been at a post site and somebody wanted to camp right next to me because they arrived late, about 10 p.m. It was already dark and they were afraid to go anywhere else because of the dark. So I told this one guy, "Why don't you just go a little ways down below me here and you can camp down there. I don't want you to put your tent right next to me. (I was laughing) This is a wilderness."

So it's all about the education, that's what the Forest Service is trying to do and that's our biggest role. We are out there telling people what the rules are and why we have those rules and how they can be a better user of the forest.

Watts: As far as the patrolling end of it goes, I was aware of what they do because I talk to Joe Bressi and other FSVA members, but I really didn't know much about the administrative functions of what you do here.

Romano: Right, we also have a parade unit that represents the Forest Service. They wear Forest Service uniforms and participate in different parades; but it is all about education.

Lamp leaves Chamber presidency

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Mimi Lamp capped a 6-month turn as Chamber president with a bittersweet resignation at the Chamber's board of directors meeting on Monday, Dec. 20. Lamp and husband Don are taking a yearlong travel sojourn beginning in February.

In handing over the presidency to Second Vice President Nick Todd, Lamp said she is confident the

present board will sustain the Chamber's ascendancy, continuing the evolution of its web networking and promotional activities and its partnership with other Idyllwild associations, in particular the Idyllwild Business Roundtable (IBRT). First Vice President Richmond Blake, who would normally have acceded to the presidency until elections next year, declined the office and will remain first vice president. The board

voted to seat web specialist Melissa Carver as a new director, maintaining the board at its present level of eight.

Lamp's presidency has been one of the most active and effective in recent Chamber history. A year ago the Chamber had three directors, no money, fewer than 40 members and was facing very bleak prospects. Now the board has eight directors, 106 members, a volunteer-staffed visitor's

center, a professional and regularly updated website. Lamp fostered an atmosphere of collegiality on her board and created a welcome atmosphere for attendees at board meetings.

In other business, Todd said David Roy would complete the Tree Monument by enclosing the base and creating a walkway and bench for photo opportunities.

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

Even the parade unit is representing the Forest Service to the public so they get a better understanding of what the Forest Service is. Rangers on horseback go back to even before the start of the Forest Service and to the days when they were just starting to manage the forests in our country, before the turn of the century. It's neat to see people still on horseback doing ranger duty.

Watts: So what else would you like to say to my readers? What would you like to promote?

Romano: One thing I want to say is what we accomplished just this last year. We did 293 days of patrolling last year. That means that somebody was out there anywhere from 6 to 12 hours. So 293 days there was somebody out there in the field patrolling somewhere. We did 3,242 hours during that time, in wilderness-related hours. We had 32 wilderness volunteers that did that work and they were working trailheads, dispersing sites, working in the office and patrolling — but they were all representing the wilderness doing a job. We also have a volunteer who has taken a lot of pictures on the forest and the San Jacinto Wilderness map has been redone.

Watts: My thanks to Bob Romano and all the members of the FSVA.

More information about the volunteers can be found at www.fsva.org

ARF finds new vet

By CAREY POWERS
NEWS INTERN

The Animal Rescue Friends have decided that Michael Nastro, a veterinarian who has practiced for six years, would be a good match for Idyllwild. He will be commuting from Los Angeles. With a great love of the mountains, he took this opportunity with

the hope to both work and enjoy himself while in Idyllwild. He will visit every other week initially, and expand his practice as demand grows. He will offer mainly preventative care, which he feels is essential to maintaining a pet's health. He said he is looking forward to meeting the people of Idyllwild and helping their pets.

New library hours

The Idyllwild Library has changed its Wednesday hours from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. to 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Teresa Brouwer, branch manager, said that this time change would better serve the library's patrons by creating more uniformity, as the library opens at 10 a.m. all other times.

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Obituary Jean Kowal Jerome

Jean Kowal Jerome died Nov. 28, 2010. She was born Sept. 9, 1927 in Janesville, Wis., the youngest of the six children of Harry and Mary Kowal.

After graduating from Janesville High School in 1945, she showed the adventurous independent commitment to service that would guide her life by enrolling immediately in Walter Reed Army Medical Center's nursing program.

On completion, she returned to Janesville, where she worked at Mercy Hospital.

She married local boy Bob Jerome in 1948. In 1952 the young family moved to Southern California to follow Bob's aerospace engineering career. It was here Jean raised their four children.

When Bob and Jean's marriage ended in 1967, Jean and the children spent a year in Janesville, where Jean returned to nursing at Mercy Hospital. After the family moved back to California, Jean became coordinator for the groundbreaking stroke unit at Santa Ana Community Hospital.

Jean's deepening understanding of healing led her to end her hospital nursing career in 1976. After a perspective-restoring interlude as the hard-working owner/manager of the Bluebird Motel in Idyllwild with second husband Jim McEwan, Jean returned to nursing, this time working with the pioneering Dr. Everts Loomis at Meadowlark in Hemet, Calif., at the fore-



front of the holistic health movement.

Jean was proud that all her children were as independent and unique as she was. She passed on her love of nature through long and memorable family hikes in the Grand Canyon and Yosemite. When others her age settled into retirement, Jean embarked on great adventures: trekking in Nepal and living in a remote northern New

Mexico village. She settled back in Idyllwild in 1997.

She was talented at arts and crafts, always helpful to anyone who needed it, displayed a great sense of humor, and played a speed solitaire no one who knew her dared bet against.

Jean was preceded in death by her brothers, Ernie and George Kowal. She leaves behind many friends and family, including brothers Harry and Floyd Kowal; her sister, Olga Bodinar; children Jane Bell, Bob, Neal, and David Jerome; and her two beloved grandchildren, Christopher and Tess, who will always remember her as "the best grandma ever."

A celebration of Jean's life will be held in Idyllwild and Janesville, in spring 2011. Those interested in attending should contact David Jerome at (951) 306-8501 for further information. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jean's memory to the Sierra Club.

MOUNTAIN FOLK

Idyllwild resident **Dr. Sam Crowell** was recently honored as "Outstanding Professor for Excellence in Teaching" at the College of Education at California State University, San Bernardino.

Dr. Crowell teaches the school's internationally-recognized Masters in Holistic and Integrative Education program, as well as courses in philosophy, sociology of education, writing and instructional leadership.

In June, he was a visiting professor at the Technological University of Chile, where he taught higher education courses in instructional leadership to 160 professors.

This summer he will teach a course, "The Neurobiology of Stress: Implications for Educators," at St. Michael's College in Vermont ...

Karen Hamilton, produce manager at the Fairway Market, has unfortunately encountered a recent and severe medical episode during this holiday season. Her friend **Clark Canfield**, of San Diego, is organizing help for Karen. He extends his prayers for her full and speedy recovery. A "Get Well" support and recovery fund has been established for her. All donations, cards or notes should be sent to

P.O. Box 692, Idyllwild, CA, 92549. For further information, contact **Geri Peterson** at the Fairway Market ...

Aaron Erlandson, of Idyllwild, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas.

To get a listing in "Mountain folk," visit www.towncrier.com, click on "News" in the menu at the top and click on "Submit a news item," or stop by and fill out a news form.

To get your birthday listed, e-mail beth@towncrier.com or call (951) 659-2145, Ext. 17, with the month and day.

ONLY IN IDYLLWILD

Overheard at a local Christmas caroling event: After singing a song about Christmas in the city, Chamber of Commerce President Mimi Lamp smiled, gave a great sigh of satisfaction

and said, "And we're not there." The person next to her leaned over and said, "I'm from Pine Cove; this is the city."

Nancy Borchers
Idyllwild

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Tuesday, January 4, 7:30 P.M.
Palm Canyon Resort
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Thursday, January 6, 7:30 P.M.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For the Idyllwild Arts & Entertainment Calendar, see "On the Town," on page 12.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

• Idyllwild Rotary Club, 7:30-9 a.m. American Legion Post 800, 54360 Marion View Dr.

• Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr.

• Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

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

• Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.

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

• Lemon Lily Festival Steering Committee, 1 p.m. Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Hwy. 243.

