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Firefighting helicopter drops a bucket of water on the Lawler Fire Sunday. The fire, several miles north of Idyllwild, started during the night and is 95 percent contained.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

## Idyllwild Fire budget in "danger" zone

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

After a nearly four-hour budget workshop on Saturday, Jan. 7, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) commission recognized the district's perilous financial condition.

"The best case is November, but it could be August or as early as April," former Crest Forest Fire Chief Mike Sherman told the commission, when referring to the possibility of the district's bank account reaching zero dollars.

Sherman, who spent time with staff and investigating IFPD's financial health, did not take long to deliver the warning to the full commission. He estimated that the department's current budget projections are between \$50,000 and \$200,000 off

the mark.

"In the public sector, reserves less than 20 percent [of operating costs] are bad. The community should take this very seriously. I wouldn't use 'insolvent' or 'bankrupt,' but it could change very quickly," he said.

He advised the board to first thoroughly understand the problem and then take time to develop a strategy to protect and revive the department. This should be done with the community's involvement.

"We're here to understand how big is [the problem]," Sherman told the commission. "That will drive your actions to correct it and stay in business. You're spending way more than you take in."

Commissioner Jerry Buchanan also advised against

See Idyllwild Fire, page 9

## New initiatives could swamp 2012 ballot

BY MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

Although it is unlikely all will qualify, it is possible that 83 ballot initiatives and referenda could wind up on the November 2012 ballot. Were that to happen, voters could be swamped with choices and, in frustration, wind up nixing all initiatives and referenda, a possibility State Senator Bill Emmerson (R-37) suggested.

"I support the initiative and referendum process," said Emmerson, "but there's no doubt we have a dysfunctional process and some types of revisions need to be made."

In 1911, an amendment

to the California Constitution gave voters the right to enact legislation, a right designed to check the influence of special interests on the California Legislature. But with the glut of ballot measures that are winding their way to the November 2012 ballot, the process appears out of control. The California direct initiative process is designed to bypass the Legislature and allow citizen-proposed measures, qualified by requisite signatures, to be placed on the ballot and become law if approved by California voters. "The great irony here," said Emmerson, "is that what Johnson (then Governor Hiram Johnson

1911) envisioned as a check on special interests is now a process largely driven by special interests."

On Oct. 7, 2011, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 202, moving all ballot measures in the pipeline onto the November ballot. The status of the process of getting on the ballot involves submission to the Attorney General (AG) of citizen-proposed initiatives; clearance by the AG's office for sponsors to circulate initiatives for voter signatures; AG verification of signatures; and finally initiatives and referenda that qualify are placed on the ballot.

At present, four are already qualified, two are pending

See Initiatives, page 11

## Fire quickly contained

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

The Lawler Fire, which started early morning Sunday, Jan. 8, was at 95 percent containment Monday evening. It burned about 14 acres within the San Jacinto Ranger District of the San Bernardino National Forest, according to Kate Kramer, Forest Service Public Information Officer.

The small community of Eagle's Nest is no longer threatened. The fire is about four miles north of Idyllwild in the Dark Canyon drainage area.

"It hasn't spread over night," Kramer said after the Monday morning team briefing. "We're expecting good progress today with much calmer winds."

Later Monday, Kramer  
See Fire, page 10

## NEWS OF RECORD

### Fire log

Hill fire stations responded to the following calls, Monday to Sunday, Jan. 2 to Jan. 8, 2012:

### Idyllwild Fire Department and Ambulance

**Jan. 2** — Dispatched and canceled en route, North Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

**Jan. 2** — Medical aid, Pine Crest Avenue, Idyllwild.

**Jan. 3** — Assist invalid, Doubleview Drive, Idyllwild.

**Jan. 3** — Medical aid, Deerfoot Lane, Idyllwild.

**Jan. 4** — Dispatched and canceled en route, Humber Park, Idyllwild.

**Jan. 4** — Medical aid, Fosteriyah Road, Pine Cove.

**Jan. 5** — Dispatched and canceled en route, Pine Cove Road, Pine Cove.

**Jan. 6** — Walk-in medical aid.

**Jan. 6** — Medical aid, South Circle Drive, Idyllwild.

**Jan. 8** — Wildland fire, Highway 243, near Lawler Lodge.

### Riverside County Fire, Pine Cove

Report unavailable.

### Riverside County Fire, Garner Valley

Report unavailable.

### Riverside County Fire, Pinyon

Report unavailable.

### CHP log

The resident post of the California Highway Patrol responded to the following calls from Monday Jan. 2 to Monday, Jan. 9. This may not be a complete list of responses:

**Jan. 2** — Solo, noninjury collision on Highway 74 east of Carizzo Road, Pinyon.

**Jan. 2** — Solo, injury collision on Highway 74 east of Palm Canyon Drive, Pinyon.

**Jan. 5** — Solo, noninjury collision on Highway 74 west of Big Horn Drive, Pinyon.

### Sheriff's log

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Hemet Station responded to the following calls from Monday, Dec. 26 to Monday, Jan. 9. This may not be a complete list of responses:

**Dec. 26** — An unidentified suspect is reported to have committed felony burglary in the 54000 block of Bautista Canyon Road in Anza. The case remains open but suspended;

**Dec. 28** — An unidentified suspect is reported

By J.P. CRUMRINE  
EDITOR

Last week, Riverside County Judge Becky Dugan continued the trial and appeal until March 2012 for Christopher V. Hillman, 48, of Hesperia, brother-in-law of convicted arsonist Raymond Lee Oyler. In July 2010, Hillman had been found guilty of seven counts of attempting to influence a juror during the Oyler trial.

At Hillman's August 2010 sentencing hearing, Judge Larrie Brainard questioned Hillman's defense during the trial and stated that a new trial may be in his best interest.

At that time, he stated Hillman should have a new counsel to investigate whether a new trial motion should be brought. Judge Brainard

to have committed felony burglary in the 26000 block of Highway 243 in Idyllwild. The case remains open but suspended;

**Dec. 28** — An unidentified person is reported to have committed felony grand theft auto at the intersection of El Toro Road and Everett Road in Anza. The case remains open but suspended;

**Dec. 28** — An unidentified suspect is reported

stated he had reason to believe that Hillman's original counsel was ineffective and said a new trial might be in Hillman's best interest.

In March 2009, Oyler was found guilty of igniting the 2005 Esperanza Fire, which killed five U.S. Forest Service firefighters.

Oyler's month-long trial was interrupted one day when jurors discovered and reported fliers on their car windows. The material referred to the possibility of another arsonist.

Hillman was arrested in August 2009 following a six-month investigation. His trial for jury tampering began in July 2010. About a week later, jurors found him guilty of trying to influence a juror.

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**Dec. 31** — An unidentified person is reported to have committed felony grand theft in the 43000 block of Old Forest Road in Anza. The case remains open but suspended;

**Jan. 1** — An unidentified person is reported to have committed felony burglary in the 50000 block of Evening Star Trail in Anza. The case remains open but suspended.

## Attorney general announces new state e-crime unit

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

cated to e-crime investigation and prosecution.

California Attorney General Kamala Harris announced a new state e-crime unit designed to investigate and prosecute multijurisdictional cybercrimes. Prior to formation of the unit, according to Harris, many e-crimes in the state went unprosecuted because the crimes crossed jurisdictional lines and required resources that many counties did not possess.

Harris made the announcement at a press conference in Sacramento on Tuesday, Dec. 13. With the announcement, California joins Texas and Louisiana as one of only three states with statewide cybercrime units. California will have the largest department and greatest number of personnel charged with prosecuting e-crimes. Both Texas and Louisiana focus on Internet child pornography and have few personnel dedicated to e-crime investigation and prosecution.

Idyllwild is no stranger to identify theft. Over a three-month period in late 2010, 20 or more local residents were hit by credit card fraud that likely originated with credit card skimming that allowed perpetrators to clone residents' credit cards. The fraud reported to the Town Crier totaled over \$22,000. There may have been more.

Although Riverside County began the investigation of the Idyllwild cases, Los Angeles/Long Beach

See [E-crime, page 24](#)

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1-6 74 37

1-7 74 35

1-8 59 32

### Idyllwild last year

High Low M S

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48 22

58 22

58 31

48 31

57 26

### Moisture in inches

To date this season (Idy): 9.85 To date this season (Idy): 7.1

To date last season (Idy): 20.23 To date last season (Idy): 11.4

Total last season (Idy): 29.38 Total last season (Idy): 44.9

To date this season (PC): 9.27 To date this season (PC): 22.25

Total last season (PC): 36.11 Total last season (PC): 78.5

### Snow in inches

To date this season (Idy): 0 To date this season (Idy): 0

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**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.

## OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

BY BRUCE WATTS

### Seven days of summer ...

In my 35 years of living in Idyllwild, I have seen many weather anomalies, like snow in June and occasionally 70 degree days in the heart of winter. Nevertheless, I have never experienced anything like the first week of January.



When you can resort to wearing shorts and T-shirts, open all the windows and turn on the fan, it is just maybe a little on the warm side for winter.

I got more than my fair share of cold on my holiday trip so it was a bit of a shock when I got off the plane in Ontario and it was about 80 degrees. I thought the temperature would be normal, whatever that is, when I arrived home. I soon learned I would be putting away my winter jacket for awhile.

So, what do you do when the weather is unseasonably warm in January? You do the same things you do in the summer months and get outside.

Although I am on a personal crusade to keep Higher Grounds in the black, I do still try and keep myself outdoors when winter weather permits and sometimes when it doesn't.

What did I do? I spent a morning outside washing windows, went for walks around the County Park, got up early to photograph the sunrise, drove to Lake Hemet to take more photos and a video, walked my friends' dogs twice in one day and marveled at the beauty of my home town.

I was only home about eight days in the month of December so I was happy to be back for the beginning of the new year. I was also looking forward to continuing with my photography hobby which really took hold of my attention during my trip to Denver and Wyoming.

I almost never go out the door without a camera now.

When I had a chance to go out to Lake Hemet last Thursday I geared up and had two cameras and my Flip



Lake Hemet reflecting the clouds on a warm winter day.

