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Rustic's New Year's show is no drag

Prior to the start of the Rustic Theatre's New Year's Cabaret Evening, **Bella da Ball** visits with theatre owner **Shane Stewart** and his son **Hunter**. This was one of several New Year's celebrations throughout Idyllwild. See pages 12, 13 and 24 for more photos.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

Fire Chief Walker resigns

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Editor's note: The IFPD commission announced a special meeting for 6 p.m., Wednesday, Jan 4 to consider an appointment of an interim fire chief.

Idyllwild Fire Chief Norm Walker submitted his resignation Dec. 28 and left his position on Dec. 31, only 17 months after being sworn in as chief.

In his letter, Walker clearly disagreed with the fire commission's decision asking him to step aside and expressed his pride in the department's accomplishments during his tenure.

"I want to make it clear that I do not agree with the Board of Commissioners' decision to 'take the department in a new direction,'" he said directly.

Walker feels the new direction has never been set forth as a policy and there-

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fore he has not been given an opportunity to demonstrate whether his leadership can take the department in the direction and achieve the commission's goal.

Commission President Jeannine Charles-Stigall expressed her and the commission's gratitude for Walker's service in the past year and half.

"I greatly appreciate everything Chief Walker has done for the community," she said. "However, Chief Walker's inability to recognize the very real financial crisis IFPD is facing has forced the commission to

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2011's top stories: Part 2

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER
AND J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Editor's note: At the end of each year, the Town Crier looks back at the headlines that made the biggest local news during the year. The summaries of five major stories are presented here in the second of a two-week series. Readers are encouraged to comment on these and other 2011 stories at our website www.idyllwildtowncrier.com.

Abundant business changes

In a normal year, stories about the changing Idyllwild business profile appear quarterly. This year, because of rapid turnover due to the economy, we wrote one almost every month.

The major local stories were the reopening and re-

vitalization of the Pine Cove Market and Gas station in April and the continued rejuvenation, under President Nick Todd, of the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce. Chamber membership is holding steady with 119 business memberships and 32 individual memberships.

In June, the Tahquitz Inn

reopened under Rainbow Inn owners John Simpson and Lon Mercer, and co-owners Allan and Sheryl Lehmann, as the Apple Blossom Inn. Brendan Collier's Hub Cyclery expanded to a larger location in Oakwood, and Idyllwild got its own psychiatrist, Dr. Thomas B. Jackson, M.D.

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Outgoing Idyllwild Arts President Bill Lowman meets with his successor, Brian Cohen, during Cohen's March campus visit. Read more on pages 10 and 11.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Many new California laws for 2012

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The California Legislature enacted about 750 laws during 2011. Some counted 745 and other reports say 760 laws were passed and signed by Gov. Jerry Brown.

Most of these became effective Sunday, Jan. 1, 2012, although some are delayed until July 1, 2012.

Below is a list of some of the new laws which Califor-

nians must begin observing.

Child seat restraints

All children 8 years or younger are required to be secured in a car seat or booster seat if they are riding in a vehicle. Even children older than 8 years must be in a car seat if their heads are not above the front seats. See www.chp.ca.gov/community/child_safetyseat_faqs.html for a full explanation.

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NEWS OF RECORD

Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Dec. 26, 2011 to Jan. 1, 2012:

Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

- Dec. 26 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 26 — Medical aid, Coulter Drive.
- Dec. 27 — Medical aid, Scenic Drive, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 28 — Medical aid, Roble Drive, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 28 — Medical aid, Scenic Drive, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 28 — Medical aid, North Circle Drive, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 28 — Medical aid, Double View Drive, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 29 — Hazardous conditions, River Drive, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 29 — Public Service, South Circle Drive, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 29 — Citizen complaint, Doubletree Drive, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 30 — Walk-in medical aid.
- Dec. 31 — Smoke/odor removal, Rocky Way Drive, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 31 — Medical aid, Forest View Drive, Idyllwild.
- Dec. 31 — Medical

aid, Forest View Drive, Idyllwild.

Dec. 31 — Walk-in medical aid.

Dec. 31 — Medical aid, Dome Lane, Idyllwild.

Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Report unavailable.

Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Dec. 27 — Vegetation fire, 56000 block of Highway 371, Anza.

Dec. 28 — Medical aid, 43000 block of Chapman Road, Anza.

Dec. 29 — Traffic collision, 53000 block of Highway 74, Mountain Center.

Dec. 29 — Medical aid, 59000 block of Morris Ranch Road.

Dec. 30 — Medical aid, 28000 block of Bonita Vista Road, Garner Valley.

Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Wednesday, Dec. 28 to Tuesday, Jan. 3. This may not be a complete list of responses:

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Vandals target cars after New Year

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

Vandals damaged and pilfered two cars at separate residences in the 54000 block of Jameson on Monday evening, Jan. 2. Both cars were parked in their owner's home driveway, with a fair amount of ambient lighting in the area. Both cars were unlocked. At one house, vandals took items from an emergency response backpack and damaged the

car's console. At the other, vandals took the car's registration. Owners filed police reports.

One owner expressed sadness that the peace and security they feel about living on the Hill has been violated. The lesson is that neither homes nor cars should be left unlocked, something both owners said they would no longer do.

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



Late Friday evening, Dec. 23, a young couple, driving to a rental, turned down thickly ice-encrusted Upper Rim Rock in Fern Valley and skidded for over 500 feet before hitting a tree, overturning and sliding down an embankment. Neither occupant was hurt but the car was totaled.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CARL EMERY

Average rainfall so far

By J.P. Crumrine
Editor

The first half of the 2011/2012 rain year ended Saturday, Dec. 31. Idyllwild Fire Department (IFPD) reported 9.85 inches fell in town between July 1, 2011 and Dec. 31. The Forest Service's Keenwild Ranger Station recorded 8.43 inches during the same period.

The long-term average rainfall from July through December is 9.22 inches. Thus IFPD recorded about 6.8 percent more rainfall than the average, while rainfall at Keenwild was about 8.6 percent less than average.

Since 2006, the rain volume through December has ranged from 3.85 in 2006 to 17.38 last year. The six-month total is a rough approximation of annual rainfall.

For the 12 months from

July 1 to June 30, Idyllwild has averaged 25.7 inches of rain annually. Since 2006, the Hill has exceeded that amount only once — 29.4 inches last year.

In 2007 and 2009, the six-month total was slightly more than 8.5 inches each year and final rain volume was 23.6 inches and 24.8 inches in those years.

As we enter spring, the average rainfall from January through June has been 16.5 inches. For 2012, climatologists do not foresee a wet winter or spring.

"Precipitation during the January-March time-frame may be below normal, especially over Southern California," according to the "Seasonal Outlook" prepared by the Southern California Geographic Area Coordination Center, which supports all the local federal and state fire agencies.

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Idyllwild Weather

From the National Weather Service

Thursday 1/5	Friday 1/6	Saturday 1/7	Sunday 1/8	Monday 1/9
74/44 Sunny.	69/39 Sunny.	69/45 Sunny.	65/37 Sunny.	63/37 Sunny.

Idyllwild this year				Idyllwild last year			
Date	High	Low	M S	High	Low	M	S
12-26	62	27		46	24		
12-27	62	31		47	24		
12-28	67	37		51	29		
12-29	70	40		49	27		
12-30	67	40		49	27		
12-31	70	36		na	na		
1-1	na	na		62	28		

Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 9.85
To date last season (Idy): 17.08
Total last season (Idy): 29.38
To date this season (PC): 9.27
Total last season (PC): 36.11

Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 7.1
To date last season (Idy): 4.2
Total last season (Idy): 44.9
To date this season (PC): 22.25
Total last season (PC): 78.5

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.idyllwildtowncrier.com> or call Caltrans road update at 1-800-427-7623.

Editor's note: The "To date this season (Idy)" moisture total has been updated to reflect two missing measurements not earlier provided by Idyllwild Fire Department. They are 0.13 inches on Dec. 16 and 0.28 inches on Dec. 17.

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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

The sun also rises ...

The day after Christmas, Miss Wyoming and I drove to Gillette, Wyo. We left Denver in the early morning darkness and reached the state line before sunup; and we were greeted with a sunrise.



What a sunrise it was! The clouds were lit up with an ever changing pattern of pink, red, orange and gold. With my camera at the ready, I could not resist taking photos through the passenger side window as we were headed north and the window was facing east.

The first morning in Gillette, we also welcomed the sunrise, but we encountered difficulties that were present from a moving vehicle. The first problem with this plan was that the temperatures were well below freezing; and, secondly, the low temperature paired with a steady wind blowing about 30 miles per hour, and you have a recipe for frostbite, even though we were properly dressed.

Nevertheless, we persevered. When the sunrise began, the sky was lit with gold which quickly turned to crimson clouds trimmed with jet black. We completely forgot about the cold and I began shooting one picture after another.

We became a two-person chorus of "oohs" and "ahs" as the sun finally rose above the low mountain peak. I think I was smiling but couldn't be sure as my cheeks were frozen and numb.

It soon became apparent that the winter sunrise was spectacular virtually every morning in cowboy country. Everywhere we went, we got early starts and every time the sun came up I would be repeating my mantra, "Wow, pull over I have to get this shot."

On my birthday, we went sightseeing to Devil's Tower, (not Devil's Postpile which I reported in a previous column) and then on to Spearfish and Deadwood, S.D. Somewhere on Route 14 it was once again time for my mantra as the sky was so filled with crimson, gold and sun yellow that I could not believe my own eyes.

When we finally reached Devil's Tower, it was somewhat anticlimactic as the sky was a flat gray and there was no contrast to set off the tower. We wanted to walk around the tower but the "trail" was paved and completely frozen over with slick ice. It was only 8:30 a.m. and the ranger station



Pronghorn sheep seen from Wyoming highway.



Sunrise greets Bruce on his birthday.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF BRUCE WATTS

was still closed, but we saw a ranger sitting in his car who opened early for us.

I wanted to get some Yaktrax but unfortunately they had no ice protection so we only hiked about fifty feet up the trail, took some photos and left for Spearfish.

We managed to make the drive up Spearfish Canyon despite the rain. But we didn't get out of the car very often. I didn't get a single shot.

Unfortunately, Deadwood was very disappointing. The town's older sections had burned in 1959. Now, most of the town and its economy is based on gambling.

Because it was raining and snowing the whole time we were in South Dakota, we finally headed back to Wyoming. I continued to shoot photos until the camera's card was full.