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

FRIDAY, DEC. 24

Note: For Christmas Eve church services, please see story on page 24.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 25

• Stand in Silent Vigil for Peace, Justice and Nonviolence, noon. Town center. Call 659-2718.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 7:30 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26

• Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.

• Teen Group, 10-11:30 a.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)

• Alcoholics Anonymous,

12x12 Book Study closed meeting, noon. Idyllwild Water District, 25945 Hwy. 243; 5 p.m., Rancho Encino Mountain Club, 45915 Orchard Road, Poppet Flats, across from Cal-Fire Station 6.

MONDAY, DEC. 27

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon & 7:30 p.m. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

• Idyllwild Community Meditation, Session I: 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Session II: 6:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Yoga Studio. Call Val at 659-5750 for information.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28

• Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.

• Fit After Fifty, 11 a.m. Mile High Fitness, 54423 Village Center Dr.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building)

• Healthy Lifestyle Class, 5:30 p.m. optional weigh-in; health talk by Brenda Scherlis, 6 p.m. Silver Pines, 25955 Cedar St.

• Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

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

• Chamber of Commerce, 54325 North Circle Dr., 12-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 659-3259.

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

• Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.

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• Idyllwild Nature Center,



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the Wildwood IGO7 Gallery, the newest member of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce. Gallery owner **Isaac Outland**, center, cuts the ribbon being held by chamber directors **Shawna Gustin**, left, and **Melissa Carver**, right.

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Hill restaurants that will be open for Christmas Eve, Friday, Dec. 24 and Christmas Day, Saturday, Dec. 25:

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Gastrognome: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Christmas Eve; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Christmas Day	Idyllwild Tea Company: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day	Red Kettle: 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Christmas Eve; closed Christmas Day
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Idyllwild Library (also Saturday, Dec. 25)	Pine Cove Water District (also Monday, Dec. 27)	
These will be open:		
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BBVA Compass (closed at 2 p.m.; and closed Saturday, Dec. 25)	Idyllwild Pharmacy (closed Saturday, Dec. 25)	Pine Cove Market (also open Saturday, Dec. 25 until 1 p.m.)
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Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



READERS WRITE

Enjoyed Winterfest

EDITOR:

Kudos to all the people who planned and worked on the Winterfest. Last Tuesday night we, and many other locals, visited the nine inns having open house. What a fun and fes-

tive time. Later in the week I spoke to a visitor from Canada who went to the Soupe event and loved it.

There seemed to be something for everyone. I hope this will be the first of many such events.

JANICE FAST
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YOUTH TALK

By CID CASTILLO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

If you had all the money in the world, what would you buy your parents for Christmas?



Daniel Williams
Fourth grade

"I would buy my mom a necklace, a necklace with a cross."



Molly Schellenberg
Third grade

"Definitely a new cell phone. And, no, I don't have my own cell phone yet."



Dilyn Selkirk
Third grade

"I would buy my mom a big house full of Coca Cola. She loves Coca Cola stuff."



Sami Cunningham
Kindergarten

"I would buy my parents a big van, we need a big, new van."



The Idyllwild Rotary Club presented the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC) a check for \$10,000 which will be used to build the Idyllwild Community Playground. The local Rotary chapter donated \$5,000, then Club Secretary **Trisha Clark**, second from right, applied for a matching grant from Rotary International. From left, **Emily White**, **Claudia Posey** and **Dawn Sonnier** accept the check for ICRC from Clark and Idyllwild Rotary President **Danny Richardson** (far right).

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Thank you Idyllwild
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— Sandy Weber

ON THE FRINGE

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FIRE AND FOREST

By MIKE ESNARD, MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Winter

We have now officially entered winter. We have already had snow, a good deal of rain and fog, and an early blast of cold. Winter changes the way we interact with the environment, pushing most of us indoors. The clouds can completely take away our views of the mountains and forest, further limiting our contact. Most of us just want to stay warm and, if we don't have to be anywhere, curl up with a good book or in front of a football game. Activity slows, the days are short, and nature seems to put a premium on conserving energy, being still and being inward.

Yet we have bursts of sun and energy. When storms clear we get the bluest skies imaginable, framing snowy peaks and alpine forest. Clear winter days can be breathtakingly beautiful up here, and nature pulls us outside to see new forms and colors. Summer pines can fade into the forest green, each indistinguishable from its neighbors.

Winter pines can hold yards of snow on their branches, displaying their unique shapes, with the contrast of white snow and green bough adding a striking palette. Oaks follow a different path, dropping "summer's empire" as Joni Mitchell sang, revealing their architectures in all their unique and adaptive complexities. And lower in the forest, but not forgotten, lies manzanita, whose lustrous red/brown bark when wet can warm the dreariest, fog-shrouded day.

Rain and snow slow things down and can make getting places treacherous, but they are also the condition that allows us to live here. All the water we use falls out of our sky, the great majority in our winter storms. We don't pipe water from the Colorado or the California aqueduct — we use the water we find in streams and in the mountain to make our lives here possible, just as the trees and animals do.

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CHIEF'S CORNER

By IFPD FIRE CHIEF NORM WALKER

Enjoying winter holidays on the Hill ...

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If you wish to track the storm on your computer, the abc7.com site has many weather threads including the same Doppler radar that they use on their news broadcasts. It is easy to navigate and the Doppler radar is extremely accurate for our area.

If you need sandbags, they are available at Forest Lumber, Village Hardware and IFPD [Idyllwild Fire Department].

Do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 if you become isolated by snow, flooding or falling trees. Even if the mitigation of the problem is not IFPD's responsibility, we will get you the proper help that you need.

If candles are part of your holiday celebrations, please be very careful that they are mounted firmly so they cannot fall over. Obviously, keep all flame sources away from your Christmas tree and extinguish all candles before leaving your home for any reason.

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IFPD postpones audit acceptance

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Dec. 14 meeting of the Idyllwild Fire Protection Commission focused predominantly on financial issues. While the 2008-09 audit approval was deferred to the January meeting, the commission did discuss efforts to make prior year adjustments, the current year's budget and the ambulance fee billing contract.

Through the first five months of the fiscal year, IFPD has had to draw upon its reserves to pay expenses. Through November, the district had used about \$300,000 of its total \$438,000 in reserves. Beginning in December, Riverside County will send the first property tax and assessment payment, which will reverse the declining trend and help restore the reserves.

Local resident Leigh Humphries has volunteered to help the department with its accounting backlog, Walker told the commission. He provided a two-page summary of her assistance to date and said he expects the financial data to be ready for the 2009-10 audit shortly. The commis-

sion postponed accepting the 2008-09 audit until January when this work is completed.

However, in a separate letter to the board, former auditor Smith Marion identified four issues, which they described as material misstatements:

- Post audit adjustments for 2004 through 2008;
- Accrue current year accrued vacation as a liability;
- Properly record capital assets;
- Correct for postings across multiple funds.

In their letter, Smith Marion said IFPD "management determined that their effects [of the misstatements] are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate to the financial statements."

In other business, the commission approved a new contract with Complete Billing and Data Management to collect its ambulance and medical fees. Walker told the board that the contract had not been revised or reviewed for 6-1/2 years until this fall. The new contract was approved 5-0.

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

IWD to set goals in January

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The 2010 year ended well for Idyllwild Water District (IWD). During a Dec. 14 meeting, the board reviewed the current budget, discussed the current water status and agreed to use the Jan. 18, 2011 meeting to decide the agency's goals and objectives for next fiscal year, July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Nearly halfway through the current fiscal year, IWD's total net income is \$19,250. Revenues have been slightly less than budgeted and lower water demand has contributed to this result.

In November, water sales revenue was \$3,000 less than IWD Auditor and Controller Jim Ludy had estimated last June. Actual sales volume was 7.6 percent less than expected. Both commercial and residential use has declined equally, he added.

Currently, expenses are ahead of the projected budget level — approximately \$23,000 in water and \$7,500 in the sewer fund, a total of 4.9 percent.

Water supplies continue to be good, according to General Manager Terry Lyons.