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## LOLA'S KITCHEN

BY DOLORES SIZER

### Recipe clippings ...

Everyone has one drawer in the kitchen, (not the junk drawer) filled with recipe clippings. OK, maybe just women do, never having met a man who admitted to cutting recipes out of magazines.



Some of my clippings are very old and splattered with who knows what. At one point, I tried organizing everything to no avail. I went so far as to buy binders and enter some recipes in the computer, print them out and put them in clear plastic covers which are now spattered with who knows what. Unfortunately, the clippings just keep piling up.

I will admit to trying a majority of the recipes, but many go untested. Occasionally, everything gets pulled out, examined and pondered over as to why it interested me in the first place.

You are wondering why not just enter it all in my computer and be done. It is because I am old-fashioned and prefer a hands-on approach, cherishing each and every splattered recipe. Besides, if everything was in my computer, the computer would be splattered with who knows what.

This appetizer recipe is from one of my older clippings. All I remember is it was from the food section of a newspaper. Enjoy.

Happy New Year to everyone.

camcorder at the ready. I was glad I did.

Lake Hemet was so warm I felt overdressed in jeans and a T-shirt. The lake was surrounded by beautiful white fluffy clouds and the winter sun was slanting in from the southern horizon making conditions perfect for photography.

Add to all of that, the lake was still and reflective — a perfect mirror of the trees, clouds and surrounding mountains. Once again, I was in the thrall of Idyllwild's natural beauty. It made me realize that there really is no place like home. It really was one gorgeous day.

I quickly filled the card on my first camera and took out my Flip to shoot a short video. With the video camera, I captured the sun's rays coming through the barren branches of a small tree. The rays fanned out and turned into a rain-

### Triple-threat galette (makes 4 to 6 servings)

6 mushrooms, sliced  
1 small onion  
2 to 3 garlic cloves, sliced  
1 tablespoon butter  
2 teaspoons minced oregano  
1 (15-ounce) package refrigerated pie crust  
1/2 cup ricotta cheese  
1 cup shredded jack cheese  
1/2 cup shredded smoked mozzarella (note: I use regular mozzarella because I can never find smoked mozzarella)  
1 egg, beaten  
2 tablespoons water  
1 green onion, chopped  
salt, pepper

- Saute mushrooms, onion and garlic in butter over moderate heat until softened — 2 to 3 minutes. Stir in oregano and season to taste with salt and pepper.

- Stack pie crusts on lightly floured work surface. Roll out to 16-inch round. Slide onto ungreased baking sheet.

- Spread ricotta onto pastry, leaving 3-inch border. Distribute mushroom mixture evenly over ricotta. Sprinkle with jack and smoked mozzarella cheeses.

- Fold up pastry rim to partially cover filling, forming soft pleats where dough overlaps. Combine egg and water and use to brush pastry.

- Bake galette at 400 degrees for 25 minutes. Sprinkle green onion over cheese and continue baking until pastry is golden brown, about 10 minutes. Serve hot or at room temperature.

Note: I serve this appetizer on a pedestal cake platter and cut it into narrow slices.

You can contact Lola at [dolores.sizer@gmail.com](mailto:dolores.sizer@gmail.com).

bow of light at the ends. The lens of the camera was acting like a prism and the effect was very artistic, but I did not see it until I looked at the video when I got home.

My shutterbug impulses were satisfied for another day. I have never been an artistic-type person, but I am crazy for paintings made of light and megapixels.

## Idyllwild Town Hall

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**3:30-4:30 p.m.**  
**Introduction to**  
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**Kirsten Ingbretnsen**

#### **TUESDAY**

**7-8 p.m.**  
**Adult Dance**  
**Annika Kay**

#### **WEDNESDAY**

**3:30-4:30 p.m.**  
**Ballet/Tap**  
**Annika Kay**

#### **THURSDAY**

**3-4 p.m.**  
**Contemporary**  
**Dance**  
**4:15-5 p.m.**  
**Children's Yoga**  
**Trine**

#### **FRIDAY**

**5-6 p.m.**  
**Adult Yoga**  
**Trine**

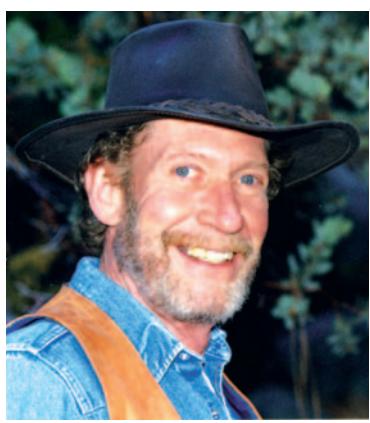
**Call GeGe to reserve your seat now for a trip to the Getty Museum on Saturday, Jan. 21. \$25 per person**

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

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**Idyllwild Town Hall will be closed Mon., Jan. 16**  
**to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

## Obituary Gordon Price



Gordon Price passed away Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011. He was 69 years old. He died from a rare, fast-acting cancer.

Gordon, a long-time Idyllwild resident, was a ranger at Hurkey Creek Campground, musician and song writer.

Gordon was one of the most honest and trustworthy people

that anyone had ever come in contact with.

A memorial service in his honor will be Sunday, Jan. 15, 2012 at Hurkey Creek Park.

Please RSVP to Barbara McMurtrie at (951) 663-1838.

## Volunteers needed to count bald eagles

On Saturday, Jan. 14, volunteers are needed to help the Forest Service count bald eagles for the 34th season in the San Bernardino National Forest's annual winter bald eagle counts. In the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountains, Saturdays, Jan. 14, Feb. 11 and March 10 are the official counts.

In December, no eagles were sighted at Lake Hemet, but John Miller, Forest Service Public Information officer, said, "The number of bald eagles in Southern California typically starts off low in December, peaking in January and February, and tapers off in March."

Concurrent Bald Eagle counts are held at Big Bear Lake, Lake Arrowhead, Lake Silverwood, and Lake Hemet. This year the Forest Service also added Lake Perris State Park Recreation Area. Volunteers will be stationed at vantage points around the lakes, where they will map and note any eagle observations during a 1-hour period. Observations, which began in December, will be repeated monthly through March.

"Through this method, the Forest Service has acquired information about areas eagles use and fluctuations in population numbers," said Forest Service wildlife biologist Marc Stamer. "There's no experience needed for volunteers and this is a wonderful opportunity to catch a glimpse of our breath-taking national symbol."

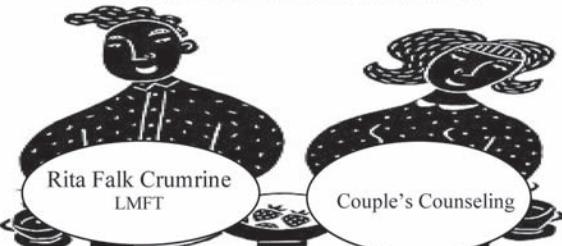
No experience is needed. Volunteers should dress warmly and bring binoculars and a watch.

Lake Hemet volunteers should plan on meeting at the Lake Hemet Grocery Store at 8:30 a.m. for instructions. Contact Ann Poopatanapong (apoopatanapong@fs.fed.us or (909) 382-2935) for more information.

Eagles typically begin arriving in the area in late November and continue to stay in the area until early April. Breeding populations of bald eagles in Southern California were extirpated by

*See Eagles, page 22*

## BREAKING PATTERNS THAT LIMIT LOVING RELATIONSHIPS



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The Idyllwild School gymnasium was filled to capacity on Saturday Jan 7, when the Arnaiz family and the Idyllwild community celebrated **Mary Arnaiz's** life.

PHOTO BY GRACE REED

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Idyllwild School Principal Matt Kraemer's students of the week are eighth-graders **Kyle Loutzenhiser** and **Julie Gurling**. Middle School teacher **Donna Mercer** chose Kyle because he is hard working, always gives 100 percent, is enthusiastic about learning, never gives up and is willing to ask for help. Mercer chose Julie because she is very responsible, always thinks of others and is kind to her peers and teachers.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



**Pat Smith** of the Mountain Community Fire Safe Council Woodies contingent cuts through a 200-year-old round. Dr. **Bill Blaschko** donated the wood.

PHOTO BY J. P. CRUMRINE

## Birth announcement Seamus Patrick Harding

Idyllwild residents Michael and Sara Harding announce the birth of their son Seamus Patrick Harding.

Seamus was born at 3:49 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011, at Rancho Springs Medical Center in Murrieta. At birth, he weighed 5 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

## MOUNTAIN FOLK



The brightly lit entrance to the Mission Inn.

PHOTO BY BARRY ZANDER

Seventeen Idyllwild and Pine Cove residents took advantage of free county transportation to the Mission Inn's Festival of Lights in Riverside on Saturday, Jan. 7. The outing, suggested by the Forest Folk committee of active older adults and provided courtesy of Town Hall Recreation, began at 2 p.m. from Town Hall and returned all attendees in good spirits by 9 p.m. that evening.



As a consequence of shifting meeting times to 5:30 p.m., 13 people attended the last Forest Folk committee meeting at Town Hall.

PHOTO BY BARRY ZANDER

## iiBenefit Dinner at Arriba!!



In support of baby

### Seamus Harding

50% of proceeds go to help pay for medical bills and expenses.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Lunch buffet (11a.m.-3 p.m.): \$7  
Dinner buffet (4 p.m.-close): \$10  
(price per person & includes soft drink)

Rocky Zharp  
will play live music  
starting at 5 p.m.!



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

### 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.

- Community Dialogue: "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).

### THURSDAY, JAN 12

- 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 Sci-

ence, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

### FRIDAY, JAN 13

- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or e-mail jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
- Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School on Hwy. 243.

- Art Alliance of Idyllwild annual general membership meeting, 6 p.m. Quiet Creek Inn Barn Loft, 26345 Delano Dr.

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

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

- SATURDAY, JAN 14
- "How individual emotional styles help you understand yourself and others better," with Dr. Renate Caine and Carol McClintic, 10 a.m.-noon. Caine Learning Center, 54385 Pine Crest Ave.

- 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 15
- 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 16

- Alcoholics Anonymous

women's meeting (open), 9 a.m. Call (619) 895-0934 for location.

- 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.