This would be repeated the next day as we drove past herds of buffalo, pronghorns, Van Gogh-like fields of brown and gold and the vast, beautiful Wyoming sky that stretched on forever.



Wintersweet (*Chimonanthus praecox*) is often called the "Ice Flower" and is a native of China and Japan. For much of the year, this upright, big shrub or small deciduous tree fades into the background. But it is the fragrant waxy flowers that appear in the winter that are the big attraction. They open at a time of year (late January to mid-February) when we need the uplift that the bare-branched flowers offer.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HAROLD VOORHEIS

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week are kindergartners **Ryder Dittmann**, left, and **Seth White**. Kindergarten teacher **Joan Gray** chose these students for their enthusiasm for learning, making good choices and being great role models for the other students. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

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TUESDAY

7-8 p.m.

Adult Dance

Annika Kay

WEDNESDAY

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Ballet/Tap

Annika Kay

THURSDAY

4-5 p.m.

Children's Yoga

Trine

FRIDAY

5-6 p.m.

Adult Yoga

Trine

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Every 3rd Saturday of each month, there will be an adult field trip. Call GeGe for more info.

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Flowers of the forest for 2011

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

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

Mary Arnaiz
Ralph K Bjorklund
Jack Bryson
Randy Roy Chaney
Charlotte S. Cowan
Leroy Davis
Marsha M. Davis
Lori Sorkin Farrell
Lee Forese
Eleanor "Maggie" Hallenbeck
James Paul Haney

Richard Jordan
Devon R. "Chink" Klingler
Tari Lennon
Robert "Bob" Lockhart
Edgar Esteban Hernandez Lopez
Edward "Ted" Arthur Maloney
Linda Lucille Martin-Carr
Nancy Jackson Freese Brown Millsap
Robert (Bob) Petkin
Catherine Arlie Richter Baar Priem
Joan Potratz

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

The Town Crier takes pause to memorialize in its first newspaper of the new year the names of 31 people who died in 2011:

Mary Suzanne Ramirez
Rayelle Roe
Paula Rosanne Rumler
Walter Warren Shirley
Robert Dean Stastny
O.J. "Jay" Taylor
Nancy Lee Turner (née Hill)
Inez "Inie" M. Wilson
Norbert (Tom) Wick

Laws

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Violating the law can result in the parents or driver receiving a ticket for more than \$475 and a point on their driving record.

Tanning beds

Infants and toddlers are not the only youngsters affected by the raft of restrictive new laws. People (or as the legislation says, children) younger than 18 years old may not use tanning beds. Use will be restricted to adults.

Over-the-counter cough medicine

Cough medicines containing Dextromethorphan cannot be sold to minors without the provision of a

doctor's prescription. Dextromethorphan is a cough suppressant commonly found in many over-the-counter cold and cough medicines, such as Robitussin, Nyquil, Dimetapp, Vicks, Coricidin, Delsym and others, including generic labels.

Technical classes as electives

The legislature is now permitting school districts to allow students to substitute a career technical class for a foreign language or visual or performing arts class towards high school graduation credits.

Light bulbs

A year ago, the legislature required 100-watt incandescent light bulbs manufactured in California to use no more than 72 watts or

less of energy. Incandescent bulbs have not been banned in California, but manufacturers must produce bulbs that use less energy.

Although you can start saving money on your electric bill now by replacing your inefficient incandescent bulbs with more efficient bulbs, the new standard does not affect light bulbs already in use, only those manufactured in 2011 or later.

On Jan. 1, 2012, the 75-watt bulb energy use must be reduced to 53 watts and one year later, Jan. 1, 2013, the 40-watt and 60-watt bulbs must use no more than 29 and 43 watts respectively.

Renewable energy

Another step in the Legislature's continuing effort to conserve energy is the

new requirement that public utilities will have to obtain a third of their energy from renewable sources beginning in 2020. The existing target was 20 percent.

Voter registration

New voters will be offered the opportunity to register online in the future.

Consolidation of ballot measures

Beginning in 2012, no more ballot measures will appear on primary election ballots. All initiatives will be required to be placed on the general-election ballot where voter turnout is generally higher.

A 51-page document identifying all of the new state laws is available on the Town Crier website www.idyllwildtowncrier.com.

Record

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Dec. 28 — Solo-car, minor-injury collision, Highway 74 west of Spring Crest Drive, Pinyon.

Dec. 29 — Two-car, non-injury collision, Highway 74, west of Highway 243, Mountain Center.

Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Monday, Dec. 26 to Monday, Jan. 2. This may not be a complete list of responses:

Dec. 26 — An uniden-

tified suspect is reported to have committed felony attempted burglary of a commercial business in the 54000 block of N. Circle Drive in Idyllwild. The case remains open but suspended.

Dec. 27 — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony burglary in the 58000 block

of State Highway 371 in Anza. The case remains open but suspended.

Dec. 28 — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony burglary of a residence in the 44000 block of Chapman Road in Anza. The case remains open but suspended.

Celebration of life Mary Arnaiz



The family of Mary Arnaiz invites the community to the celebration of Mary's life on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012. The service will be held in the Multipurpose Room of Idyllwild School beginning at 12:30 p.m., followed immediately by a reception.

MOUNTAIN FOLK

Longtime Idyllwild resident, **Gordon Price**, Hurkey Creek Park staff and musician passed away on Dec. 28. Dave Ledbetter sadly informed the Town Crier. An obituary and memorial details will be in next week's paper ...

Valle Vista resident **Diane Verdugo** reported that the **Riverside Mountain Rescue Unit** will be featured on the Travel Channel on Friday, Jan. 6 in an episode called "Got Home Alive," about a couple lost for days on Mt. San Jacinto.

Half-off traffic fines began Jan. 1

Who: For drivers with outstanding traffic tickets that were due to be paid in full before Jan. 1, 2009. All of the following also must apply:

- You either failed to appear in court or failed to pay in full.
- The last date you made a payment was on or before Jan. 1, 2009.
- You don't owe restitution to a victim on any case in the county where the traffic case was filed.
- You have no outstanding misdemeanor or felony warrants in the county where the traffic case was filed.
- Other eligibility requirements may vary from county to county.

What: The California Legislature mandated (Assembly Bill 1358) that all 58 counties implement a one-time

amnesty period that allows a lump sum payment of 50 percent of the outstanding balance on certain violations to fully satisfy that court-ordered obligation.

Only traffic tickets that were due to be paid before January 1, 2009, are eligible. Parking tickets, driving under the influence (DUI), and reckless driving cases are not eligible.

When: The program began Jan. 1, 2012, and ends June 30, 2012.

Where: At your local superior court, www.courts.ca.gov/find-my-court.htm

How: Payment may be made in whatever form is customary in your county, which may include credit card, cash, cashier's checks, money orders and personal checks.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 5

- Town Crier News Meeting, public welcome, 8:30 a.m. Jo'An's Restaurant, 25070 Village Center Dr.
- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Idyllwild Rotary Anns, 11:30 a.m. Call 852-2306 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Soroptimist International of Idyllwild, 6 p.m., The Creek House, 54905 N. Circle Dr.
- English as Second Language, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Idyllwild School Library, 26700 Hwy. 243.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

FRIDAY, JAN. 6

- Cancer Support Group for women and men, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr., For information, call Deanna (951) 659-8104.
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or email jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-Stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. 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, JAN. 7

- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Special Meeting: Workshop on 2011-12 budget, 8 a.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Pine Cove Property Owners Association, 9 a.m. Pine Cove Fire Station, 24919 Marion Ridge Dr., Pine Cove.
- Mountain Disaster Preparedness, "Medical Disaster Training" exercises, 10 a.m. to noon. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar

St.,
 • Occupy Idyllwild for Peace, Justice and Nonviolence "teach-in" 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town center at "Harmony" monument. (909) 228-6710

- 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, JAN. 8

- Peace Meditation Practice, 10 a.m. Tibetan Buddhist Dharma Center, 53191 Mountain View, Pine Cove.
- 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 Flat, across from CAL FIRE Station 6.
- Teen Group, 1:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- Al-Anon "Mixed Nuts" open meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

MONDAY, JAN. 9

- Alcoholics Anonymous women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Call (619) 895-0934 for location.
- Friends of the Idyllwild Library Board, 9 a.m. Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. 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, JAN. 10

- Mountain Quilters of Idyllwild, 9:30 a.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; AA Open Meeting & Big Book Study, 6-7 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- La Leche League, 1 p.m. Call 659-8321.
- International Healing Rooms of Idyllwild, 5-7 p.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54960 Pine Crest Ave.
- ICRC board meeting, 5:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m.

Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

- 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.
- Idyllwild Water District Special Meeting: Workshop on committees and district goals for 2012 and 2013 7 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 a.m. Shiloh Christian Ministries, 54968 Upper Pine Crest Ave.; noon, St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; 6 p.m., Spiritual Living Center, women only, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).
- 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. Jo'An's Restaurant, 25070 Village Center Dr.
- Creekside Writers, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 659-2844.

- Pine Cove Water District, 10 a.m. PCWD, 24917 Marion Ridge Rd., Pine Cove.
- La Leche League, 10 a.m. Call 659-8321.

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

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

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

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

- Mountain Disaster Preparedness board meeting, 6-7:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn, 54950 Pine Crest Ave.

- "An Inquiry into Local Food Issues," 6 p.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.

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

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- MEMSCOMM, 9 a.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

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

- Idyllwild Francophonie (fluent-French speakers), noon. Café Aroma, 54750 North Circle Dr. RSVP to Francoise Frigola, 659-4146.

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

- CSA 36 Advisory Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m. Town Hall, 25925 Cedar St.,

- Mile High Radio Club, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

- RACES, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.

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

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

- 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 & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.

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

- Idyllwild Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.

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

- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.



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OTHER POINTS OF VIEW

Walker vs. paid-call firefighters

Whether you know it or not, we've just received a wake-up call. I'm referring, of course, to the almost unbelievable action recently taken by the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) Board of Commissioners.

The board fired our chief, and apparently for no real reason that has any bearing on his performance as our fire chief. Incredibly, just a day or two earlier they had presented him with a glowing annual performance review. That's right — then they fired him.

I don't know for sure why they fired him, but my educated guess is that it has everything to do with the paid-call issue and the fact that two of the board members are, or were, paid-call volunteers. Add to that some personal animosity toward Chief Walker on the part of two key members of the current board.