Foster Lake water level is 12.5 feet, substantially above a year ago when it was at 1.5 feet and in 2008 when it rested at 7.5 feet. For most of IWD's wells, the ground water levels are above the November 2009 levels. For example, the water level for well no. 26 at the Nature Center is 23 below ground level and a year ago is was 29.5 feet below the surface.

Water production in November was 15.5 percent less than 2009. Since January, water production is 10.1 million gallons (11.2 percent) less than the 90.6 million produced during the first 11 months of 2009. Both Fern Valley and Pine Cove water districts are experiencing declines in water consumption, but IWD's drop is the greatest.

The Board also agreed to put a decision about 2011-12 goals and objectives on the January meeting agenda.

"The board is a team of five individuals committed to providing guidance to the district regarding the allocation of time and effort," Board President Allan Morphett said in response to a question about the value of this effort.

Having a list of goals

provides a road map for staff and directors," Lyons said. "When you don't have a vision then there isn't any direction and you become lost without a road map. You continue to deal only with day-to-day issues."

Both Morphett and Lyons pointed to the district's successful use of solar power at Foster Lake as an

example of the usefulness of setting priorities and getting results.

The Jan. 18 and February 2011 meetings will start at 6 p.m. rather than the normal 7 p.m. start time. Both will still be in the IWD conference room.

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The outpouring of love and generosity from this little town is the very best Christmas message that anyone could hope for. Thank you, thank you, thank you one and all.

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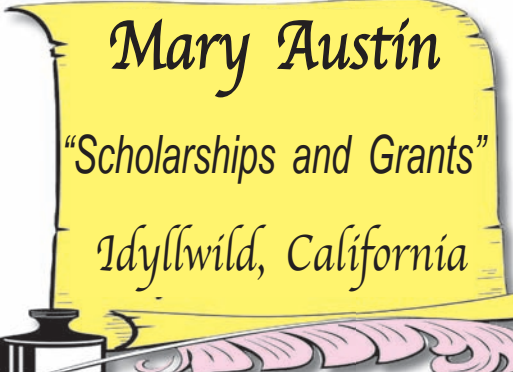
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

A pack of letters that Kris Kringle himself let the Town Crier borrow.

Instead of bringing you the usual news stories that fill these pages each week, we like to take a breather each year and let you look at the season through the eyes of the children in our community.

These letters are from the special Santa mailbox at the Idyllwild Post Office. The spellings (and misspellings) are the original work of the youngsters. We have not changed anything, and we sincerely hope we read all the names correctly.

Our thanks to the businesses that made these pages possible for you to enjoy.

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie Doll. I promise I'll give you cookies.
Love,
Becky Fourroux

Dear Santa,

My name is Kyleigh Grace I am Five years old. My brothers name is Jaydon he is two. I have been a good girl this year. I always say

sorry to my baby brother when I do something wrong. We got our tree and decorated our house for you to see. We have lots of presents already under the tree. For Christmas I would like woody, Buzz and slinky dog. They are from the movie Toy Story. My baby brother would also like woody, Buzz and a cool car. I'm waiting Patiently for you to come so please come to my house first. Please tell the reindeers I said, "hi" especially Rudolph he's my favorite.

we love you very much Santa.
Merry Christmas
Kyleigh & Jaydon

Santa
I love Santa. I hope my momma gets feel better. I love my sister & my brother. I love myself. I would like a Vador. What's a vador?
love, Cole

Hi Santa. My brothers name is Timothy. I think he wants like a different star wars game. I wud like a princess doll please.
Love, Kylie

Santa
I love my daddy and papa & Grandma & my sister And I like a GI Joe toy. Your reindeer are very cool. That's it.
love, James

santa
We watched "Charlotte's web" She was starting to die. Is charlotte with you? I like your reindear. Can I have a Klidascope?
maddie

Dear Santa,
I would like a big candy cane and some wii Points and a marble run
Merry christmas
Love Phillip Fourroux.

Dear Santa
I love you
I am 3 1/2 years Old
I want a comporet and a bat Daddy
is Good Too
Aislynn Rae Hoefman

I want a Christmas present. Christmas. Dad and my Sister and my Mom. I love them. I would like a Robot toy please.
Love. Chloe

Poppy Mashu. Poppy Mashu. I love Snoopy, Annie. I want ummmm Annie for Christmas please.
Tyler

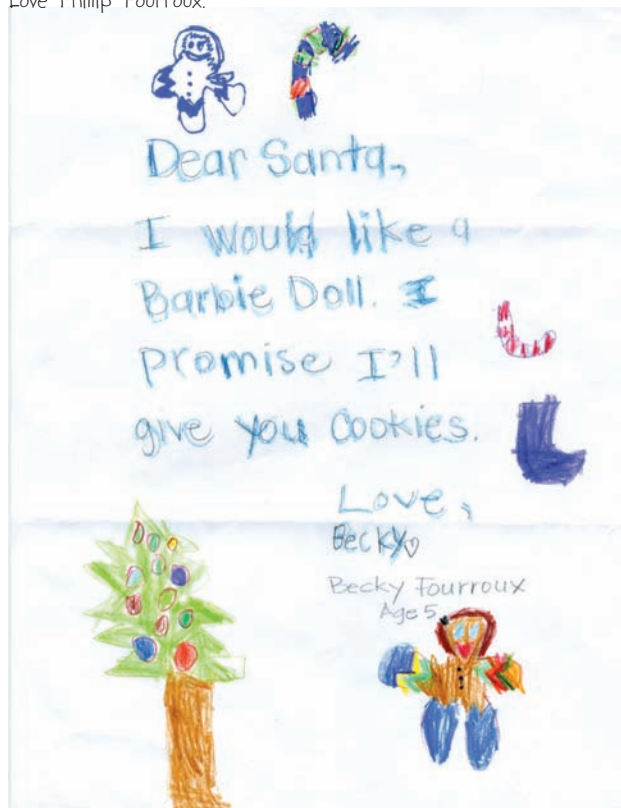
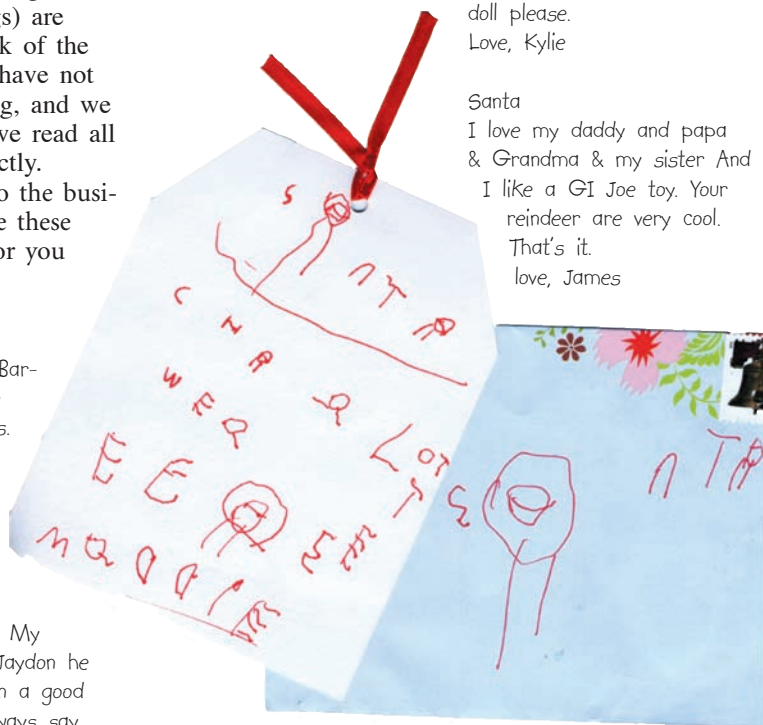
Santa
Do you like popcorn? I love popcorn. I would like a fake phone for Christmas please.
TYla

