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Festival goers wait outside the Rustic Theatre between films for the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema.

PHOTO BY MARSHALL SMITH

Third time's a charm for Idyllwild film festival

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

It worked and it worked very well, according to attending patrons and filmmakers. The third iteration of the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema (IIFC) improved on all fronts — quality of films shown, on-time screenings, numbers of tickets sold, numbers of attendees at festival events, screenings, seminars and ceremonies, and the participation and support of local restaurants and inns. The addition of the new Rainbow Inn screening venue and the Quiet Creek Living Room Gallery gathering and hospitality site were also well-received.

But mostly, as Rustic Theatre owner Shane Stewart acknowledged, the reason for the smooth operation and festival success was, "We knew what we were doing." And that showed throughout the town.

Stewart's Lumber Mill stayed open until 2 a.m. and was packed on Friday and Saturday nights. The opening night party, hosted at Creekstone Inn, and catered by local restaurants, was standing room only,

with attendance estimated at 160.

"And there was food until 10 p.m.," said Lori Gillett, Creekstone Inn manager. She credited its success to the incredible spread from local restaurants and Idyll Awhile and Baily's Vineyards and Winery of Temecula's wine service.

Festival Chairman Phil Calderone said, "I was particularly impressed by the participation of the local restaurants in the opening night networking party. The food tables were beautifully presented, many had their chefs present in uniform, everyone smiling and friendly. It literally couldn't have been better. The lodges in town were of huge importance too. We couldn't have pulled off this feat without their generosity."

Third time festival attendees Valerie Nemeth and Gary Loomis from San Diego were effusive in comments about the festival's growth and improvement. "The [opening night] party was so much better than last year, the food was great," said Nemeth. "And the films are markedly better."

"The Selling" earned the biggest buzz
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Idyllwild Fire selects Sherman as interim chief

BY J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) commission signed a contract with Mike Sherman to be the interim Idyllwild fire chief. Sherman, the former Crest Forest Fire Chief, agreed to the details during the Jan. 10 meeting and signed the 180-day contract before leaving

the station that night.

Driving to Idyllwild, Sherman planned to say "No" to the offer. But the two-hour meeting, mostly devoted to citizen comments, helped persuade him that he could help the district salvage its financial ship and set a safe course for the future.

"I'll try to get the finances back and help the
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Farmers will renew with inspection

National home insurance rates to rise

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Putting to rest a rumor, Jerry Davies, Farmers Insurance assistant vice president for media and public relations for North America, confirmed that his company would continue to renew policies for Hill homeowners.

Davies said renewal would be contingent upon each property passing an inspection by a Farmers field inspector. "Our policies have not changed," Davies said. "We will be looking at homes prior to renewal times." Inspection would, said Davies, focus on clearance and abatement and any other property and dwelling

issues that impede fire resistance. (See www.fire.ca.gov for a checklist on how to make one's home fire safe and for 100 feet clearance guidelines and rationales.)

Davies explained current Farmers' policy is that clearance must extend 100 feet from a dwelling or improved structure, or to the policyholder's property line, whichever is nearer. "Brush must be cleared to within 100 feet of the home or up to the property line," said Davies. He noted this is his company's most recent directive that had been added a few years ago. An adjacent unabated property, not owned by the policyholder, should have
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OUTSIDE IDYLLWILD

By BRUCE WATTS

Chasing the sun ...

It seems I have been spending an inordinate amount of time with my camera in the pursuit of sunrises and sunsets.

My recent trip to Wyoming whetted my appetite for sunrise photographs. Now Idyllwild has proved to be no slouch when it comes to great sunsets.

After Wyoming, I started paying attention to the sunrise and I am usually up by 5 a.m. anyway. All my attempts to get a decent sunrise photo in Idyllwild have proven fruitless. I saw some color one morning; but even standing in the road in my PJs, I wasn't able to get a decent shot.

About a week ago, I got an early morning text from Les Walker saying the sunrise was looking good for photos. He picked me up fifteen minutes later and we headed to Lake Hemet. At first, it looked promising. Then the clouds thickened. Eventually, there was no color, so we were shut out.

My big break came Tuesday when I was out dog-walking at about three in the afternoon. I noticed that the clouds were very promising, the sun was dropping right through the thickest clouds and would be probably lighting them from below. This is a very good sign that it will be a colorful sunset.

After dropping off the pooches, I went home for my camera and camcorder. Then I headed to my favorite sunset viewing spot, the road to the Transfer Station. Instead of heading out of town on Highway 243, I turned left on Saunders Meadow, just before the school, and followed it out past the station's gates to the west facing turnout.

It didn't take long to realize that I was about to have a 90-minute light show. Layers of clouds with sections of blue sky and the sun were still relatively high on the horizon. The clouds were already casting opalescent colors across the sky.

I busied myself taking photos of the surrounding hillsides and looking back toward Tahquitz and Marion Mountain.



The colors in front of me were already quite spectacular but the sun's glare made photographing to the west a problem. Finally the colors became so intense that I threw caution to the wind and began taking pictures directly into the sun.

For the next hour or so I was transfixed by the ever increasing ecstasy of color before my eyes. The sun turned everything in the sky a burnt orange color and reflected off the surface of Diamond Valley Lake. Two dark arms of clouds seemed to hold the sun in a helio-stratus embrace and turned the sun into a golden hourglass.

A raven flew across the setting sun in one of my videos. Planes flew by leaving straight white contrails across the sky. The sun saved the best for last. With one final burst of color, the sky seemed to change into amber glass and fire opal.

After returning home, I was finally satisfied that I had seen a sunset like no other. I had taken more than 100 pictures and five videos in an hour. After downloading everything onto my computer, I realized that the pictures and videos were even better than I had hoped.



Bruce calls it his "Helio-stratus embrace" on a winter afternoon.

PHOTO BY BRUCE WATTS



Above, early morning clouds drifted away Monday morning revealing snow-topped ridges above Idyllwild. More snow may be coming on Monday.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO



About 40 volunteers came to assist the Forest Service count bald eagles for the 34th season in the San Bernardino National Forest's annual winter bald eagle count held Saturday, Jan. 14 at Lake Hemet. Dressed for the early morning chilly air off the lake surface and packing binoculars and cameras, the volunteers were led by Forest Service Biologist Ann Poopatanapong (fourth from left) and were rewarded when a male and a female eagle were spotted flying on the south side of the lake.

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Hill business habitat grows healthier

BY MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Fern Valley Corners is busy with the remodeling of the previous Idyllwild Health Center and the coming of the Fern Creek Medical Center, a revitalization of the corner that Dr. Kenneth Browning, D.O. envisions as a seven day a week full service urgent care center.

Browning is a doctor of osteopathic medicine, a degree that holds the same rights and privileges as an M.D., but has traditionally concentrated on family practice. He has a current practice in Riverside but resides in Idyllwild. His long-term intention is to become a full-time Idyllwild resident at his local practice. Browning explained that osteopaths can also do spinal manipulation. He intends to concentrate on lifestyle medicine, which involves nutritional counseling and counseling on lifestyle changes that can create better health rather than treating health conditions solely with pills and prescriptions.



A remodel is taking place at the Four Corners in Fern Valley, where the new Fern Creek Medical Center is set to open mid February at the former location of the Idyllwild Health Center, now on Lower Pine Crest.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

"In Riverside I have two lifestyle educators," he explained. "I'll continue that service in Idyllwild, providing information on therapeutic lifestyle changes that lead to five times less disease on average." Elements of that approach include education in diet, movement and better sleep and internal peace. "I want to engage patients in taking responsibility for their own health," he said. "We're remodeling to create an environment

that is welcoming."

Browning plans to retain Nurse Practitioner Pam Sharp, who is returning to Idyllwild and also bring in a naturopath. "We're putting together a team," he said.

Browning plans to open the office by mid February and will take insurance. He will host an open house.

In other new business, Vic and Kate Sirkin will open a new gym "Meant to be Fit," behind the acupuncture studio on North

Circle. Sirkin said it would be a "membership fitness center with the feel of a private club. Membership will be limited to avoid a crowded environment." The Sirkins said they would host an open house around the first of February. Contact viccirkin@yahoo.com or (951) 326-6426 for additional information.

In other news, the Idyllwild Arts Community Arts Network (CAN) is opening a "Start-Up" center



The library remodel has begun in the Strawberry Creek Plaza adjacent to Fairway.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

for the arts, in anticipation of a new Community Center, in a unit at the Apple Blossom Inn on Hwy. 243. For information contact Judy Schonebaum at artslave1@verizon.net.

Finally, Merkaba in Village Centre is moving to the

former Faux Ever After site that anchors Village Lane. Owner Kathy Campbell said she should be open at the new location by the middle to end of February.

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

MOUNTAIN FOLK

Mountain Mike will be featured in a television pilot called, "The Western Leather Man." The show was filmed in his Idyllwild shop and was previewed at the Idyllwild International Festival of Cinema 2012.

THE IDYLLWILD COMMUNITY FUND



The Executive Board of the Idyllwild Community Fund welcomed new members at its Jan. 14 meeting. They are alternates Carolyn Lowman and Mike Esnard, and members, Brian Cohen and Ron Krull, who were elected to three-year terms.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHRIS MAXSON



The Idyllwild Community Fund (ICF) Executive Board began its January 2012 meeting with a new slate of officers. President Dave Pelham (center right) introduced Jim Taylor (center left), vice president; Diane Suechika, (left) recoding secretary; and Ed Hansen, (right) corresponding secretary. ICF grant applications will be available online and donors may make contributions to the endowment fund that benefits so many in Idyllwild online, also. The ICF website can be found at www.idyllwildcommunityfund.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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.
- AWANA for ages 3 to fifth-graders, 5:45-8 p.m. Idyllwild Bible Church, 54400 Pine Crest Ave.
- Codependents Anonymous meeting, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Center, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

- Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m.-noon. Chapel in the Pines Church office, 29430 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.
- Lemon Lily Festival planning session, 1 p.m., Idyllwild Nature Center, Hwy 243.
- Lake Hemet Municipal Water District meeting, 3 p.m. LHMWD office, 26385 Fairview Ave., Hemet.
- Forest Folk, 5:30 p.m., Town Hall, 25925 Cedar Street.
- High Valleys Water District, 6 p.m. HVWD office, 47781 Twin Pines Rd., Twin Pines.
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Spiritual Living Cen-

ter, Church of Religious Science, 26120 Ridgeview Dr. (the Courtyard Building).