- Chamber of Commerce, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Water District board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

### TUESDAY, JAN 17

- Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council public board meeting, 9:30 a.m. Mountain Resource Center, 25380 Franklin Dr. Call 659-6208 for information.

- Camp Alandale's Friends 4 Orphans, 10 a.m. 25420 Lodge Rd.

- 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).

- Hemet Unified School District board meeting, 6:30 p.m. Idyllwild School, 26700 Hwy. 243.

- 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 Right to Life, 7 p.m. Call 659-5228 for location.

- Idyllwild Water District board meeting, 7 p.m. IWD board room, 25945 Hwy. 243.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN 18

- 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.

- 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.

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

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Idyllwild Water District

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Town Hall

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Village Market



At its Dec. 21 meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President Chuck Streeter (right) presents a gift to Steven Bright-Jordan, Ph.D., staff officer in the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, for being the group's guest speaker.

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At its Jan. 4 meeting, Idyllwild Rotary President Chuck Streeter (right) presents a gift to John Newman, dean of students at Idyllwild Arts and fellow Rotarian, for being the group's guest speaker.

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## INITIAL THOUGHTS

### The community is part of the solution for IFPD ...



Is the Idyllwild Fire Protection District suffering from a financial crisis? Is it or is it not approaching insolvency?

If IFPD were fiscally healthy, most reasonable people would have to ask "How?". Every other level of government — federal, state, county and school district — is facing an imbalance between its revenues and expenses.

Larger institutions, such as the U.S. Treasury, can borrow to replace the insufficient tax revenue. The state borrows and cuts expenses.

The county and school district balance their budgets through trimming or slashing costs and supplementing revenue with savings (commonly called reserves) from prior years.

So why should IFPD's situation be any different? The fire district relies on property taxes to a greater extent than the county, which has sales tax revenue too. Yes, property values have fallen and therefore revenue, but more than a million dollars in reserves have dissipated.

Today, the reasons for the financial problems don't matter. Right now, we need to resuscitate the fire department. Later, a post-mortem can be conducted. And declining property values will play a role as well as other actions.

But the commission's next steps need to be building financial plans to get them to May, when the next large tax revenue check arrives, and then next December. If the district can survive a year, then we'll need a two-year plan.

Former Crest Forest Fire Chief Mike Sherman, who has been a fire chief at various departments for 26 years, spent time talking with staff and reviewing the numbers last week.

He concluded IFPD is headed off the track unless action is taken. The most important steps that the commission should take include public education and involvement.

"The public has to know you're doing your absolute best to fix the problem," he advised the commission. He also said his conversations with the career staff indicated that they wanted to be part of the solution.

Being part of the solution means more than deferring pay increases for a year. It includes keeping the public informed of actions that involve the budget.

At Saturday's workshop for example, we learned for the first time that the refinancing of the two newest engines, which the commission authorized in June, never occurred. Other new information also surfaced. The 2010-11 audit has not started, a grant for a new ambulance has been submitted and a "confidential" staff memo regarding the budget shortfalls was prepared a year ago and never disclosed.

Idyllwild may never have the resources to staff and equip a fire department that meets the highest professional standards. The commission will have to find some trade-offs between the objectives of wildland fire fighting, structure fire fighting, fire prevention and emergency medical support.

These deliberations and ultimate choices have to include the public, who has the right to know all the facts and ramifications.

We get confused when some threaten the loss of medical support if CAL FIRE or American Medical Response were involved, yet department officials argue that paying a firefighter more for being a paramedic will destroy the budget.

This is a mixed signal, just as the one sent Saturday when one member of the fire fighting staff expressed willingness to find a collaborative solution; but added, "I don't really understand the problem."

The community wants IFPD, but we don't have the capability to write a blank check.

But you have a responsibility to participate. More people attended the Tuesday, Jan. 3 meeting than Saturday's budget workshop.

Attend, listen, learn and fix.

J.P., EDITOR

## READERS

### WRITE

#### Response to IFPD Commissioner Schelly

##### EDITOR:

I'm writing this letter because I feel compelled to correct some of the erroneous statements Commissioner Schelly made in his highly critical letter to the editor which appeared in the Town Crier's Jan. 5 issue.

For starters, Schelly said, "Mr. Killingsworth is all too aware that under his watch as treasurer the audits were missing for four years." What he is apparently referring to are the missing audits for fiscal years 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, and 2006-07. As it happens, I was appointed to the Board of Commissioners on July 29, 2008. Since annual audits must be completed in sequential order, the 2006-2007 audit was not completed until about May 29, 2009.

After serving on the board for a few months, I realized the need for somebody on the board to independently monitor spending and income, so, at my request, I was appointed board treasurer in early 2009.

My duties as treasurer, as described in the IFPD Administrative Regulations, were "Provides budget oversight for the board and the public by reviewing the monthly budget status reports prepared by staff, then preparing and presenting an overview to the board and the public at the first regular board meeting following the end of the previous calendar month."

As Schelly often pointed out, while belittling my reports, I was in no way in charge of our finances. He even argued that it was illegal for me to act as treasurer.

Indeed, budget oversight is the responsibility of the board, as clearly spelled out in the IFPD Administrative Regulations. Apparently the board understands that now. They eliminated the treasurer position after my departure, apparently feeling it is unnecessary and a lot of work.

In view of the foregoing, it is hard to understand how Schelly can say I "left

## Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher

HI, I'M CALLING ABOUT THE FREE CAT...



a mess." The only "mess" is the one caused by the past failure of the board as a whole to make an effort to understand budget matters.

Speaking of a mess, if I hadn't taken it upon myself to initiate and do all the leg work needed to arrange for the advance from the county, IFPD would now be in a world of hurt.

Schelly also said that we "improperly used \$125,000 of restricted accrued benefits money." My recommendation to the board was, "We have a \$125,000 CD set aside for employee accrued benefits. We have no choice but to cash it in in order to tide us over until we receive a loan from the county. When we receive the advance we should immediately take out another \$125,000 CD."

Also, in our letter to the county requesting the advance, we said that was

exactly what we intended to do. To the best of my knowledge, it has not been done.

Up until a few years ago, IFPD routinely asked for and received an advance. The reason they did so, and the reason we did so this year, is that we do not receive our first property tax income payment of around \$250,000 from the county until mid-December, followed by additional payments in January, April and May.

That means having to rely on money left over on June 30, plus about \$317,000 in miscellaneous income received in July through November, to pay monthly expenses averaging about \$143,000 a month during July through November, plus about \$110,000 in the first half of December.

But they were able to stop doing so when property

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## RENATE'S THOUGHTS

BY RENATE CAINE, PH.D.  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL  
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INSTITUTE, IDYLLWILD

### What it will actually take to change education ...

These days, whenever I ask someone what they think of education, I never get a positive response. Everyone, however, can target something as the cause for the poor state of education, usually blaming unions, parents, lack of money, bad teachers or feel free to add your own.



The fact is that lots of people are trying to change education with the result that much money is spent and very little changed.

Here's what I think is holding the entire edifice in place. It is our collective belief of what learning and teaching look like in school. Read the following and ask yourself if you believe each of the elements of teaching listed below is essential to learning.

- *Discipline* — A teacher has to keep everyone quiet so students can learn.

- *Direct instruction* — "Delivery" of content is the teacher's job, while students listen and take notes.

- *Prescribed homework* — Provide opportunities for practice and rehearsal, which are necessary for mastering content.

- *Identical content* — All students have to learn the same things.

- *The test* — This is the prime motivator that is the purpose for all of the above. (Frankly, this is the only motivator for most students).

- *School environment* — The whole school environment has to be organized in such a way that all of the above can happen.

I want to declare war on this model. Why? This is not how any of us learn if we have the remotest choice.

Yes, learning includes some memorization of facts and skills, with input from a knowledgeable individual or resource, but real learning happens when students are actually applying what they need in order to solve a problem or find a solution to something they deeply care about.

Don't believe me? If you have any young people around you, have you observed them spending hours on video games perfecting a skill. How about kids learning to master skate boarding? Or creating videos for YouTube?

If the project is interesting, challenging and within their range of competence, they will want to learn how to do it. With little encouragement, they'll read about it, write to someone about a specific technique or practice, find experts to explain stuff, plan, and make something happen. And along the way, they practice and practice. And this can happen with or without a great deal of technology.

*See Renate, page 22*

## Food education for the Idyllwild community

BY ARTHUR CONNOR  
CORRESPONDENT

Issues of local food security and sustainability have come into focus recently as part of an informal dialogue session known as The Conversation. Since mid-September, a group of locals from disparate political and ideological backgrounds have come together to discuss such varied topics as Thomas Jefferson and the banking crisis.

More recently, they have concentrated on the production, provision and distribution of food for the Idyllwild community and allied areas — largely as the result of the group's viewing of the documentary film "Food, Inc." Though this film is generally regarded as an indictment of major food corporations and the fast-food industry in particular, it also can be the basis for serious discussions into the hows, whys and wherefores of the various day-to-day processes involved in the world of production and consumption of foodstuffs.

With the increase in the availability of potentially harmful food products, such as genetically engineered fruits and vegetables, as well as the presence of non- or anti-nutritional food additives, the necessity of food awareness becomes proportionally enlarged.

This type of education is further emphasized in the corresponding quest for sources for food and drink. We seek to know the existence of not only

out-of-town but also far-off distributors who make possible the availability of watermelons in December and butternut squash in June, not to mention bottled water from Italy and New Zealand.

Principally The Conversation group has focused on the location of sources both on and off the Hill. Currently, we have four main food outlets — the 20-odd restaurant venues — plus the delivery mechanisms (like Sysco and US Foods). These are starters for an appreciation of the situation's dimensional magnitude and perspective.

Various means have been put in place to determine the costs of actual food production and their application to real-time problems of distribution. There was an emphasis on providing food in its most nutritious and inexpensive forms.

In this way, the discussion has gone forward to the sustainable and available goal of the potential establishment of a "food oasis" for the immediate Idyllwild area, in contrast to the growing number of food deserts in Southern California.

The next two scheduled meetings of The Conversation will continue the discussion of the provision of food and drink. Further community input at such times is most definitely solicited.

The group convenes at St. Hugh's Episcopal Church's center, 6 p.m., Wednesday evenings, Jan.