SAnta,
Umm. Car, freight. Like my cool rocks. I went on a ride and you were there. I would like umm. tank.
Love, Jozeph

santa
Do your reindeer sleep in the North Pole? Do you like hot chocolate. I would like a small unicorn costume please.
meLi

santa
I'm good. I'm nice. I'm big, how many reindeer do you have? I would like Santa Claus for Christms please.
Love, B.rady

Dear Santa,
I would like sidehack bike the other thing I would like is an American girl doll. Her name is Julie. My brother would like a sidehack bike too
love,
Payton
second grade



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Dear Santa,
How Are You? How Is
Rubolph? I Hope You Can
Finb Me We just moveb
to IDYllwILD GraNDpa And
GraNDma me AND HaNNA L
wouLD LoVe A KITCheN
ThanNK You.
Love
Natalie
PS We MaDe You GooD
CookIes

Dear santa
I would like a spongeBoB
stuffed aNiMal, a BiKe,
camera and lots of chocolate
in MY stocking! have a Safe
trip. DONt about your cookies
anb Milk.
Love
LyliANN Kai

Dear St. Nick,
What do you do with elves?
And I do good stuff. Do you
believe me? My mom does
stuff good. What reindeer
goes at the front of the
sleigh? Is it Rudolph? Then
do you take twenty reindeers?
Who wraps the presents? And

what I like for Christmas is
a Lego Box, a whole box of
it. And a Stampede Nerf gun
that is huge. Now that's it.
Please can I have all of that.
Merry Christmas to all and to
all a good night!
Love,
Preston Pino Age 5

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa! For you X-mas is
over. How was your Christmas?
For X-mas I want a Mind
Flex game, and a Barbie Video
Doll. O I forgot this Please!!!
Ride Safely! Merry X-mas!
Love,
Miren Pino
All I really want is a good
x-mas

Dear Santa
I would like a New bicke and
a DS. And a Game boy and
a satbord and roller skates
and 6 boy dolls and 6 girl
dolls. and for the boys I want
tuxetos and for the girls I
want ball dreses and most

of all a babydoll house. and
my parents to get millyons of
dollers because I am going to
Kotts-barry farm. and Dary
queen blizerd maker
Love McKenzie Nunez

Dear Santa Claus,
I have ben a good little girl
this year. We are going to
bake you some cookies, and
give the elves some goldfish
and milk, and last but not
least wer'e going to give the
reindeers some carrots. I don't
want to be selfish but, what
I really want for Christmas
is to see you come down the
chimney. You sound very nice.
I want to hear the stomping
of reindeer on the top of my
house. I all ready gave my
mom and my dad a present
they really liked the present
I gave them. I hope you liked
this note ALOT One more
thing ... MERRY CHRISTMAS
Love,
Maggie McKimson

Dear Santa Claus Mrs. Claus
and lves and reindeers I hopp
you hav a luvle Christmas
spending time with your family
have a hally jally Christmas we
well make you cookies I love
Christmas eveon love I hopp
gingerbread cookies storey #2
Christmas rocks and so do
you I hopp you like this leter
love Gracie

Dear Santa
I only want a phone. But some
things I don't want. Anything
pink! Yuck! I want guitar
Hero, brown slouch boots, and
skinny jeans. But not something
wierd or something that is
a rip off. You know what's a
rip off Fushigi. That's what
someone told me who got it.
I also want a guitar. Not a
fake guitar but a real \$200
dollar guitar. I also want gift
cards to Old Navy, Aero-
postale and Kohl's. I also want
Blue converse. I also want a

husky with bright blue eyes
that stare at you all day. But
I want a phone and husky.
Please, please, please, please,
please, please, please, please,
please, please, please, please,
please, please, please. Also can
you ship Maggie to Canada
and Gracie to Mexico. And
what I really want is a laptop

a small white, silver or black.
but what I mostly want is a
phone. A phone. A cell phone.
One that slides open black.
pleae. There is more but I
think you can read minds
right.
— Amy



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On the Town

Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment



Dance instructor **Annika Kay**, foreground, leads a group of enthusiastic residents during the first Adult & Seniors Dance held by the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council at Town Hall last Thursday.

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More than 60 people gathered at the Caine Learning Center for the Winter Solstice celebration (organized by Spirit Mountain Retreat). Seated (on left) are **Esther Kennedy** and **Kathy Halkin**. Local Color (on right) filled the ritual space with joy, delight and song.

PHOTO BY FRANCOISE FRIGOLA



Waves of curious residents and friends visited nine inns featured during the first Holiday Open House and Tour of the Inns of Idyllwild last week. The Rainbow Inn was just one of the decked-out inns that welcomed visitors with hot cider and tasty treats, and opened their rooms and facilities for two hours Tuesday evening.

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Arts & Entertainment Calendar

Arts & Entertainment Calendar listings are at the discretion of the editor. Submittal forms can be picked up at the Town Crier.

Wednesday, Dec. 22
Tucker, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Secretariat," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Dec. 23
Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.
"Little Fockers," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Dec. 24
Willy B., 4 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
"Little Fockers," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
Karaoke, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone Daddy's.

Saturday, Dec. 25
David Jerome, 9 a.m.-noon, Café Aroma.
"Little Fockers," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Sunday, Dec. 26
Ernesto Alé, 9 a.m.-noon; Skelton Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Little Fockers," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

Monday, Dec. 27
Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
"Little Fockers," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Dec. 28
Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Little Fockers," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Dec. 29
"Little Fockers," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Dec. 30
Bridge, 12:30-4 p.m. Creekstone Inn. For information, call 659-4910.

"Little Fockers," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Dec. 31
Willy B. 5:30 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

New Year's Eve End of Year Mistletoe Smackdown Party, 9 p.m. Café Aroma.
Faultline Folk Music, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
"Little Fockers," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Change Required band, 7-10 p.m. Lumber Mill Bar & Grill.
Studio 54 Disco Fever New Year's Eve Party, 8-10 p.m. poker games; 10 p.m. dance music. Rainbow Inn.
New Year's Eve Celebration with live band, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. American Legion Post 800.
New Year's Eve Party with live music by Jeff Barker &

"Fired," 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Jo'An's Restaurant & Bar.
Karaoke, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Bone Daddy's.

Saturday, Jan. 1
David Jerome, 9 a.m. Café Aroma.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
"Little Fockers," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Sunday, Jan. 2
Ernesto Ale, 9 a.m.; Skeleton Crew, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
"Little Fockers," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m.

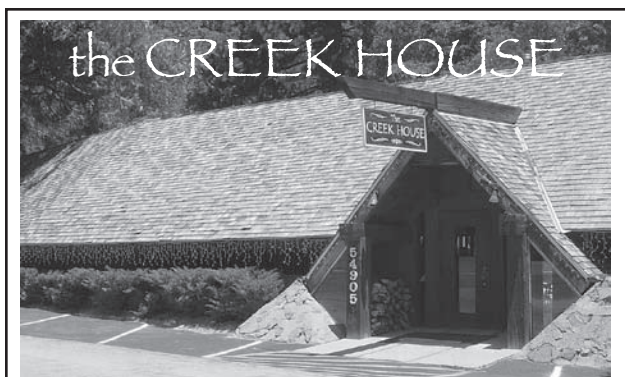
Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Jan. 3
Children's Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Straight Jackets, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.

"Little Fockers," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Jazz Night, 6-9 p.m. Café Aroma.
"Little Fockers," 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

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'Gremlin's' director Dante is featured filmmaker

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Director Joe Dante of "Gremlins" fame is the featured filmmaker for Idyllwild 2011: Independent Festival of Cinema (IIFC). Dante will be in Idyllwild for the screening of "Gremlins" and his short movie "Splatter" with five optional endings from which an audience can choose. Both films screen on Friday, Jan. 14.

Festival Director Stephen Savage is excited about Dante's presence at IIFC. "I mean, this is one of the biggest directors of the past 30 years, and here we are, a second-year festival with nothing to offer except the promise that our town is special," he said. Savage noted that established festivals often pay honorees to attend. "Joe has always been very giving of this time but he's a very busy guy, so I am incredibly humbled and honored that he didn't hesitate when asked [to attend]."