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

- Fern Valley Water District board meeting, 9 a.m. FVWD board room, 55790 South Circle Dr.
- Cancer Support Group for women and men, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr., For information, call Deanna (951) 659-8104.
- Idyllwild Play Group, 10:30 a.m. Call Jenny Stepien at (760) 445-6325 or e-mail jennyleeslater@yahoo.com for information and location.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon. St. Hugh's Episcopal Church, 25525 Tahquitz Dr.; Pick-a-stick candlelight, 7:30 p.m. Idyllwild Community Presbyterian Church, Manse Alcove, Fellowship Hall, 54400 North Circle Dr.
- Feeding America, 3 p.m., Chapel in the Pines, Mountain Center, distribution at the former Morning Sky School, on Hwy. 243.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step program. BBQ 6-7 p.m.; Open Share meeting 7-9 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Child care available. Call 659-0097 for information.

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

- Occupy Idyllwild for Peace, Justice and Nonviolence "teach-in" 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town center at "Harmony" monument. (909) 228-6710.
- IdyllwildGayPotluck, 6p.m. Email scottandgregg@verizon.net for location.
- 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. 22

- 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. 23

- 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous men's meeting (open), 6 to 7 p.m., Spirit Living Center.
- Movie Night: "The Visitor", 6:30-9 p.m. Spirit Mountain Retreat, 25661 Oakwood St.

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

- Valley Quilters Guild, 9:30 a.m. 305 E. Devonshire, Hemet.
- 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).
- Idyllwild Fire Protection District Commission, 6 p.m. Idyllwild Fire Station, 54160 Maranatha Dr.
- Celebrate Recovery, Christ-centered 12-Step Study meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. Former Morning Sky School, 29375 Hwy. 243, Mountain Center. Call 659-0097 for information.

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COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (bark beetle issues), 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mountain Resource Center 25380 Franklin Dr., 659-3335.
- Chamber of Commerce, 54325 North Circle Dr., 12-3 p.m. Monday-Saturday. 659-3259.
- Idyllwild HELP Center, 26330 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-noon & 1-3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 659-2110.
- Idyllwild Area Historical Museum, 54470 North Circle Dr., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday & Sunday. Group tours by appointment. 659-2717.
- Idyllwild Library, 54185 Pine Crest Ave., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 659-2300.
- Idyllwild Nature Center, 25225 Highway 243, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. 659-3850.
- Idyllwild Transfer Station, 28100 Saunders Meadow Rd, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday-Monday; Grinding Facility, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.



At its Jan. 11 meeting, the Idyllwild Family Mentoring Process members were the Rotary's guest speakers. Pictured here are **Tim Price, Trischa Clark, Marshall Smith and Allan Morphet.**

PHOTO BY STEVE ESPINOSA

Red Cross

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repairing and what was missing and needed replacement. According to Alt, quite a lot of valuable supplies were taken. The shelter is equipped to supply 75 persons including cots, blankets, comfort and medical kits, and is designed to be moved to any location on the Hill where needed and deemed appropriate by the Red Cross

after a disaster hits.

Rick Foster, Red Cross shelter-trained, is not certain when or if the trailer will be returned. "It was moved on the tenth [of January]," said Foster. He thought that moving the trailer further from the road at the Idyllwild Pines site made the trailer a more attractive target, less visible in general and more open to vandalism.

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

Strange but true

Tablecloths today are lovely linens that enhance the appearance of a table, but that wasn't originally their sole use. At one time, tablecloths were meant to serve as towels; after dinner, guests would use it to wipe their hands and faces.

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INITIAL THOUGHTS

We need and need to know about IFPD ...



gave to me.”

So, I've printed the incoming and outgoing below.
J.P.

The editorial in the January 12, 2012, edition strongly implied that the Idyllwild Fire District has but one choice to solve our financial crisis.

Yet, we just had measure G on the ballot to raise taxes so we could have good EMS services (90 percent of the calls to the Fire Department). Why is that never mentioned?

I for one, want good EMS and fire services on the Hill and am perfectly willing to pay for it. I voted yes on Measure G and would gladly do so again.

Sue,
I replied,

Would you like this as a letter to the editor? I'm happy to use it this week.

Now to answer your question, I believe Idyllwild residents need to support some tax increases. The department needs to make some cuts. And if refinancing helps the cash flow, that's part of the solution.

In order to decide on how much tax and how many cuts, we need some agreement on IFPD's priorities. In my opinion, emergency medical is first, not because it is 90 percent of the use, but it's critical and residents have no other choice.

On Monday, I received a question which is below. I responded and asked the writer if she wanted it printed as a letter to the editor.

She replied, “Yes, print that as a letter, but only if you give the ... reply to the readers that you also

Fire prevention deserves a higher priority than the staff devotes to it. Firefighting, especially structure is important. Which leaves some discussion of the need for IFPD to devote time and resources to wildland firefighting.

After that discussion, we look at revenues and expenses. But I want my additional tax revenue to go to provide services, not raise salaries which is the first reason Ben used in April and May of 2011 to justify “G”.

J.P.

Her letter could have been included in the letters below without my response, but it addresses a point which is lost in the current debates over how and why former Chief Walker left Idyllwild Fire.

Ever since I met him, I've respected him and the job he was doing. But the issue before the Idyllwild Fire commission and community is the preservation of IFPD, not the surname after “Idyllwild Fire Chief.”

Walker didn't create the financial disaster. The seeds were sown and began growing before he arrived. But in the past year, its perilous nature has not been fully shared with the public.

This week, I received a copy of an Apr. 3, 2011 memo from Administrative Capt. Mark LaMont to Walker regarding the department's failing finances.

“... should no changes be implemented come July of 2013 the district will be faced with a consistent non-recoverable financial outlook.” He meant deficits every month going forward.

Neither the public nor the commission ever saw this message. In the meeting immediately fol-

Mr. Funny Guy

by Chris Fisher



lowing its transmittal, former Commissioner Ben Killingsworth and Walker focused on a comparison of IFPD's salaries to other fire agencies.

In September, when the advance request was submitted, the word from Commissioners Pete Capparelli and Killingsworth was this was normal business — not an emergency. Even Walker assured us that in December money would be in the bank for payroll and bills without the advance.

Other questions about the staff and commission actions in the past 12 months are worth exploring, after we can assure Sue that IFPD and its medical service will continue to be available.

J.P., EDITOR

READERS WRITE

Hail to the chief!

EDITOR:

On Tuesday, Jan. 10, I attended an open public meeting at the Idyllwild Fire Department.

I was there to show my support for former Chief Norm Walker. I believe he can do his job at the Idyllwild Fire Department.

He has compassion and strength and high energy to get the mission done.

Give him his respect. All firefighters can take the heat.

Hopefully, in the future, to create income for the department, they can start up a full-time fire fighting and medical training facility resource center on the mountain — classes all year long.

JENNIFER ADAMSON
PINE COVE

Watch out!

EDITOR:

We all agree that Fire Chief Walker was a tremendous asset. We all know

he upgraded and greatly improved our emergency preparedness.

We all agree Pete Capparelli and his commissioners over the last two years brought us to almost financial ruin. We voted President Pete out of office, they fired Chief Walker. Capparelli snuck back into office, using a clandestine vote by two commissioners. They next got rid of Fire Chief Walker.

Is this right? In this fairly affluent community, with a large senior population and an extreme high fire risk, don't we deserve the best?

Chief Walker proved himself to be the best and made Idyllwild the best and safest community. Watch out now for radical cuts to emergency services. For two years (or more), Capparelli and his commissioners could have made slight adjustments and balanced the books. For two years (or more), Capparelli and his commissioners did nothing.

Now their ax is out. And the first to get the hatchet

was a better man than they — our Fire Chief Walker.

Watch out now for radical cuts to emergency services.

SHARON CASSEN
PINE COVE

Editor's note: Capparelli's reappointment to the commission was done during a public meeting.

Public health, safety and benefit

EDITOR:

Private fire, water, ambulance and recreation departments on this mountain funded with property tax dollars, no way! As it stands now, they are filled with private agendas for self-gain and controlled or manipulated by “volunteers.”

Public oversight means the administration by highly qualified personnel with transparent budgets and daily operations. And, yes, the power of veto through the ballot box exists. It doesn't mean give me your property tax money, hurt the public, and get out of my face.

The majority of local

agencies on this mountain don't have a clean slate, or for that matter my trust as it relates to the health and safety of my family.

Talk means nothing. Competent services are everything. Talk had been, and I suspect currently is, used as a smoke screen for their agendas and corresponding liabilities in all these agendas or agencies.

The question is whether

these services should be dissolved through a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) action for the health, safety and benefit of the entire public.

I certainly don't trust them to let me know when this action must be taken, let alone should be taken.

To see LAFCO authority, visit www.lafco.org.

JEFF SMITH
PINE COVE

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OFF THE LEASH

By CONOR O'FARRELL

Citizens unite against "Citizens United" ...

Recently, during a Town Hall meeting in New Hampshire, GOP Presidential candidate Mitt Romney fielded a question from a young man in the crowd, asking the candidate if he thought that corporations were people.

The question was in reference to the Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission decision handed down by the Supreme Court on Jan. 21, 2010, a decision that, among other things, removed limits on independent spending for political purposes by corporations and unions.

Mr. Romney answered the question in a simplistic and evasive manner, explaining that, of course, corporations are people, people work for them, buildings don't pay taxes (which is incorrect, it's called property tax) people pay taxes and corporations, being made up of people, are one in the same.

Of course he skirted the real question, which is, should corporations be able to funnel unlimited amounts of money to influence political campaigns? Considering the money that Mitt Romney has spent on his bid for the GOP nomination alone, I understand why he thinks the way he thinks. But the question we have to ask ourselves, is this stranglehold "corporate America" has on our government healthy? Or is it a corrupting force and a threat to our republic?

Buying elections is nothing new. During the "Robber Baron" period of the late nineteenth century, rich industrialists bought off state politicians with impunity. For decades state legislators did the bidding for the likes of J.P. Morgan and company.

Corruption was rampant and out in the open. Finally the people of Montana fought back against well financed

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LIFELINES

TED EWING, PH.D.
IDYLLWILD PINES

The revitalizing nature of nature ...

After his recent visit, my wife and I invited our 30-year-old son to move to Idyllwild. He loves fishing, hiking, and the outdoors, all which provide him a much-needed respite from the pressure of his days in the Marine Corps.

When I saw a T-shirt hanging in the Idyllwild Gift Shop the other day, I knew we had to buy it for him. A lone fisherman is standing beside a lake, rod in hand, looking west toward the dusk-red sky with the caption: "I'd rather be standing here fishing and thinking about God, than be sitting in church and thinking about fishing."

While we appreciate the value of fellowship within a worshipping community, we connected with the shirt's outlook. There is something life-giving about nature. Although I grew up in the city of Philadelphia — what some detractors call Filthydelphia — at a young age, I discovered the pleasure and value of wading in Pennypack Creek and exploring the trails winding through Fairmount Park. Repeated exposure to the natural beauty of the park and later the Pocono Mountains created a craving I still feed regularly.