## TOWN TALK

BY CID CASTILLO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

*Do you think the weather will stay the same?*

*Is snow coming?"*



**Michelle Sellers**  
Waitress  
**Idyllwild**



**Lindsay Pohl**  
Waitress  
**Idyllwild**

*"I don't know what is going to happen but I know I don't want it to snow. No more shoveling snow!"*



**Natalie Mikroulis**  
Waitress  
**Pine Cove**

*"Oh, yes, I would love to have a mild winter but February is our snowiest month. It will snow again for sure."*

**Gabriella Vargas**  
Waitress  
**Lake Elsinore**

*"We'll have more snow. And rain. I hope it snows because we are in dire need of snowy weather. It brings people to the Hill."*

11 and 25. Both are preceded by a pot-luck dinner.

The author wishes to thank Don Giger and Barnaby Finch, in addition to

Mark Yardas, for their advice and input regarding this article.

*Arthur Connor can be reached at abconnor62@gmail.com.*

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# No HAZMAT violations at ice rink

By MARSHALL SMITH  
STAFF REPORTER

The investigator from Riverside County Department of Environmental Health who investigated the still-unopened ice rink on the Idyllwild Community

Center property on Friday, Dec. 30 concluded that there are no observable environmental violations, according to Diane Christensen, department program chief.

"There was a drum on site [of glycol solution] but it was closed and labeled,"

Christensen said, reading from the investigator's report. She also indicated that there was no evidence of spills of any materials with which her department would be concerned.

"Once they [the ice rink operators] plan to open,

we'll be requiring a hazardous materials handling report," she noted. She also said that her department would not hold up the opening of the rink, but would inspect again once it is open to ensure that no violations are present and ongoing.



The ice rink at Idyllwild Community Center is still not open. Cooling coils are still visible.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

## Do you need a tax preparer?

*Editor's note: "Tax tips" returns and will appear bi-weekly throughout tax season. Stephen T. Peppler, EA, CFP, has graciously agreed to provide the tax information to our readers.*

This time of year we begin to get our records together and make plans for filing our taxes. Whether to complete them on your own or seek the services of a professional is an important decision.

Today, there are several tax software programs available to the individual costing from \$50 to \$100.

The programs have been found to do a good job of doing the arithmetic on the return. However, a recent study done on several of the programs found that over half the individuals using them had errors (some serious) on their returns. The reason for this is that our tax code is so complex that it is impossible for a program to analyze your situation and

### TAX TIPS

BY STEPHEN T. PEPPLER, EA, CFP



"ask" all the right questions.

Tax programs always have some bugs in them, especially after major changes in the tax law such as we've had this year. These problems are fixed

quickly on the professional programs since you have thousands of preparers doing millions of returns and reviewing the results for any errors.

With personal programs the process of finding and correcting errors can be more extended. It is not unusual for taxpayers to file their returns before finding out that the program had a bug (if they ever find out at all).

Entering data at seemingly appropriate places does not guarantee the program will handle it properly and give you the desired results. Employee and business expenses can often

be entered in more than one place. You will want to check the computer calculations if preparing your own return.

Taxpayers with more complex returns or those with questions regarding the changed tax laws should seek the assistance of a professional to make sure they do not miss deductions and to prevent mistakes that could trigger an audit.

If you own a business or rental you will want help in

complying with the complex tax laws. You need to be sure you do not lose the many tax benefits available to you.

Depreciation of business or rental assets is one area that is seldom done properly without the assistance of a professional. Employee business expenses, a frequent audit target, are subject to an array of confusing regulations that are constantly being revised or reinterpreted.

Other areas where professional tax help can eliminate frequent errors are the sale of homes, property, securities or mutual funds, divorce and situations involving inherited property.

A potential danger area most taxpayers are not even aware of is the dreaded Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), a high percentage flat tax that involves recalculating your tax based on a whole

See *Tax tips, page 11*

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#### Christian Science Church

25970 Cedar St. at River Drive, 659-2511. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Service 10 a.m.; Wednesday meeting, 7 p.m. Christian Science Reading Room, in church building, open to the public, Wednesday through Friday, 2 - 5 p.m.

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# Playground construction date is set

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

"It's the best news," said an elated Dawn Sonnier, who explained that she had just received confirmation from the Riverside County Building and Safety Department that they were satisfied with submitted information and plans for building the playground this spring.

Sonnier, who has spent more than a year actively planning, organizing, submitting grant proposals, raising money and gaining county approvals, took a well-earned deep breath and smiled.

In the next five months, Sonnier still has much to do to prepare for the construction week and guide its completion, but the light at the end of the tunnel is much brighter.

"There will be no more conditions and no playground inspections," she said, grateful that the county had accepted Leathers and Associates' qualifications to oversee playground construction and

to certify its safety.

Wednesday, June 13, through Sunday, June 17, is the period set for the actual playground assembly. Before the construction week arrives, footings have to be dug, building teams organized, food planned and tools obtained and prepared. Sonnier said all of these tasks have been planned and are in the hands of local residents to complete. She explained that a county archeologist would be present when some of the needed three-foot deep footings are dug, to insure that no native artifacts are disturbed.

Consultants Leather and Associates will oversee the work and certify its safety to the county.

Sonnier is still planning on a total of 500 volunteers during the five-day "old-fashioned barn raising." She promises, "There is a job for everyone, building, serving food, watching children. Children from 10 to adults near 100 are welcome to volunteer and contribute to this community project."

Sonnier said she is looking



Community members can purchase fence posts, helping to sponsor the playground.

PHOTO COURTESY DAWN SONNIER

for community artists to paint and decorate playground components, to give the playground an Idyllwild-specific stamp. "What they [the artists] contribute will be totally their design," she said. Workdays will be from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; coffee will be available as early as 7:30 a.m. and snacks and meals will be provided throughout the day.

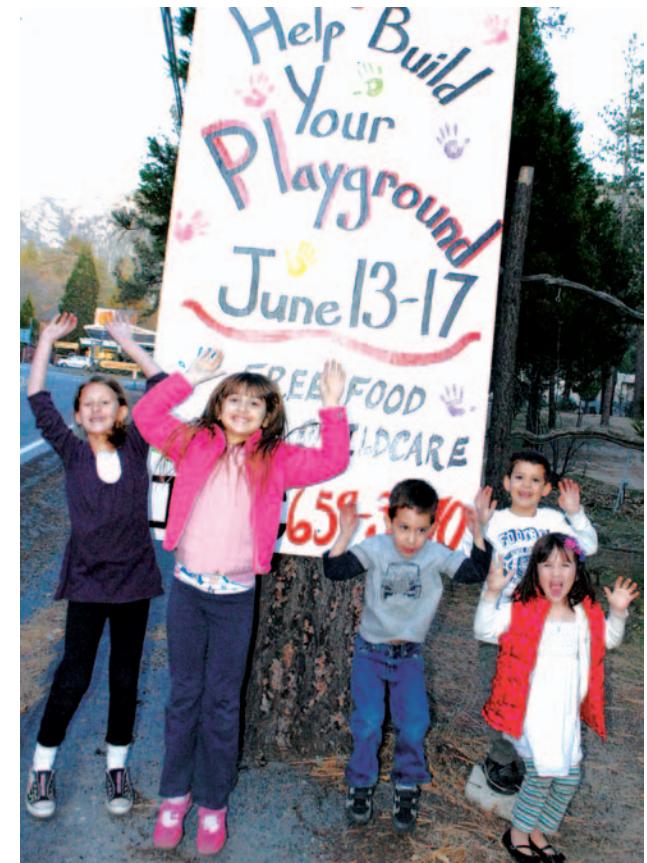
Childcare will be available to parents who want to help with the construction — one adult supervisor for every

two kids — and participating individuals' tools will be protected and locked, she said. The Idyllwild Bible Church will provide a brief service Sunday morning, June 17, for those in attendance that Sunday.

While Sonnier has raised the money for the playground construction budget, funds will continue to be needed for unexpected costs and ongoing maintenance. Sonnier said that since playground components are metal and composite materials, with no wood used in construction, maintenance costs should be minimal.

Funds for some of the playground components can still be donated. For example, monkey bars are \$500 and picket fence posts, with donor names, are \$100. For more information or to sign up to participate in the ICRC Playground Build Project, write to Sonnier at dawnrizer@hotmail.com.

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Celebrating in front of the sign announcing the upcoming construction of the community playground are, from left, Katelyn Sonnier, Sylvan Campbell, Tyler Sonnier, Cole Sonnier and Ember Campbell.

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Idyllwild Fire Commission discusses budget issues during Jan. 7 workshop. Commission President Jeannine Charles-Stigall listens to Vice President Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly (second from left) and Commissioner Jerry Buchanan (second from right) talk about the finances. Former Crest Forest Fire Chief Mike Sherman (right) reviews his notes before making his presentation.

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## IFPD commission may meet twice monthly

The fire district's financial issues have breadth and depth. The Saturday budget workshop lasted four hours. Consequently, until these problems can be mastered and controlled, the fire commission will consider meeting twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

If the proposal, which is on the agenda, were approved, the second regular meeting of this month would be 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24.

need resolving, need money and are not in the current budget.

These and other items, such as amending the district's meeting schedule and further discussion with Sherman about the possibil-

ity of hiring him as an interim chief, will be discussed at the commission's January regular meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10.

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## Idyllwild Fire

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use of the word, "bankrupt," but made it clear the commission will have to get control of the finances.

"What do we want to do and how do we do it?" he asked rhetorically. "The current situation doesn't give me confidence."

He stressed to his colleagues that one of their priorities should be building a reserve for future emergencies.

Whatever options the commission considers, it must acknowledge that, like a school district, which is labor intensive, the largest portion (70 to 85 percent)

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## Fire

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confirmed her expectation. "Firefighter efforts were aided today by much calmer winds," she said. "Minor drift smoke may still be visible from Highway 243 due to interior smoldering."

Full containment is estimated to be 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 13, Kramer added.

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, traffic would no longer require pilot car escorts, said Kramer. Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol have lifted all emergency restrictions on Highway 243.

As of Monday evening about 75 personnel are still assigned to the fire. At its high point, more than 200 people were battling the Lawler Fire. One helicopter is still assigned to the incident. The incident commander is Forest Service Battalion Chief Fred Espinoza.