Dante, who began his career at B-movie king Roger Corman's New World



Joe Dante, director of the iconic film "Gremlins," is seen here with one of the less friendly stars of his 1985 classic.

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Pictures, broke out with his 1978 spoof on "Jaws" — "Piranha."

Dante continued to impress critics and audiences, cleverly combining humor and sci-fi or horror with his 1981 vampire hit "The Howling." Then in 1983, Dante was one of four directors tapped by Steven Spielberg to direct one segment of "Twilight Zone:

The Movie." In a review in the Chicago Sun Times, Roger Ebert bashed the segments directed by then A-list directors Spielberg and John Landis. But Ebert lauded Dante's weird, offbeat and audacious take on the movie's third segment.

In 1984, Dante made "Gremlins," his biggest commercial hit, again combining humor and mayhem. Made

for \$11 million, "Gremlins" grossed \$148 million domestically. In this adult romp with a kid's heart, Dante continued to develop his signature blend of humor, satire, special effects and stories with a warm center.

"Joe is a perfect fit for Idyllwild," said Savage. "His films reflect his personality. He does huge budget features with lots of special effects and computer-generated imagery, and yet, with Joe, it's always about the story first. His soul is front and center in his movies. Even with the car chases, explosions and little furry creatures, the heart of the story is always first and foremost. That is so rare in big Hollywood movies."

Dante followed "Gremlins" in 1985 with the Dennis Quaid, Martin Short adventure "Innerspace," a take on the 1966 film "Fantastic Voyage." With typical Dante humor, in a government science experiment foiled by terrorists, miniaturized Dennis Quaid, in a tiny submarine is injected, not into a rabbit as planned, but

into Martin Short's gluteus maximus.

In a window into the importance Dante places on collaboration, since he rarely writes his own scripts, he generally creates a small part for the screenwriter in his movies, so that he can confer with the writer during the course of shooting. Otherwise the producer or studio would not pay to have the writer on set. In another signature element, Dante regularly uses the same ac-

tors in his films, much like Woody Allen's reliance on a core company.

Idyllwild audiences should have fun choosing one of the optional endings for "Splatter." The story is about fictional rock and roll legend Johnny Splatter, who prior to his suicide-ruled death, accumulated as many enemies as hits. When his will is read, Splatter surprises his frenemies one last time.

E-mail Marshall Smith at marshall@towncrier.com.



Last Saturday, more than a dozen local restaurants and businesses participated in the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce's Tour à Soupe. Elizabeth DelNero, owner of Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro serves a generous portion of crab and asparagus soup, which she featured that evening. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

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CHRISTMAS



The California Highway Patrol (CHP) gave hundreds of Christmas gifts to Hill children at last Monday's CHiPs for Kids Toy Drive. CHP Public Information Officer **Scott Beauchene** helps **Hunter Nunez**, 3, of Idyllwild, show off the toy tools he received.

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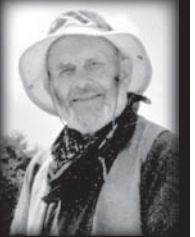
Count bald eagles

Volunteers are needed to help the Forest Service count bald eagles in the San Bernardino National Forest's 32nd annual winter bald eagle counts in the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains on Jan. 8, Feb. 12, and March 12.

Lake Hemet volunteers should plan on meeting at the Lake Hemet Market at 8:30 a.m. for instructions. Volunteers will be stationed at vantage points around the lake, where they map and note any eagle observations during a 1-hour period. Contact Ann Poopatanapong at 909-382-2935 for more information.

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Of course the Birthday of Christ makes Christmas by far and above our favorite holiday, but there are a ton of 'human things' that make us especially love Christmas. The scriptural notion that 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' is maybe the most powerful everyday practical lesson we learn either at Sunday school or at home. The single warmest and most satisfying feeling I ever get comes when I give a book to a 'wounded warrior' just back from Afghanistan or hand one of my Montana Frontier Audios to a scout-age kid whom I've noticed doing a 'Good Turn' without credit. Then there's the music! Don't you agree the wide range of Christmas music sets that day apart. We laugh and dance to "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "I Saw Daddy Kissing Santa Claus." Then in a moment, we weep to "Silent Night" or "Oh, Holy Night." I think you'll agree, it's All About Joy. Right? Put one of my books under the tree for a loved one. They're at B's Mountain of Books in Idyllwild. And they are practically give-aways.



The constant rain did not stop youngsters from bundling up to hear Christmas stories being read at the Idyllwild Library last Monday. Wearing a Santa hat is **Conor O'Farrell**, actor, along with Santa helper **Bonnie Doshier**, second from right, during the traditional Holiday Storytime, an annual event held by the library and supported by the Friends of the Idyllwild Library. The youngsters received a book, candy canes and a year's supply of Christmas cheer.

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SPORTS

Town Hall sports

Bob Lewis gave this report on Town Hall Youth Coed Flag Football League for Monday, Dec. 13 and Thursday, Dec. 16.

Youth Coed Flag Football League

In the week's first game, the American Legion Chargers hosted the Rotary Saints, who took a 6-0 lead into the

second half. Saints' quarterback, **Seth Loutzenhiser**, had a hot second half, including throwing a touchdown pass to **Addison Wilson**. The Saints won their first game of the year beating the Chargers 21-8.

In the second and season's final game, the Rotary Saints battled the American Legion Chargers one last time. Thanks to some good blocking and flag pulling from the Chargers' **Cody Uecker** and **Breanna Lewis** and the Saints' **Yan Ivanov** and the **Phillips** brothers, **Josh** and **Daniel**, the very aggressive and good defense the game was tied 6-6 at half-time. In the second half, the Chargers took control behind the passing and catching of **Kyle Loutzenhiser** and

Justice Payton, who scored two touchdowns. The Chargers won the season finale 28-18 over the Saints.

Majors Standings:

Standings:	Wins	Losses
American Legion Chargers	5	1
Rotary Saints	1	5

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



Chargers' **Kayleb Hembree** catches a pass as Saints' players close in on him during the last game of the season played last Thursday.

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Town Hall Recreation Director and Referee **Bob Lewis** congratulates members of the Saints and the Chargers for a fun and successful season of coed flag football.

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On Sunday, Santa Claus heard Christmas wishes from the many youngsters attending the Children's Christmas Party at Idyllwild's American Legion Post 800. Legion volunteers provided food and treats.

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Santa Claus hands out candy to **Dorothy Silliman** and others attending the Senior Christmas Party at American Legion Post 800 last Saturday. Legion volunteers provided seniors and their guests with a Christmas dinner.

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 Honest & dependable. Small jobs welcome.
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For Sale

FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Eucalyptus \$260
 Avocado \$180
 Citrus \$250 per cord
 Oak Available
 Will Deliver Stove-Size

951-487-9642
CELL 951-492-9825

FREE refrigerator: Freezer on top, white, in Pine Cove. You pick up. Call 818-789-2909.

For Sale

Espinoza Firewood
Orange Eucalyptus Avocado
(951) 487-8508

Wood stove, heavy iron, very sturdy, 10" h x 1' w door, 6" pipe, 1'8" h x 2'8" l x 1'6" w. 6.6 cu. ft. Great for stand alone or FP enhancement, \$250. Nice metal band & plywood trailer, 6'6" l x 10" h x 4' w, has enclosed cabinet front. 1'4" h x 1'3" l x 4' w. Tongue wheel stand-slid in tailgate, \$350. 951-285-5562.

Guitars, Epiphone J160E HSC, \$300. Ibanez small acoustic gig bag, \$150. First Act small electric, \$75. These guitars are in xln. cond. and play well. The small ones are great Xmas gifts for small people. 659-9743.

FREE moving boxes from North American Moving Co. Various sizes, used once for local move. Please call 760-858-9853.

Washer, white, runs great, fairly new, spin cycle needs work. Could be used for parts. \$50 OBO. 951-240-6025 or 951-468-4020.

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Place a Marketplace ad for item(s) totaling \$50 or less. 5 lines, 3 consecutive weeks, private party, for sale items. One ad per household at a time. Town Crier, 659-2145.