John Muir expressed my hunger this way: "Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wildness is a necessity; and that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as fountains of timber ... but as fountains of life."

Lifelines connect us to sources of life. I would venture that part of the reason many of us live here is because nature is a lifeline for us, a fountain of life.

Much of my work involves reading, so books are a

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TOWN TALK

By CID CASTILLO, STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Did the people attending the Idyllwild film festival have an affect on your business this weekend?



Pam Allen
Owner – Wooley's
Idyllwild

"Yes, we saw a marked increase in sales, especially outerwear. I loved the fact that we saw people from all over the U.S."



Dimitri Mikroulis
Owner – The Greek Place
Pine Cove

"We love the crowds from the film festival. Last year we were packed but not this time. Maybe it was the weather."



Celena Stewart
Co-owner – Cookie-Doe's
Idyllwild

"Comparing one Saturday to the other, yes. We more than doubled our sales from last Saturday."



Julie Johnson
Owner –
Ink Book Gathering
Idyllwild

"We stayed open later and had a special display of books which have been made into movies. We had a lot of traffic from the festival, but our sales were average."

ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Keep Walker, but get financial help

Based on the standing room only attendance at the Jan. 10 Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) board meeting, it seems obvious to me that the community is not happy about the dismissal of our former fire chief, Norm Walker.

In the well over 30 board meetings I have attended during last three years, this

was at least four times the maximum attendance I've seen.

Although the commissioners steadfastly defend their actions, they should recognize that they have a duty to consider seriously the wishes of the community. After all, it is they who depend on IFPD to keep them safe, and it is their taxes that support the department.

I am proposing a solution

that I think should satisfy everyone, if the board is willing to compromise:

1) Given the fact that the board has signed a contract with [Chief Mike] Sherman, I recommend that the board honor that contract with one significant change.

Instead of designating him the Interim Fire Chief, change his title to consultant. As such he would not be in charge of the department.

His duties or service would be:

a. Formulation of plans and establishment of methodologies designed to resolve the department's short term and long term financial problems;

b. Working with the fire chief and the commission to improve their knowledge of and their ability for financial planning and forecasting; and

c. Returning, if neces-

sary, to examine and evaluate progress.

2) Rehire Norm Walker as our fire chief. If he agrees, in addition to running the

fire department, to work with the consultant to learn

more about financial management, observing and

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CSA 36 costs down while supporting new programs

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

County official Michael Franklin told the County Service Area (CSA) 36 Advisory Committee that its fiscal year expenses through November 2011 had been \$63,000. That's good news. This total is 10 percent less than last fiscal year and \$25,000 less than two years ago when costs through November totaled \$88,000, according to Franklin.

When Committee Chair Bob Schraff questioned the reason, Franklin attributed the difference to the prior private contractor's (Idyllwild Community Recreation Council) need to maintain more staff to run programs and maintain Town Hall in comparison to the current situation where the county's management team can request help from other county programs.

"We can just send staff in on an as-needed basis which doesn't cost the CSA," Franklin replied. "Thus there's a savings from not having extra staff being paid for full-time or nearly full-time to be on call."

The November expenses were \$17,300, substantially higher than the August through October expenses, but Franklin noted that reflected the county administration



The three members of County Service Area 36's Advisory Committee are Vice Chair **Reba Coulter**, Chair **Bob Schraff** and **Mike Freitas**.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

catching up on this year's budget data. Future months should level out at a lower rate, he promised.

In other business, Schraff encouraged Franklin to help Curves find a permanent location, which might make the former library site, on Pine Crest Avenue, available for the Forest Folk group (see story on page 9).

Curves had been a tenant at the Cornet building, which is being renovated for the new library. Franklin confirmed that Curves has the right to use the former library site if it chooses. Currently, the exercise business is located in the Village Centre.

Schraff encouraged Franklin and county officials to consider subsidizing Curves current rent in order to use

the old library for a senior center, which would not incur or need extensive renovation costs.

The Committee is also investigating the possibility of creating a community garden this spring. Advisory Committee Vice Chair Reba Coulter had met with the Forest Folk group, where the idea originated.

Preliminary examination of the Mountain Resource Center grounds did not reveal enough land with adequate sunlight according to Coulter. Coulter said Idyllwild Water District was reluctant to permit use of the jointly owned water district land between Foster Lake and the Resource Center.

She will explore other sites such as the Nature Center and

the County Park.

Local Jeff Smith encouraged this effort and suggested it would be an activity for which residents would be willing to pay. Franklin concurred and said the CSA management has experience providing victory gardens with six other CSAs, including the very popular Kay Cenicerros Center.

"They often pair the adults with local teenage students to grow vegetables," he said. Coulter also acknowledged the short growing season on the Hill and suggested investigating the possibility of greenhouses to extend the growing period.

The current recreation program is becoming very popular according to Recreation director GeGe Beagle. Winter sports — adult volleyball and kids basketball — have more participants this year. Adult and children's programs started last week and the field trip to the Mission Inn and the next week's trip to the Getty Museum are attracting many participants. Seventeen rode the buses to Riverside on the weekend of Jan. 7 to see the Mission Inn's holiday lights.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Norm Cassen asked about the playground equipment

adjacent to the Town Hall building.

According to Schraff, Franklin and Beagle, Riverside County playground inspectors found several problems that posed dangers. Consequently until these are corrected or addressed, the playground equipment will be closed.

Franklin said the county will try to help and is actively looking for funds. But it does

not own the equipment and is sensitive to the Idyllwild Chamber of Commerce's ownership of the Town Hall property and Rotary's installation of the original equipment.

"From my background in construction and playground management, this equipment is sorely in need of a lot of upgrade," Schraff said.

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McCaughin leaves ICRC board

Pays off county advance

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Longtime Idyllwild Community Recreation Council (ICRC) board member Linda McCaughin submitted a resignation letter dated Dec. 27 that became effective Jan. 1. Vice President and Acting Chair Dawn Sonnier informed the board of McCaughin's resignation at its Tuesday, Jan. 12 meeting. With McCaughin's departure, ICRC is back to a board of five out of seven, with three of the five being recent appointees.

ICRC's finances took a positive turn this fall. Sonnier announced ICRC has paid all its remaining bills from its county recreation tenure, which totaled almost \$40,000. When its recreation contract with the county ended on June 30, 2011, ICRC had a cash balance of nearly \$5,200. Last month, besides paying off its July bills, ICRC gave the county a check for over \$5,000.

The newly found liquidity was not the result of Riverside County reimbursing ICRC for any of the \$29,000 ICRC billed the county in July.

Left undocumented in existing financial reports, was how a long-discussed \$20,000 advance from the county, dating from the 1990's, had now appeared.

"The \$20,000 [advance

from the county dating from the 1990's] was there all along," said new Director Claudia Posey, who had previously served on the Town Hall recreation staff.

"It [the advance] was always there and now we're proven it," said Sonnier. Neither Posey nor Sonnier addressed why there had been so many conversations throughout 2010 and 2011 between ICRC and the CSA 36 Advisory Committee about whether the advance existed as anything other than a line item. Also unaddressed were numerous joint meetings with CSA 36 about crafting a workable repayment plan. Finally, the County Economic Development Agency forgave the advance, concluding that the money was no longer in ICRC Town Hall Recreation accounts.

In other business, Director Posey said that ICRC's insurer for the skate park confirmed the park could be insured as "unattended," without staff, for only \$400 more through the existing term ending Aug. 31. Posey explained that there were many municipalities and Community Service Districts that operated "unattended" skate parks. Posey made no formal proposal and just presented the information for future board consideration.

Ted Ewing, program

and curriculum director at Idyllwild Pines where the skate park is located, said the camp is interested in working with ICRC to assist local teens. "We're looking for opportunities to partner with the community," he said.

The board expressed ongoing frustration with the fact that the independently operated ice rink on the ICC property still had not opened and noted that

its agreement with operator Gary Steven required vacating the property by April 1. "We're very concerned and we have a lot of questions," said Sonnier. To date ICRC has paid for both electricity and water used by Steven. Sonnier noted he would be billed. As of this writing the rink has still not opened, no personnel are evident on the site, and no skate-worthy ice has formed. Sonnier and board are still

in conversation with the proprietor regarding the future.

Prior to her exit McCaughin prepared an "Annual Report" for the period from July 2010 through June 2011. She noted significant changes in the board's composition. Five directors left the board during this period. McCaughin's report also highlighted the varied community uses that the Idyllwild Community Cen-

ter site serves.

With the loss of the county recreation contract at the end of July, ICRC, who holds title to the property, remains focused on building the Idyllwild Community Center Playground, and maintaining the existing Par Course, the Idyllwild Skate Park and Dog Park.

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IDYLLWILD WATER DISTRICT JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

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TWO HELICOPTERS DIP WATER FROM FOSTER LAKE — On the Jan. 7 weekend, we had a fire about one mile above the Alandale Ranger Station. A photo shows one of the California Department of Forestry (CDF) helicopters drawing water from Foster Lake to fight the Lawler fire. Foster Lake is an IWD reservoir. CDF continued for many hours making return trips from the Alandale area to Foster Lake. Having Foster Lake nearby reduces CDF's time to retrieve water. IWD uses Foster Lake to recharge water levels for groundwater percolation. Emergency water for fighting fires is an additional benefit.



Have a happy and healthy New Year.

Our next Board meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Trivia test

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Mike Sherman, interim Idyllwild fire chief

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Michael Sherman is the interim Idyllwild fire chief. He is the former Crest Forest Fire Department chief.

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) commission appointed Sherman at its Jan. 10 meeting. Sherman comes to IFPD with decades of experience as a fire chief, not just in fire service. He also comes from a department that faced the same serious financial condition as IFPD is encountering.

Despite rumors that he left Crest Forest bankrupt and in the hands of county receivers, the truth is just the opposite. He and the board enacted a budget that is balanced and beginning to re-establish Crest Forest reserves.

"We were solving budget problems caused by the economy," he explained. "They didn't have the money to pay at the level they're at and maintain their re-



Mike Sherman, interim Idyllwild Fire Chief.

PHOTO BY J.P. CRUMRINE

serves."

Sherman acknowledges that the Crest Forest board considered alternative service providers, but examining those options was a necessary step for the fire board to legitimately assess the paths which could then

ensure the community's fire protection and medical service.

Crest Forest, while larger than IFPD, provides the same services — fire protection and emergency medical aid.

Sherman is a native Californian and started his fire career in 1975 at Chino. Four years later, he was a captain at Yucca Valley. He earned his bachelor's degree in fire administration, and spent time in Santa Cruz before starting his chief's career in La Grande, Ore.