The initial attack on the fire, which started during Sunday's dark early hours, quickly expanded to 12 engines, two water tenders, five hand crews and air attack equipment.

While the fire burned at a slow rate of spread, steep terrain and wind-driven fire spotting behavior were challenges firefighters faced. On Sunday, strong winds were blowing in the area, which made the firefighting more difficult.

"Fortunately this is an area where we've conducted major fuels reduction projects," said Kramer. "It's fairly defensible." Forest fuels in this area had been treated as part of the North Fork and Highway 243 fuel treatment projects between 2006 and 2009.

The agencies cooperating and assisting the Forest Service included CAL FIRE, Riverside County Fire Department, Idyllwild Fire Protection District, Riverside County Office of Emergency Services, California Highway



Above, the Lawler Fire burned 14 acres.

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At left, aircraft drops water on Lawler Fire Sunday morning.

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Firefighting helicopter carrying a bucket of water.



At left, CAL FIRE aircraft helped contain the Lawler Fire.

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Flames during the fire were seen from Highway 243.

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Forest Service Incident Commander **Chris Fogle** checks with Idyllwild Fire Department crew on brush truck 621.

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# Congressional candidate Ruiz in Idyllwild

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

Dr. Raul Ruiz, Democratic candidate for the California Congressional District 36 seat, visited the Town Crier Thursday, Jan. 5.

After a hectic few months raising money for his campaign this year and a full week of emergency room work at Eisenhower Medical Center, Ruiz came to Idyllwild for a few days of rest and peace.

"It's one of my favorite places, my second home, my second community," he said smiling.

Nevertheless he took time to sit down and discuss what he believes will be the issues that will dominate this summer's and fall's campaign between him and incumbent Republican Rep. Mary Bono Mack.

"I'll be focusing on small businesses because small businesses are like a family," he said. He recognizes that health care for employees and its cost for employers will be one of three issues, which he will emphasize in his campaign.

But he spoke at length about the Future Physician Leaders program he has helped organize in Coachella Valley. It has been incorporated into the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside, where he is on the faculty, and where its programs will be broadened and extended to the entire Inland Empire.

"It started with nine kids whom I challenged to get involved," he said. "I believe in personal responsibility."



**Dr. Raul Ruiz** visits the Town Crier.

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You create your own opportunities. I challenged kids in lower income communities. Now, after three years, there are 80 pre-med students and 40 local physicians working together."

Creating and establishing this program for high school students to become doctors and, possibly having them return to the Coachella Valley represents one of many ways Ruiz wants to serve the community. He described himself as a community advocate. "I'm mentoring them to embrace the old fashioned picture of a country doctor," he said.

"I want to mentor through my experience, whether that's in the emergency room or the halls of Congress," he said proudly.

Providing improved health care is not the only issue that Ruiz will stress in the campaign and in Congress if elected. Jobs and employment are equally high on his priority list. He said that the three biggest industries in the district are tourism, health care and agriculture. Combining these areas, he plans to help employers in these industries create jobs with livable wages and increased productivity.

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## Initiatives

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signature verification, 48 are circulating and 29 are pending at the Attorney General's office. In addition, four tax-raising initiatives may complete with the Governor's education-funding proposal.

The four already approved initiatives range from higher cigarette taxes to payroll deductions. One proposes to limit legislators' terms in office, from 14 to 12 years. Another would impose additional taxes for cancer research on cigarettes. The third proposes amendments to the safe, clean and reliable drinking water supply act and the

fourth prohibits political contributions from payroll deductions and applies to unions,

The two initiatives pending signature verification address the 2012 state senate redistricting (allowing voters to challenge the districts) and changes an existing law to allow insurance companies to set prices based on a driver's history of past insurance coverage.

The 48 circulating for signatures cover a vast array of popular and unique proposals. Some are contradictory and some are even amusing. A brief sample includes marijuana legalization, mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods, authorizes expansion of the California Legislature by 100-fold by

setting the size of assembly districts at 5,000 people and senatorial districts at 10,000 people. The math would result in a legislature of 7,000 assembly representatives and 3,500 state senators. There is also a constitutional amendment to guarantee a male and a female representative for every assembly and senate district. Were both to pass, the assembly would grow to 14,000 and the senate to 7,000.

Others require state law enforcement to enforce federal immigration laws and deny driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants; regulation of corporations denying them personhood or citizen status and holding officers and directors personally liable for cor-

porations' illegal acts or crimes. Others would revise three strikes law to impose the life sentence only when a new felony conviction is serious or violent; reinstate right of same-sex couples to marry and prohibit abortion for any female under 18 without parental consent. Some advocate to eliminate state environmental protection laws and agencies and repeal the death penalty, increase retirement age for teachers and other public employees to 65 and sworn peace officers to 58; eliminate collective bargaining rights for teachers, nurses, police officers, firefighters and other public employees; make home ownership a fundamental right

*See State law, page 24*

## Tax tips

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different set of rules. Income is calculated differently based on less favorable regulations and many deductions such as medical

expenses, property and state taxes and employee business expenses are lost.

Taxpayers who potentially qualify for the earned income credit will want to review the extensive rules or hire a professional.

Many taxpayers must

He was surprised to learn that Idyllwild's roots began with a combination of the first two industries. At the turn of the 20th century, Dr. Walter Lindley's Idyllwild Sanatorium was built to encourage tourism and cure tuberculosis.

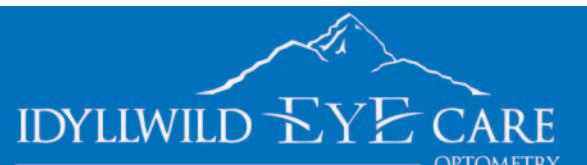
Ruiz is just beginning a district-wide listening tour and will be visiting Idyllwild again during the year.

When asked why he would leave a profession, successful practice and teaching career to run for

Congress, Ruiz said, "What compelled me to run were the levels of poverty I saw in kids [in the district]; adults that are uninsured; when 3,000 seniors in our district report there are days when they go without eating to buy medicine. The statistics in the Coachella Valley hurt. I am as fed up as anybody else."

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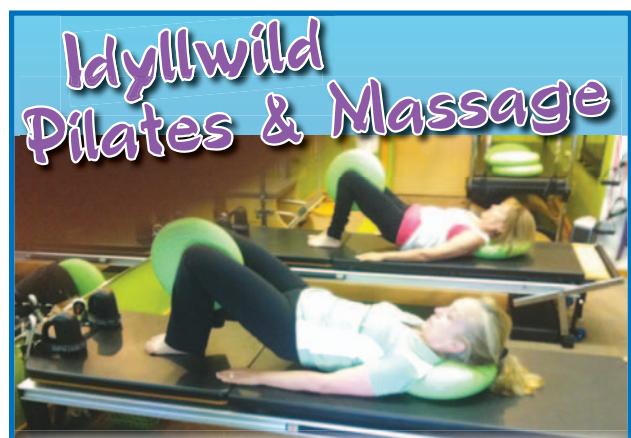
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# On the Town

## Local Dining, Arts & Entertainment

# Arts & Entertainment Calendar



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

**Wednesday, 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. See Idyllwild Festival of Cinema Program for times & locations.  
1/2 Price Bottles of Wine, The Creek House.

Contemporary Dance, 3-4 p.m.; 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.

**Friday, Jan. 13**  
Idyllwild Festival of Cinema, all day, various locations. See Idyllwild Festival of Cinema Program for times & locations.  
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.  
**Free Reception**, 6 p.m. The Prairie Dove Boutique.  
**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**  
Jerome Robinson, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Idyllwild Festival of Cinema, all day, various locations. See Idyllwild Festival of Cinema Program for times & locations.  
“Climbing Tahquitz Rock,” Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.  
David Jerome, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

**Sunday, Jan. 15**  
Idyllwild Festival of Cinema, all day, various locations. See Idyllwild Festival of Cinema Program for times & locations.

“Climbing Tahquitz Rock,” Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 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 Ingbretnsen, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.  
Creative Writing Parallax Reading, 7:30 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts.

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On the first Friday of the month, the American Legion hosts a Prime Rib dinner night at Idyllwild Post 800. More than 60 dinners were served on Friday, Jan. 6, according to **Danny Richardson**, House Committee chairman.

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- FEB. 15: “Idyllwild: Past & Present” with Bob Smith, Silver Pines Lodge (co-sponsored by the Idyllwild Area Historical Society)
- MARCH 21: “Degas” with Ken Young, Rainbow Inn (co-sponsored by Friends of the Idyllwild Library)
- APRIL 18: “What’s New? The Latest, Greatest, Up-To-Date-est in Contemporary Classical Music” with Peter Askim, Creekstone Inn (co-sponsored by the Associates of the Idyllwild Arts Foundation)
- MAY 16: “Astro Mythbuster” with Larry Kawano, Creekstone Inn (co-sponsored by Astro Camp)
- JUNE 20: [Pending], Quiet Creek Inn (co-sponsored by Idyllwild Art Alliance)

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### **Idyllwild Fire**

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#### **Tuesday, Jan. 17**

Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m.; Adult Dance with Annika Kay, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall. Seamus Harding Benefit Day, 11 a.m.-Close Arriba Mexican Restaurant. Rocky Zharp, 5 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.

#### **Wednesday, Jan 18**

Ballet & Tap Dancing with Annika Kay, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall. "Radioactivity and the Wind: The Menace and Promise of Air," with Charlie Zender, ICRC Speaker Series, 5:30 p.m. Creekstone Inn.

#### **Thursday, Jan. 19**

1/2 Price Bottles of Wine, The

Creek House. Contemporary Dance, 3-4 p.m.; Children's Yoga with Trine Bietz, 4-5 p.m.; Wii games for all ages, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall. Lenny Hansell, 5:30-8 p.m. The Creek House.

#### **Friday, Jan. 20**

Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall. Visual Art Theme Show, Opening Reception, 6 p.m. Parks Exhibition Center. Idyllwild Arts (the show runs through Feb. 2). Theatre Production: The Shape of Things by Neil Labute, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts. Sandii Catleberry, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House. Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. The Lumber Mill. Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m.