While Steve Kunkle was still the chief, he and the career firefighters came to the conclusion over time that using reserves is far better than relying on paid-call people.

Reserves are people who want very much to become full-time career firefighters and are willing to work for a pittance (\$100 for a 24-hour shift) while they gain experience and build their resume. They are qualified firefighters and EMTs who work 24-hour shifts at the fire station where they are ready to roll with the career firefighters on an instant notice. When they are not out on a call they spend about eight hours a day maintaining the facility and, most importantly, receiving ongoing training along with the career staff.

On the other hand, paid-call firefighters and EMTs volunteer to be on call from their home for a 24-hour shift during which time they are paid \$2 an hour. If they are called out they receive \$12 an hour for a medical call and \$16 per hour for a fire call.

During the past few years very few paid-call people have been able to do that, primarily because they have businesses to run or jobs to show up for.

But the biggest problem with using paid-call people is that all too often they fail to keep up with ongoing training. Paid-call and volunteer firefighters are required to receive the same training regarding "safe and healthy work practices" that career firefighters receive, which must be documented and available for inspection by Cal OSHA. This becomes very important in the event a firefighter or someone under his or her supervision is injured, or has acted in a capacity not supported by ongoing training records. In such a case, the department is subject to a civil lawsuit and a citation issued by Cal OSHA.

In light of this, Chief Walker adopted the same policy, which has infuriated some of the few remaining and former paid-call volunteers. Personally, I see nothing wrong with using paid-call volunteers on a limited basis. In fact, two of the remaining volunteers, who are not classified as firefighters, but are trained EMTs, serve the department very well.

See [Killingsworth, page 8](#)

Commissioner responds to former commissioner

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) has made some great strides in the last two years. There have been some common tasks that were neglected and now are being handled properly.

Relationships with local emergency agencies have been restored to a cooperative level as they should be. Agreements and memorandums are in place to ensure mutual aid and understanding in emergency situations.

Because these had been neglected, it was marvelous to have them reinstated properly. In most municipalities it is expected practice to have these relationships in place. The leadership has performed well in these areas over the last two years. These practices and relationships will continue.

The critical issue the department is facing is a financial one. The current board is willing to make aggressive proactive decisions that improve our viability in the long run. Our primary objective is to ensure the community has ambulance and fire protection 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year without interruption. That includes during snow storms when people can't get to the station from off the Hill. That includes during wind, rain, earthquake, fire and any other natural disaster that may cut off from the Hill from outside resources.

We are committed to having a fully trained complete staff always available. Our IFPD firefighter medics are going to be here in our station.

In the recent past our finances have been handled below an acceptable standard. Mr. Killingsworth is all too aware that under his watch as treasurer the audits were missing for four years and recently the IFPD balances fell to a level so low we improperly used \$125,000 of restricted accrued benefits money just to meet the monthly expenses.

Then IFPD still needed an advance of \$450,000 to meet monthly expenses for the next several months.

Was there any forewarning from Ben? Was there any leadership giving the board any data to alert them to this crisis beforehand? No.

It is our obligation to have leadership with the expertise and experience in all areas of the department's needs. It is unacceptable to have no financial plan or even an idea of how to make the department viable for the short and long term.

When the leader laments "IFPD will be broke in five years" and has no plan and an attitude of failure, it is time to move in a new direction. When the leader is being paid over \$100,000 a year and repeatedly admits to have no financial or medical expertise or experience in a small town fire budget, it is time to move in a new direction.

We cannot wait for the learning curve to occur. When the resigned treasurer leaves a mess and cries it's the "paid-call's fault," he misses the mark yet again.

The financial problems can not be attributed to the firefighter reserve and paid-call volunteer firefighters. They are the most cost effective employees we have. Their budgets are a small fraction of the budget.

See [Schelly, page 8](#)

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



READERS WRITE

Families need income**EDITOR:**

During the recent family-focused Christmas season, one rather troubling set of recent statistics that may have the same effect as an Ebenezer Scrooge or Lionel Barrymore's Henry Potter on our next Christmas are these:

1. According to the US census and Pew Research Center single people now outnumber the married folks.

2. And according to Pew Research Center, the only socioeconomic group that embraces marriage are wealthier white Americans. The working class folks that fill our county are avoiding marriage in record numbers.

I find it both humorous and heartbreaking that the

conservatives, who give the best lip service to family values, are the very group that is largely to blame for the disappearance of two parent, working middle-class families. Their policies have decimated the economic-security that motivates moms to be or stay married.

Financial hardship exacerbates divorce. It's no secret that the job-exporting "right" demonizes the eight percent of the workforce that is unionized. Yet they turn a blind eye to criminally exploding management and public salaries which we can see right here in Southern California, many in our county. The right even deplores the media's newspaper that won a Pulitzer for exposing the City of Bell's million-dollar salary scandal.

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TOWN TALK

By CID CASTILLO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

What are your predictions for the year 2012?



Jo Carroll Dennison
Retired
Pine Cove

"There will be a marked improvement in the economy and within the U.S. as a nation in general. I believe we will have the same president."



Barbara Layman
Retired
Idyllwild

"There will be a resurgence of morality. We will have a new president. It will be a turnaround year. The United States will re-emerge as a world leader."



Bill Lowman
Retired
Idyllwild

"I am positive we will have a stronger stock market. The U.S. economy will improve and there will be less unemployment."



Caleb Kirk
Insurance broker
Idyllwild

"I think that unemployment will keep rising. Even though I predict there will be more natural disasters, Jan. 1, 2013 will come around and we will still be here."

Weather

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In early December, the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center's latest forecast reported an increased chance of above average temperatures across

the south-central and south-eastern U.S. during December 2011 through February 2012 and "drier-than-average conditions are more likely across the southern tier of the U.S."

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BEFORE OUR TIME

By ROBERT B. SMITH

Village center ...

In a place that changes as slowly as Idyllwild, what's new about a New Year? Seven years ago it was the imminent opening of our newest commercial development, the Village Centre shops at the corner of North Circle and Village Center drives.

New? In fact, this complex was built on just about the oldest commercial site in Strawberry Valley. Its gently sloped terrain, well watered and shaded, attracted Idyllwild founder George Hannahs to this spot in 1890 for his Camp Idylwilde facilities.

But we can trace its commercial roots back farther, to the huge 1871 land grant awarded by the U.S. Congress to the Southern Pacific Railroad. The railroad's prize for promising to build a transcontinental railway east from Southern California, potentially populating the area recently won from Mexico along the nation's new southern border, was half the land surrounding its right-of-way for miles on either side.

After 1871 the railroad owned what would become central Idyllwild north of Strawberry Plaza and Silver Pines Lodge, from County Park Road all the way east to Lodge Road in Fern Valley. Another section took in all the lower valley between Idyllwild School and Camp Emerson.

Loggers then bought up large tracts of railroad land, until the San Jacinto Forest Reserve was created in 1897, and unsold land was traded back to the federal government. After San Diego County opened the primitive wagon road from Hemet to the public toll-free in 1888, tiny tourist enterprises sprang up, among them Camp Idylwilde, which Hannahs bought from local logging baron Anton Scherman.

In 1895 Hannahs sold the camp property, then Walter Lindley came along in 1899 and bought it up to build his Idyllwild Sanatorium. Predictably, the sanatorium, that strange hybrid of hotel and TB hospital — I can't help asking "What was Lindley thinking?" — was a commercial failure. Within two years it was converted wholly to a hotel, the Strawberry Valley Lodge, which operated only for a summer before burning down during the off-season. Lindley chose to rebuild on a neighboring site, and for the next 40 years the land that had housed the landmarks Camp Idylwilde and Idyllwild Sanatorium sat vacant.

Another major fire, the 1945 blaze that consumed Lindley's Idyllwild Inn, brought commercial development back to the original site. Then-owner Paul Foster, like Lindley before him, immediately rebuilt, returning to the sanatorium site for his new "Foster's Idyllwild Inn."

The new inn opened just in time to celebrate New Year 1946, but within a month Foster sold it to a local syndicate headed by Jerry Johnson. Before summer arrived, Johnson's group in turn sold it to their resident manager, Bud Funk, and that fall Funk sold the property, now named Idyllwild Mountain Inn, establishing a pattern that would never end.

In 1950 the Idyllwild Arts Foundation bought it for a conference center, but gave up after a year. Despite brief celebrity as a set for scenes in Elvis Presley's 1961 film, "Kid Galahad," the Idyllwild Mountain Inn never really

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FIRE AND FOREST

By MIKE ESNARD,
MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FIRE SAFE COUNCIL
PRESIDENT

New directions ...

2011 was a very good year for the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council. The money came late for our grant to help homeowners with abatement but we were able to quickly put the money to use over the summer. The quality of our newsletter is good and so are our membership numbers. New people joined the Woodies and they continue to produce a steady stream of valuable firewood for those who need it. And to top it off, from all I can tell, everyone involved in our work has a good time doing it.

In 2012, we hope to keep all this going, but add some new directions. Board and staff members have given a lot of thought to the future over the past six months, and we have chosen five goals for the coming years.

The first goal is to do a feasibility study of a bioenergy plant for the community. Various people on the mountain have been thinking about this for some time, but it seems we are ready to seriously look at how we might build a system that would generate electricity from all the fuel we remove for fire safety.

I am new to this, but the Forest Service's Dan Felix really caught my interest in a great conversation we had with him and District Ranger Laurie Rosenthal about the future. It seems that technology might have progressed to the point that even a small community like ours could economically support a facility like this.

Imagine that we take all our excess fuel — our leaves, needles, branches and dead trees — and turn them into electricity (or heat) for our own benefit. Talk about sustainability! Ray Barmore, our board secretary, will lead our study.

Our next goal is to facilitate the clearing of vacant lots, many of which are fire hazards. The county has had trouble trying to get owners to make them fire safe, but we think there are some things we can do to get the ball rolling again to bring them up to code.

Our third goal is to support the maintenance of our community fuelbreaks. These fuelbreaks, so critical to community safety, have a nasty habit of growing back. Unfortunately, federal and state money to maintain them does not have the same habit. We think we may be able to help agencies with this. One possibility is to see if we can create an "Adopt-a-Fuelbreak" program, where community members could help to maintain the land.