That is where he encountered his first budget crisis. Oregon voters enacted their version of California's Proposition 13. Sherman then had to let staff go, nearly a quarter of his department. Next he became the Newberg, Ore., fire chief, where he encountered the opposite situation — an expanding department.

"It went from four paid staff to 24 when I left," he said. It was here that Sher-

man learned how much a department is "about community and service to the community."

A man of deep faith, Sherman voluntarily retired from his Crest Forest position. The budget savings, more than \$200,000, enables the district to continue to employ three firefighters. Crest Forest used a federal grant to pay their salaries last year and this year. Its regulations prohibit laying them off. So the choice was to continue its deficit or retire and make the funds available for three families.

Sherman also earned a master's degree. Combining his experience and education, he became a fire department consultant for a decade. Then in 2006, Crest Forest called.

But he takes no action without the concurrence of his personal advisor and wife, Betty.

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Fire chief

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guys and board," Sherman said. "It may be two weeks, 90 days or five months. I'll only do what I can."

In response to a citizen's comment that his inclination would be to dissolve IFPD and have CAL FIRE (also Riverside County Fire Department) assume Idyllwild's fire and emergency medical services, Sherman emphatically stated, "Nobody asked me to come and turn the place over to CAL FIRE. I'd find that offensive."

While Sherman definitely believes IFPD is in a perilous financial condition, he was adamant that he has found no illegalities or ineptitude. "It was people colliding with the economy and not reacting fast enough," he told the commission. "You need to react now."

As he finished, Sherman urged people to join him in solving the problem. Then he told the commission he would lower his normal fee from \$80 per hour to \$65 and limit his workweek to 30 hours.

Before adjourning, the Commission Vice President Dr. Charles "Chip" Schelly revised the proposed contract, and Sherman and the commission signed it that evening.

In other action, the com-

mission took steps to align its workload with solving the district's financial problems. First, it formally agreed to meet twice a month, beginning Jan. 24 in order to spend more time on the budget and related issues.

Several ad hoc committees were established including one composed of President Jeannine Charles-Stigall and Commissioner Larry Donahoo to begin a search for a permanent fire chief.

Other ad hoc committees were created to develop IFPD positions on the expiring ambulance contract with the county for service to Pine Cove and to assess the fire station's immediate needs for supplies and equipment.

In addition, the commission agreed to seek bids now on its 2011-12 and 2012-13 future audits. The 2010-11 audit has been significantly delayed because the request was not filed promptly. The lack of a current audit has prevented the district from refinancing its current vehicle loans. The commission authorized this refinancing in June and only recently learned it was not going to happen.

More than half the meeting was devoted to public comments on the District's current condition and former Fire Chief Norm Walker's departure.

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Forest Folk senior group defines objectives

By MARSHALL SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

In a strategic plan dated Oct. 2011, Reba Coulter, Doris Telles, and Sandra Wilkes, spokespersons for the nascent senior group Forest Folk, debuted a five-year plan that seeks to serve Idyllwild's older population. The annotated plan examines the changing population demographic not only in Idyllwild, but in the U.S., with an expanded aging population living longer that needs association, camaraderie and social and recreational activities. The plan notes that even the definition of "senior" is changing, different from generations past, and that today's seniors seek more

activity, challenges and networking opportunities.

With the ultimate goal of creating a staffed senior center, the plan proposes objectives, strategies and a sample budget. Key objectives are to provide programs and services to adults over 50, create a marketing and outreach plan to connect area seniors with the new center, develop senior advocacy processes, obtain resources for seniors and find ways to network effectively with other area cohorts.

Objectives in the first year include raising money to incorporate the group, target at least four governmental or non-governmental agencies with which to partner productively, and

develop an ongoing attorney relationship. Forest Folk was able to accomplish all of these tasks by December 2011.

Also on the list of first year objectives is community outreach to area seniors to inform them and get them actively involved in plans for and creation of the Center. Part of the strategy to bring in a larger base is to move planning meetings to an early evening time framework to allow working seniors to attend.

The Strategic Plan includes Idyllwild census data and an overview of current trends in senior services in the United States.

What the plan indicates is that the Forest Folk intend a broad and long-term

outreach to area seniors and to the wider community in order to fund and staff an Idyllwild Senior Center.

To date, and at the request of County Recreation management, the Forest Folk have proposed a broad selection of field trips for which the county would provide transportation, some of it with cost to participants depending on the duration and nature of the outing.

A sampling of proposed trips include: the Living Desert in Palm Desert, an April Carlsbad flower fields visit, Balboa Park, Old Town and Seaport Village in San Diego, the Huntington Gardens, Library and Tea Room in San Marino, the Follies in Palm Springs, and

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State budget balances depend on new taxes

Public safety and education in jeopardy

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Gov. Jerry Brown announced his proposed 2012-13 budget last week. The \$92.5 billion budget is balanced and could produce a \$1.1 million surplus for future reserves.

Both the projections and plan are delicately balanced on the assumption that state voters will approve his proposed tax increases on upper-bracket taxpayers and a half-cent sales tax hike.

Even if approved, the state's Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) estimates that the revenues will be less than the governor's projection. The LAO's revenue projections are \$4.7 billion less than the Administration's estimates.

Re-enforcing the lower revenue forecasts last week was the state controller's notice that December state income tax revenue was significantly less than expected based on June projections.

More importantly, if the tax proposals were defeated, schools and public safety would incur drastic reductions to maintain a balanced budget for the remainder of the 2012-13 fiscal year.

Overall

The governor's budget request builds on the state budget approved in June 2011, which means it "keeps the cuts made last year and adds new ones."

With no changes, the

2012-13 fiscal year is projected to have a \$9.2 billion deficit. About \$4.2 billion will be carried over from this fiscal year. The remaining \$5.0 billion is the expected deficit based on no revenue or program changes.

The governor's solutions balance additional cuts primarily in health and social programs, such as CalWORKS and Medi-Cal, and in education, with additional revenue. The new revenue would come from the tax increase propositions to be on the November ballot.

With these cuts and revenue increases, the state budget would be balanced and end the fiscal year with \$1.1 billion reserve. The critical step is new revenue. Without voter approval, the governor and legislature will have to cut programs an additional \$5.4 billion.

These reductions will be focused on education and public safety programs, which would impact the Hill.

Public Safety

If the new taxes are not approved, CAL FIRE's budget would be cut 10 percent or \$15 million. This would be a substantial affect on fire services. Some stations would have to be closed and air attack would be reduced.

"That amount would roll into a cumulative \$60 million cut for Fiscal Year

See [Budget, page 23](#)

Idyllwild and San Diego County share Assembly District

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Welcome to redistricting, the 2012 version. As the 2012 political campaigns begin to draw attention, Idyllwild has to adjust and focus southward when considering its next Assembly representative.

Historically, Idyllwild has been part of state and federal districts that ran east and west. For example, the new Congressional District 36 replaces Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack's District 45. Nevertheless, it still stretches from Blythe in the east to Hemet and Beaumont and from the northern and southern county lines. The county's third supervisorial district still runs from the Hill west to Murrieta.

But the new state Assembly District is a triangular shape. The top point, or most northern edge, is just beyond Pine Cove. The rest of the district is due south. Valle Vista, Pinyon, Anza and Sage are the other Riverside County communities in the new district.

San Diego County comprises the bulk of the district, which goes south to the border with Mexico. The district includes Anza-Borrego and Julian. The



Brian Jones currently represents California's Assembly District 77.

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western edge incorporates many San Diego suburban communities, such as Santee, Rancho San Diego and Spring Valley.

Idyllwild's current Assemblyman Brian Nestande will not be running in this district.

Brian Jones, a Republican Assemblyman in his first term, is the incumbent that represents most of the new district already. He was a member of the Santee City Council for eight years and its vice mayor during that time.

He currently serves on the Assembly's Legislative Ethics, Budget, Human Services (where he is the vice chair), Judiciary, Water, Parks and Wildlife committees and the Select Com-

Bono Mack plans for ninth campaign

By J.P. CRUMRINE
EDITOR

Local Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack is planning her re-election strategy. Redistricting resulted in some adjustments to her old 45th District, but the foundation of the desert and Hill communities remained together and unchanged.

"I'm really not worried right now," she said Thursday. Ten months prior to the election, Dr. Raul Ruiz is the announced candidate for the Democratic nomination for the House seat.

Bono Mack has begun her fundraising. As of Sept. 30, 2011, more than a year before the election, she has more than \$400,000.

This year, 2011, her fourteenth in Congress, was unique for Bono Mack. After the Republicans captured the majority in the House of Representatives in the 2010 election, Bono Mack became the chair of the Commerce, Manufacturing

and Trade subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

This role places her in the center of the current debate over privacy, the Federal Communication Commission's spectrum allocation, data and cyber security decisions.

"I'm liking it very much," she said. But she admitted the attention is good and bad at times.

The security issues are very difficult and seldom generate public attention unless there is a major hacking incident. Even then most people are unaware, she said. Bono Mack compared public concern over Internet security to water users oblivious to water supply issues as long as water flows out the tap.

As the 2012 campaign heats up, Bono Mack promised to visit the Hill later this year.

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mittee on Job Creation for the New Economy.

On the Budget committee, he serves on the Natural Resource subcommittee and is familiar with many issues, such as the Fire Prevention fee, affecting Idyllwild and other rural areas.

"It was pretty badly

drafted. I hear about it from constituents in Ramona, Alpine and Anza-Borrego," Jones said. "There are a lot of common interests. Idyllwild and these communities are all in the mountain range."

Jones doubted that the Legislature could make any

See [Assembly, page 28](#)



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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 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.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
"Hugo," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

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.
Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
"Hugo," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Jan. 20
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.
"War Horse," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Visual Art Theme Show, Opening Reception 6 p.m. Parks

Exhibition Center (Show runs through Feb. 2); Theatre Production: The Shape of Things by Neil LaBute, 7:30 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
Sandii Castleberry & 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. 21
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

Grand Opening, noon - 4 p.m. Sadie's Clinic.
"War Horse," 2, 4:30 & 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.
Don Reed & Friends, 6-9 p.m. The Creek House.
Live Music, 6-10 p.m. The Lumber Mill.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Karaoke with Kathy, 7-11 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
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 p.m. IAF Theatre, Idyllwild Arts.
"War Horse," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Rustic Theatre.
"To Kill a Mockingbird," 4:15 p.m. Rustic Theatre.

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 Ingbreetsen, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"War Horse," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Tuesday, Jan. 24
Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m. Town Hall.
Adult Dance with Annika Kay, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.
"War Horse," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Wednesday, Jan. 25
Ballet & Tap Dancing with Annika Kay, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

"War Horse," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Thursday, Jan. 26
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.
Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
Wii games for all ages, 7-8:30 p.m. Town Hall.
"War Horse," 7 p.m. The Rustic Theatre.