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#### **Saturday, Jan. 21**

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

#### **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 Restaraunt. Theatre Production: The Shape of Things by Neil Labute, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

#### **Sunday, Jan. 22**

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.

Theatre Production: The Shape of Things by Neil Labute, 2:00 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.

#### **Monday, Jan. 23**

Beginner Sushi Class, 10 a.m. Mile High Cafe.

Childrens Story Time, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Idyllwild Library.

Introduction to Theatre Arts with Kirsten Ingbretsen, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.

#### **Tuesday, Jan. 24**

Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall.

Adult Dance with Annika Kay, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.

#### **Wednesday, Jan. 25**

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



Thirty-two people attended the free showing of "Paper Clips" at the Rustic Theatre. Afterward, 17 attended a discussion group at the Quiet Creek Living Room Gallery. Some of the group is seen here.

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*Creative Writing Parallax Reading. 7:30 PM, Parks Exhibition Center.*

#### **Friday, January 20**

*Visual Art Theme Show. Opening reception, 6PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through February 2.*

*Theatre Production: The Shape of Things by Neil Labute. 7:30PM, IAF Theatre. Recommended for mature audiences.*

#### **Saturday & Sunday, January 21 & 22**

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

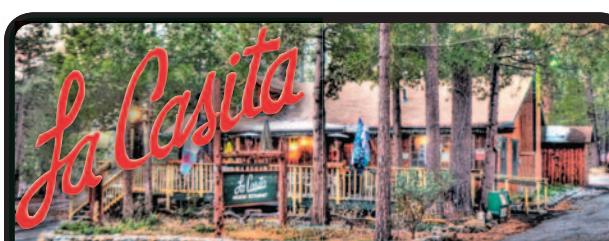
#### **Saturday & Sunday, February 4 & 5**

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

#### **Tuesday, February 7**

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

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## SPORTS

### Town Hall Adult Volleyball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on Town Hall Adult Volleyball for the week of Jan. 2.

Idyllwild Inn played Idyllwild Chevron Tuesday night. Idyllwild Inn played great. **Josh White** led the Inn with his serving and big hits. **Pam Sheppard** played great for Chevron setting and bumping great all match. The Inn won the match in three games, 25-16, 25-14 and 25-21.

Wednesday's game pitted Idyllwild Garage against Team Boss.

**Idyllwild Garage** came out hot. **Cory Sumrall** came out firing big hits for the Garage as they took a two-game lead. Team Boss came back to win game three led by **Ryan Henninger** but in the end the Garage was too tough and won the match in four games, 25-18, 25-11, 17-25 and 25-13.

**Matt Boss**, center, goes up to spike the ball against Chevron's **Brennen Priefer** on left, as Team Boss players **Kim Boss** and **Noah Whitney** await the outcome in this contest. Team Boss won three games, 25-12, 25-21 and 25-23 against Chevron on Monday night, Dec. 9 at Idyllwild School.

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In Thursday night's game, Silver Pines and Forest Lumber faced each other. Forest Lumber had an early lead, thanks in part to nice hits from **Matt Cox** in the first game. Silver Pines held on and fought back behind **Luke Anderson's** great play. Silver Pines won the match 25-15, 25-18 and 25-17.

### Volleyball Standings

Team	Wins	Losses
Idyllwild Inn	3	1
Idyllwild Garage	3	1
Silver Pines	2	1
Team Boss	1	2
Idyllwild Chevron	1	2
Forest Lumber	0	3

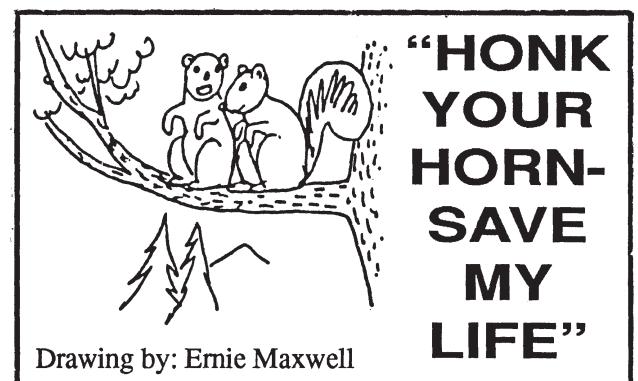
### Town Hall Youth Basketball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on youth basketball for both the kindergarten through third-grade division and the third- through sixth-grade division.

Thanks to all the kids on a great opening night of basketball.

### Kindergarten through third-grade division

On Friday Jan. 6, the college league got their season started with a pair of games. Friday night's basketball games were



Blue Devil No. 2, **Michael Stroud** is besieged by orange-clad Gators, from left, **Cole Sonnier**, **Reese Whitney**, **Lucy Tate**, and No.11, **Katelyn Sonnier**. Blue Devil **Aiden McLean** waits for a pass in the background. Idyllwild's Youth Basketball Program is conducted by Town Hall and games are played at Idyllwild School.

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a blast. Everybody played hard and had a lot of fun.

The Gators got big baskets in the first half from **Reese Whitney**, who helped bring his team to the lead. **Breana Sheppard** scored a big basket to get the Blue Devils close, but the Gators went on to win 8-5 in a defensive battle: Gators 8 (**Preston** 4, **Reese** 4); Blue Devils 5 (**Breana** 2, **Fiona** 2, **Michael** 1).

In the second game, the Idyllwild Vacation Rentals Wolverines took on the Wildcats. The Wildcats' **Cody Fogle** and the Wolverines' **Ethan Teeguarden** led their teams in a high scoring game. Both teams played great, but the Wildcats came away with a 17-11 win: Wildcats 17 (**Cody** 12, **Gracie** 5); Wolverines 11 (**Ethan** 9, **Layton** 2).

### Third- through sixth-grade division

On Tuesday Jan. 3, the pro's league got the basketball season going. Five teams compose the league and the first night saw four start the season great. Both games were close competitive games and we look forward to a great season. The first game was between the Fairway Market Lakers and the Idyllwild Automotive Grizzlies. Both teams played solid defense the whole game.

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## Steele looks back on 2011; begins 2012

BY JACK CLARK  
PROFESSIONAL GOLF CORRESPONDENT

Idyllwild native Brendan Steele put together an exceptionally fine rookie season on the PGA Tour last year. Two highlights were his wins in April at the Valero Texas Open and again in December with his fellow-rookie partner, Keegan Bradley, at the Franklin Templeton "Shark" Shootout.

His performance last year won him well over \$2 million, including both PGA and non-PGA tournaments, and secured his playing card on the PGA Tour for the next two years.

A year ago the native Idyllwilder told the Town Crier that he expected the PGA Tour would be "like the Nationwide Tour on steroids." We inquired recently about that assessment following his first year on the tour.

"The PGA Tour is definitely the Nationwide Tour on steroids although there are some important differences," Steele said. "Firstly, the course setups are much more difficult. Many of the tournaments on the Nationwide Tour take 18 to 24 under [par] in order to win an event, whereas many of the PGA Tour courses are set up in a way that 12 to 15 under [par] will win. The difference usually comes from course layout, flag locations and the physical firmness of the golf course."

"Secondly, the media is a huge difference. There are so many reporters following every round that nothing really slips past them," Steele continued. "Everything you do is really under a microscope."

Although going into his first year, Steele had hoped for a season like he ultimately had; it was definitely a better year than he expected, and it still seems to be getting better for him all the time.

Last year, both Steele and his caddie, long-time friend Nick Wilkins, were rookies on the tour. When asked how he expected their approach would change now that they've both had a year of experience, Steele replied, "We are definitely going to make some adjustments to schedule and preparation.

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Three Wildcats, No. 12, Gracie McKitson, next to Levi Davis and Timmy Lowe who has his hands on the ball, surround Wolverine Mecino Reynosa in a hard-fought game played at Idyllwild School on Friday, Jan. 6. Wolverines coming to assist are Brody Posey, far left, and No. 10, Layton Teeguarden, far right, with Ethan Teeguarden, background. Two Wildcats waiting for the steal and a pass are No. 3 Cody Fogle and Oden Johnston at right. PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



## Sports

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The Lakers built a lead in the second half as **Isaiah Carmen** led the charge with some key baskets. **Zach Fogle** made a couple of big baskets late and the Grizzlies got to within a point, but the Lakers held on for a one point win: Lakers 17 (**Isaiah 12, Stephan 3, Jeremiah 2**); Grizzlies 16 (**Zach 12, Ali 2, Maggie 2**).

12 (**Garrett 6, Carmen 4, Payton 2**).

On Friday, Jan 6, the pro's league played a pair of games. This was the second night of games for 3 of the 4 teams. Like Tuesday's games both games were close and competitive.

The first game saw the Town Crier Clippers play their first game as they took on the Fairway Market Lakers. The Lakers got going early as **Pierce Pramuka** got a big rebound and basket to build an early lead. **Nichole Cochrane** got a big basket in the second half to get the Clippers close, but in the end the Lakers won their second consecutive game 18-10: Lakers 18 (**Isaiah 12, Stephan 4, Pierce 2**); Clippers 10 (**Chayton 8,**

**Nichole 2**).

The second game saw the Pino Tree Service Heat take on the Idyllwild Automotive Grizzlies. The Heat kept the pressure on all game as **Jake Mabery** played great and scored 12 points. **Ali Fogle** played awsome scoring 8 points for the Grizzlies to keep them close but in the end the Heat went on to win their second game of the season: Heat 16 (**Jake 12, Fernando 3, Kevin 1**); Grizzlies 12 (**Ali 8, Zach 4**).