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Killingsworth

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The big challenge, which the department now faces is the same one faced by most other government entities, including cities, counties, our state and federal government, and most of the rest of the world; there's not enough money to support government activities. There once was more, but the loss of tax revenue — primarily property tax revenue — has

reduced the available funds. Obviously, the department has to cut expenses to an amount covered by income. It won't be easy or pleasant, but there is no other responsible alternative. Up to this point, Chief Walker has done that by submitting balanced budgets for board approval, but more needs to be done, which is the responsibility of the board. However, if the community stands by and allows this board of commission-

ers to continue on the destructive path it has chosen, we will all be the losers. And if we wind up losing our current ambulance service many locals may have to think about moving to someplace where it won't take 30 minutes to an hour to get emergency medical aid when they need it. In the good ol' days when people had a heart attack they usually died. Today they usually survive because they receive expert care from paramedics almost immediately.

So, fellow citizens, if you really care, you'll be at the next IFPD board meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10 at the fire station, and you'll tell this board what you think about all this. Meanwhile, I urge the board of commissioners to rescind their actions regarding Chief Walker, and to focus on improving our department in constructive ways — not destroying it, and to bear in mind that there is a lot of talk in the community about recalling

the entire board. As an added comment, I'd like to point out that there may be a flicker of light at the end of the tunnel. As you may have read, the governor and legislature have eliminated about 400 community redevelopment agencies. In our county about \$580 million out of the approximately \$2 billion collected each year in general purpose property taxes has been set aside for community redevelopment. The plan, as I understand

it, is to make those funds available for schools and special districts. Schools now receive about \$700 million plus \$260 million in Education Augmentation Funds, and special districts receive about \$171 million. As one of about 60 such districts (but the only fire protection district, and for that matter, the only public safety related district) in the county, we may well be in line for a boost in our income. BEN KILLINGSWORTH IDYLLWILD

Schelly

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The question becomes why were their budgets cut first? Why, when it came to cutting those budgets, did the leadership have no problem leading the way? Why, after months of asking for serious cuts to the budget, did the leadership say the board needs to find a way to make the reductions? It is time to move in a new direction.

We need a leader who has the medical and financial expertise to lead this department in all areas of the community's needs. Our fire department's primary and assigned role in the fire system for California is structure (fire) protection and emergency medical services (EMS). We should be handing out certificates and reading in the paper of our personnel going to training for our primary role. There has been much emphasis on

wildland fire fighting and while appropriate it should be included in our training, not our primary training. We should be best trained in structure protection and EMS. We need a financial and medically trained leader who has been successful with small districts in a forest like ours. We need to continue our team building with the community, the board, Chief's staff, firefighters and volunteers of all shapes and sizes to solve our challenges.

And we need a board and a community that is willing to give a person with those credentials and wealth of experience the opportunity to show us how to not just survive but flourish. Please attend the next board meeting with your ideas, your constructive dialogue and the desire to have IFPD for at least 40 more years provide excellent service to the this wonderful jewel called Idyllwild. CHARLES SCHELLY IFPD COMMISSIONER

Letters

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But union truck drivers here now make less than \$15 per hour. And largely due to the non-union auto plants in Republican-led right-to-work states, General Motors and Chrysler will now pay \$15.83 per hour for new

hires, or about half what their tenured UAW coworkers make. Median income here has dropped in the last ten years to under \$19,000 a person in Hemet and the San Jacinto Valley, equivalent of \$9.50 an hour. Our nation's largest private employer pays less than \$9.50 an hour. I could not support my

family of four in 1990 on \$15 per hour. I worked for a local contractor who avoided paying prevailing wage on a public building because the developer was leasing back the building to the government in Riverside. And the GOP wants us to believe broke people barely scraping by could replace the IRS by paying a

national sales tax? Really? 3. And that underpaid truth, which we heretofore have denied at our own peril, is why "99 cent" stores, Target and Walmart are the main stores and employers in our county. This is why violent crime is on the rise here along with prostitution and See Opinion, page 22

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Walker discusses his IFPD tenure

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

"The [Idyllwild Fire] department needs to succeed," said former Chief Norm Walker, only two days after his reluctant resignation. "I don't know where [the fire district's

commission] is going. I have had no hint about the 'new direction.'"

After a closed session Dec. 20, to complete Walker's performance evaluation, the commission asked Walker to resign so that they could move in a new direction.

Reluctantly Walker submitted his official resignation last week effective Dec. 31.

He was disappointed that the commission did not have enough faith to believe he could lead the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) to the desired goal. While

confident that he is capable of managing the local fire department, he was cautious to avoid the appearance of egotism when listing his accomplishments.

For example, during his tenure the board approved two ambulance rate increases, which he had recommended. Then Walker also guided them through the county's approval process for the rate increases.

Each increase was supposed to generate \$30,000 annually, according to Walker's comments at the meetings. The additional ambulance revenue was necessary, according to Walker. Nearly 80 to 85 percent of IFPD's calls are for emergency medical services.

"This is vital service and allows residents to have more comfort living here and know if something happened, they could get to a hospital," Walker said.

IFPD's financial problems were created before he arrived, Walker said. He noted that the existing Memorandum of Understanding with the Idyllwild Career Firefighters Association was signed in 2008; two new engines were purchased in 2006; and the Zoll medical equipment, which former Chief Steve Kunkle ordered in 2008, all contributed to the district's eroding reserves.

Walker is concerned that the commission will try to rectify the budget problems at the expense of the career firefighters.

"The place there is significant money is salaries and benefits," Walker stated. "There may be some savings, but we can't put \$100,000 on their backs. It's like a school district, the budget is mostly for staff salaries."

Whatever the district's final budget solution becomes, Walker believes it must include increased revenues, similar to 2011's failed Measure G. Walker attributes the commission's weak support as a factor in the measure's defeat. Since he was a uniformed official, he could not take an active role in its campaign, but he was disappointed in the commission's tepid support and Commissioner Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly's official opposition.

His only disagreement with the commission occurred in November when he proposed shutting down the paid-call firefighter program. Walker recommended the program be discontinued for two reasons: First the number of members had declined to four. Second, only one of the four was regularly available for calls.

The commission deferred a decision until the December meeting and then voted to continue the program. Walker hopes the commission does not plan to "replace career firefighters with paid-call firefighters."

"There is no evidence that the paid call program is any longer viable because of the commitment

of the members to their primary jobs," he wrote in his resignation letter. He also referred to the recent article about the Hill's changing demographics. The population cohort between 35 years and 49 years has declined. This group has historically been the source of paid-call firefighters, according to Walker.

"This town needs a professional fire department," he said. "We need up-to-date training and equipment. Being in a fire prone environment, we need good wildland firefighters because the Forest Service isn't staffed all night. If Idyllwild and County Fire can hold the fire until the Forest Service can get involved we'll potentially save the town."

Returning to the budget problems, Walker stressed that this costs money.

Walker did enjoy his time as Idyllwild chief. "While it was a challenge, I liked it." And he knows he helped rebuild the department's respect at the County level.

While his future plans are still somewhat uncertain, he intends to remain on the board of the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council. He wants to find the path to obtaining more local funding. He also may do some teaching in the future, but said he wants to wait before making any long-term commitments.

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12/28/11

Mr. Neufeld,

As per your e-mail of 11/27/11 requesting my resignation I hereby tender it.

However, I want to make it clear that I do not agree with the Board of Commissioners decision to "take the department in a new direction" and there are two issues here. First, the new direction has not been explained to me and therefore I will not be given a chance to perform under the new direction. Also after 39 years of fire service experience, the board has not sought my advice on this new direction.

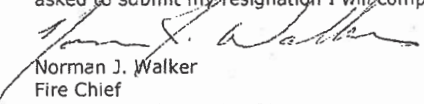
Secondly, if that new direction in any way diminishes service to the public in Idyllwild and Pine Cove or creates hostility between the board and the career firefighters or the volunteer fire company, the action should be condemned by the public. Replacing career firefighters with paid call firefighters will be just such an action. There is no evidence that the paid call program is any longer viable because of the commitment the members have to their primary jobs.

My record from May 17, 2010 to July 31, 2010 as Interim Chief and August 1, 2010 to the present as Fire Chief represents bringing IFPD from a disorganized fire department to a well-organized and respected fire department. Training files are secured and organized and financial files are also secured and organized. Bank accounts are reconciled and daily reports on the total amount of our assets can be produced.

IFPD income has increased twice due to my close work with Supervisor Stone and with REMS to approve ambulance transport rates that were neglected during the previous administration.

A fire department is a business and the demand for quality service comes from the public it serves. I have put into place sound business practices during my tenure. The quality standards for training, performance and equipment comes from REMS, the state fire marshal's office, NWCG, NFPA and OSHA. A Board and a Fire Chief cannot circumvent those standards in order to save money. I hope that is not what's about to happen.

Since there was no support for me when the Board voted on this matter and since I have been asked to submit my resignation I will comply effective 12/31/11.


Norman J. Walker
Fire Chief
Idyllwild Fire Protection District

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seek more experienced leadership."

Stigall believes Walker does know the commission's direction. Ever since the failure of Measure G in August, the commission's

agenda has focused on addressing the department's floundering finances, especially the \$450,000 advance from Riverside County.

The new commission's first actions were to schedule a budget workshop for Saturday, Jan. 7, and to discuss a strategy for opening negotiations with the

Idyllwild Career Firefighter's Association.

In his letter, Walker did speak to the financial issues when he advised the commission not to "replace career firefighters with paid-call firefighters."

Stigall did not indicate any intention to dissolve the career cadre. Their first

step as a commission will be to find an interim chief and then begin looking for a permanent replacement.

"I'm looking forward to 2012," she said. "It will be a good year for the Idyllwild Fire Protection District."

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Jan. 16 to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

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In July, Lanny and Lorraine Hardy became the new owners of the iconic Creek House Restaurant. The Hardys added lunch and expanded hours. And Jay and Steve Johnson took over management of Village Market, a property and building they own.

In August, The Grey Squirrel closed, taking with it a business moniker long associated with Idyllwild, and the Quiet Creek Living Room Gallery took over its location later in the year.

In September, the Mountain Restaurant, whose ownership had changed in January, closed its doors under new owners Jambe and Emily Dixon. The Idyllwild Health Center, long an anchor at Fern Valley Corners, relocated to the former chiropractic offices on Lower Pine Crest. Idyllwild Pines installed a new management team hoping to be more collaborative and to build bridges to the community.

In October, Richard "Dick" Rennick, founder of the national franchise American Leak Detection, bought Idyllwild Vacation Rentals and installed it in the Village Center complex.