Friday, Jan. 27
Adult Yoga with Trine Bietz, 5-6 p.m. Town Hall.
Change Required, 6-9 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.
Don Reed & 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. 28
"Climbing Tahquitz Rock," Historical Exhibit, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Idyllwild Area Historical Museum.

Sandii Castleberry & Friends, 6-8 p.m. The Creek House.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. The Lumber Mill.
Live Entertainment, 6-9 p.m. Arriba Mexican Restaurant.
Karaoke with Kathy, 7-11 p.m. Jo'An's Restaurant.

Sunday, Jan. 29
"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. 30
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 Ingbreetsen, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Town Hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 31
Seniors' Wii activities, 10-11 a.m.; Adult Dance with Annika Kay, 7-8 p.m. Town Hall.



Members of the Idyllwild Women's Guild listen attentively to missionaries Marey and Ralph Todd, seated in foreground, as they show slides depicting their trip to Ghana to minister to families there. About 40 members attended the event held at Community Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

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Mile High Cafe

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Art and the artist's morality

The Idyllwild Arts Academy's Theatre Department presents playwright Neil LaBute's "The Shape of Things" this weekend.

Director Howard Shangraw states, "In Neil LaBute's play 'The Shape of Things,' the question of morality and the nature of art is asked. It challenges us to look at the ethical responsibility involved in the relationship of art and life. Power and manipulation shape the story of a young artist and her subject. Neil LaBute presents an intense and shocking look into art and the artlessness of people.

"The Shape of Things' provokes us, disturbs us, and may even seduce us," Shangraw suggested. "It is all subjective, as is art. And it answers the question of morality by asking one final question, 'Let me ask you something, what is not art?'"

The play will be performed in the round, offering a new experience and perspective to those normally performed in a standard theater. The play has adult themes and strong language and is recommended for mature audiences only.

While "The Shape of Things" seems a difficult choice for a student production, Shangraw explained, "I wanted to do a modern play. Neil LaBute is a contemporary, popular, and often times controversial writer. This play deals with acceptance based on self-image and is the first of a trilogy of plays on the subject, followed by 'Fat Pig' and 'Reasons To Be Pretty.' This is a very relevant topic for our students — immature and hurtful behaviors among romantically involved young adults. We have studied his plays in class and they resonate with the young actors."

The production features Teirra Kamolvattanavith as Evelyn, Dylan Arnold as Adam, Meghan O'Neil as Jenny and Dakota Shapiro as Phillip.

The production is stage managed by senior Chase Ingrande with assistance from sophomore Celeste Olivia.

Jeff Peterson, slack key guitarist at Idyllwild Arts

Idyllwild Arts welcomes Jeff Peterson, one of Hawaii's most versatile musicians and recently featured on the soundtrack of George Clooney's film "The Descendants," for an evening of music at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23 in Stephens Recital Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus.

Peterson is at the heart of the Hawaiian music scene today. His passion for the guitar has allowed him to shine as a solo artist and has given him the opportunity to collaborate with a wide variety of artists from Hawaii, across the U.S., and abroad.

His focus on slack key guitar, classical, and jazz music has allowed him to develop a unique and transcendent voice on the guitar while being deeply rooted in the traditions of his Hawaiian heritage.

He has contributed to two Grammy Award-winning recordings and has been honored with three Na Hoku Hanohano Awards in Hawaii. His latest solo CD, Maui on My Mind was recognized as the Slack Key Album of the Year in 2010.

Wayne Harada, from the Honolulu Advertiser, after hearing the CDs wrote, "His manner is impeccable, his style exquisite: the CD is perfection ... Peterson raises



Jeff Peterson
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the bar a few notches in both slack key and jazz with this bright and exceptional release."

He is also featured as a performer and arranger on the 2008 and 2009 Grammy Nominated recordings "Aumakua" and "Friends and Family of Hawaii" by Amy Hanaiali'i.

This recital performance is free, open to the public.

Bonnie Carpenter, Minnie Christine Walters and Todd Carpenter designed the production's set, costumes and lighting respectively.

The Theatre Department's Chair, Howard Shangraw, directed the production and senior Rebecca Goldberg was his assistant director.

The production is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, and Saturday, Jan. 21, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. All performances will be staged at Rush Hall on the Idyllwild Arts campus and are free and open to the public.

Actors hone their performance for the Neil LaBute's upcoming play "The Shape of Things" scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 20 through Jan. 22, at Rush Hall, Idyllwild Arts. Actors, from left, are Meghan O'Neill, Dylan Arnold, Dakota Shapiro and Tierra Kamolvattanavith.

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IdyllwildARTS EVENTS



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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.

Monday, January 23

Guest Recital: Jeff Peterson, guitar. 7:30PM, Stephens Recital Hall.

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.

Friday, February 10

Guest Artist Lecture: Shepard Fairey. 3:30PM, Parks Exhibition Center.

Visual Art Alumni Show. Opening reception, 6PM, Parks Exhibition Center. Show runs through March 3.

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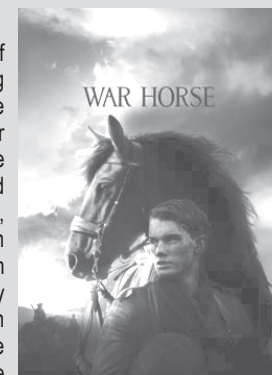
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New year brings new events, website for Art Alliance

BY HALIE JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

The Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) board and members gathered to discuss changes going into the new year as well as goals and their accomplishments in 2011 at Friday night's annual general membership meeting at the Quiet Creek Inn.

Changes to the events calendar, a new website, a new automated membership system and adjustments to the process for choosing the year's best artist were announced.

The 2012 calendar drops the July member studio tour in favor of a judged members' show and gallery tour, which will feature working artists and will take place July 14 and 15.

Hoping to benefit from two of Idyllwild's most popular (for locals and visitors alike) weekends, the Alliance added "Idyllwild's Art and Treasures Weekend" on Labor Day and Memorial Day weekend, when hundreds come out for the many local yard sales.

"It will give artists more opportunities to be working and to be seen working," board President Lea Deesing said. She and other board members were excited about the possibility of the weekends eventually growing into something like a Sawdust Festival, the popular annual Laguna Beach happening.



The Art Alliance of Idyllwild (AAI) new board met with members and the general public in the Loft of the Quiet Creek Inn on Friday, Jan. 13. AAI board members shown, from left, Jan Bruner, board member at large and special projects coordinator; Patti Cooper, membership chair; John Cook, artist coordinator; Reba Coulter, treasurer; Lea Deesing, president; Gary Kuscher, vice president and hospitality coordinator; Lisa Claussen, secretary; and Annika Kay, publicity and marketing chair. Not pictured: Mike Ahern, gallery, inn and business liaison.

PHOTO BY CID CASTILLO

The next Art Alliance event is the annual "Eye of the Artist" show and fundraiser. This year's theme for artists is "The Spirit of Idyllwild." Done in years past, AAI member judging has been brought back this year.

This gives artists three shows in which their work will be judged, so more opportunities for "points" that add up to the ultimate Artist of the Year award and other honors. The "Eye" event is March 10 and is a major fundraiser for the organization. In addition, art lovers have a chance to win original pieces of work for the price of a raffle ticket.

The word "juried" in past years was determined to be misused. Deesing explained, juried implies a review process is needed for work to be allowed in a judged show.

Instead, all AAI member artists can enter one of the three judged shows with no obstacle. Once in, AAI members judge their work. Juried was changed to judged in the organization's bylaws and in all judged event titles.

The new alliance website, set to launch any day, will allow AAI artist members access to their own "mini site" or page where they can post photos of their work, a bio, events, announcements and more. The site has a more user-friendly content management system, allowing board members to log on and make changes, rather than requiring a webmaster to do

the work.

A new membership system will save time for the membership coordinator by automatically sending members reminders to pay their dues.

The board was encouraged by the success of the 2011 Art Walk & Wine Tasting. Event coordinator and board Vice President Gary Kuscher said he's already secured commitments from 17 wineries for next year's event. He was also excited about building on the relationship between AAI and the wineries in promoting the next event and Idyllwild as an art town.

The ultimate, long-term goal of the current board is furthering the AAI mission,

"seeing Idyllwild become a nationally recognized fine arts center for education, creativity and exhibition."

Either this year or next, Deesing said the board will work to find locations around the village where they can place poles on which they can hang banners for announcing events and making it so that "when people drive into Idyllwild they will know they've hit an art town," she said.

The Alliance hopes to also increase the number of locations where artists' work is shown.

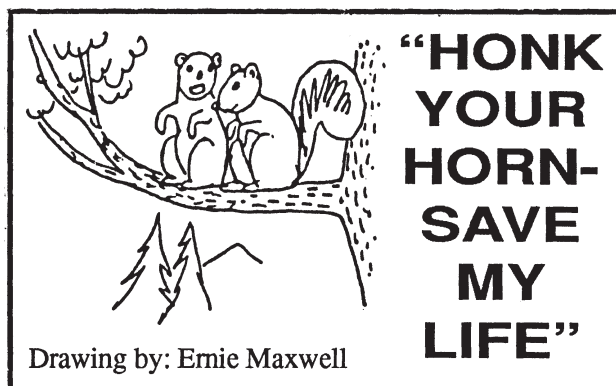
AAI member and Idyllwild Community Center committee member Chris Maxson said the proposed Idyllwild Community Center will provide several new locations, including the lobby, which will be dedicated to showing AAI artists' work. "You don't

get me on a board unless you get the Art Alliance too," she said.

Finance coordinator Reba Coulter said the organization's finances are better than expected going into 2012. She and the board adopted some cost-saving ideas for the new year, with the hope of having even more cash available in 2013. One idea was to only mail postcards twice a year instead of sending them for every AAI event.

In 2011, the organization donated \$1,500 to the Associates of Idyllwild Arts for scholarships, \$1,500 to the elementary school's smARTS program and \$300 to the Community Arts Network.

For event information, visit the Art Alliance website at artinidyllwild.com or the Town Crier's Arts & Entertainment calendar.



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Adult Volleyball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on Town Hall Adult volleyball for the week of Jan. 9.

On Monday, Idyllwild Chevron took on Pacific Slope. Idyllwild Chevron played great as a team all match. **Shaunna** and **Justin Lehr** played great for Chevron and **Matt Boss** had some big hits for Slope. Chevron went on to win in three games: 25-12, 25-21, and 25-23.

Tuesday night's volleyball game pitted the Idyllwild Inn and Pacific Slope. Idyllwild Inn won the first two games as **Dan Hitchcock** played great. Slope played tough winning game three and forced a fourth game as **Ginger Dagnall** was all over the court. Idyllwild Inn regained its momentum and won the match in four games: 25-14, 25-22, 19-25 and 25-10.