*Send sports reports about locals to [itc@towncrier.com](mailto:itc@towncrier.com) or drop them off at the Town Crier by 10 a.m. Mondays. Photos are also welcome. If sending by email, resolution must be at least 300 dpi.*

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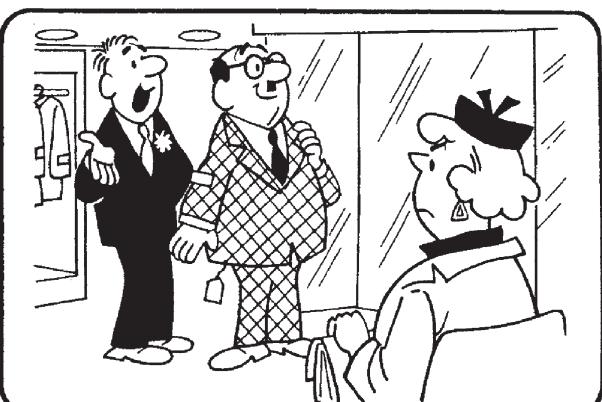
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**Answers to Sudoku**  
(Puzzle on next page)

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HARASSER	ASPS	
EYE	ESC	
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AREA	AVE	UNDO
ROSY	SIS	ITEM
ESSE	YES	TOES

**Answers to Crossword**  
(Puzzle on next page)

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**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor

getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

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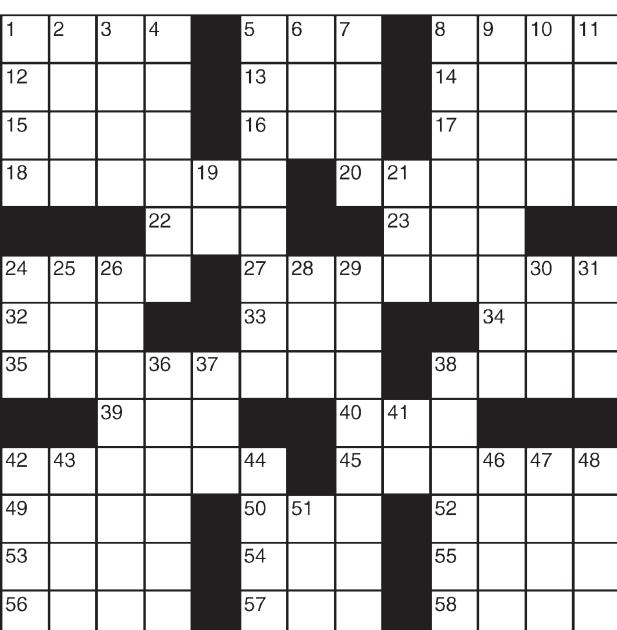
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**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your good works flow from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well.

## CROSSWORD

*(Answers on previous page)*



### ACROSS

- 1 Con game
- 5 Not-so-tall tale
- 8 Front projection
- 12 Needing a cane
- 13 Earlier than
- 14 Hold sway
- 15 Intl. cartel
- 16 Actress Gardner
- 17 Elevator name
- 18 Railyard sight
- 20 Result
- 22 Every last bit
- 23 15-Across' product
- 24 Gullets
- 27 And so on
- 32 - Beta Kappa
- 33 Vast expanse
- 34 Blue

### DOWN

- 35 Unrelenting pest
- 38 Snakes
- 39 Storm center
- 40 Keyboard abbr.
- 42 Take out of context?
- 45 Small yellow fruit used in preserves
- 49 Vicinity
- 50 "Hail!"
- 52 Loosen
- 53 Optimistic
- 54 Family member
- 55 Particular
- 56 Being, to Brutus
- 57 "Of course"
- 58 "Piggies"
- 1 Messy guy
- 2 Mafia bigwig
- 3 MasterCard alternative, briefly
- 4 Gathering places
- 5 Intrepid
- 6 Mr. Robbins
- 7 Who partnered with Burt Baskin
- 8 Toaster's word
- 9 Cruel
- 10 Medley
- 11 Into the sunset
- 19 Mr. Pacino
- 21 "Ulalume" writer
- 24 Speedometer
- 25 "Caught ya!"
- 26 Brit's radio
- 28 Ball-bearing gizmo
- 29 Negligent
- 30 Knock
- 31 Billboards
- 36 Sailor's assent
- 37 Collection
- 38 Find not guilty
- 41 Therefore
- 42 Challenge
- 43 Love deity
- 44 Uncomplicated
- 46 "Do - others ..."
- 47 "Zip - - Doo-Dah"
- 48 - River, NJ
- 51 Struggle (for)

## SUDOKU

*(Answers on previous page)*

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#### 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 corporation.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business 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 STATEMENT 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.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as BLISS HAIR COLOR STUDIO, 73-338 Highway 111, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Riverside 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 business 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

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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 CUT ABOVE SALON & DAY SPA, 54385 North Circle Drive, Suite 152, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 390244, Anza, CA 92539. ROSALIE EILEEN TAYLOR, 56295 LOCUST ROAD, ANZA, CA 92539.

This business is conducted by an individual.  
Registrant commenced to transact business 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 STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 8, 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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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: N. Medina, Deputy

#### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: CARLOS MANUEL GONZALEZ filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:  
a. Present name: CARLOS MANUEL GONZALEZ 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 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: 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 MEDICAL CORPORATION, 74-361 Highway 111, Suite 5, Palm Desert, CA 92260, a California corporation.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.  
Registrant commenced to transact business 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 STATEMENT 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.

#### 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 individual.  
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 GONZALEZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

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 appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a con-

tinent 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

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

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CURVES IDYLLWILD, 54245 North Circle Drive, Unit C6, Idyllwild, CA 92549, Riverside County. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 99, Idyllwild, CA 92549. DENISE MAY EDMISTON, 25415 Appleton Drive, P.O. Box 99, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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

#### BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE.

#### CERTIFICATION

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LARRY W. WARD,  
County Clerk  
By: M. Meyer, Deputy

Pub. TC: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012.

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that a public lien sale of the following described personal property will be held at the hour of 11 AM Jan. 23, 2012 at Perris Mini Storage, 369 East Third Street in the City of Perris, County of Riverside, State of California. The items to be sold are generally described as follows: household items, misc. furniture, misc. tools and equipment.

This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

Manager/Rolando Corral  
RE: Notice of Public Sale  
Misc. Household Items and Furniture, Tools and Equip.

Perris Mini Storage  
369 East Third Street  
Perris, CA 92570  
(951) 443-1110

Name: SHAWANTELL CLARK

Name: SHAWANTELL CLARK

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Perris Mini Storage

Rolando Corral - Manager

American Auction Service

Bond # FS8632014

Pub. TC: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as AGN INDUSTRIES, 3 Vista Ripalti, Lake Elsinore, CA 92532, Riverside County. ANDREW GERARD NADEAU, 3 Vista Ripalti, Lake Elsinore, CA 92532.

This business is conducted by an individual.

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

Signed:  
ANDREW G. NADEAU

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 27, 2011.

FILE NO.:  
R-2011-13519

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This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

Manager/Maria Medrano  
RE: Notice of Public Sale  
Misc. Household Items and Furniture.  
Lockaway Storage  
1181 North State St.

Hemet, CA 92543  
(951) 929-2053

Name: GABRIELA HERNANDEZ

Name: CHRISTINA SLEDGE

Name: DOUGLAS FORD

Name: DAVISON SHAKRYSTA

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Lockaway Hemet

Maria Medrano - Manager

American Auction Service

Bond # FS8632014

Pub. TC: Jan. 5, 12, 2012.

#### FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as CLAYTON CREEK RANCH, 1425 De Anza Drive, San Jacinto, CA 92582, Riverside County. KELLY LEE GATES, 1425 De Anza Drive, San Jacinto, CA 92582, and KIMBERLY LYNN GATES, 617 Daisy Avenue, Lodi, CA 92540.

This business is conducted by Co-partners.  
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:  
KELLY L. GATES

Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 29, 2011.

FILE NO.:  
R-2011-13633

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This notice is given in accordance with the provisions of section 21700 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California.

Manager/Rolando Corral

RE: Notice of Public Sale

Misc. Household Items and Furniture.

Lockaway Storage

1181 North State St.

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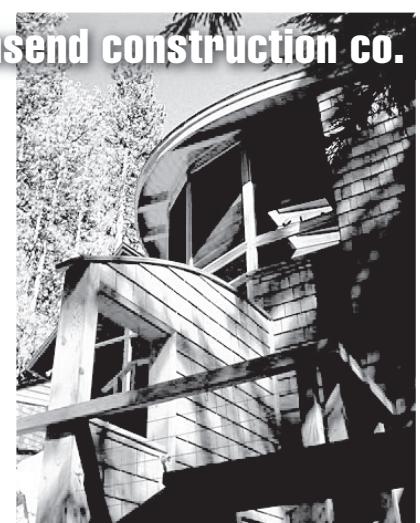
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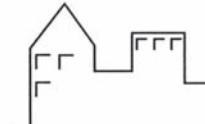
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Does all of this deviate from a teacher's plan? You bet. Does it allow students to learn the same skills in ways that match their own interests or work together on a problem as a group? Absolutely.

I have seen a student, who always did minimal work in class and hardly ever spoke up, design a model stadium with all the details and critical functions in place. I have seen students rush for the dictionary to find a definition for "octagon" because they needed it for their project. I know kids who frequently spend hours online with others on projects, which include writing, math, planning, negotiating and making critical decisions. And in the process they often document what they know and can do as others give them feedback on their work and ideas.

It takes a great deal to make this approach work. Good teachers are critical. And the standards are still a main fo-

cus. But the entire process works differently. So what new model is needed?

Our research shows that there needs to be a shift in primary emphasis:

- From maintaining discipline to creating community.
- From delivery of information to immersing students in experiences in which content is embedded.
- From practice and rehearsal to active and deep processing for meaning and understanding.
- From an inflexible and relatively sterile environment to an environment that supports experiential learning.
- From standardized tests to tests supplemented by performance assessment.
- From a curriculum based on externally driven "coverage" to one that includes student choice framed in terms of concepts and big ideas.

The critical question is whether or not society is ready to take a step and ask for and embrace the possible.

*Share your thoughts with Renate at <http://itcrenatecaine.blogspot.com>.*

*Editor's note: The fire the engines purchased in 2008.*

*To put this delay in perspective, each of the three local water districts already had a completed 2010-11 audit during the fall of 2011.*

*Regarding whether this funding situation is normal, please read the "IFPD budget workshop" article on page 1.*

**Letters**

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tax income began increasing every year due to ever increasing property values. But, as we all know, property values began declining a few years ago, resulting in a decrease of over \$175,000 over a three year period in our annual secured property

tax income, making it now almost impossible to get through the first 6 months without an advance.