Also in October, ARF and Sadie's Clinic moved to a new site on Highway 243, previously Idyllwild Technologies.

In November, Julie Johnson bought B's Mountain of Books and renamed it INK. Doug Yagaloff and Scott Douglas put their popular Mountain Harvest Market up for sale, because both owners were, as Yagaloff said, "burned out." They intend to keep it open and fully staffed and stocked until and if the right buyer is found. The Cigar Box opened in The Fort with tobacco and accessories.

Also in November, Patty McKee's Candy Cupboard, bucking a history of business busts, celebrated 30 years at the same location. Energy Transfer Partners L.P., operating as Amerigas, bought longtime Hill propane supplier Ballard Gas. Locals Dave and Julie Dillon bought the popular Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro in Village Centre. Also Curves became a Village Centre tenant because their previous location is now part of the new library project.

In December, Patricia Cruz and Curtis Henshaw opened Angels in the Cottage in the old Rustic Cabin location.

Fire Fee

"No new taxes, no tax increases without popular approval" were the promises emanating from legislative bases such as Washington, D.C., and Sacramento in 2011. However, the lexicon of elected officials distinguishes between taxes, which pay for the government that serves and protects us, and fees, the price or cost of specific services. The distinction is analogous to an entrance fee to a state park or paying your accountant to prepare your tax return.

In 2011, as a result of this distinction, the California Legislature imposed a fire prevention fee on property located within a State Regulated Area (SRA) — essentially an area which depends on CAL FIRE for fire protection. The Hill is in an SRA.

In July, the Legislature authorized an annual \$150 fire prevention fee and assigned implementation to the state's Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. In November, a newly constituted board approved a \$150 fee, which could be reduced if the property were within an independent fire protection district such as Idyllwild.

During the intervening months, the amount of the fee level bobbed more than a dribbling basketball. In August, the board set the fee at \$90, with a \$45 reduction for a local fire district and another \$10 reduction for properties that pass local inspections.

When the governor's office learned of the proposed regulations and that the esti-

mated revenue fell considerably short of its estimated collections, \$50 million this year and about \$200 million annually, amendments to the July legislation were drafted.

Two weeks later in September, state officials submitted the changes to the Legislature, which included raising the fee to \$175 and setting the minimum fee level at \$150. The proposed changes would allow for a \$25 reduction for properties where the owner already pays a fee to a local fire district.

The Legislature took no action on the proposed changes before adjourning in October. However, during that month, Gov. Jerry Brown appointed four new members to the board. At its November meeting, the board rescinded its August decision and voted to impose the \$150 fee with a \$35 exemption for local fire districts.

The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association (HJTA) stated that once a property



Rain pummels the attendees at the 18th Jazz in the Pines. But once the showers let up, the show went on and festival goers remained undaunted and refreshed.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

Cohen replaces Lowman

For 25 years, since the founding of Idyllwild Arts Academy (IA) in 1986, Bill Lowman served as president, headmaster and fundraiser in chief. In 2011, the school's leadership changed.

The school that exists today is there in large part because of Lowman's vision and his ability to sell its mission to strategic partners. Survival in the early years was also due to Lowman's creative risk-taking, as he came to call the edgy bets he made to support the nascent school. Lowman guided the growth of academy enrollment from 80 to nearly 300, an annual budget from \$800,000 to \$15 million, expanded full-time employees from 18 to more than 100 and stabilized a summer program that had been losing money.

On June 17, Brian D. Cohen, dean of faculty and teacher at Putney School in Vermont, became IA's second president, moved into Lowman's old office and took responsibility for guiding IA's future. Cohen shares with Lowman a commitment to providing substantial scholarship aid to students. "The money Bill has raised has gone into the kids," said Cohen. "Scholarship assistance is off the charts." At IA, 67 percent

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In July, Jo'An's Restaurant was awarded the 2011 business of the year by the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce.

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of the student body receives aid. At Putney the figure is 40 percent. According to Cohen, "Twenty percent is high for many independent [private] schools."

Prior to taking up his duties, Cohen talked to the Town Crier about what he finds exceptional about IA. "It's the investment of creative trust by faculty and mentors in each student with the result that everybody here, students as well as faculty, knows what they're doing."

In making the transfer to Cohen, Lowman said, "I'm handing off the school to Brian that I had hoped to do. There are many people who have been working on this for many years. This has been a team effort."

Cohen is focusing on an ambitious expansion of the academy's physical plant and building IA's endowment. Like Lowman, Cohen is an artist, a distinguished printmaker whose books and etchings are held by major private and public collections throughout the country.

In assuming the reins, Cohen said, "I take on leadership of the school with great respect for its traditions, with humility and admiration for all that Bill Lowman has done, and with enormous excitement and anticipation."

Idyllwild Library

Progress on the construction of a new Idyllwild Library proceeded methodically and gained momentum during 2011. In December, a construction contract was awarded to Hamel Contracting, Inc. of Murrieta. Unless something

unexpected occurs, by this time next year, the Hill will have a new and larger library.

The current library, one of the county's most popular on a per-resident basis, was outgrowing its current location on Lower Pine Crest Avenue more than a decade ago. In 2000, the Friends of the Idyllwild Library approached Suburban Propane about donating a small strip (2,000 square feet) of land to the library.

Although Suburban was willing, getting the county to approve the gift and use became an unending negotiation, which two 3rd District Supervisors, first Jim Venable, and then Jeff Stone, had to mediate.

In August 2010, the county Board of Supervisors authorized \$1 million for the acquisition and renovation of a new site for the Idyllwild Library. At that time, Stone's staff expected the new library would open in the first quarter of 2011.

In November, three months later, the Supervisors authorized the Economic Development Agency (EDA) to negotiate the purchase of the Cornet building in Strawberry Plaza for the new library site. At that time, optimistic participants expected the new facility to be open by the third quarter of 2011.

In early 2011, architects began meeting with the Friends to design the new facility. Participants hoped construction would begin in the spring and the library would open in November.

The planners discussed seating, book storage, outdoor areas, skylights and interior design, including a possible fireplace. By May, the architects and Friends

realized that planning and designing the facility had and would require more time than originally expected.

"The Friends were offering very detailed suggestions," said project lead architect Dan Benner of HMC Architects in Ontario. "They know how a library should operate. The process has been very collaborative." Noting the extra couple of months of consultation, Benner said "This has been well worth the last couple of months. The project is now 10 times the project it would have been had we stuck to the original plans."

To utilize the best of local libraries, the Friends took field trips to other new county libraries. By July, EDA staff projected completion of the library project in the spring of 2012. But the design plans were still incomplete and a request for contractors was not issued until October. On Oct. 20, EDA staff and Friends met with prospective contractors at the Strawberry Plaza site. Final bids were due in early November.

Finally the construction contract for \$1.7 million was awarded at the board's Dec. 20 meeting at a total project cost of \$2.2 million. Hamel did not expect to begin work until January 2012 and the contract provides for a six-month schedule to complete work. Friends and residents expect the new Idyllwild library to open during the summer of 2012.

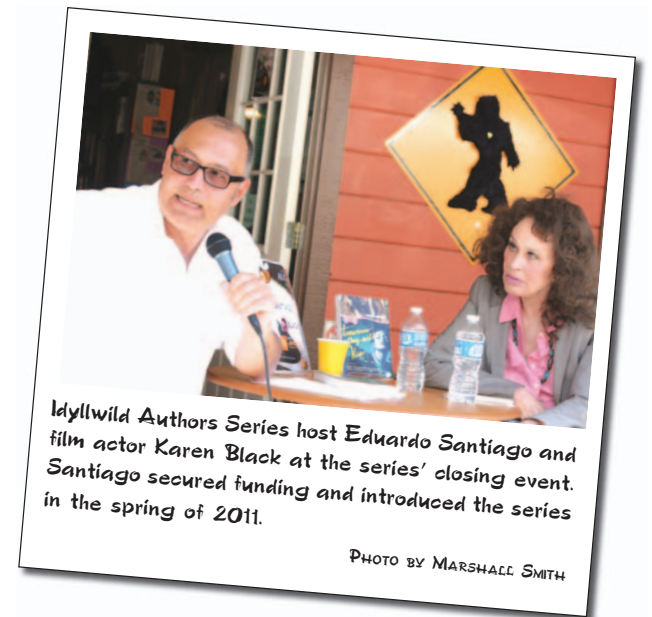
Community dialogue produces action

In a year marked by disunity and divisions, a year-long effort to build bridges of greater understanding within the community is bearing fruit. After two hate crime incidents in 2010, a small group began meeting with a facilitator and mediator from the Department of Justice to discuss the incidents and how best to respond.

After nine months of preparation, the organizing group hosted two community dialogue meetings at Idyllwild School in June 2011. The goals of the meetings were to help participants understand what community values they want to promote as part of their town's identity, and what each person could do to help foster a community where tolerance and mutual respect are prevalent.

Attendees at those meetings coalesced around three projects they believed could further those goals: a free film series themed around diversity issues; a family mentoring training geared to producing trained volunteers who could assist at-risk families; and a "neighborhood watch" that could extend throughout all Hill communities and enhance neighborhood safety.

The first two ideas found support within the community and are functioning. The free film series, "Seeing Diversity," screens every other Sunday at 4:15 p.m. at the Rustic Theatre and is followed by a dis-



Idyllwild Authors Series host Eduardo Santiago and film actor Karen Black at the series' closing event. Santiago secured funding and introduced the series in the spring of 2011.

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cussion group at the Quiet Creek Living Room Gallery next door to the Rustic. Organizers chose to screen major films that examined issues of sexual identity, HIV-AIDS discrimination, autism and homelessness, racial discrimination and religious persecution.

Three films were shown in 2011 and three more films will be presented in 2012. The next ones are the documentary "Paper Clips," about a middle school Holocaust project; "To Kill a Mockingbird" about race discrimination in the deep South, and "Milk" about sexual orientation prejudice and political activism.

The family mentoring project graduated six community members, trained in a process created by

Family Promise (www.familypromise.org). These mentors have been trained to assist economically vulnerable families. The group, headed by Allan Morphet, will next meet with local service organizations to explain the mentoring program. Service groups, churches, camps and other organizations that are aware of community members in need can provide referrals.

Editor's note: Staff Reporter Marshall Smith is actively involved in the community dialogue, film series and family mentoring programs.