Wednesday night's volleyball game saw Idyllwild Garage and Forest Lumber. Spectators filled the gym to watch the match. **Kyle Owen** had the big early hits as Idyllwild Garage quickly won the first two games. Forest Lumber found its groove and won the third game behind **Buddie Beagle's** key blocks. The Garage came back to win game four and the match. (25-16, 25-7, 22-25 and 25-15)

On Thursday night, Silver Pines faced Idyllwild Chevron, who won the first two games. Chevron's **Brian Wilson** was all over the court. **Chris Fogle** led Silver Pines come back, winning the next two games. Chevron triumphed in the fifth game and wone the match: 25-19, 25-22, 16-25, 23-25 and 15-10.

Volleyball Standings

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|-------------------|------|--------|
| Idyllwild Inn | 4 | 1 |
| Idyllwild Garage | 4 | 1 |
| Silver Pines | 2 | 2 |
| Pacific Slope | 1 | 4 |
| Idyllwild Chevron | 3 | 2 |
| Forest Lumber | 0 | 4 |



The Idyllwild Chevron team carefully sets up the attack as **Jeremy Teeguarden** bumps the ball as setter **Rachel Teeguarden** waits to set up the ball for **Brennen Priefer** at right. Silver Pine opponent **Luke Anderson** and referee **Dan Hitchcock** await the outcome. Idyllwild Chevron won in five games 25-19, 25-22, 16-25, 23-25, and 15-10 played Thursday, Jan. 12 at Idyllwild School.

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The first game matched the Fairway Market Lakers and the Pino Tree Service Heat. Both teams had won their first two games. The game was close but the Lakers pulled away late and went on to win 18-11. **Carolyn Edelstein** for the Lakers and **Kevin Posey** for the Heat played great defense all game: Lakers 18 (**Stefan** 14, **Isaiah** 4), Heat 11 (**Fernando** 5, **Jake** 4, **Miren** 2).

In the second game, the Town Crier Clippers and the Gary Grey Construction Cavs met. Both teams were looking for their first win of the season. **Vinny Parillo** had some key baskets for the Clippers. **Payton Priefer** scored a big basket and played tough defense for the Cavs. The Clippers jumped out to an early lead and held on to win 18-12: Clippers 18 (**Vinny** 8, **Chayton** 8, **Nichole** 2), Cavs 12 (**Garrett** 8, **Carmen** 2, **Payton** 2).

On Friday, the Town Crier Clippers faced the Pino Tree Service Heat. The Heat built a lead going into the fourth quarter as **Toby Posey** scored a big basket. The Clippers made a furious comeback to tie the game at twenty. **Ben Tiso** played tough for the Clippers all game. The Heat made a clutch free throw with seconds left and held on to win 21-20: Heat 21 (**Fernando** 9, **Jake** 8, **Toby** 4), Clippers (**Chayton** 13, **Ben** 5, **Nicole** 2).

The last game pitted the Gary Gray Construction Cavs against the Idyllwild Automotive Grizzlies. The game was a defensive battle. **Maggie Mckimson** and **Aaron Potter** played great for their teams. The Cavs built a first half lead and held off the Grizzlies for a 12-11 win: Cavs 12 (**Carmen** 4, **Aaron** 4, **Jake** 2, **Payton** 2), Grizzlies (**Zach** 8, **Aly** 3).

Town Hall Youth Basketball

Town Hall Sports Coordinator **Jeremy Teeguarden** reported on youth basketball for both the College League (kindergarten through third-grade) and the Pro League (third- through sixth-grade).

College League (Kindergarten through third-grade)

Friday, Jan. 13, youth basketball games got started with a game between the Gastrognome Gators and the Wildcats. **Gracie McKimson** for the Wildcats and **Lilah Whitney** for the Gators played awesome the whole game. In a close game, the wildcats squeaked out a 13-10 win: Wildcats 13 (**Cody** 13), Gators 10 (**Preston** 6, **Reese** 4).

The second game was between the Idyllwild Vacation Rentals Wolverines and the Village Hardware Blue Devils. The Wolverines had the lead in the first half as **Layton Teeguarden** played great, but the Blue Devils led by **Fiona McMullen** got hot in the second half and won 10-6: Blue Devils 10 (**Fiona** 6, **Michael** 4), Wolverines 6 (**Ethan** 4, **Layton** 2).

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|-------------------------------|------|--------|
| Wildcats | 3 | 0 |
| Gastrognome Gators | 2 | 1 |
| Village Hardware Blue Devils | 1 | 2 |
| Idyllwild Vacation Wolverines | 0 | 3 |

Pro League (Third- through sixth-grade)

On Tuesday, Jan 10, there were two youth basketball games in the Pro's league.

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|--------------------------|------|--------|
| Fairway Market Lakers | 3 | 0 |
| Pino Tree Service Heat | 3 | 1 |
| Town Crier Clippers | 1 | 2 |
| Grey Construction Cavs | 1 | 2 |
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Festival

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on the street for any film and on Sunday when the festival's awards were given out, "The Selling" took home the most Coyote Claws (the award) for a feature: three, for Best Feature, Best Actor Gabriel Diani (who also wrote the screenplay) and Best Director Emily Lou.

Street raves also went to the featurette "Buttons in the Ground," which took home four Claws, including Best Female Actor in a feature or featurette for Moniqua Plante, Best Director for Andrew Fisher, Best Screenplay for Andrew Fisher and Best Score Feature or Featurette for Samuel J. Smythe.

Other films audience members found of solid script and cinematic quality were "Bosco's Guitar," which won Best Featurette, and "Moving Day," which won Best Cinematography for a Short Film. There was no upset this year, as there was last, over award recipients, with audience and filmmakers seemingly united in appreciation of the acknowledgments.

Calderone, who was large-

ly responsible for film selection and festival logistics, was happy with the outcome, especially when it came to reviews for Idyllwild. "I'm hearing just what I wanted to hear," he said. "What a wonderful friendly town and festival."

He said that ticket sales were enough to qualify for a formal submission process next year. Preliminary ticket sale tallies, according to Calderone, showed 352 full or day passes and 198 single show passes. "I think it's safe to say that the event attracted about 500 people. As to local versus off-the-Hill individual attendees, that's harder to get exactly, but it looks like about 200 local and 300 off-the-Hill," he said.

Also noteworthy were film presenters at each venue, and question and answer segments at which talented filmmakers discussed their process.

Scheduling seminars at the Rustic was also a plus. The "From Screenplay to Screen" seminar featured a powerhouse panel of pedigreed filmmakers, distributors and innovators who discussed the transition to digital and the new landscape that has created.

The Rustic was filled with interested young filmmak-



ers. Osiris Entertainment's Evan Crooke noted how much technology has made filmmaking easier. But the result, in his opinion, has downgraded the overall quality of available product. Featured Filmmaker Alan J. Levi countered, "Today's technology allows each of you to go out and do it. It's amazing what new filmmakers are doing for practically nothing."

At the end of the festival, with many of the films having been made on a shoestring, what was screened at IIFC 2012 seemed to support Levi's point of view — that quality could be produced on a small but carefully managed budget.

Both attendees and filmmakers agreed the Idyllwild festival has grown up and will go on, much stronger and with a greater commitment to programming quality fare at ticket prices that locals truly appreciate.

"The quality was so much better," said third year local patron Nancy Borchers. "And it was a great value." Borchers and crew saw more than 30 films each.

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Gabriel Diani and Emily Lou, winners for Best Actor and Best Director in a Feature for "The Selling."

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Moniqua Plante and Andrew Fisher, festival winners for Best Actor Female and Best Director and Screenplay, Featurette for "Buttons in the Ground."

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The bar was busy at the Opening Night Party Friday at the Creekstone Inn.

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Anticipation grows on Saturday night.

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Above, A busy lobby, networking in action. At right, panelists for the seminar "From Screenplay to Screen" are shown Saturday speaking at the Rustic, left to right Stephen Savage, Alan J. Levi, Shannah Blevins, Mike Moder and Will Wallace.

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2012 Idyllwild film Festival Awards announced Sunday, Jan. 15

Best Feature
"The Selling"

Best Featurette
"Bosco's Guitar"

Best Short Film
"Certified"

Best Documentary
"First Generation"

Best Web Series
"The Web"

Best Student Film
"Rockstars"

Audience Choice
"Life At the Resort"

*Best Actor, Male,
in a Feature or Featurette*
**Gabriel Diani,
"The Selling"**

*Best Actor, Male,
in a Short Film*
**Wolfgang Bodison,
"Two Bulls"**

*Best Actor, Female,
in a Feature or Featurette*
**Moniqua Plante,
"Buttons In the
Ground"**

*Best Actor, Female,
in a Short Film*
**Kerry Garvin,
"A Cube and a Button"**

*Best Director,
Feature or Documentary*
**Emily Lou,
"The Selling"**

Best Director, Featurette
**Andrew Fisher,
"Buttons in the Ground"**

Best Director, Short Film
**Jamison Reeves,
"Albert"**

Best Screenplay, Feature
**Andie Redwine,
"Paradise Recovered"**

Best Screenplay, Featurette
**Andrew Fisher,
"Buttons in the Ground"**

*Best Screenplay,
Short Film*
**Rylee Ebsen,
"Resolution of Two"**

*Best Score,
Feature or Featurette*
**Samuel J. Smythe,
"Buttons in the Ground"**

Best Score, Short Film
**Matt Messina,
"Knight to D7"**

*Best Soundtrack, Feature
or Documentary*
**Adam and Jaye
Fenderson,
"First Generation"**

*Best Cinematography,
Feature or Featurette*
**Andrew Mungai, "Bos-
co's Guitar"**

*Best Cinematography,
Short Film*
**Tom Gleeson,
"Moving Day"**

*Best Sound, Feature or
Featurette*
**John Avarese, Matthew
Datcher; "Greencastle"**