Gas wood splitter, 20 ton ram, like new, only used a few times. Tow hitch, tires in great condition. New \$1,600, sell \$800 OBO. 951-659-8812.

Doberman plate, 8" diameter, Kaiser porcelain by Robert J. May, \$49. 951-659-2365.

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For Sale

Antique, solid chest of drawers, \$50. 951-659-5919.

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WOOD WOOD WOOD OAK OAK OAK
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 Lots of cords. Best prices.
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Automotive

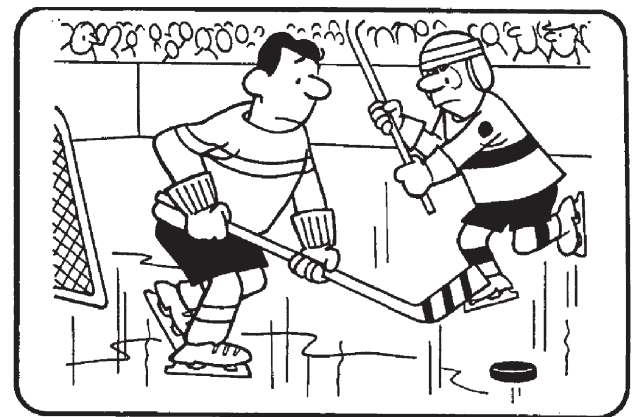
1984 Chevy 4WD pickup, 3/4 ton with camper shell. Some SNOW PLOW equip. Low mileage, 8 cyl. Chevy crate engine. Good tires, \$2100 OBO. Call 951-440-0114. Ask for Marge.

Autos Wanted

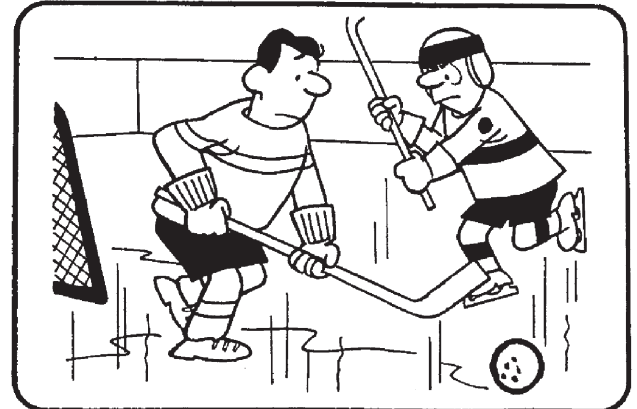
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IT'S DIFFERENT



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ball has replaced puck. 2. Goalpost is black. 3. Helmet is different. 4. Skates are gone. 5. Crowd is missing. 6. Hockey stick is different.

Mobile Homes

Pine Cove, 1 bed, 1 bath. Wraparound deck. Patio cover. \$6,000. Owner will carry. 961-750-2161 or 951-764-1714.

Vacation Rentals

Cozy Pine Cove cabin still avail. for Christmas & New Year's. Sleeps 4-6. 2 FPs, 2 patios. Dinnerware for 20. \$125/night, 3 night minimum. At snowline. 866-470-4232.

For Rent or Lease

MOVE-IN SPECIAL! 3 BR, 2 BA + office or 4th BR, wood burning FP, W/D, fenced backyard, close to school. \$1,100/mo. Call 310-709-2311 or Griffon Mgt. Group at 951-652-2399.

Sunny location, 4 BR, 2 BA, 2300 sq. ft. mountain home and large carport. \$1350/mo. 53595 Middle Ridge, info at www.backpage.com or 951-659-8293.

For Rent or Lease

Gorgeous Fern Valley 3 BR, 3 BA. Private, quiet double lot, huge deck w/view, den w/FP, large kitchen w/appliances, breakfast bar, formal dining room, office, mudroom & laundry w/washer & dryer. No smoking/pets. 24735 Forest Dr. \$1,099/mo. Call 818-416-1514.

Studio in Idyllwild, walk to town. Very cute & clean, \$600/mo., utilities included. Corner of Jameson & 243. 310-463-2975.

Furnished 2 BR, 2 BA house for rent. Very large patio, garage w/auto opener. Plowed road. In town. \$1099/mo. Short-term \$149/night. Call (760) 831-7447.

2 BR, 1 BA, W/D hook ups, appliances, deck. No pets. 53810 Country Club Dr., #A. \$825/mo. Call Yolanda, 619-276-9800.

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Answers to Sudoku
 (Puzzle on next page)

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Answers to Crossword
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Classifieds

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For Rent or Lease

Cute studio with bath and kitchen, shared laundry room, space to park. Close to elementary school. No smoking/pets. \$500/mo. + utilities. Call 760-435-9253.

Homey 1 BR guest house, beautiful custom woodwork. 2 decks off kitchen, large living room. Walk to Idyllwild Elementary School. \$700/mo. Call 760-435-9253.

Desperate for a rental? Place your classified ad in the best read "bulletin board" in town, The Town Crier. Call Sandy 659-2145.

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PINE COVE HOUSE for lease, 2 BR, 1 BA, \$800/mo. Cute, comfy, good neighbors. Call for details. 619-889-8166.

2+ BR, 2 BA charming Fern Valley home, newly remodeled, Jacuzzi tub, FP, W/D, deck, generator. Furnished or unfurnished. \$1250/mo. 951-675-0715.

Large 1 BR apt like new, appliances, washer/dryer, walk-in closet, wood stove. Alandale area w/view. \$750/mo. \$50 discount on rent paid on time. 659-5133.

For Rent or Lease

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P.O. Box 3411
Idyllwild, CA 92549
Office: 951-659-4200
Fax: 951-659-4206
Toll free: 866-669-4200
www.myipmoffice.com

2 bedrooms plus loft, 2 baths, rock fireplace, newer home for year-round living, 1300 sq. ft. New paint and carpet. Very clean and comfortable. Walk to town. Large private lot. \$1,065/mo. This is a great deal. Tiffany, agent 951-852-9661.

See Real Estate ad, 53490 Double View for lease option. Call for details. \$1100/mo. Leave message at 760-770-9194 or 760-861-0991 (c).

Large, bright
1 BR, 1 BA house
next to Cafe Aroma.

New appliances.
LIVE & WORK SPACE
\$850/mo.
54790 N. Circle Drive.
Call 951-663-0527, Martha
310-963-4506, Margaret

Fully furnished cozy cabin in Pine Cove/Idyllwild. 1 BR, loft, 1 BA, 2 FPs, 2 patios, lrg. corner lot. Easy access. \$900/mo. + \$900 sec. dep. 866-470-4232.

For Rent or Lease

Like new 2 BR, 2 BA, large decks, view, .4 acre, new appliances, sunny double-paned windows, furnace, air-tight wood stove. Close to schools, \$1200/mo. Call 659-8717 or (760) 218-2414.

A CUTE COMFORTABLE 2/1 MOBILE HOME to enjoy the beautiful nature surrounding you! This adorable home comes with new curtains and paint, refrigerator, and BIG WOOD DECK! No Screening Fee. \$480/mo. Rent to own. Serial # S1915 Dealer # DL115294 1 RV space \$420/mo. Details: Rent.FocusMan.Biz or (951) 487-1966

1 BR, 1 BA cabin in Pine Cove, \$600/mo. OR 3 BR, 2 BA, \$950/mo., private road, good views, nice neighborhood. No smoking/pets. Call 760-831-8008.

Very private, quiet, PINE COVE 2 BR, 1 BA, SPA, wood stove, gas furnace, W/D. Open floor plan. Deck, patio, furnished possible. Pets considered. .44 acres. County-maintained road. \$925/mo. + utilities, 858-525-1896.

Commercial Rentals

FREE RENT
1st mo. w/lease!
225 sq. ft., 13.25' x 17'
54295 Village Center Dr., Suite 102A.
\$300/mo. Ample parking. Call the Town Crier for more info:
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Ste A, 275 sf, \$300/mo.
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FOR LEASE
RETAIL / GALLERY
54750 A North Circle Dr.
\$1000/mo. Next to Cafe Aroma, 1200 sq. ft.
Call 951-663-0527, Martha
310-963-4506, Margaret

Commercial Rentals

IN THE FORT. Professional office suites. Call for details. 951-288-8512.