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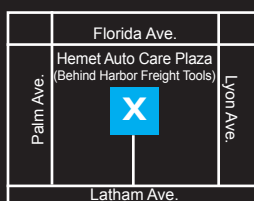
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Arts & Entertainment Calendar



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

Thursday, Jan. 5
 1/2 Price Bottles of Wine, The Creek House.
 Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
 Sandii Castleberry, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.
 "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
 Wii games for all ages, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Friday, Jan. 6
 Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.
 Prime Rib Dinner, 5-7 p.m. American Legion Post 800.
 Skeleton Crew, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
 Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. The Lumber Mill.
 Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
 "The Adventures of Tintin," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.



The Battle of the DJs was the theme at Café Aroma during its New Year's celebration which resulted in nonstop dancing and partying well into 2012.

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Saturday, Jan. 7
 "Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
 "The Adventures of Tintin," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
 Don Reed & Friends, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.

Live Music, 6-10 p.m. The Lumber Mill.
 Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
 Karaoke with Kathy, 7-11 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

Sunday, Jan. 8
 David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
 "Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

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Rick Foster and Nancy Layton make a stop at the Quiet Creek Inn New Year's Open House before dashing to a mystery theatre dinner party.

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A&E

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"The Adventures of Tintin," 2 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
"Paper Clips," ACT Film Series screening (free), 4:15 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Monday, Jan. 9
Childrens Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbreetsen, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"The Adventures of Tintin," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Jan. 10
Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall.
Private Wine Tasting, 6:30 p.m. Idyll Awhile Wine Shoppe & Bistro.
Adult Dance with Annika Kay, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.
"The Adventures of Tintin," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Jan. 11
Ballet & Tap Dancing with Annika Kay, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"The Adventures of Tintin," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Jan. 12
Idyllwild Festival of Cinema, all day, various locations.
1/2 Price Bottles of Wine, The Creek House.
Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4-5 p.m. Town Hall.
Tom McNeary, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.
Wii games for all ages, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.



Welcoming the new year at the American Legion Post 800 are dancers Caleb McAndrews, left, Jyoti Kintz and Jeff Adams.

Friday, Jan. 13
Idyllwild Festival of Cinema, all day, various locations.
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.
Hojo & Friends, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. The Lumber Mill.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Saturday, Jan. 14
Idyllwild Festival of Cinema, all day, various locations.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
Swift Pony, 6-8 p.m. The Creek House.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. The Lumber Mill.

Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Karaoke with Kathy, 7-11 p.m. Jo'An's Restaraunt.

Sunday, Jan. 15
Idyllwild Festival of Cinema, all day, various locations.
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

Monday, Jan. 16
Childrens Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.
Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbreetsen, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Creative Writing Parallax Reading, 7:30 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

Tuesday, Jan. 17
Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall.
Adult Dance with Annika Kay, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.

Wednesday, Jan 18
Ballet & Tap Dancing with Annika Kay, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.



New Year's at Jo'An's Restaurant started with a festive dinner including complimentary champagne, then dancing to live music.



It seems that the only quiet establishment on the Hill on New Year's eve was the popular Gastrognome Restaurant where partygoers simply enjoyed the food and conversation.

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Monday, January 16
Creative Writing Parallax Reading. 7:30 PM, Parks Exhibition Center.

Friday, January 20
Visual Art Theme Show. Opening reception, 6 PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through February 2.
Theatre Production: The Shape of Things by Neil Labute. 7:30 PM, IAF Theatre. Recommended for mature audiences.

Saturday & Sunday, January 21 & 22
Theatre Production: The Shape of Things by Neil Labute. Sat., 7:30 PM & Sun., 2 PM, IAF Theatre. Recommended for mature audiences.

Saturday & Sunday, February 4 & 5
Idyllwild Arts Academy Orchestra Concert: Howard Cheng, *viola*. Sat., 7:30 PM & Sun., 2 PM, IAF Theatre.

Tuesday, February 7
Faculty Recital: Todor Pelev, *violin*, Douglas Ashcraft, *piano*. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Friday, February 10
Guest Artist Lecture: Shepard Fairey. 3:30 PM, Parks Exhibition Center.
Visual Art Alumni Show. Opening reception, 6 PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through March 3.

Monday, February 13
Music in the Meadow. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Thursday, February 16
Pianofest. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

Monday, February 20
Guest Recital: Han Bin Yoon, *cello*. 7:30 PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

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Climate scientist next ICRC Speaker

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Dr. Charles Zender, University of California, Irvine (UCI), will present "Radioactivity and Wind: The Menace and Promise of Air" as the featured speaker for the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council's (ICRC) Speaker Series. This is Zender's second talk for ICRC. In 2009, he spoke about climate change.

Zender will focus on concerns in the U.S. that followed the March 11, 2011 Japanese earthquake and nuclear disaster at the Fukushima plant in northern Japan. U.S. media carried stories, as the nuclear disaster unfolded, of West Coast residents worried that radiation from the crippled plant would reach California in amounts harmful to the general population. Zender will address those concerns and also speak about other airborne contaminants that are not often discussed but are, in his opinion, even more likely to cause harm than radioactivity carried in a plume across nearly 6,000 miles of Pacific Ocean.

"I won't be talking about the complete content of the plume," said Zender when asked if he would speak to the possibility that plutonium and uranium were part of airborne contaminants released at Fukushima. He said he would discuss



Dr. Charles Zender.

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the amounts of radiation normally present in our atmosphere as compared with whatever additional levels resulted from Fukushima and whether those additional amounts raise justifiable concerns.

Zender said the extent of the disaster's aftermath is still unknown since some of the plant's buildings remain too hot to enter. "They still can't explore many of the interiors of the collapsed domes," said Zender. "Tokyo Electric Power Company [Fukushima operator] was not forthcoming about what was being released," he explained acknowledging the notion of a cover-up. "But the disaster in Fukushima is really not an issue for those of us downwind [at this great distance]."

Not only will Zender explain why he minimizes

the danger to Californians of these issues, but he will also focus on what we in California should be more concerned about. These include other atmospheric contaminants such as soot, which he said causes measurably more deaths than trace radiation amounts from the Fukushima plume. Zender did acknowledge that the affect of the disaster on people close to Fukushima is a matter with potentially serious long-term aftereffects. Immediately following the disaster, scientific panels posited that inhaled plutonium results in high probabilities of cancer. Plutonium also contaminates the soil and remains deadly for many years. The half-life of plutonium 239, a component of mixed oxide fuel present in the Fukushima fuel rods, six percent is over

24,000 years and could, according to a National Public Radio report, contaminate soil for tens of thousand of years (see www.npr.org/2011/03/16/134600825/plutonium-in-fuel-rods-cause-for-concern).

Zender said he might discuss the affect on the food chain of massive amounts of radiation dumped into the ocean at Fukushima. That, he acknowledged, could raise long-term concerns that could affect U.S. residents, given the international nature of seafood commerce and supply.

Zender is a professor of earth system science at UCI and vice chair of graduate studies in his department. He holds a bachelor's degree in physics from Harvard and a doctorate in atmospheric science from the University of Colorado at Boulder. He conducted postdoctoral research at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder and joined the Earth System Science Department faculty at UCI in September 1999. His wry humor is on display on his website biography. It's a quick read and worth the visit to www.ess.uci.edu/~zender/.

Zender speaks at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18 at Creekstone Inn. There is a wine and cheese reception at 5:30 p.m. Both are free to the public.

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

Film Festival set to open

Thirty premieres in the spotlight

By Marshall Smith
Staff Reporter

The third season of the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC) opens on Thursday, Jan. 12. Headlined by thirty premieres, this season promises the most diverse mix of films that IIFC has presented. Whether one studies the categories, synopses or trailers available online at www.iifoc.com, it is apparent the variety of selections is greater this year.

The complete screening schedule at the festival's three venues (The Rustic Theatre, The Rainbow Inn and The Caine Learning Center) is also available

at the festival website. Organizers have allowed time between films for patrons to eat and visit local shops.

Festival Chairman Phil Calderone, who like Festival Director Stephen Savage is a writer and director, seems to have fulfilled Savage's promise to feature films with compelling story lines. The themes and synopses of the features and documentaries present a wide range of situations and issues. And, to the relief of locals, it will be hard to find a slasher or grind film in this year's lineup.

Of 66 scheduled films, there are seven dramatic features, six comedies, two thrillers

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Idyllwild School football. Published Oct. 6.

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Hemet High School mountain biking. Published April 21.

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Hemet High School girls volleyball. Published Nov. 24.

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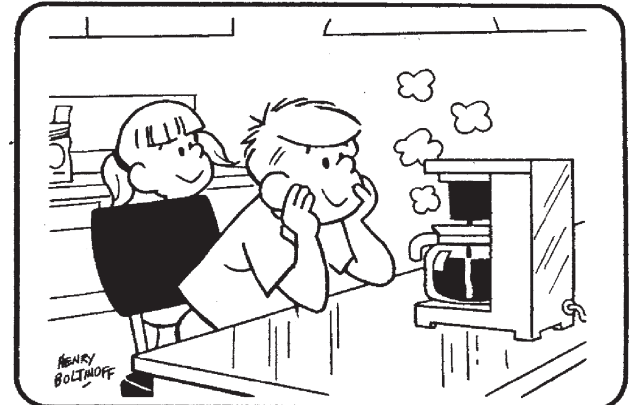
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2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes 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: 1-23-12 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept. H1
b. The address of the court is same as noted above.

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Idyllwild Town Crier.
Date: Nov. 21, 2011
MAC R. FISHER
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 2012.

RIC1118299
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street,
Riverside, CA 92502.
PETITION OF DEANA HODGESON FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

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

a. Present name: DEANA HODGESON changed to Proposed name: DEANA KAHLE
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: 1-09-12 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 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. 14, 2011
MAC R. FISHER
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 2012.

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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante that you appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.

LIBRA (September 23 to

October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments and then move on.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you're not ready to make.

BORN THIS WEEK: You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what's new and challenging.

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HEC1104126
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
 FOR CHANGE OF NAME**
 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 880 N. State Street,
 Hemet, CA 92543.

PETITION OF JOSHUA BUTLER.
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 1. Petitioner: JOSHUA BUTLER filed a
 petition with this court for a decree changing
 name as follows:

a. Present name: JOSHUA KENNETH
 BUTLER changed to Proposed name: JOSHUA
 KENNETH OLIVER.

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
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 is timely filed, the court may grant the petition
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 noted above.