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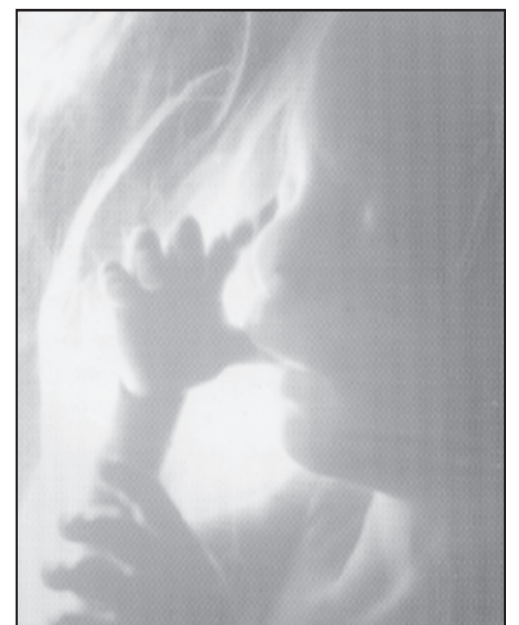
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The changes you've waited to see in your work situation might not be happening quite as quickly as you'd hoped. Although the pace is slow, it's ongoing. Expect to hear news soon.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You should be feeling very proud of the fine effort you've made to get that important project done. Now take some time out to celebrate with family and friends. You've earned it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're close to reaching your objectives. That's the good news. But be careful: Your aspects show lots of potential distractions looming. Stay focused and keep your eyes fixed on your goals.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to let that suspicious Cancerian mind create a problem where none exists. What you might believe is an act of betrayal could be nothing more than a misunderstanding.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your Lion's heart overflows with self-confidence. All you need to do is tap into it, and you'll be able to handle any change that must be made regarding that recent surprise development.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The need to watch what you say becomes increasingly crucial this week. Be as temperate as you can with your comments and avoid arguments for the sake of controversy.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A longtime family

problem presents new demands. But this time, you won't have to go it alone: Someone else is asking to help share your responsibilities. Let it happen.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A period of feeling vulnerable is about to give way to a stronger, more self-confident aspect. Use this new strength to reaffirm promises you've made to others and yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A creative dilemma stalls your progress. Instead of letting it raise your ire, use the time to re-examine your aims and, perhaps, come up with a new target.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your nimble will finds a way for you to work out those newly emerged problems plaguing your new project. Stay with it. The results will be well worth your efforts.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might feel overwhelmed at having to decide which new opportunity you should follow. Best advice: Check them all out and see which offers what you really want.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Continue to tread water before you even consider plunging into something that never seemed quite right. Some facts will soon emerge that can help you make a decision.

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Budget

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13/14,” wrote CAL FIRE Battalion Chief Julie Hutchison. “It is anticipated that these reductions will impact fire protection (engines, aircraft, dozers, fire crews) resources statewide. We have not had the opportunity to develop a plan for these cuts ... The executive managers will be involved in a very difficult, thorough and lengthy process determining criteria based on maintaining critical services to the public with these potential cuts.”

Nearly 20 percent of state park rangers and fish and game wardens as well as seasonal lifeguards are targeted for elimination if the new revenue proposal is defeated in November.

Education

Without new state revenue, K-12 education funding would incur another \$4.8 billion reduction. The state higher education programs would lose \$400 million.

“I wish I thought the tax initiative would pass, but I don’t think it will,” wrote Hemet Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Ste-

ven Lowder in a message to the Town Crier. “I would be very happy to be wrong on this one. My recommendations will be for the District to plan on a down vote and if it passes, things will be all good so to speak.”

The budget, with the new revenues, begins to return educational funding decisions to local districts. The 2012-13 proposed funding level of \$52.5 billion is \$4.9 billion more than the current year’s level. Almost all of the state funding would be allocated based on one formula rather than a multiplicity of categorical pro-

grams. The proposal will target funds to schools with large populations of disadvantaged pupils, according to the governor’s budget documents.

The LAO report endorsed these proposals. “The governor’s plan addresses several of the longstanding, fundamental, widely recognized problems with the state’s K-12 and community college funding systems,” said the LAO report which then recommended that “the Legislature adopt the governor’s basic restructuring approaches (regardless of the state’s revenue situation).”

“I think the idea of more ‘real’ control at the local level is very good,” Lowder said. “I’m not sure if it will actually happen, however the state has been giving us the ability to collapse categorical funds into the general fund, so there may be hope.”

Government restructuring

The governor is trying to change state government and improve its efficiency. He is proposing to reduce the number of departments from 12 to 10 and combine into a new Department of

Revenue similar functions such as the Franchise Tax Board and Employment Development Department.

More than 45 state agencies and offices will be eliminated. One of the major changes includes the abolition of the departments of Mental Health and of Alcohol and Drug Programs. Their functions would shift to various other existing departments including Health Care Services, Public Health, Social Services and Education.

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

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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.
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 BUSINESS 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.

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.

Signed:
DENISE EDMISTON
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 22, 2011.

FILE NO.:
R-2011-13448

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 22, 2016. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 22, 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: M. Meyer, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 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
NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 29, 2016. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 29, 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: M. Meyer, Deputy
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 has not yet begun 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

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 27, 2016. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 27, 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: D. Flores, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as PHOTOS BY CJT, 25612 Troy Lane, Sun City, CA 92585, Riverside County. Mailing address: P.O. Box 2199, Sun City, CA 92586. COLLIN JOSEPH THURSTON, 41593 Laurel Valley Circle, Temecula, CA 92591.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed above on October 2011.

Signed:
COLLIN THURSTON
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 3, 2012.

FILE NO.:
R-2012-00080

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 3, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATE-

MENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 3, 2017. 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: N. Medina, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as MJ VENTURES, 20132 Sugar Gum Rd., Riverside, CA 92508, Riverside County. MAHER (NMN) MASLOUB, 20132 Sugar Gum Rd., Riverside, CA 92508, and JAY'E SALMAN, 9067 Hermosa Drive, Temple City, CA 91780.

This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.

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

Signed:
MAHER MASLOUB
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Dec. 30, 2011.

FILE NO.:
R-2011-13669

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON DEC. 30, 2016. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO DEC. 30, 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: L. Sibley, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 2012.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

The following person is doing business as 30 DOLLAR VODKA, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, Riverside County. LEVECKE CORPORATION, 10810 Inland Avenue, Mira Loma, CA 91752, a California corporation (A 27762).

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

Registrant has not yet begun to transact

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business under the fictitious name listed above.

Signed:
J. NEIL LEVECKE
Statement filed with the County Clerk of Riverside County on Jan. 5, 2012.

FILE NO.:
I-2012-00049

NOTICE — THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES ON JAN. 5, 2017. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO JAN. 5, 2017. 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: D. Perez, Deputy
Pub. TC: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 2012.

RIC1200252
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, 4050 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92501.

PETITION OF LORENA RODRIGUEZ FOR CHANGE OF NAME.

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

a. Present name: JAZMINE MONIQUE GARCIA changed to Proposed name: JAZMINE MONIQUE DELOS REYES.

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

NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 2-27-2012 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: Jan. 9, 2012
PAMELA A. THATCHER
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
Pub. TC: Jan. 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 2012.

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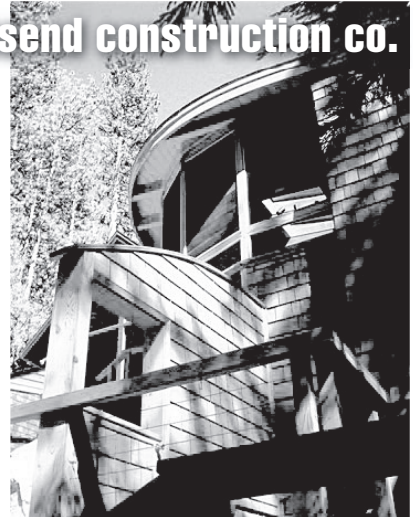
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mining interests in the state by passing a citizen-driven initiative, The Corrupt Practices Act of 1912, a law that forbids the spending of corporate money to influence the outcome of state elections. Through this law, integrity was restored to the Montana political system. After almost 100 years that integrity is now in jeopardy.

Citizens United is now threatening Montana's right to a fair and untainted political process. Last year, a conservative group called The American Tradition Partnership challenged the Montana law and took its challenge all the way to the State Supreme Court. On Dec. 30, 2011, fortunately for the people of Montana, their "high court" disagreed and upheld the Montana Corrupt Practices Act.

In their opinion, the justices wrote, "Citizens United'

Lifelines

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lifeline for me; but I agree with Muir when he writes, "One day's exposure to mountains is better than cart loads of books." Nature has her own library of journals, recordings, and videos from which we can be refreshed daily. Martin Luther explained: "We have as many teachers and preachers as there are little birds in the air. ... Whenever you listen to a nightingale, therefore, you are listening to an excellent preacher."

In the Judeo-Christian tradition of Luther, Eugene Petersen translates the opening verses of an ancient Hebrew poem: "God's glory is on tour in the skies, God-craft on exhibit across the horizon. Madame Day holds classes every morning, Professor Night lectures each evening. Their words aren't heard, their voices aren't recorded, But their silence fills the earth: unspoken truth is spoken everywhere."

That captures what I experience in the mountains that surround Idyllwild. Unspoken truth is spoken everywhere. When overwhelmed with pressures and demands, I head

does not compel a conclusion that Montana's law prohibiting independent political expenditures by a corporation related to a candidate is unconstitutional." Montana witnessed, first hand, the corrupting influence big money has on political systems. They passed a law to put an end to it. Now they have the wisdom and the courage to uphold it. My hat is off to them.

Undoubtedly, Montana's decision will be challenged in the U.S. Supreme Court. I suspect Republicans will lead the charge. However, I find it ironic that a party that touts state's rights and smaller federal control would support such a challenge. Perhaps they won't, but I doubt it.

The cruel form of "trickle-up" capitalism we now have will be, I suspect, the ruin of our republic. I'm glad that, at least, one state has the fortitude to stand up to it. It is time for campaign finance reform. I hope the rest of the country will follow Montana's lead. The powers that be won't lie down without a fight. But, like Montana, I think it's a fight worth fighting.

outside. To solve problems, I take a walk in the woods. To restore my perspective, I hike the South Ridge trail to the Fire Station. These are places where "silence fills the earth" and "unspoken truth is spoken everywhere."

I find that well-written words and well-drawn images are also able to draw me beyond page and canvas. Reading Bruce Watts' column in the Town Crier each week makes me want to go where he has described. Pete Anderson's drawings on his 2012 Idyllwild Wall Calendar make me long to go where he has sketched. I want to know where that path leads, too, Pete. Most of all, I want to listen for the unspoken truths as I walk along it.

If you find yourself suffocating under the weight of indoor work and labor, maybe you need to heed Thoreau's call to action, even in inclement weather. "Take long walks in stormy weather or through deep snows in the fields and woods, if you would keep your spirits up."

You don't have to imitate Jeremiah Johnson, just walk into town instead of driving. Take your laptop to a log in the meadow rather than logging more hours at the office. Wouldn't you rather be outdoors thinking about work, than at work thinking about being outdoors?

Killingsworth

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becoming familiar with the changes and remedies that Sherman initiates, and that he agrees to take an on-line course on financial planning and forecasting.

In addition to satisfying the justifiable concerns of

the community, there are two primary reasons for making this recommendation.