Strawberry Creek Square space for rent. Lower level, 1148 square ft. Available immediately. Call 951-306-2120.

Real Estate

53490 Double View. Spectacular, unobstructed ridge-line Garner Valley views. Fenced, 1/2-ac. corner lot, 2 BR, 2 BA, stone FP w/insert, newly remodeled, huge wraparound deck, FA, propane, Indry, storage below, detached garage \$299K, (adj. lot, perced, neg.) Lease/option considered. Agents welcome. 760-770-9194 or 760-861-0991.

Lots For Sale

Idyllwild commercial lot, all utilities includes sewer. Approx. .25 acre. Trade/owner will carry. William 760-636-1997.

Time Shares

FOR SALE!!!

Cabo San Lucas, Mexico Sunset Beach. Lg. studio, Red week. \$2,000.
Solana Beach, CA. Winners circle, RCI pts, 2 BR, \$2,000.
Cape Cod, Mass. Seamist, 2 BR, RCI pts, \$1,000.
So. Africa, First Resorts, RCI pts. \$1,000. 951-659-7785.

Also on the
Internet
towncrier.com

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member makes contact.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped in your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time to allow new developments to come through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new relationship special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A legal matter you hoped could finally be

settled could be a pesky problem for a while, until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partnerships — personal or professional — which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden risks. So be warned.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem that has caused you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile, travel aspects continue to be strong.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the capacity to meet challenges that others might find overwhelming, and turn them into successful ventures.

CROSSWORD

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- 5 "Give - break!"
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- 12 "The View" co-host
- 14 Old Italian money
- 15 Source of great wealth
- 16 Press
- 17 - Bon Jovi
- 18 Most recent
- 20 For a specific purpose
- 23 Platter
- 24 Nitwit
- 25 Tennessee city
- 28 Right angle
- 29 Funnyman Jerry
- 30 Medic, familiarly
- 32 Compose in print
- 34 Medal earner
- 35 Wan
- 36 Substantial
- 37 Where originally located
- 40 Motorists' org.
- 41 Crucifix
- 42 Yukon event
- 47 African antelope
- 48 Report-card sticker, maybe
- 49 Break suddenly
- 50 Computer file suffix
- 51 Danson et al.

DOWN

- 1 Early bird?
- 2 Menagerie

- 3 Under the weather
- 4 Goldfinger ally
- 5 Chicken chow -
- 6 Compass point suffix
- 7 "18 or older" provision
- 8 Snafu
- 9 Ireland
- 10 Greek Cupid
- 11 Philosopher
- 12 Immanuel
- 13 University VIP
- 19 Poisonous snakes
- 20 Mr. Lincoln
- 21 Foolish one
- 22 Sacred
- 23 One of Donald Duck's nephews
- 25 Crazy, in Yiddish
- 26 Concept
- 27 Kind
- 29 For fear that
- 31 Coquettish
- 33 Settled a debt
- 34 "Citizen Kane" inspiration
- 36 Anti-DUI org.
- 37 Annoys
- 38 Verb counterpart
- 39 Carbonated drink
- 40 "- Well That Ends Well"
- 43 "Alley- !"
- 44 Multipurpose truck
- 45 Despondent
- 46 Day fractions (Abbr.)

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Tax planning: Two-minute drill

TAX TIPS

By **STEPHEN T. PEPLER, EA, CFP**

With the new year less than 10 days away, we still have a chance to do some year-end tax planning and save some money on our 2010 tax returns. Many people have put off making any tax moves due to uncertainty regarding next year's rates and what tax legislation Congress was going to pass. We now have some clarity as Congress has just passed a bill extending the Bush tax cuts plus offering some additional goodies.

You will want to review your investment accounts to determine if you have capital gains from the sale of securities or will have capital gains distributions from your mutual funds. If you do not have a capital loss carry forward from last year, you may want to sell a current position to establish a loss to offset your gains. Each year, you can use capital losses to offset capital gains plus declare up to an additional \$3,000 loss.

You will want to discuss the details of "capital loss harvesting" with your financial and tax professionals.

You can accelerate deductions by making them this year and ensuring they are credited for this year.

Paying next April's property tax is a good candidate. If you pay January's mortgage payment early you will want to check with your lender to ensure it is credited for 2010 and will appear on the FORM 1098.

You also have the opportunity to accelerate charitable contributions to decrease your tax liability. For example, by moving your expected donations from January and



February to December you get a tax benefit almost immediately versus having to wait until 2012 when the 2011 return is filed.

If you are 70-1/2 years or older you can make a contribution directly from your IRA to a charity without paying tax on the distribution. This is a major benefit to those not itemizing their deductions.

If you are considering converting a portion of your regular IRA into a ROTH

IRA there is a unique opportunity available until the end of the year. Converting a regular IRA to a ROTH IRA results in the conversion amount becoming taxable. If you convert this year, you report one half as income on your 2011 return and one half on you 2012 return. You can make an election to pay tax on 100 percent of the conversion on the 2010 return if you choose. Before 2010 you could not do a ROTH conversion if your modified adjusted gross income was over \$100,000. This restriction has been eliminated permanently. You will want to discuss a potential conversion with your tax and financial professionals before proceeding.

Local craft and art display

From now until Dec. 31, the Idyllwild Library is displaying the work of local artists and crafters to showcase Idyllwild talent. Items range from pottery to button art to knitted clothes. Also on display are a collection of rare and unusual buttons.

Business

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Prior to the rain, local merchants had reported a business uptick that began in late spring. Doug Yagaloff, Idyllwild Business Roundtable (IBRT) facilitator, observed that Roundtable attendees credited increased tourism with growing sales. That generally positive trend continued through a strong Thanksgiving. While national sales figures for this holiday season, including online sales, are showing a decided boost over same time last year, local merchants' gains are comparatively more modest.

Yagaloff said his own business, Mountain Harvest Market, is heading into a stronger winter than last year. But he stressed that his optimism is tempered with caution. "All of us have to deal with the harsh realities of the winter," he said. Yagaloff expressed concern that the normally slow winter months after the holidays may produce more empty storefronts.

Pam Allen, co-owner of Wooley's, Fireside Inn and Bluebird Cottage Inn, reported her retail sales were up a bit from same time last year. But she too noted consumer caution. "People are planning ahead, waiting for deals," she said.

Judy Begin of Idyllwild Gift Shop reported her sales are up about 5 percent from last year, with improvement starting in late spring and early summer. Begin also credited the move of Wooley's to a location next door as creating a synergy that helps drive business at both locations. But, on a rain-soaked Monday, Dec. 20, she too noted the sales-dampening effect of the nearly weeklong storm.

Wildwood IGO7 Gallery replaced Wooley's in the Village Centre, joining Creativity for Kids as new tenants.

Lauren Devore, owner of B's Mountain of Books also has seen more locals shopping this year than last. "We're doing better," she said. "The locals are happier. They like the new location. See Business, page 24"

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as SUMMIT OVERLAND SECURITY S.O.S., 25677 Parkview Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 3679, Idyllwild, CA 92549. TED (NMN) DICKEY and ANGELINA (NMN) DICKEY, 25677 Parkview Road, Idyllwild, CA 92549. This business is conducted by Husband & Wife.

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

Signed: **TED DICKEY**
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 2, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-12767

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

Signed: **LARRY W. WARD,**
County Clerk
By: **L. Sibley, Deputy**
Pub. TC: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2010, Jan. 6, 2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CONQUEROR BASEBALL, 79831 Danielle Ct., La Quinta, CA 92253, Riverside County. **ROBERT EARL RALPH JR.,** 79831 Danielle Ct., La Quinta, CA 92253.

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

Signed: **ROBERT E. RALPH JR.,**
County Clerk
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 22, 2010.