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 ing on the petition in the following newspaper
 of general circulation, printed in this county:
 Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: Nov. 21, 2011
 MAC R. FISHER
 JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 2012.

SUMMONS
CROSS-COMPLAINT
 (CITACIÓN JUDICIAL-Contrademanda)
 CASE NUMBER: (Numero del Caso):
 RIC1104912

**NOTICE TO CROSS-DEFENDANT:
 (AVISO AL CONTRA DEMANDADO)**

JACK DETZEL, JASON MCLEAN and ROES
 1-10, inclusive.

**YOU ARE BEING SUED BY CROSS-
 COMPLAINANT:**

**(LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL CON-
 TRA DEMANDANTE):**

DAVID R. W. WADSWORTH

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this
 summons and legal papers are served on you to
 file a written response at this court and have a
 copy served on the cross-complainant. A letter
 or phone call will not protect you. Your written
 response must be in proper legal form if you want
 the court to hear your case. There may be a court
 form that you can use for your response. You
 can find these court forms and more informa-
 tion at the California Courts Online Self-Help
 Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your
 county law library, or the courthouse nearest
 you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the
 court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not
 file your response on time, you may lose the
 case by default, and your wages, money, and
 property may be taken without further warning
 from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may
 want to call an attorney right away. If you do not
 know an attorney, you may want to call an at-
 torney referral service. If you cannot afford an at-
 torney, you may be eligible for free legal services
 from a nonprofit legal services program. You can
 locate these nonprofit groups at the California
 Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.
 org), the California Courts Online Self-Help
 Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or
 by contacting your local court or county bar
 association. NOTE: The court has a statutory
 lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement
 or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a
 civil case. The court's lien must be paid before
 the court will dismiss the case.

Tiene 30 DÍAS CALENDARIO después de
 que la entreguen esta citación y papeles legales
 para presentar una respuesta por escrito en
 esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al
 demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica
 no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene
 que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que
 procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya
 un formulario que usted pueda usar para su
 respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios
 de la corte y mas informacion en el Centro
 de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.
 courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol), en la bi-
 blioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que
 le quede mas cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota
 de presentación, pídale al secretario de la corte
 que le de un formulario de exención de pago
 de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo,
 puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la
 corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes
 sin mas advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomen-
 dable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente.
 Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un
 servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede

pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con
 los requisitos para obtener servicios legales
 gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales
 sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos
 sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California
 Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en
 el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California
 (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/espanol/) o
 poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el
 colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley,
 la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y
 los costos extensos por imponer un gravamen
 sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000.6 más
 de valor recíbe mediante un acuerdo o una
 conclusión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho
 civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte de
 que la corte pueda desear el caso.

The name and address of the court is: (El
 nombre y dirección de la corte es):
 RIVERSIDE COUNTY
 SUPERIOR COURT
 4050 Main Street
 Riverside, CA 92501

The name, address, and telephone number
 of cross-complainant's attorney, or cross-com-
 plainant without an attorney, is: (El nombre,
 la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado
 del contrademandante, o del contrademandante
 que no tiene abogado, es):

DAVID E. JACOBS, Esq., SBN 138159; Law
 Office of David Earl Jacobs, 225 S. Civic Drive,
 Palm Springs, CA 92262; (760) 327-4232

DATE: (Fecha) June 10, 2011
 Clerk, by (Secretario) Z. Munguia, Deputy
 (Adjunto)

Pub. TC: Dec. 15, 22, 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 2012.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business
 as MILE HIGH GIFTS AND STUFF, IT'S A
 MAN'S WORLD, CHRISTMASIS, IDYLLWILD
 CLOTHING COMPANY, 54475 No. Circle
 Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County.
 Mailing address: P.O. Box 1780, Idyllwild, CA
 92549. RONDA ENTERPRISES, INC., 54475 No.
 Circle Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, a California
 corporation.

This business is conducted by a corpora-
 tion.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact busi-
 ness under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
 RONALD BIANCHI

President

Statement filed with the County Clerk of
 Riverside County on Dec. 9, 2011.

FILE NO.:
 R-2011-13044

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME
 STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 9, 2016. A
 NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-
 MENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 9,
 2016. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT
 DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE
 IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
 NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS
 OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE,
 OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411
 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS
 CODE).

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

LARRY W. WARD,
 County Clerk
 By: C. Leyva, Deputy
Pub. TC: Dec. 22, 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 12, 2012.

**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
 (PROB. CODE § 10300)**
CASE NO. PSP 1100552,
 In the Matter of the Estate of JACK BRYSON,
 Deceased.

Please take notice that the Riverside County
 Public Administrator, acting as Administra-
 tor of the Estate of Jack Bryson, deceased,
 will sell at private sale, under the terms and
 conditions specified below, on or after the 12th
 day of January, 2012, at the office of TONI
 EGGBRAATEN, 77-564A Country Club
 Drive, Suite 191, Palm Desert, California, to
 the highest and best net bidder, all the right,
 title, and interest of said deceased at the time
 of death, and all the right, title, and interest
 that the estate of said deceased has acquired
 by operation of law or otherwise, other than
 or in addition to that of said deceased at the
 time of death, in and to the REAL PROPERTY
 SITUATED IN THE CITY OF IDYLLWILD,
 RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, AND
 DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

Lot 12 of Tract 2507 as shown by map on
 file in book 46 pages 79 and 80 of maps, records
 of Riverside County, California, APN 565-192-
 014-5; more commonly known as 26450 Village
 View Drive, Idyllwild, California.

Terms of sale are all cash in lawful money of
 the United States with a deposit of \$1,000.00 to
 accompany the offer and the balance to be paid
 on close of escrow. The personal representative
 reserves the right to reject any bids that are less
 than 90% of the appraised value as determined
 by the Probate Referee. The property to be sold
 is on an "as is" basis, except for title.

All sales are subject to confirmation
 by the Superior Court, and no sale may be
 consummated and no deed may be recorded
 and delivered to a purchaser until court con-
 firmation has been acquired by the personal
 representative.

Bids or offers are to be in writing and
 will be received at the aforesaid office of TONI
 EGGBRAATEN at any time after the first
 publication hereof and before date of sale.

Dated: 12/8/11
 Toni Eggebraaten, Esq., 77-564A Country
 Club Drive, #191, Palm Desert, CA 92211
 (760) 772-4292

Attorney for Riverside County Public
 Administrator

Pub. TC: Dec. 22, 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 2012.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business
 as BLISS HAIR COLOR STUDIO, 73-338
 Highway 111, Palm Desert, CA 92260, River-
 side County. Mailing address: 74-800 Sheryl
 Avenue, #3-4, Palm Desert, CA 92260. KEITH
 LEIGHTON FINLAYSON and DAWN RAYNA
 FINLAYSON, 74-800 Sheryl Avenue, #3-4, Palm
 Desert, CA 92260.

This business is conducted by Husband
 & Wife.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact busi-
 ness under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
 KEITH LEIGHTON FINLAYSON

Statement filed with the County Clerk of
 Riverside County on Dec. 9, 2011.

FILE NO.:
 R-2011-13035

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME
 STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 9, 2016. A
 NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-
 MENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 9,
 2016. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT
 DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE
 IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
 NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS
 OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE,
 OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411
 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS
 CODE).

CERTIFICATION
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 of the original statement on file in my office.

LARRY W. WARD,
 County Clerk

By: N. Medina, Deputy
Pub. TC: Dec. 22, 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 12, 2012.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as
 A CUT ABOVE SALON & DAY SPA, 54385
 North Circe Drive, Suite 152, Idyllwild, CA
 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address:
 P.O. Box 390224, Anza, CA 92539. ROSALIE
 EILEEN TAYLOR, 56295 LOCUST ROAD,
 ANZA, CA 92539.

This business is conducted by an Indi-
 vidual.

Registrant commenced to transact busi-
 ness under the fictitious name listed above On
 August 1, 2011.

Signed:
 ROSALIE EILEEN TAYLOR

Statement filed with the County Clerk of
 Riverside County on Dec. 8, 2011.

FILE NO.:
 R-2011-13022

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME
 STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 8, 2016. A
 NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-
 MENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 8,
 2016. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT
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 CODE).

CERTIFICATION
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LARRY W. WARD,
 County Clerk

By: N. Medina, Deputy
Pub. TC: Dec. 22, 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 12, 2012.

HEC1104174
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 880 N. State St.,
 Hemet, CA 92543.

PETITION OF GORDON TERELL WAT-
 SON FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: GORDON TERELL WATSON
 filed a petition with this court for a decree
 changing name as follows:

a. Present name: GORDON TERELL WAT-
 SON changed to Proposed name: GORDON
 TERELL WATSON-CARABALLO

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: 1-30-12 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept.
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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 hear-
 ing on the petition in the following newspaper
 of general circulation, printed in this county:
 Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: Nov. 23, 2011
 THOMAS S. HUDSPETH
 COMMISSIONER

Pub. TC: Dec. 22, 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 12, 2012.

**STATEMENT OF
 ABANDONMENT OF USE OF
 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

The following fictitious business name
 INLAND BACKHOE, 53065 West Marian
 Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County,
 has been abandoned by the following person:
 DAVID ALLEN JONES, 53065 West Marian
 View Drive.

This business is conducted by an Indi-
 vidual.

The fictitious business name referred to
 above was filed in Riverside County on June
 29, 2010.

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:
 DAVID ALLEN JONES

Statement filed with the County Clerk of
 Riverside County on Dec. 8, 2011.

FILE NO.:
 R-2010-07018

CERTIFICATION

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

LARRY W. WARD,
 County Clerk

By: T. Vargas, Deputy

Pub. TC: Dec. 22, 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 12, 2012.

RIC1119806
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA,
 COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street,
 Riverside, CA 92502.

PETITION OF CARLOS MANUEL GON-
 ZALEZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: CARLOS MANUEL GONZA-
 LEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree
 changing name as follows:

a. Present name: CARLOS MANUEL GON-
 ZALEZ changed to Proposed name: CARLOS
 MANUEL RIVERA

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: 1-24-2012 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 hear-
 ing on the petition in the following newspaper
 of general circulation, printed in this county:
 Idyllwild Town Crier.

Date: Dec. 19, 2011
 MAC R. FISHER

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

Pub. TC: Dec. 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2012.