First, it is highly questionable that Sherman can effectively serve as the fire chief while devoting 30 hours a week to solving the financial problems. At present, the on-duty captain is designated as the fire chief

while at the same time Sherman is also designated as the fire chief. That's no way to run a railroad!

Secondly, in my opinion, and in the opinion of many others in our community, firing Walker (and he was fired even though the board attempted to cover that up by ordering him to resign) was not justified and was contrary to good management practices.

Anyone who has been a manager for any length of time knows that good employees (in this case the chief), who have a proven track record of performing their job well, are a valuable asset to the organization or company, and should be treated as such.

In this case, the board acknowledged that Walker was doing an excellent job by presenting him with a very favorable annual review, which contained no mention of any deficiencies on his part, then, one or two days later, fired him because they say he lacks financial expertise.

I should point out that

during the year and a half that Walker served as our chief, I, as a commissioner, never heard anyone, let alone another board member, mention this lack of financial expertise.

Instead of firing Walker, a tried and true employee of the district, if the board was actually concerned about his knowledge of finances, they should have provided him with the training they think he needs. And, they should have arranged to hire someone to train themselves.

Frankly, they need it a lot more than Walker does. But what they did, instead, was throw away an excellent employee. You might say they did it "on a whim," but, trust me, this was planned by certain members of the board a long time ago and it had nothing to do with finances.

I have asked the board president to put this subject on the agenda for the next meeting, 6 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24. Whether she does or not will speak volumes.

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Forest Folk

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the Pageant of the Masters and Sawdust Festival in Laguna Beach.

Seventeen residents visited the Mission Inn's Festival of Lights on Saturday, Jan. 7 in Riverside. A full bus is planned for a trip on Sat. Jan. 21 to the Getty Museum in Los Angeles. The cost is \$25 per person. Contact GeGe Beagle at Town Hall Recreation if interested.

The Folk are hoping to schedule off the Hill outings the third Saturday of every month. They are also

planning a committee trip to the Hemet Job Center to talk with representatives in the County Office of Aging and other county offices that can assist in senior outreach.

The immediate project that garnered enthusiastic support at the most recent meeting was to find a location for and begin preparation to open a community garden.

The Folk stage regular fundraisers and accept monetary and in-kind donations to fund their programs.

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CREATURE CORNER

By MIMI AND HOOTCH

Several four-leggeds decided to venture out on their own this weekend, and most have been reunited. Paws up to Sammy the Rhodesian ridgeback mix, Shelby the black Lab, Truffles the Rottie mix, Susie the blonde Lab and Tank the Lab/pit puppy.

We still have a female Pomeranian mix, found in Garner Valley area. Please call ARF with any information.

It didn't take long for Sweet Pea, our Maine coon mix, to flash those diva eyes and find her "forever" home. And with a canine friend, just like she wanted.

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60 years ago - 1952
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55 years ago - 1957
Hill folk living beside Strawberry Creek reported hearing a strange noise following the heavy rain. Few could remember when water had previously gushed and gurgled over the dehydrated boulders.

Arthur Casebeer, a retired attorney who lived in Idyllwild for 15 years, passed away in San Diego.

Work started on the horsemen's campsite at Mountain Center.

40 years ago - 1972
At a Banning commission hearing, Tahquitz Lake Estates residents protested the application of a con-



ditional-use permit for a mobile home development in Dutch Flat.

None of the approximately 40 Idyllwild School students on board were injured when a vehicle lost control on the icy pavement and slid into the bus near Pine Cove in January 1999. The driver, however, was injured. Residents and visitors are advised to be aware that even low impact collisions can injure someone and are reminded to be aware of road conditions when driving in Idyllwild.

FILE PHOTO

ditional-use permit for a mobile home development in Dutch Flat.

Idyllwild and the mountain area would probably not be involved.

35 years ago - 1977
California faced its second-consecutive dry year and the California Water Commission suggested a number of proposals to ease drought conditions, but

30 years ago - 1982
Area motorists were cautioned to stop for buses unloading school children. Complaints had been filed against 22 motorists within the Hemet Unified School

District for failing to stop when school bus red lights flashed.

20 years ago - 1992
Idyllwild School Principal George Nettleman was working on a grant that could earn national recognition and more than \$1 million for the school the next year.

5 year ago - 2007
Pine Cove Water District General Manager Jerry Holddber unveiled plans to develop the Dutch Flat complex, that once implemented could add 200 gallons of water per minute to district production. Holddber proposed a four-phase plan with an estimated total cost ranging from \$160,000 to \$300,000.

1 year ago - 2011
The Riverside County Board of Supervisors officially rejected proposals to close three fire stations and replace career staff with volunteers at three fire stations, including Station 63 in Poppet Flat.

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Assembly

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further changes in the fee law. He expects the next big news to be a lawsuit challenging the fee after it is finally assessed.

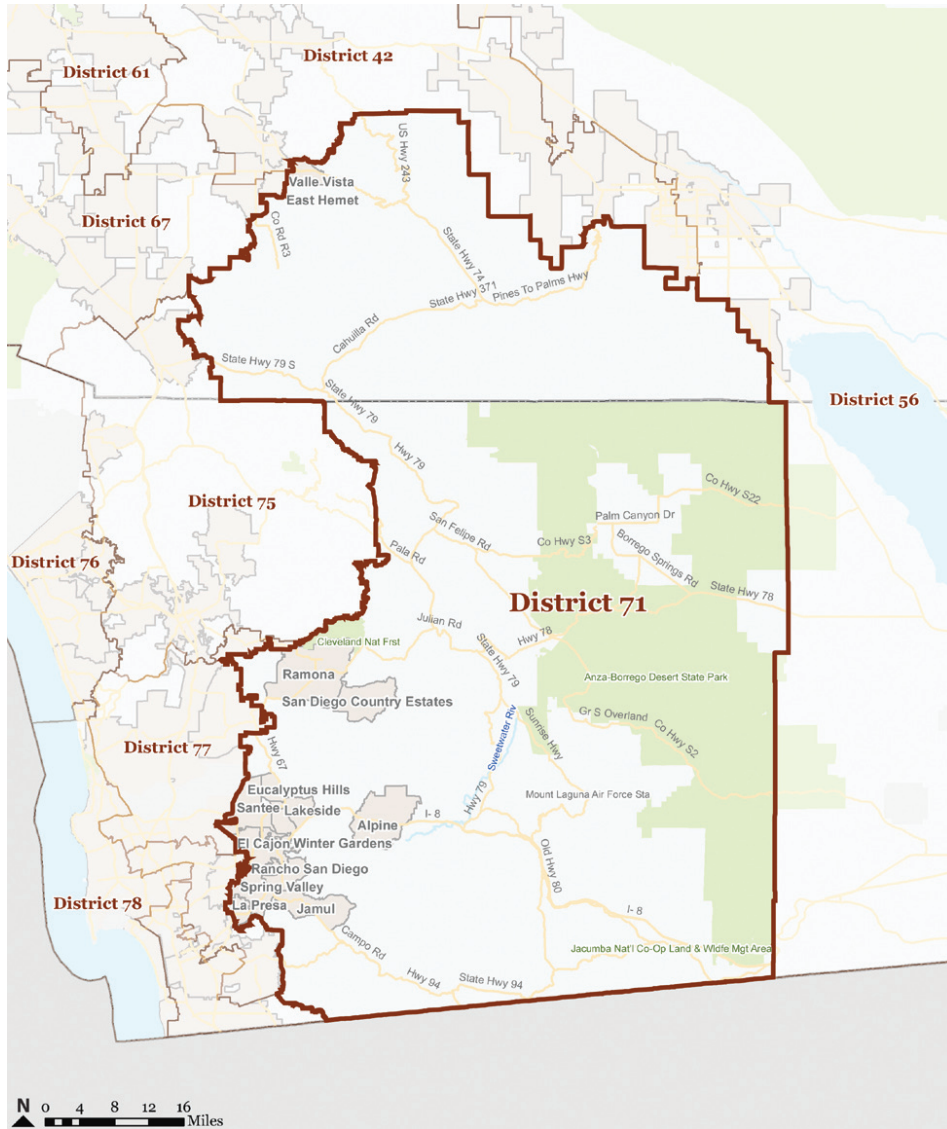
"I've been doing everything I can, but Gov. Brown promised to make it tough if Republicans didn't get along with his tax proposal," Jones said.

His other legislation and priorities included helping to restructure the state's welfare program to make it more efficient and to reduce Sacramento's involvement in local decisions.

"Sacramento thinks it can do everything better than school districts, city councils and fire districts," Jones lamented. Then he pointed out that the state Legislature actually enacted 868 bills in 2011. That's more than two per day.

When spring arrives and the primary has begun, Jones plans to travel north to Idyllwild and other Hill communities, he said.

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The new California assembly map for District 71, which includes much of San Diego County.

Farmers

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no effect on the policyholder's renewal under current Farmers guidelines.

The rules regarding expansion of clearance around a dwelling from 30 to 100 feet are found in state Public Resources Code 4291 and are required in State Responsibility Areas (including the Hill) specifically designated as mountainous and forested. According to the 2005 revised guidelines, "Clearing an area of 30 feet immediately surrounding your home is critical. This area requires the greatest reduction in flammable vegetation. The fuel reduction zone in the remaining 70 feet [or to property line] will depend on the steepness of your property and the vegetation." In general, greater steepness requires greater clearance. Farmers' policyholders should contact their agents with any specific questions.

In other news, Dr. Robert Hartwig, economist and president of the Insurance Information Institute headquartered in New York City, reported that homeowner insurance rates are likely to

rise by 10 percent or more this year due to the extraordinarily high \$32 billion in claims from natural disasters in 2011. Hartwig posited the 10-percent figure in a public radio interview on Monday, Jan. 16. Hartwig, in a Dec. 30 report, noted the 2011 losses nearly doubled the \$18.6 billion average in "catastrophe-caused direct insured losses insurers generally incur over the first nine months of any given year."

The federal National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced in December that the U.S. was the site of 12 separate 2011 weather or climate disasters, with each causing at least \$1 billion in aggregate damage. Disasters included 555 tornadoes that struck from April 4 through April 30, 2011 through the Midwest and Southeast. Disasters included an EF-5 tornado that hit Joplin, Mo., on May 22. It was the strongest tornado to hit the U.S. in decades and caused 158 fatalities.

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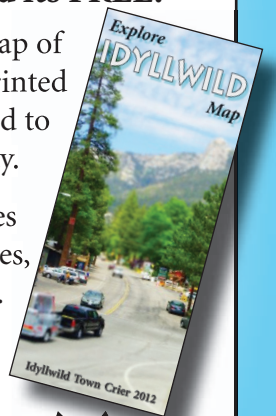
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