And finally, Schelly said, "the leader is being paid over \$100,000 a year." Unless they gave Walker a raise right before they fired him, he was being paid \$92,400 a year.

**BEN KILLINGSWORTH**  
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**Steele**

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"We will be taking more weeks off this year and focusing on the courses that we feel like suit our game. Last year we felt like we played too many events early in year and were out of gas by early in the summer," Steele explained. "The idea this year is to make sure that we can be rested and feel strong all the way through the playoffs."

Asked about his goals for this coming season, Steele cited being in contention on the back-nines on Sundays.

"I don't have a lot of tangible goals for 2012 because I understand that the nature of this game is pretty uncertain. My main goal is to get myself into contention as often as possible," he stated. "The theory being that there are too many things that you cannot control in a golf tournament, so I figure that getting into contention late on Sunday is the goal and you let it sort itself out from there."

"The Ryder Cup is definitely in the back of my mind, but I know that I'm starting at a disadvantage because I only played one major last year and the majors are the only tournaments that give Ryder Cup points during the first year of the selection process," Steele said about his golf aspirations. "I would also be very happy to make it to the Tour Championship [the final tournament of the FedEx playoffs in September], but these are things that you don't want to think about too much because good play will take care of itself."

Steele's more notable rookie-year official PGA Tour stats: He entered 27 tournaments and made the cut 16 times (59.3 percent). He had eight top-25 finishes, including three top-10s and his win in the Valero Texas Open in San Antonio. Steele earned \$1,976,310 in official PGA Tour winnings, which placed him 38th on the money list,

and he added hundreds of thousands more from non-PGA Tour tournaments, including a seventh place finish in the French Open. He earned 52nd spot on the FedEx Cup points list.

In 2011 Steele was the number one player on the PGA Tour in scoring relative-to-par on approach shots from 75-100 yards. He ranked eighth on the PGA Tour in approach shots from more than 200 yards (44.5 ft.) and he also was eighth in going for par-5 greens in two shots (20.7 feet). He was 10th in par 5 performance (4.58 strokes per hole) and ranked 12th in total eagles (11). He was 15th in total driving, which is a combination statistic comprising driving distance and driving accuracy.

Steele got this new season off to a start last week at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions on the Plantation Course at Kapalua, Maui, Hawaii. He had qualified for that exclusive tournament by winning at San Antonio last year, but the Hawaiian course did not seem to fit his game as well.

Steele struggled to a six-over-par score during the first two days, but then turned it around with two sub-par scores during the final two days for an overall 76-76-72-71 — 295. He won \$68,000 and racked up a top-25 finish to start the season.

Steele has this week off, having elected to pass up the Sony Open in Hawaii. He will be back in action in our own backyard next week when he will play in the Humana Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation, which will be played Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 19 to 22, on three courses in La Quinta: the PGA West Palmer Course and Nicklaus Course and the La Quinta Country Club course.

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**Eagles**

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the late 1950s. Until reintroduction efforts began in the 1980s on Catalina Island, the southern-most nest site

known in California was in Lake County north of San Francisco. Since 2003, a pair of bald eagles has successfully fledged babies several times at Lake Hemet!

The bald eagle is a success story of the Endan-

gered Species Act. Through protection under that law, the eagles' population has recovered from the brink of extinction. Bald Eagles are no longer considered an endangered or threatened species. They still have full

protection under the Bald Eagle Protection Act. Captive breeding programs, reintroduction efforts, the banning of DDT, and public education have all helped in the recovery of this species.

## CREATURE CORNER

BY MIMI AND HOOTCH

Paws up to **Winifred**, our Weimaraner puppy, who gave everyone who walked in the door those big puppy eyes, and made contact with her forever family.

We have pictures at ARF of **Bruno**, a chocolate American Staffordshire, who needs to be rehomed as his owner is ill.



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### 65 years ago - 1947

Pop Groom leased land above Pine Cove where Haigh and Weller were logging for a winter sports area.

### 60 years ago - 1952

The State Riding and Hiking Trail project again stalled due to right-of-way difficulties. The trail may be re-routed elsewhere.

### 55 years ago - 1957

Janet Froehlich was engaged to Bill Riley of Hemet. Janet had worked for two summers with the Town Crier.

### 50 years ago - 1962

Town Hall was at almost full capacity for use, according to Chamber President Clarence Bishop.

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Eight parachutes were purchased from war surplus and installed in the elementary school multipurpose room to help muffle the clatter.

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Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Connally of Scottsdale purchased Rocky Rill Lodge from Frances Knox. They planned to



*Although Idyllwild has enjoyed pleasant weather lately, residents are reminded that January is a winter month, as seen in this Jan. 21, 1993, photo in which a car is towed after having a snow-laden tree fall across its hood.*

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use it for a vacation home by property owners for their large family.

### 35 years ago - 1977

Conforming with new postal regulations, Town Crier started mailing out-of-town papers by ZIP code number. Previously, mailed copies had been bundled alphabetically by towns.

### 40 years ago - 1972

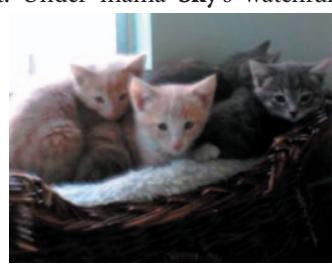
Plans for a 253-unit mobile home park on 40 acres in the Tahquitz Lake Estates area generated opposition from several near-

### 5 years ago - 2007

Three separate traffic collisions all occurred at the same spot on the same day, just a few hours apart on Highway 74 just west of McCall Park Road.

### 1 year ago - 2011

Directors, actors, writers, and local residents filled the Rustic Theatre lobby on opening day of the second Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema: Idyllwild 2011.



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## State law

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and prohibits lender from foreclosing on a California resident's personal home.

A sample of those pending at the AG's office would eliminate mandatory instruction in gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender history but retain other minority instruction; revise the education code to allow parents to veto a child's school instruction if it conflicts with their parents' religious beliefs; cancel the California High Speed Rail Authority and prohibit state funding of high speed rail; authorize free tuition for California university and state college students by significantly taxing all residents; and authorize a tax on millionaires to fund education.

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"We loved Angkor Wat, a 'must see' in Cambodia, rich with history and art," wrote **Mimi Lamp**. After two days exploring several of the temples, many hidden in amongst huge strangler fig trees, Lamp and her husband **Don** refreshed reviewing the Town Crier. "We also saw the temple where the Tomb Raider had been filmed," she wrote.

PHOTO COURTESY OF MIMI LAMP

**Nanci Killingsworth and Rita Gallagher** are smiling as they discuss how to share the funds, which the Idyllwild Rotary Anns earned in the last year through the year from the sale of their world renowned mustard and lemon curd and a sideline of assorted jewelry. At a meeting in early January, the Rotary Anns this group met at the home of **Vicki Streeter**, president, to carefully consider how best to share the wealth with worthy Idyllwild projects for the community.

PHOTO BY BOBBIE GLASHEEN



## E-crime

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took over because of greater investigative and prosecutorial resources. Los Angeles County, along with Orange County and the city of Long Beach has the greatest number of identify theft crimes in the state. In her Dec. 13 announcement, Attorney General Harris specifically cited local jurisdictions' declining to or inability to prosecute these kinds of crimes due "to technical or resource issues" as one of the reasons for forming the statewide unit.

"The unique aspect of technology is that it knows no jurisdictional boundary," said Harris in her announcement. "We want to ensure Internet crimes don't drop off simply because it wasn't clear for local law enforcement, or the consumer, where to go because an incident occurred in the [Internet] cloud."

The new unit provides investigative and prosecutorial support to five California regional high-tech task forces funded through an earmarked high-tech trust fund. Riverside County is part of the Southern California High-Tech Task Force. In

an important new feature, the statewide e-crime unit also provides coordination for out-of-state technology crime investigation requests. Tendrils of the Idyllwild investigation reached both out-of-state and out-of-the-country, according to reports furnished the Town Crier.

Harris announced one of the tasks delegated to the new unit would be to provide directions, advice and resources to help state consumers avoid identity theft, and to provide guidelines for reporting cyber fraud. Those resources are

available at [www.http://oag.ca.gov/idtheft](http://oag.ca.gov/idtheft).

Recent tips to consumers from the new e-crime unit include: obtain antivirus and anti-spyware software for your computer; use credit cards rather than debit cards ("A stolen debit card gives an identity thief a direct line to your bank account, whereas credit cards offer added protection from fraudulent transactions," noted an AG press release.); make online purchases only through websites that offer secure connections (check the padlock icon which indicates heightened SSL

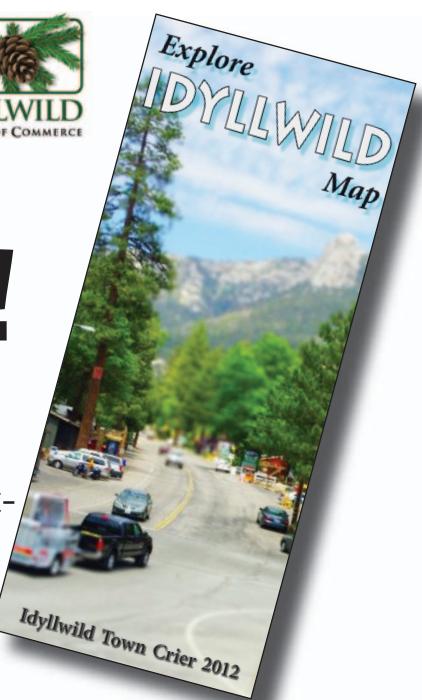
– Secure Socket Layer – security); don't post personal information online; strengthen all passwords and PINs. Use a combination of numbers, letters and symbols, and vary passwords from account to account; shop at trusted websites; do not give out your social security number to make online purchases.

If the victim of ID theft, Harris' office advises: report theft to major credit bureaus; file police report; contact all creditors, close compromised accounts and ask that closed accounts be processed as "closed at

consumer's request." Avoid having a "lost or stolen" credit card reference since this could be blamed on you; obtain and monitor credit reports regularly; contest bills resulting from identity theft; if a loan, credit or utility service account has been opened fraudulently in your name, obtain a copy of the application used to open the account and records of all transactions; contest false civil and criminal judgments against you that are the result of identity theft.

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