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
 STATEMENT**

The following person is doing business as
 VEIN INSTITUTE OF THE DESERT, 74-361
 Highway 111, Suite 5, Palm Desert, CA 92260,
 Riverside County. JOAN L. WARREN, M.D., A

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MEDICAL CORPORATION, 74-361 Highway
 111, Suite 5, Palm Desert, CA 92260, a California
 corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corpo-
 ration.

Registrant commenced to transact busi-
 ness under the fictitious name listed above on
 Dec. 1, 2011.

Signed:
 PAUL J. MALKIN
 Secretary

Statement filed with the County Clerk of
 Riverside County on Dec. 20, 2011.

FILE NO.:
 I-2011-03381

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS NAME
 STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 20, 2016. A
 NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-
 MENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 20,
 2016. THE FILING OF THIS STATEMENT
 DOES NOT ITSELF AUTHORIZE THE USE
 IN THIS STATE OF A FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
 NAME IN VIOLATION OF THE RIGHTS
 OF ANOTHER UNDER FEDERAL, STATE,
 OR COMMON LAW (SEE SECTION 14411
 ET SEQ., BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS
 CODE).

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

LARRY W. WARD,
 County Clerk

By: S. Romero, Deputy

Pub. TC: Dec. 29, 2011, Jan. 5, 12, 19, 2012.

**NOTICE OF PETITION TO
 ADMINISTER ESTATE
 OF LINDA LUCILLE CARR**
CASE NUMBER
PSP1100708

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors,
 contingent creditors, and persons who may
 otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or
 both, of LINDA LUCILLE CARR.

2. A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been
 filed by: JODY HOPPER in the Superior Court
 of California, County of RIVERSIDE.

3. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests
 that: JODY HOPPER be appointed as personal
 representative to administer the estate of the
 decedent.

4. THE PETITION requests the decedent's
 will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate.
 The will and any codicils are available for exami-
 nation in the file kept by the court.

5. THE PETITION requests authority to
 administer the estate under the Independent
 Administration of Estates Act. (This authority
 will allow the personal representative to take
 many actions without court approval. Before
 taking certain very important actions, however,
 the personal representative will be required to
 give notice to interested persons unless they
 have waived notice or consented to the pro-
 posed action.) The independent administration
 authority will be granted unless an interested
 person files an objection to the petition and
 shows good cause why the court should not
 grant the authority.

6. A HEARING on the petition will be held

on a. Date: February 6, 2012, Time: 8:45 a.m.,
 Dept.: PS1; b. Address of court: 3255 E. Tahquitz
 Canyon Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

7. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the
 petition, you should appear at the hearing and
 state your objections or file written objections
 with the court before the hearing. Your appear-
 ance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a con-
 tingent creditor of the deceased, you must file
 your claim with the court and mail a copy to
 the personal representative appointed by the
 court within four months from the date of first
 issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code
 section 9100. The time for filing claims will not
 expire before four months from the hearing
 date noticed above.

9. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by
 the court. If you are a person interested in the
 estate, you may file with the court a Request for
 Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an
 inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any
 petition or account as provided in probate Code
 section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form
 is available from the court clerk.

10. Attorney for petitioner: MICHAEL C.
 CONTI, SB#227779, 901 S. State Street, Ste 100,
 Hemet, CA 92543, (951) 652-1400.

Attorney For Petitioner
 MICHAEL C. CONTI

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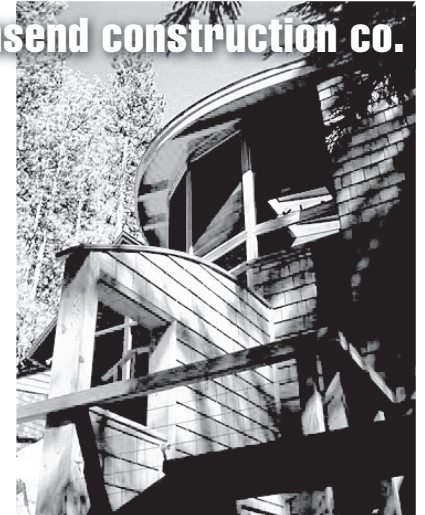
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Before

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caught on with tourists. Nothing really could save the white elephant, which descended finally to housing a consignment mall. By the time San Diego Savings & Loan tore the main building down in 1976, it had exhausted 11 different owners.

The land then lay vacant for quarter-century, until locals Pete Capparelli and Vic Sirkin bought it from the bank. Helpful

Idyllwild residents proposed all manner of uses — parking garage, public restrooms, RV park, miniature golf course —but in the end a commercial center appropriate to Idyllwild seemed most feasible. When the project languished, “retired” developer Kevin Underdahl came along, bought the property, and built the Village Centre.

And so, shortly after New Year’s Day 2005, the curtain rose on a fourth act for this appealing site in the heart of Idyllwild.

Opinion

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home-grown marijuana. Not too different from Bedford Falls as compared to Pottersville (a.k.a. pot-heads-ville?) in our favorite holiday movie!

Underemployed people that make the median \$9.50 an hour can’t “leave and cleave” to become a family unless they live in a tent. But carry on Greedy Oligarchy Party, carry on.

MIKE RENO
PINE COVE

Good to live in Pine Cove

EDITOR:

Christmas season, looking forwards to a happy new year. We’re glad we settled in Pine Cove.

The Pine Cove Property Owners Association deserves some credit. Always a source for neighborhood communication, they’ve worked out vendor discounts on essentials like propane. The association works to keep Pine Cove clean, hauling thrown-out appliances, picking up trash from the road-sides. They even help when dog barking becomes too great of a nuisance.

And Pine Cove Water District, Jerry and the board manage to constantly deliver at a reasonable price. We’ve lived in several affluent communities where water supply and quality was in question, so we don’t underestimate its value. A well maintained system, fiscal soundness, great job.

The young men from the water company, any one of them you could trust with

Fire & forest

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Our fourth goal is to engage children in the educational issues around fire. This involves offering a class at the school and at various summer camps.

Our fifth goal is to extend and improve our outreach to the public on fire safety. Some of this involves continuing what we have been doing, like the “Firemen’s Muster” event we co-sponsored with the fire agencies last spring and will again

this year, as well as our newsletter.

But there are new ideas too. Doris Lombard, a board director who is also an artist, is working on an illustration that will appear in the Town Crier, and I think it is going to be a big hit. We also want to keep speaking to elected officials to keep or elicit their support for fuels programs in the mountains.

We’re excited about all of this. These projects, if successful, would represent a big step forward for everyone with a stake in the mountains.

the key to your house. The office staff is professional and neighborly. Often, day or night, good weather or bad, Jerry and his small truck can be seen driving the back roads, checking the lines.

Idyllwild politics, however, have often puzzled me. Located in the midst of a high-risk fire zone, the fire commission is filled with infighting. For the last two elections, over a period of several years, every single commissioner that has run for re-election has been rejected and voted out of office (think about that). Some say, that if radical changes aren’t made, the Idyllwild Fire Department will completely run out of money in the next few months. Chief Walker was just let go, meaning three chiefs in two years. Our fire-fighters need our support, not blows

to their morale.

Recreation in Idyllwild is just as strange. There are over 20 recreational directors (I’ve lost count) sitting on boards, dictating policy and making grandiose plans. Meanwhile, all our tax recreational dollars were yanked away from all local control (thanks to mistakes and mismanagement by the Idyllwild Community Recreation Council), and is now being managed by the County. Strange are local politics.

Special mention to the Pine Cove Property Owners Association, to Pine Cove Water, and to all the residents (neighbors and friends) for keeping Pine Cove separate, apart, and far away from, Idyllwild local politics

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Public Notices

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Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above in 2006.

Signed:
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BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

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Festival

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and seven documentaries. Of 14 featurettes, two, "Buttons in the Ground" and "Bosco's Guitar" already have strong word of mouth as particularly beautiful and moving works. Four Idyllwild Arts student films are included in the mix of featurettes. Also of interest is a documentary profile of Idyllwild's Mountain Mike, which Savage directed; a new film, "Gone," by Will Wallace, festival co-director, actor/director and major player in IIFC years one and two; and a new film, "Simone," by major actor Wolfgang Bodison, also a primary player in festival years one and two.

To the delight of fans of her "Libby Girl" series, director Janet Mayson returns with the short "Libby Girl: Surprise," about the adventures of Libby, her Jack Russell Terrier.

Of three seminars also part of the all-access \$20 local pass, Savage said, "We've put together the best seminars and panelists we've ever had." Check the website for seminar names, schedules,



Melissa Townsend on location.

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and panelists' credits and bios.

Savage said he has reached out to local high schools and colleges and that theater and film students from Hemet High, West Valley High and the College of the Desert are coming up for the acting seminar. Panelists include Will Wallace ("Tree of Life"), Wolfgang Bodison ("A Few Good Men"), Idyllwild's own Conor O'Farrell, Marshall Bell ("Deadwood," "Total Recall," "Starship Troopers"), Oscar Torre ("NCIS/Cold Case" and "CSI Miami"), commercial actor Jamison Reeves, and Erwin Way ("Detroit 1-8-7").

The reduced local ticket price, including all films, seminars, parties and awards, is a particularly attractive bargain. Do the math — 66 films for a total of \$20 comes out to 30 cents per screening. The last time theatre admission was 30 cents per

screening was in 1926,

Two young filmmakers, local Melissa Montgomery ("Coyote Hunt") and "Bone Dry" writer director Brett A. Hart, Jon Stewart's "favorite indie filmmaker," are this season's featured festival "Spotlight Filmmakers". And major Hollywood producer and director Alan J. Levi is this year's featured filmmaker.

The festival opens at noon on Thursday, Jan. 12 with the full-length documentary "Off the Boulevard," at the Rustic and feature comedy "Waking Dreams" at the Rainbow.

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At left, one of the highlights of the Rustic Theatre's Cabaret Evening was a performance by Idyllwild's own **Larry Edwards** during his performance as Pinkie Meringue Shimmer on New Year's eve.

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A confluence of events including warm weather, a non-compliant compressor and a visit from Riverside County Environmental Health and Safety, have delayed the opening of the ice rink at the Idyllwild Community Center property. Idyllwild Community Recreation Council Vice President **Dawn Sonnier** said rink operator **Gary Steven** is installing a new compressor to double the capacity to freeze the ice better. "It will be completed and set up by Friday [Jan. 6] but [there] won't be skating until [the ice] is ready," she said.

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