FILE NO.: I-2010-03073

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as HALHIMAIL DISTILLING COMPANY, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, Riverside County. **LEVECKE CORPORATION,** 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, a California corporation (A 27762).

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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

Signed: **J. NEIL LEVECKE**
President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 19, 2010.

FILE NO.: I-2010-03065

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

Signed: **LARRY W. WARD,**
County Clerk
By: **B. Villegas, Deputy**
Pub. TC: Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 2010.

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Signed: **LARRY W. WARD,**
County Clerk
By: **M. Duenas, Deputy**
Pub. TC: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2010, Jan. 6, 2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as IDYLLWILD REALTY, RUSTIC THEATRE, MILE HIGH REALTY, PINE COVE REALTY, IDYLLWILD REAL ESTATE, IDYLLWILD ESCROW, HILLTOP REALTY, HILLTOP CONSTRUCTION, 54295 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549. **RIDGEWAY VISION INC.,** 54295 North Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, a California corporation #2453469.

This business is conducted by a corporation.
Registrant began to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on May 17, 2006.

Signed: **SHANE THOMAS STEWART**
President
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 6, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-12874

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 6, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 6, 2015. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE).

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

Signed: **LARRY W. WARD,**
County Clerk
By: **L. Sibley, Deputy**
Pub. TC: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2010, Jan. 6, 2011.

INC10010478
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 46-200 Oasis Street, Indio, CA 92201.

PETITION OF JOSHUA MIERLY. TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: JOSHUA MIERLY filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:
a. Present name: EZEKIAL SHAWN MIERLY-DECASTRO changed to Proposed name: EZEKIAL SHAWN MIERLY.

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: 1/18/11 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 2H
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: Nov. 22, 2010
V. Rivera
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2010, Jan. 6, 2011.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following persons are doing business as CHECKPOINT SOLUTION, 35006 Allium Ln., Winchester, CA 92596, Riverside County. **GERALD RENE GAUTHIER** and **PAMELA ANN GAUTHIER,** 35006 Allium Ln., Winchester, CA 92596. This business is conducted by Husband & Wife.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in January, 2009.

Signed: **GERALD GAUTHIER**
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Nov. 16, 2010.

FILE NO.: R-2010-12249

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON NOV. 16, 2015. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO NOV. 16,

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

Signed: **LARRY W. WARD,**
County Clerk
By: **N. Garrett, Deputy**
Pub. TC: Dec. 16, 23, 30, 2010, Jan. 6, 2011.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Wednesday, January 12th, 2011, at the regular scheduled 10:00 a.m. Board meeting, at the Pine Cove Water District office, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Idyllwild, the Board of Directors of the Pine Cove Water District will hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering all oral and written objections to the declaration by the Board of Adopting Resolution No. 460, Establishing and Reaffirming Rates and Charges for Water Service, pursuant to Article XIII D of the California Constitution.

Board of Directors
Pine Cove Water District
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Pub. TC: Dec. 16, 23, 2010.

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Pub. TC: Dec. 23, 2010.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Date of Filing Application: Dec. 7, 2010.
To Whom It May Concern:
The Name of the Applicant is: IDYLL AWHILE WINE SHOPPE BISTRO, INC.

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Pub. TC: Dec. 23, 2010.

RIC10024069
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92502.
PETITION OF MICHELLE KOBELSKI FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: AMANDA MICHELLE GONZALEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

a. Present name: AMANDA MICHELLE GONZALEZ changed to Proposed name: AMANDA MICHELLE KOBELSKI

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 2-3-11 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. 04
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

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

Date: Dec. 15, 2010
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Forest

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One of the striking things about living on this mountain is that you can rather easily drive out of winter; a relatively short drive takes you out of what can feel like Montana to sunny, southern California. You take off your parka and put on your sun glasses, and you are in a different world. It can be a delightfully warm and sunny world, but it gets its water from other places, because there is not enough there to satisfy all the needs of those who live there. We, on the other hand, get our water from what nature brings to the mountain.

So the rain and snow slow things, but life doesn't stop. On certain days, the town swarms with people wanting to experience a "real" winter, wanting to breathe cold, clean air for just a little bit, or wanting to show their children what snow looks and feels like.

And amazingly, the Woodies don't stop, though they might slow down. They keep going, keep cutting and splitting wood donated by various community members, keep giving the wood to the HELP Center, which in turn gives it to people in need of firewood. Their work has taken on a new meaning in these hard economic times.

The Woodies will keep working through the winter, part of the great recycling process that never stops. Like so much of the beauty up here, they almost seem to me to be a feature of nature — persistent, noble, and renewing.



Friday morning in the drizzle, Woodies worked their magic, the cutters using the chainsaws, the splitters carefully sizing up the wood, the transporters supplying the splitters with the half and quarter rounds, the relayers wheeling the barrows over to the stacker-tosser working the "cage." Teamwork is needed to keep the HELP Center clients supplied with firewood come the cold days and nights ahead.

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Chief

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PAST TENSE

60 years ago - 1950

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.

55 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.

50 years ago - 1960

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

45 years ago - 1965

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

40 years ago - 1970

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



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FILE PHOTO

35 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.

30 years ago - 1980

A committee of community members was 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 completing the amphitheatre.

25 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.

20 years ago - 1990

A Russian violinist from Idyllwild Arts starred in the 9th-annual "Christmas in Washington," a celebration

hosted by president Bush and his wife, Laura.

15 years ago - 1995

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

10 years ago - 2000

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

5 years ago - 2005

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

1 year ago - 2009

Valley Health System district voters accepted what the board had urged for several years, which was to sell the district's public hospitals to pay off accumulating debt.


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Christmas church services

BY BETH NOTTLEY
STAFF REPORTER

Offering an opportunity for reflection and worship during the holiday season, most of Idyllwild's churches host special Christmas services. Several feature activities and entertainment, such as candle lighting, spiritual and seasonal music and a children's Christmas play. Following is a list of the churches and events. See the Church Directory on page 8 for the address of the churches.

Chapel in the Pines

Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m. (held at former Morning Sky School campus)

Community Presbyterian

Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

Idyllwild Bible Church

Christmas Eve Service, 4:30 & 6 p.m.

Queen of Angels Catholic

Christmas Eve Caroling, 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting, 4:55 p.m.

Christmas Eve Mass, 5 p.m. (with children's play)

Christmas Day Mass, 8 & 10 a.m.

St. Hugh's Episcopal

Christmas Eve Caroling, 5:30 p.m.; Service, 6 p.m.

Spiritual Living Center

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service, 6:30 p.m. (holiday music by Phyllis Curington-Brown, Elaine Balkman Latimer, Melissa Maki, John King and Bill Sheppard).

Peace Prayer gathering (part of a worldwide event), 4 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31.

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its "Studio 54 Disco Fever" event. Music and dancing begins at 10 p.m. Poker (non-cash) games start at

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with being able to park out front." B's moved recently from Village Centre to a frontage on South Circle Drive. Devore said the storm has not affected her business. "People are coming in to get books, so they have something to do indoors," she observed.

At Creekstone Inn, Resident Manager Laurie Gillett said that there is virtually no difference this year from last. "Early December is always slow," said Gillett. "I don't see any patterns different from past years." Gillett commented on the recent

8 p.m. in the lounge. Food will be served. Prizes will be awarded for best disco dressers.

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Inn Tour, part of Idyllwild's new Winterfest festival, and the participation of so many locals. Locals also turned out for the Winterfest Tour à Soupe and the Senior Dance at Town Hall. Nancy Layton, manager of the new bakery, Honey Buns and Joe, said local traffic was driving strong sales.

Gillett noted that Creekstone and Silver Pines Lodge were fully booked for Christmas and New Year's. Al-len said Fireside is also booked for the holidays. Those bookings, along with more locals shopping in Hill stores, could still boost holiday sales.

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Medicare info for baby boomers

On Jan. 1, 2011, the first "official" California baby boomers will turn 65 and become eligible for Medicare benefits. A group called "Early Baby Boomers" have simplified information about Medicare, Medigap and other life questions into a brief and easy-to-follow website at www.ababyboomersguide.com.

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